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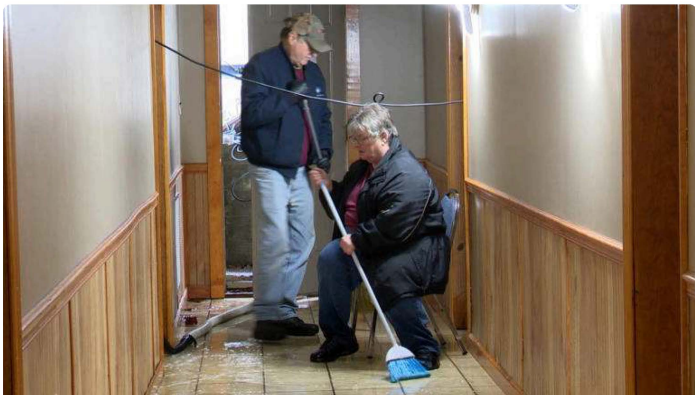
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MAYBEURY, WV (WVNS) – Quite a few churches in our region cancelled their Sunday services on February 16, 2025, all for the same reasons – flood concerns.

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Maybeury Church of God was one of these churches. Additionally, their pastor and their pastor's wife both have been dealing with the flu.



Although there were not any services, some church members showed up to check on the church's basement after a night stricken with flooding. Sharon Parks and her husband were two of the members who showed up.

"When we opened the door, we were just shocked. There was about six inches of water, mud from the hallway, all the way back to the nursery, all the classrooms. The kitchen was just covered in mud," said Parks.

This was not the first time Maybeury and McDowell County have been hit hard with flooding. Parks told 59News the last time there was significant flooding in their church was around 2008 or 2009 – not to mention the historic flooding of 2002.

"I think the church got hit harder [this time], but 2002 was bad, but I do not think the church got hit this bad. This is pretty bad, though," added Parks.

The last time flooding damaged their church, it cost them \$40,000 according to Parks. Since then, they have had to get creative with different fundraisers to continue to renovate their building and keep up with the bills.

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"We were going to put [new] windows in this year, but we will see," said Parks.

Parks and the others who showed up were able to clean the basement for the most part, but there was some damage.

A room that was damaged held supplies and fun items that were used to distribute to needy families, nursing homes, as well as the church's youth. Parks said a lot of the items and supplies in this room were damaged. They are accepting donations to help replenish their supplies, if you feel led to do so.


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In terms of help, Parks asked for folks for their thoughts and prayers.

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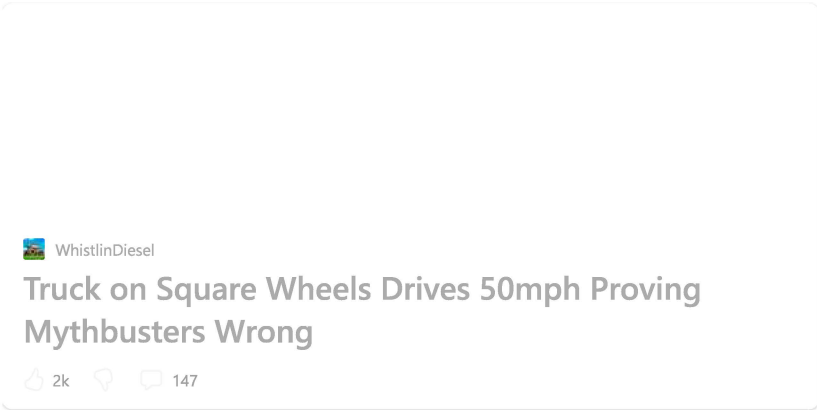


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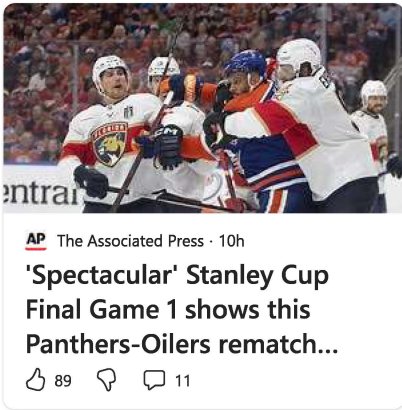
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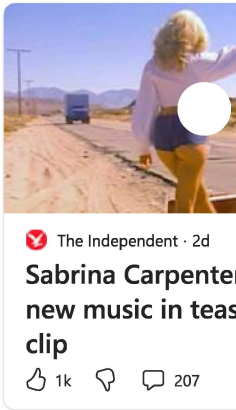
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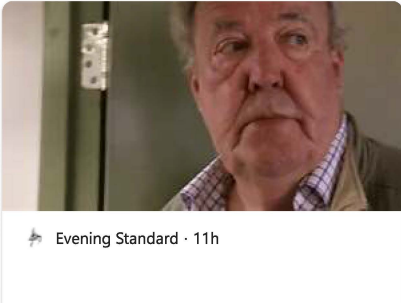
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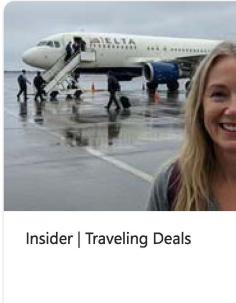
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