

BUFFALO VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER 2009
Putnam Co., TN



BUFFALO VALLEY VALENTINE'S KING AND QUEEN

The Buffalo Valley Library threw a Valentine's Day party with cake. Clara O'Lean Jared (left), 93, a former teacher, principal and girl's basketball coach at Buffalo Valley School, was crowned queen at the party, and Marvin Gensler was crowned king.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS 2009

The Buffalo Valley Library throws a monthly birthday party to honor those with birthdays that month. Those celebrating February birthdays are, in front from left, Doris Shanks, Teresa Poticher and Ernestine Bennett, and in back are Shena Ragland and Richard Poticher.

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CORNERD BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Buffalo Valley Library will be holding its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Friday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at Buffalo Valley Community Center. Peeling potatoes for the event, from left, are Char Wanser, Barbara Leahy, Pauline Vogel, Barbara Markel and Elfriede Duke. A dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, dessert and a drink is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Carry-outs will be available. Also on hand will be an auction of new, used and antique items. For more information, call 858-5127 or 858-1403.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Tuesday, 10 March 2009, pg. 6



MARCH BIRTHDAYS – 2009

The Buffalo Valley Library holds a monthly birthday party for those with birthdays that month. Those celebrating March birthdays are, from left, Faye Lloyd, Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston and Barbara Markel. Not pictured is Glen Bradford.

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AT BUFFALO VALLEY

Buffalo Valley Library throws a monthly birthday party to honor those who were born that month. Above, those celebrating April birthdays, in front from left, are J.T. Askew, Nancy Billingsley, Cheri Bartlett, Pauline Vogel, Keeble Tucker and Jo Billingsley; and in back are Bobby Dan Bartlett, Kenneth Craighead, Barbara Leahy and Dixie Russell. Also at the party were “Dumpling Diva” Bea Farmer, whose chicken and dumplings recipe has been published in Taste of the South Magazine and who cooked her famous dumplings for the crowd, and former newspaper writers. Below, from left, are J.B. Leftwich, former writer for the Tennessean and current columnist for the Lebanon Democrat; Ken Beck, former writer for the Tennessean; and Jack Hurst, former writer for the Tennessean, the Philadelphia Enquirer and the Chicago Tribune. Leftwich told stories of Buffalo Valley years ago, when he was growing up there as a child. Herald-Citizen Photos/Elizabeth Ayres

April 12, 2009: Herald Citizen, Cookeville, TN.





AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Buffalo Valley Library recently held its annual corned beef dinner at the Buffalo Valley Community Center, and they also held an auction fundraiser, during which household items were sold to the highest bidder. Here, auctioneer Wayne Nabors and Pauline Vogel work together to show a quilt, being held by Char Wanser.

Herald-Citizen, Wednesday, 1 April 2009, pg. 8.

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BUFFALO VALLEY LIBRARY DONATES \$500 IN DONATIONS TO RETT SYNDROME RESEARCH

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BUFFALO VALLEY: Pictured above: From left are: Darla Runge, Barbara Markel, Char Wanser and Pauline Vogel. Behind them on the wall are signs for those who made donations to Girl Power 2 Cure.

A fundraiser for research to cure Rett Syndrome was held April 8 at the Buffalo Valley Community Center and was sponsored by the Buffalo Valley Library. Barbara and Vernon Markel have a granddaughter that suffers from Rett Syndrome.

At the monthly birthday party luncheon, an announcement was made by Char Wanser that all donations that day would be donated to Dress Up 2 Cure/Team Sydney. Paper flower icons signed by each person who made a donation were posted on the Garden of Hope Wall.

Rett Syndrome is the most severe and physically disabling form of autism and affects only girls. Most girls develop normally until about 18 months, when they begin to dramatically regress and lose their ability to talk, walk or use their hands. Rett Syndrome randomly affects another baby girl every 90 minutes. This debilitating condition affects almost 500,000 girls worldwide.

Now in its third year, Dress Up 2 Cure has already raised more than \$70,000 for Rett Syndrome research, most of it a dollar at a time. Most teams are school-based, but churches, businesses and even individual families have joined in the effort. Events are held throughout April, which is Autism Awareness Month.

Girl Power 2 Cure Inc. is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for research for treatments and a cure for Rett Syndrome. All of their activities are designed to harness the "power" of girls as volunteers, mentors and supporters of their fellow girlfriends who are suffering from Rett Syndrome. Visit www.girlpower2cure.org/sydney or www.dressup2cure.org/teamsydney for more information.



MAY BIRTHDAYS - 2009

L to R: Raymond Vogel, Bud Bartlett, Ruth Myers and Jackie Ann (Bartlett) Calvetti..

Raymond Vogel is a newcomer to Buffalo Valley from Wisconsin. His wife, Pauline and Raymond help out at the Buffalo Valley Lending Library. They live up the creek from Robert A. Shanks place on the Joe and Velma Leftwich farm.

Bud Bartlett's parents are: Woodrow and Mary (Alcorn) Bartlett--Mary was a d/o Lee & Ethel Huddleston Alcorn.

Ruth is the w/o Hugh Myers parents of Dale Myers who married Gail Leftwich, d/o Luke Leftwich & Joyce Helm.

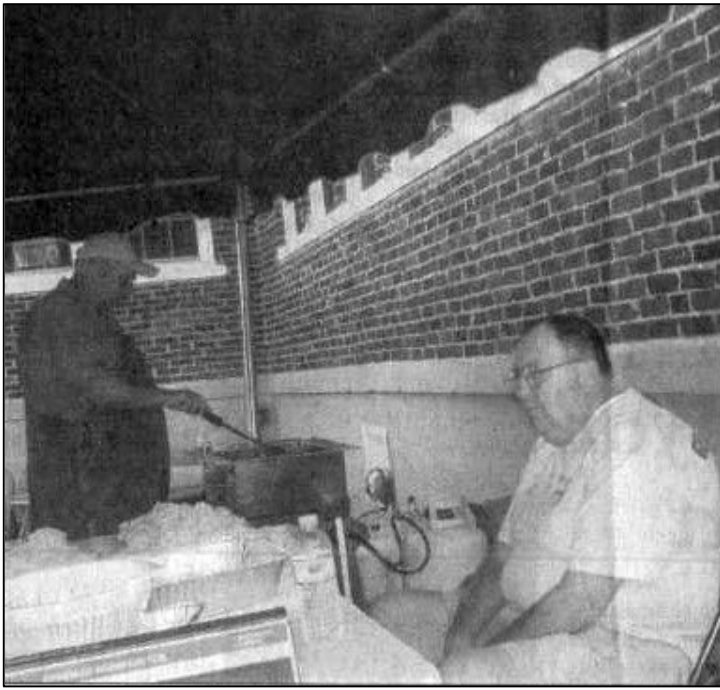
Jackie Ann (Bartlett) Calvetti is the d/o Ulysses D. Bartlett & Flossie Lucille Neal . Jackie md Pete Calvetti.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS 2009

L to R: Margaret Jared, Linda Collier & Alexa Roberts.



BUFFALO VALLEY FISH FRY, BANANA PUDDING COOK-OFF

Buffalo Valley Library recently held a fish fry and banana pudding cook-off. Above left, Sam Jones (left) mans the fryer as Glen Smith relaxes for a moment. Above right, Doris Shanks won first place by taster's choice in the banana pudding cook-off, winning a \$50.00 check from Citizens Bank and a large banana trophy. Second place went to Betty Williams, and others who placed from the eight entries were Lois Lewis and Deborah Clark. From left are Williams, Lewis, Shanks and Clark.

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD FLAG DONATIONS

Sari Brown of Woodmen of the World donated a flag to Buffalo Valley Community Center during a ceremony at which they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America." From left are Linda Collier, Char Wanser, Brown, Ted Huddleston, Jo and Nancy Billingsley, Jean Bartlett, Edlfiede Duke and Jane and Melissa Valley.

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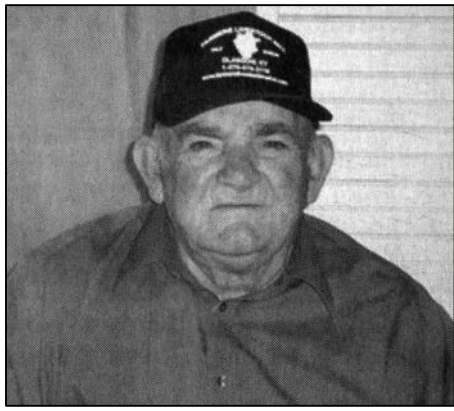
JULY BIRTHDAYS – 2009

Buffalo Valley Community Center celebrates July 2009 birthdays: L to R: Reggie Shanks and Char Wanser.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS – 2009

Buffalo Valley throws a monthly birthday party for those celebrating birthdays that month. Those celebrating August birthdays are, sitting from left, Imogene Jones and James Fletcher, and, standing, Jack Williams, Paula Erickson and Nell Winchester.



**BUFFALO VALLEY LIBRARY
AUGUST BIRTHDAY – 2009**

83rd Birthday – James R. Christian celebrated his 83rd birthday on Aug. 4 with a party at the Buffalo Valley Community Center with his nine children, Jannie, Shirley, Robert, Patsy, Deborah, Donna, Dorothy, Sarah and Allen; 19 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; brothers Doyle and Roy; sisters Margret, Pauline and Kathrine; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

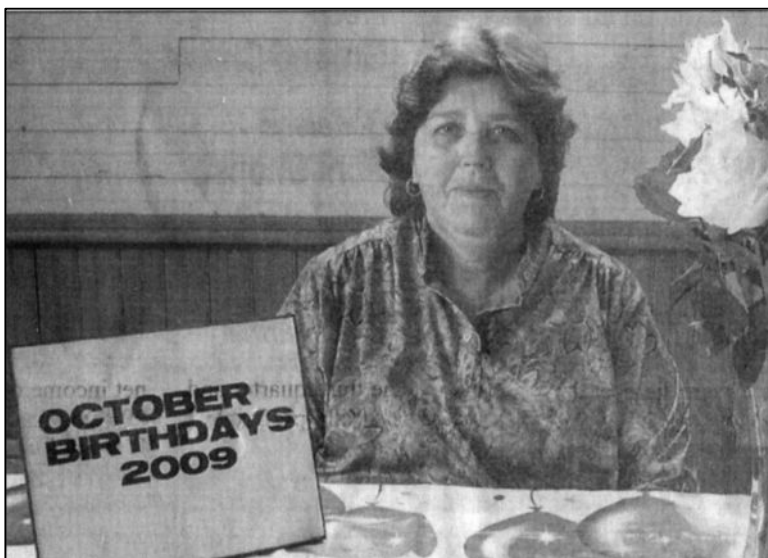
Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: Sunday, 9 August 2009, pg. C-2.



BUFFALO VALLEY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2009

The Buffalo Valley Library puts on a monthly birthday party to honor those who are celebrating birthdays that month. Those celebrating September birthdays are, in front, Hilda Anderson, and, in back from left, Nancy Prince, Bill Medley, Robert A. shanks, Sharon Raines and Ann Ramsey.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville TN: Sunday, 27 September 2009, pg. C-8.



**BUFFALO VALLEY LIBRARY
OCTOBER BIRTHDAY - 2009**

Buffalo Valley holds a monthly birthday party to honor those with birthdays that month. Celebrating an October birthday was Carol Bradford, a retired Putnam County school teacher.

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HONORING VETERANS

The Buffalo Valley Library honored its veterans at the monthly luncheon. From left are George Ramsey, Vernon Markel, Walter Richards, Jim Smith, Bill Medley, Ralph Jared, Ray Vogel and Jack Williams. Not pictured are J. T. Askew and Al Wanser.

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BUFFALO VALLEY LIBRARY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY – 2009

Buffalo Valley holds a monthly birthday party to honor those with birthdays that month. Those celebrating November birthdays are, from left, Gurtha Medley, Vernon Markel, Darla Runge, Walter Richards, Ann Jared and Dr. Wesley Henry.

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CHRISTMAS IN BUFFALO VALLEY – 2009

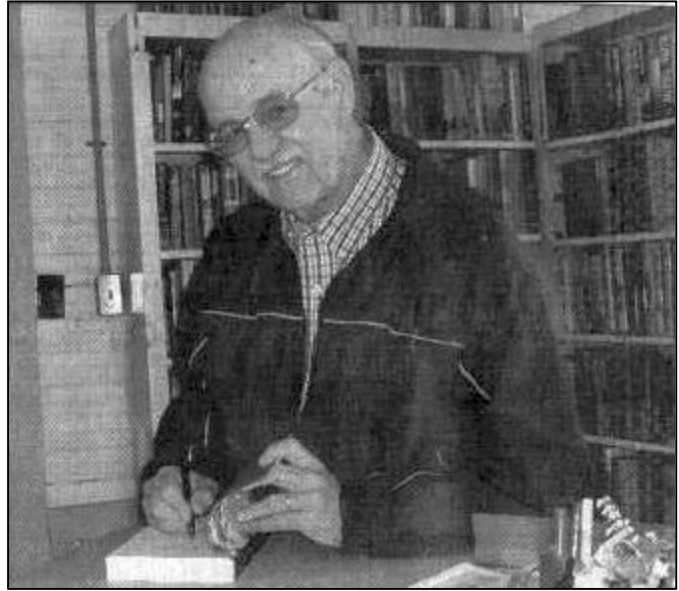
The Buffalo Valley Library held its monthly birthday party and Christmas luncheon recently at the old Buffalo Valley School. Fifty-eight people attended the celebration, and Olive Garden donated soup to the event. Those celebrating December birthdays, (Left photo: L to R) Jane Valley, Sandy Duncan, Joyce Leftwich and Edith Upchurch. There was also a gift exchange as well as carol singing at the luncheon, which included (Right photo: Right) - Elfriede Duke, who is from Germany, singing “Silent Night” in German. Playing the keyboard is Wanda Shanks, and standing from left are Char Wanser, Ruby Craighead, Shirley Puckett and Elfriede Duke.

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Book Signing Donation

Jack Hurst signs his latest book, 'Men of Fire' at Buffalo Valley Library. Hurst is a former journalist with the Tennessean, the Chicago Tribune and Philadelphia Inquirer and has written other books.

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PETER MIKITKA OBT.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for **Peter Mikitka**, 93, **formerly of Buffalo Valley**, will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Burial, with full military honors by the Veterans Honor Guard, will be in **Byrd L. Jones Cemetery**.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Tuesday at Whitson Funeral Home.

Mr. Mikitka died Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Veterans Hospital in Murfreesboro.

He was born Jan. 24, 1916, in Freeland, Pa., to the late John and Thresa Kost Mikitka.

Mr. Mikitka was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, an Army veteran and worked at the Dupont Company.

He attended and graduated from Diesel Engineering in Memphis. Mr. Mikitka served in the Army in Alaska for two years and was a Tech Sergeant when he left the service. **He was assistant director of the Buffalo Valley Community Center for 16 years and started the center with his late wife, Erlene.** He received several certificates for outstanding service from the State of Tennessee and Parks & Recreation.

His family includes a brother-in-law, Lytle Hodge of Smyrna; a niece and her husband, Jenny and Barry Sanders of Smyrna; two great-nieces, Ashley and Abby Grace Sanders; special friends Clifford Sauceman and Martha Sauceman of Silver Point, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Robichaud of Cookeville and friends and employees at Elmcroft Assisted Living in Lebanon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his **wife, Erlene Mikitka**; brothers and sisters; and a sister-in-law, Marie Hodge.

Pallbearers will be members of the Knights of Columbus.

Honorary pallbearers will be Clifford Sauceman, Jeff Robichaud and Barry Sanders.

Father Chad Putoff will officiate at the services.

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Rev. Wesley L. Henry Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Rev. Wesley L. Henry, 72, of Cookeville, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m. at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Dr. Charles McCaskey, Dr. Norman Henry, Rev. Don Padgett and Rev. Delbert Hart will officiate.



Rev. Henry died Saturday morning Oct. 23, 2010, at his home surrounded by his family.

Rev. Henry was born Nov. 4, 1937, in Hutchinson, Kan., to the late R.D. and Lcota Honn Henry.

Rev. Henry spent 36 years as a Tennessee Tech faculty member and was a well-known minister and music director, having served in several local churches.

Rev. Henry achieved the rank of Eagle Scout before graduating from Hutchinson High School in 1955. He earned a B.A. degree from Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Okla., serving as student body president during his senior year. He continued his education, earning two master's degrees -- one in philosophy from Oklahoma University in 1961 and another in religion from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1963. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1974.

Rev. Henry retired from TTU as an associate professor of philosophy. He spent over 22 years as director of the Presbyterian Student Association and was affectionately known as "Doc." The PSA acquired a student house in 2002, which was named the Barwick-Henry house in his honor. He served as a director of the TTU Honors Program from 1983 until 1993. He received the Outstanding Faculty Award for Professional Service in 1991 and assisted the university by sitting on numerous committees.

He began preaching in Boulder, Colo., in 1963. After moving to Tennessee in 1967, he served as minister with the Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church, the Silver Point Mattie Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, was interim minister and then associate minister and music director at Cookeville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, minister at Lee Seminary Presbyterian Church, Dry Valley Presbyterian Church, and for the past 15 years has been the minister of Post Oak Presbyterian Church. The Post Oak Presbyterian Church honored Rev. Henry as Pastor Emeritus on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010.

Rev. Henry was a gifted speaker, vocal and instrumental musician who conducted hundreds of weddings and funerals (often singing) in the Upper Cumberland area. Rev. Henry also served on the Board of Directors for United Way.

For over 25 years he has been on the Board of Review for Ordination papers for Ministerial Candidates with the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has also served on the Committee on Ministries with the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for many years.

A loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, he appreciated the outdoors and the wilderness. His hobbies included travel, gardening and sporting events. He was an avid TTU fan and enthusiastic supporter of all his grandchildren's many events.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Robert Brandon Riddle; and infant brother, Leonard Wayne Henry; and brother-in-law, Orville Luginbill.

Survivors include his wife of almost 51 years, Ruth Ann Hart Henry (whom he married Nov. 22, 1959, in Hutchinson, Kan.); son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Shannon Henry; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandi and Ray Rowland, Marcia Riddle and Lori Henry, all of Cookeville; eight grandchildren, Matt (Tracy) Rowland, Josh Rowland, Julie Rowland, Paxton Riddle, Brady Riddle, Taylor Henry, Eli Henry and Jayden Henry; a sister, Marilyn Luginbill of Hutchinson, Kan.; two brothers, Walter Henry of Phoenix, Ariz., and Dr. Norman (Ruth) Henry of Mt. Juliet; brother-in-law, Delbert (Wanda) Hart of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and an aunt, Dorothy Victory of Wichita, Kan.



(Pictured: L to R: Ruth Ann Hart Henry, Ted Huddleston & Rev. Wesley L. Henry at the Buffalo Valley Community Center, Putnam Co., TN).

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Hank Mannle, George Stockton, Earl Nichols, Chuck Witbeck, Charles Poe, Chris Bolton, J.D. Ellis, Harvey Phillips and Woody Russell.

Active pallbearers will be Lloyd Covington, Alton Freeman, Gary Spires, Rellon Phillips, Dave Weidner, Charles Covington, Adam West

and Larry Wilmoth.

Rev. Henry's family will receive friends Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 4-8 p.m. at the Cookeville chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home and Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ring Lake Ranch in Dubois, Wyo., a place he loved and visited many times. Information may be found at www.ringlake.org.

Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home (931-526-6111) is in charge of arrangements. You may share your thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerals.com.

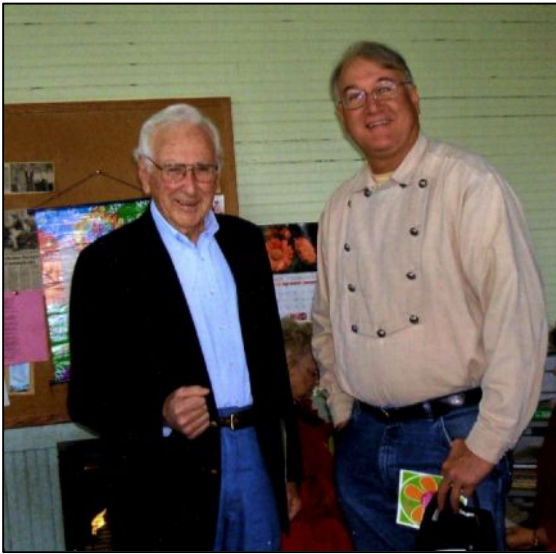
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WESLEY AND RUTH ANN HENRY

Wesley and Ruth Ann Henry are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today, Nov. 22, with a reception at Post Oak Presbyterian Church. The couple was married in 1959 in Hutchinson, Kan. They have four children, Sandi Rowland and husband Ray, Marcia Riddle, Lori Henry and Steven Henry and wife Shannon; eight grandchildren, Matt, Josh and Julie Rowland, Paxton and Brady Riddle and Taylor, Eli and Jayden Henry; and one deceased grandchild, Brandon Riddle.

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L to R: J. B. Leftwich & Ken Beck.



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L To R: Evelyn Buck, Carolyn Young, Nancy Prince & Wanda Shanks.



L To R: Judy Jared, Hilda Anderson & Linda Collier.



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“Dumpling Dive” Bea Farmer and her friend Janice on left cutting out dumpling for the Buffalo Valley crowd.



Buffalo Valley Community Center had a great fish fry on May 9, 2009 on the ground of the old school.