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County Repairs Flood Damage

THREE BRIDGES REMAIN CLOSED

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BENTONVILLE — Benton County crews continue to repair damaged roads and bridges as the floodwater caused by recent heavy rain recedes.

Gary Black, county public services administrator, said Monday afternoon there were no roads still closed because of flooding. Three bridges — Snavely Road, North Old Wire Road and Minch Springs — remained closed, Black said.

The county is making plans to remove and replace the damaged structures, using temporary help as needed, Black said.

"The Quorum Court has said we can have some more folks, so I'm

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Incoming Administrator Proposes Changes

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BENTONVILLE — The Bentonville School District's incoming superintendent wants to hire a Colorado co-worker for one of several new positions he would like to create.

Mike Poore asked the Bentonville School Board during a board work session last week to approve the hire of Mary Ley as executive director of communications.

Ley works as a program specialist in Colorado Springs District 11, Poore's current district.

"She has been a person who has excelled," Poore said. "She is fantastic at creating dollars and is an excellent communicator."

Ley will handle district communications and work to attain grants, Poore said. The grants received would most likely pay for her position, Poore said. Poore estimates the position's salary at \$105,000.

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Poore

9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

Victim's Sister Feels Relief

LOCALS REACT TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF OSAMA BIN LADEN'S DEATH

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Alyson Low began sobbing with relief when she heard U.S. forces had killed Osama bin Laden.

The Fayetteville resident's sister, Sara Low, was an attendant on hijacked Flight 11 that slammed into one of the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, 2001, killing her and all on board.

"He took my sister's life, and he needed to pay," Low said Monday.

A self-described news junkie, Low said she was watching cable news at home late Sunday when broadcasters broke in to say President Obama would speak to the nation in minutes. She watched as the president, in a rare Sunday night address, declared U.S. opera-

tives killed the al-Qaida leader in a raid on his compound in Pakistan.

Low said the intensity of her emotions caught her off-guard.

"I began to cry out of relief," she said. "My reaction was more intense and raw than I anticipated."

Low is one of many in Northwest Arkansas with loved ones connected to the 9/11 terrorist attacks or who since served in the military in Afghanistan or Iraq.

News of bin Laden's death brought a sense of relief for some, but also concerns about violent reprisals in this country or abroad.

The children's librarian at the Fayetteville Public Library, Low said she was satisfied bin Laden was killed instead of being captured and brought to trial. A trial might have

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Alyson Low stands for a portrait in Fayetteville on Monday. Low's sister, Sara, was a flight attendant who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

dragged on for years, she said.

"He could have continued to spew his vitriol and would have been a martyr," Low said.

She also said she is pleased he must have known his attackers were Americans. With a missile strike, he wouldn't have had time to

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WAR EAGLE WOES



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Mason Hamm, left, and **Marcus Bell**, both with the War Eagle Fair, check out War Eagle Creek as it flows out of its banks Monday near the War Eagle Mill in Rogers. The pair was thinking about what repairs and cleanup will take place when the water recedes. The War Eagle Mill canceled its craft fair after recent rain flooded the mill and surrounding property.

Soggy Weather Stymies Fairs

ORGANIZERS CANCEL WEEKEND EVENTS BECAUSE FIELDS TOO WET FOR PARKING



A truck crosses the War Eagle bridge Monday as the creek flows out of its banks near the War Eagle Mill in Rogers. The mill canceled its craft fair after recent rain flooded the mill and surrounding property.

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Craft fair operators hoped they could go ahead with events planned for this weekend, despite flooding last week at War Eagle Mill.

But organizers announced Monday that they are canceling spring installments of the War Eagle Mill Craft Show and the adjacent Sharp's Show of War Eagle.

Although the mill was no longer flooded Monday, the rain made the field designated for parking too wet to be useable, said Doug Walsh, the mill's general manager.

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The area received 4 to 5 inches of rain in the past seven days, according to the National Weather Service.

"It's heartbreaking, and it's heartbreaking to tell these crafters, because they're depending on these shows too," said Lucy Sharp, an owner and promoter of the Sharp show.

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