

Floyd County Historical Society & Museum

Invites you to the Museum Opening Reception

2:00 - 4:00pm - Saturday, April 16th

217 North Locust Street

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Museum plans opening reception for 2016 exhibits

The Floyd County Historical Society Museum will have an opening reception for its 2016 exhibits on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This year's new features include the theme "Educational Opportunities for All: The Growth of Floyd County Schools" and special exhibits honoring Mamie Phillips Vest and celebration of the Radford Arsenal's 75th Anniversary.

Mamie Vest was born in Floyd County August 9, 1938 to Deputy Sheriff William Lewis Phillips and Cordova Quesenberry Phillips. She passed away in Roanoke November 17, 2015. Her husband, Earl S. Vest, and sister, Ruth Heafner, have donated many



Mamie Vest

items to the Society in her memory. These items record some of her history while serving Floyd, Roanoke and Virginia in the advertising, design, art, and political areas. The old Floyd jail keys were also donated to the Society.

Visitors to the museum



ABOVE:
Willis High School.
LEFT:
President Gerald R. Ford with Mamie Vest.

will also enjoy refreshing memories about Floyd's past educational history, including the names and locations of over 150 schools (predominately one room schools) in the county. The research, preparation, planning, and displaying were made possible especially by the devoted time and diligence from Ann Shank, Jean Schaeffer, Alice Slusher, Janet Keith, Connie Mitchell, Margaret Smith and Becky Weeks.

With the help from the Larry Woodrow Vest Fund of Foundation For Roanoke Valley, \$3,010.00 was provided to support the "Educational Opportunities for All: The Growth of Floyd County Schools". The money has been used to install exhibits, pay for field trips to Double Springs School in Check and the Museum in Floyd, provide maps for the students, and give prizes for essay writings for all 6th graders.

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