

## PV Community Center floods

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Sub-zero temperatures during the second week of December are believed to be the culprit in the flooding of the Pleasant Valley Community Center building southeast of Holyoke.

Members of the board discovered a moldy and wet mess in the building sometime around mid-January. They believe the water ran for two or three weeks after the pipes broke.

Board member Garry Kramer said they have estimated repairs will be in the \$5,000-6,000 range after everything is gutted. Since they haven't had insurance on the building for a while, funding will need to be sought.

Ceiling tiles are ruined, as well as the sheet rock and wood framing inside. The moisture also produced a large amount of mold. Kramer said the tables are severely warped and will need to be replaced as well.

Garry and his wife Tina said no one had been in the building since September. They usually hold card parties every other week during the farming off-season, but with harvest running later than usual this past year, they didn't get around to it. Their card parties usually draw 16-20 participants.

Other activities such as family events and wedding parties are held in the building. Kramer said the Eureka and 4-H clubs use the building sometimes also.

As for now, they aren't planning to seek help from local businesses. They will, however, start to accept donations from members of the community. Kramer also said they may look into grant funding.

The Kramers said they haven't figured out all the plans yet, but they may eliminate one of the bathrooms and make the kitchen and old pop stand smaller since there are no longer ball games played out there.

Kramer believes the steel 24'x48' foot building, located four miles south and nine and a half east of Holyoke, was built in 1978.

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Anyone with questions or who would like to help can contact Kramer at 854-3318.

Board members for the PV Community Center include Ray Malleck, Gale Haynes, Randy Weis, Peggy Bennett and Kramer. Tina said Ron Miles and Ron Thompson have also been working out there.