

Two emergency team members help with cleanup

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and got us supper," he said. "We did not do anything else that evening because there is an 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. curfew in effect."

The couple reported to the emergency operations center Sunday morning and were assigned to help check people trying to get into the operations center.

"There are a lot of people running around," he said, "and color badges are being issued and it was our job to make sure the people had the right colored badge to enter the operation center."

He said Amy ended up staying at the operations center all day, but he was moved to a large tent where a nondenominational church service was held Sunday morning.

"We went to the church service to show our support of the town," he said. "We handed out water and made sure there was plenty in the coolers. The tent was filled with people, and the talk was about the spirit of the people to rebuild their town and their lives."

During the service, Breininger said, he was asked to help a woman find her husband. He said the woman's father was in a nearby hospital recovering from storm injuries. He said she was trying to get her family together to go to the hospital because she had been called by a doctor to say her father was not doing well.

"I heard later he had died," Breininger said, "making him the 10th person to die in the tornado."

After the service, he said, he was assigned to work with volunteers from Cowley County to clean out the basement of the hospital to be used as a shelter in case another storm came through.

"We had to clean out the stairwells," he said. "There were no



The Greensburg courthouse stands in the center of town like a beacon surrounded by devastation. Richard Breininger, who went down to Greensburg over the weekend, said it was easy to find the courthouse, the only large building standing in the town.

Photo by Richard Breininger

lights, so we had to work by flashlight. Later we did get some portable lights to be able to see what we were doing.

"We cleaned out a couple of rooms to make access points to the basement. The courthouse and hospital basement were considered the safe places for people to find shelter."

Breininger said after the basement was done, the crew cleaned the hallway and pulled hospital beds out to the street so the company that made them could come by and pick them up. He said the firm of-

ferred to refurbish them for free.

"People are just staring to get back in to clean up and sort through stuff," Breininger said.

The couple left Greensburg to head home about 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Looking at the experience, Breininger said he felt their training had helped.

"The emergency response training helped prepare us to handle the tasks they needed to have done," he said, "and it was good to have trained volunteers to help in the command center. We were better equipped because we had our back-

packs with masks, heavy gloves, hard hats and flashlights to do what we needed to do.

"The vests we were issued made it easy to tell that we were part of a volunteer group."

Breininger said the Greensburg people have a positive spirit.

"There were a lot of fun things and signs around town," he said. "One was a sign on a house that said, 'for sale, open floor plan.'"

"A church youth group is supposed to take a trip to Ireland next year, and there was concern that would not happen. The pastor said

no matter what, they will make that trip."

He said city services are being restored as quickly as possible, but they were told not to drink the water.

"The crews were working on water systems and restoring electrical," he said. "We were told to watch for any sign of arcing and other hazardous materials. Working around the hospital, we found a small gas tank, a small diesel tank and three propane tanks that had broken loose from homes.

"Everything was still running off

of generators when we were there. Crews were getting power poles erected as quickly as possible. Communications was a big thing, and Sprint had brought in a portable cell tower to help with the phones. I think we had better service there than we have at home."

Breininger said the trip made him realize how important having trained volunteers is to a community.

"Their fire station and ambulance were destroyed," he said, "and many of the streets were impassable after the tornado hit."

"That is what CERT is all about, to help the citizens help citizens. We are trained to help make sure people are safe and to secure the scene. The more people who are trained, the less the first responders have to deal with the smaller tasks."

Breininger said they were told Greensburg would need more volunteers in the coming weeks and that McKee is trying to coordinate with the emergency management people to have more go down. Lisa Malsom, another member of the team, is looking at taking a team down to do other work.

"We are working with Judy to know when we need to go back down," Breininger said. "They want people to be down there for 72 hours at a time."

"We could use a larger team. We need to have more people trained, because there are times when volunteers have other things they have to do."

Anyone interested in joining the emergency response team can call McKee at (785) 890-5188. She said Wednesday that officials in Hays are planning a training weekend in June, and that anyone who goes can get their lodging costs reimbursed.

North Caldwell paving project to begin after Memorial Day

By Tom Betz

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Drivers will have to pick their way through a detour to get to the Goodland airport, the Kansas National Guard armory or the National Weather Service office after repaving begins on Caldwell Avenue later this month.

Sherman County commissioners learned Tuesday the street will be closed from north of the Prairieland Veterinary Clinic to the south airport entrance for at least five weeks.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is handling the project for the city, said work should begin Tuesday, May 29.

He said access to the airport will be from the north along K-27 to County Road 67 and then east and south on North Caldwell to the airport. The section north of the airport entrance was repaved by the county under a state-federal project last year.

Access to the armory and weather station will be by driving north on Main to the cemetery and taking Armory Road across Caldwell, where the concrete intersection has been completed, Neufeld said.

The engineer said the Caldwell project will be done in two phases. APAC Paving of Hays plans to start milling down the old pavement from Eighth to Toelkes, getting it ready for an overlay of new pave-

ment. The crew will jump out to Brewster to begin a mill and overlay for the county project on old U.S. 24.

He said APAC plans to have Sporer Land Development, an Oakley grading contractor which has been working on the K-27 project south of town, begin tearing out the north section of Caldwell to upgrade the road base. The "subgrade modification" should be completed by the end of June.

Once the base is done, Neufeld said, APAC plans to move back to town and pave the section from the clinic up to the south entrance of the airport. He said the firm hopes to finish most of the overlay on the east section of old U.S. 24 by the time it moves in to do the Caldwell paving.

Once that is done, he said, the city plans to open a temporary entrance on the south end of the airport and a second one at the gates between the two barrel hangars while the north section is closed.

During that time, there will be no access to the airport from the north, but drivers will have two entrances from Caldwell.

He said all traffic to the county transfer station will have to use K-27 north to County Road 67 until Caldwell is done.

After finishing the north section, Neufeld said, APAC plans to move out to the Kanorado end of old U.S. 24 and begin working the mill and

overlay back to the east. Phase 2, which is the last section of Caldwell on the north and the airport entrance will take about three weeks he said.

People who have mail boxes on Caldwell, Neufeld said, will get their mail from post office boxes during the construction.

He said signs will show people how to get to the airport while Caldwell is closed for Phase 1.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said APAC wants to start on the east and west ends of Old U.S. 24 so they don't have to haul asphalt over the new oil. Crews will work their way toward the paving plant east of Goodland, he said.

Way said he wonders whether APAC can get enough aggregate to complete both the city and county jobs.

Neufeld said he had talked to an APAC manager on Monday and was told they have two-thirds of what they need. He said the manager said they have enough to do Caldwell and most of old U.S. 24. He said the question at this time whether there will be enough mate-

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All items are available for viewing by contacting the office of Chief R. L. Smee, Chief of Police, 204 West 11th Street, Goodland, Kansas, 67735.

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LOT NUMBER 1 HANDGUNS:

	CALIBER	SERIAL #
Para-Ordnance	.45 cal	RH14960
Smith & Wesson Mod 19	.357 magnum	4K42207
Ruger Mark II no magazine	.22 cal	21547110
Revelations Mod 76	.22 cal	2126144
Beretta Mod 70S	380	N05757
High Standard Mod B no magazine	.22 cal 68068	
Norinco Model 1911A1	.45 cal,	502162
Llama	380	A89045
JC Higgins model 88	.22 cal	767729
Kassnar Imports Mod PJK9HP	9mm	F17707
Lorcin Mod L380	380	365135
High Standard Mod B no magazine	.22 cal 18474	
Taurus 8 shot	357 magnum,	PD391706
HR Inc.	22 cal	AR51908

LOT NUMBER 2 RIFLES:

	CALIBER	SERIAL #
Marlin	.22 cal	none
Marlin .Mod 81	.22 cal	none
SKS		23006774L
Stevens Mod 820B	12 ga.	none
Sears & Roebuck M200	12 ga	P375264
Remington Wingmaster 870	12 ga.	240263
JC Higgins Mod lever action	.45 cal	TX23135
Harrington & Richards model 700	.22 cal	AR505993
Eastfield, made by S & W Mod 196A	12 ga	2B2359
Marlin lever action	.22 cal	Z23156
Mausser blot action	.7mm	A3800
Stevens Mod 87A	.22 cal	none
Winchester Mod 06	.22 cal	685872
Winchester Mod 370	12 ga	C341844
Savage Mod 121	.22 cal	P869856
Remington Mod 1917	30-06	453945