

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

November 2016

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You are invited to a talk

*The Story of a Mountain Midwife
"Aunt Orlene" - Orlene Hawks Puckett*

By Phyllis Stump

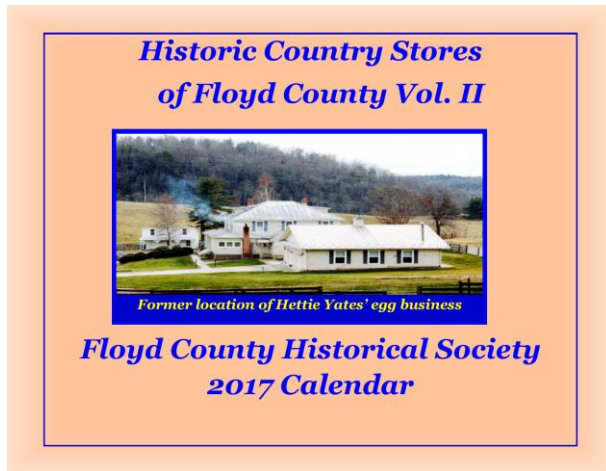


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**Floyd County Historical Society
Saturday, November 12th - 10am
Jacksonville Center for the Arts
Second Floor (elevator is available)**

Orlene Hawks Puckett served as a midwife from 1889 until 1938. She lived with her husband John in the mountains of Patrick County and together they had 24 children, none who lived more than a few days. The Puckett Cabin sits along the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 190. "Aunt Orlene", as she was known, is said to have helped birth over 1000 babies. In 2012 Orlene Hawks Puckett was posthumously honored as one of the Library of Virginia's "Virginia Women in History". Our speaker Phyllis Stump, a retired English teacher, spent many years researching the life of "Aunt Orlene". She is author of the book *"Called: The Story of a Mountain Midwife"*, and has done numerous programs on "Aunt Orlene".

2017 Historic Stores Vol. 2 Calendar



Our 2017 calendar is for sale at the following locations: Floyd County Historical Society Museum, Floyd Pharmacy, Slaughter's Supermarket, Wills Ridge Supply, Midway Grocery, Dot's Beauty Shop and C.W. Harman & Son. Price is \$10.00 each plus \$3.50 if mailed. For more information contact 745-3247(FCHS) or floydhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The calendar includes pictures and history about the following stores: Porky Dot's, Hettie Yates egg business, Sparrell Tyler Turner Store, Sam McNeil Store, Mick or Mack, G.J. Ingram Store, Slaughter's Supermarket, Maberry's Store, Dulaney's Store, Wills Ridge Supply, C.W. Harman & Son Building Supply, Raye Janney's, W.W. West Store, Tom Agee Store, Donald Hatcher, C.B. Phillips Store, Lawrence Store, William Blackwell Store, Piggly Wiggly, Food Fresh IGA, Sureway, R.W. Smith Groceries and Poff Store.

We extend special appreciation to our hard working volunteers for their research, writing, collecting photos and information, editing,

designing and proofing. They include: Rhonda Smith, Connie Mitchell, Frances Helm, Janet Keith, Margaret Smith, Alice Slusher, and Rebecca Weeks.

Floyd Fair Photos



Ward & Judy Lowrance helping with bingo



Frances Helm with the education exhibit

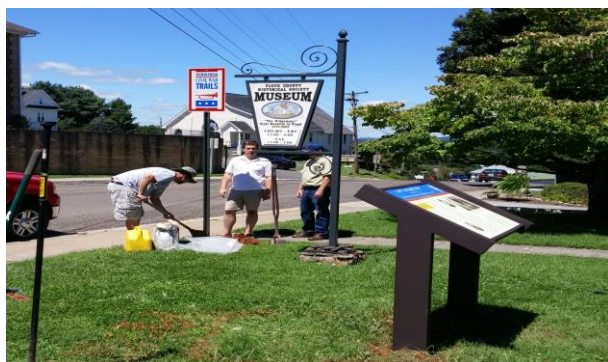


Installation of Civil War Trails Sign

The Civil War Sign dedication will be Saturday, April 1, 2017. The guest speaker will be Chris J. Hartley, author of the definitive history of "Stoneman's Raid 1865." The book covers the raid through Floyd County near the end of the Civil War. Special thanks is given to John Graham and Gerald Via for their efforts in fulfilling this longtime Floyd County goal.



John Graham on left along with sign installers.



New Items at Museum

We had two Vaughan-Dunn coverlets and two Floyd family crazy quilts recently donated along with many other photographs and memorabilia which are being inventoried.



Kathy Dulaney donated a double school desk.



Walnut corner cupboard from the Phillips-Quesenberry families was donated by Earl Vest in memory of Mamie Phillips Vest.

Calendar of Events 2016 -2017

- Nov. 12 10:00 am- Jacksonville Arts Center
FCHS General Meeting
Program: Phyllis Stump, "Orlene Puckett and Midwifery"
- Nov. 14 6 pm- World War II Book
Committee Meeting
- Nov. 27 Floyd Christmas Parade 3:00 pm
- Dec. 17 Museum closes for winter

Jan.14 10:00 am- Floyd Center for the Arts
FCHS General Meeting
Program: Dennis Kitts "More Radford
Arsenal"

April 1 Civil War Sign Dedication Ceremony
2:00 pm- Speaker: Chris J. Hartley

April 22 Museum opens for 2017 season
Opening Reception 2:00 pm
Special Exhibit "Celebrating Floyd
Sports"

difference. Every dollar you donate goes
directly to support the Floyd County Historical
Society Museum. Your gift will be
acknowledged and a card will be mailed to the
recipient or the recipient's family to let them
know of your kindness.

I would like to donate _____ in honor
of _____ in memory of _____

Name of person you want honored or
remembered _____

Address for acknowledgement

Phone _____

Donations/In Honor of/In Memory of

A donation to the Floyd County Historical
Society in Honor or in Memory of a loved one
is a meaningful gift that can make a lasting

Mail to Floyd County Historical Society, P.O.
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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

You can help preserve, share and celebrate the history of Floyd County. Become a member, renew your membership or donate to the Museum Fund. Our programs include lectures, publications, community outreach and exhibits. The Society maintains an archive of historic artifacts, documents and photographs.

Annual dues are \$20.00 single _____ \$30.00 family _____ Renewal ___ New ___

Museum Fund Amount enclosed _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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Send to Floyd County Historical Society, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292
This is a 501(c) 3 organization and your donation may be tax deductible.

2017 MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2017

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Dear Members and Friends,

This is the time of year we reflect on our Floyd County Historical Society's past year and share plans for the future. What does the Historical Society do to be visible, active and informative, besides operate the Museum? We are happy to summarize some of our activities, projects and future plans.

Our special exhibits for 2016 are "Educational Opportunities for All: The Growth of Floyd County Schools", Tribute to Mamie Phillips Vest and Celebrating 75th Anniversary of the Radford Arsenal.

Presented programs at bi-monthly meetings: Lynn Reed- Montgomery White Sulfur Springs Confederate Cemetery, Sandra Warren- World War II Bomber Crash, Dianne Cunningham- Harris Hart-School and Tribute to historian Jean Schaeffer, Visit to Double Springs one room School house, Dennis Kitts- Radford Arsenal and Floyd County, Phyllis Stump- Orlene Puckett and Midwifery.

Joined with Floyd County Tourism and redesigned 250 brochures to I-77 rest area for promoting Floyd.

Created signs, ads and calendar events to send to regional newspapers, TV and radio on regular basis to advertise our events and projects.

Kept the Museum open April through December, Thursday, Friday 12- 4 and Saturday, 11 until 3 pm.

Participated with the New River Heritage Coalition, Virginia Association of Museums and Floyd Chamber of Commerce to promote the Society, Museum and Floyd.

Provided genealogy and cemetery help to visitors and callers along with directions and tourist help.

Created and printed 4 newsletters and many needed brochures.

Ann Shank updated and recorded OnCell Audio tour with each new exhibit. By calling 540-585-3070, listeners can hear information about the different components of the current exhibits.

Updated power point photo presentation for Jessie Peterman Library to use.

Supplied historical photographs to Floyd County Clerks office for display.

Supported Janet Keith in efforts to tour and relate history of Laurel Branch and Topeco Communities through bus tours and brochures.

Participated in Floyd Christmas parade with float featuring John Dennis Harman's restored buggy which was used by his father to deliver mail.

Archived photos, documents and historical items for future use.

Sold books, historical calendars, Floyd post cards, county prints.

Continue to plan and research for World War II book about Floyd's involvement.

Awarded \$650.00 in Art Scholarships to Floyd High School senior winners depicting Floyd's early schools through creative arts. Winning entries are on display at the Museum.

Researched and published 2017 Calendar "Historic Country Stores of Floyd County Vol. II"

Completed and erected Civil War Trails sign with information on Stoneman's Raid through Floyd

Sponsored essay writing contest for all 6th graders in Floyd's 4 elementary schools concerning early education in Floyd

Sponsored field trips to both Double Springs one room school house and the Museum for all 6th graders in the county after making classroom presentations in the various classrooms.

Added new volunteers, docents and memberships.

Approximately 1100 visitors have come to meetings or to the Museum from April 2015-October 2016

Continue to receive, document and store or exhibit archival materials.

Compiling photos for 2019 calendar to feature sepia images of Floyd County.

Continue to prepare driving tour brochures of Floyd Water Powered Mills and driving tour of Town of Floyd, with inclusion on Audio Tour.

Used a \$3,010.00 Grant from Larry Woodrow Vest Fund of Foundation For Roanoke Valley. This supported an educational exhibit, field trips to the Museum and Double Springs School and essay contest for all Floyd County 6th graders with monetary awards.

Entertained Museum tours for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, retired teachers and family reunions.

Provided an educational exhibit and bingo booth at Floyd Fair held at Chantilly Farms.

Plan to complete identification of the 1970's Ariel photo

Working with Floyd County on the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission Committee to help celebrate our veterans and preserve our history.

Theme for 2017 special exhibit will be "Celebrating Floyd Sports"

Our Museum and historical heritage truly belong to not only the membership, but future generations. If we are to have enduring success, we need continued interest, dedicated volunteers, active membership, new ideas, archival information and monetary donations.

We are truly grateful for those who have given generously of your time, talents and financial resources. We hope you will be a part of our continued success and allow us to collect, preserve, share, and celebrate our Floyd County history.

Thankfully,
Floyd County Historical Society
Board of Directors