

'I think everything was going well up to this point... Mother Nature has beat us on this one. She just dumped too much water. We just hit one of those points where we cannot stop this flood.'

FLOOD DETAILS

Milford Lake: The normal depth for Milford Lake is 65 feet. On July 27, 1993, it was reported at 101.51 feet. At normal levels, Milford Dam is expected to hold back 388,816 acres of water. On July 21, it was holding 1,308,183 acres.

Republican River: Flood stage is 15 feet; reached 22.1 feet

Smoky Hill River: Flood stage is 22 feet; reached 25.73 feet.

Kansas River: Flood stage is 21 feet; reached 26.04 feet.

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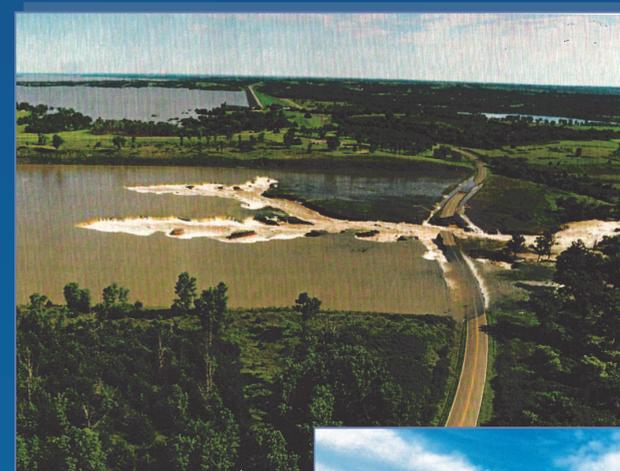
FACTS

Date: July 1 – July 29, 1993

Rainfall: Over 32"

National Loss: \$15 Billion across the nine-state area affected by the flood in the Midwest. Fifty deaths occurred in all affected areas, except for Kansas, where no deaths were reported.

Crop loss: Estimated 12,000 acres in Geary County



Left: A section of the K-244 spur is torn away after water from the Milford spillway eroded a gully.

Below: Jill Ford stands in dry eroded gully after flood waters recede.



Local **volunteers** worked in the parking lots throughout town to fill over 230,000 sandbags.



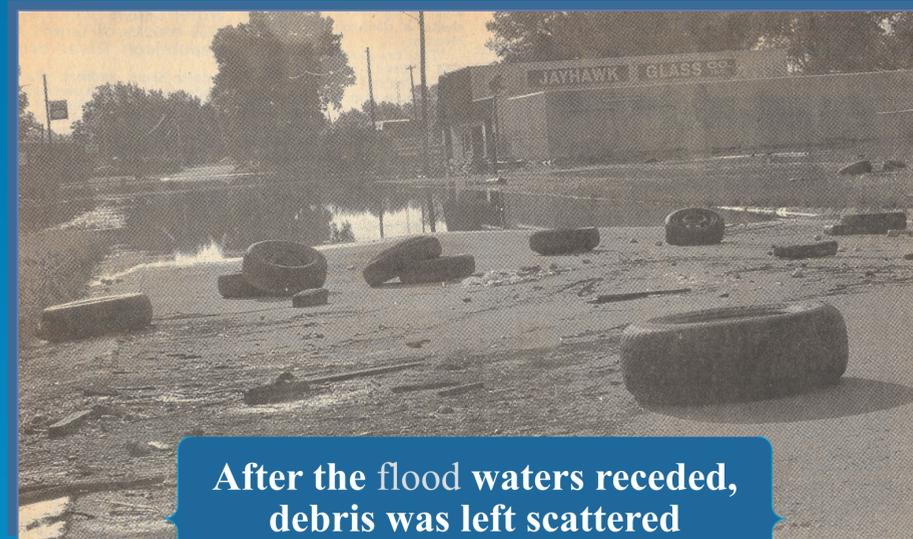
"We have several thousand sandbags here waiting to be delivered to where they are needed. Trucks have already hauled off several thousand this morning to the east side of town....

If it starts raining again, or if an emergency arises, we will put out a call for volunteers again."

Civil Air Patrol volunteer

Tim Hansen

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After the flood waters receded, debris was left scattered throughout the city.

Building materials donated by:

Hess & Sons Salvage

Reich's Foreign Car Service

Feldkamp's Furniture Mart

WHY DID IT FLOOD?

Flooding in the Kansas, Missouri and Mississippi rivers prevented officials from releasing the necessary water in order to prevent flooding at Milford Lake. Eventually water spilled into the dam's spillway, causing more flooding to already flooded river banks.