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185 years of history at VSDB exhibit in Staunton



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STAUNTON — From now until the end of the summer, you are welcome to visit the History Gallery at the R.R. Smith Center for History and Art and take in the fascinating exhibit: "VSDB: Celebrating 185 Years as Pioneers in the Education of the Deaf & the Blind, 1839-2024."

Journey back to the beginning of the school's history, learn about the groundbreaking technology used to help both the deaf and the blind populations, read about the school during the Civil War when 55,000 sick and wounded soldiers were treated there, and peruse the many photos and other memorabilia associated with the school's storied athletic teams, Augusta County Historical Society said in a release.

The exhibit's opening is 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. The reception begins at 4:30 with short remarks from representatives of the school, the museum, the foundation and ACHS. Interpreters will be in attendance. Following the short remarks, there will be light refreshments available. The Smith Center art galleries and garden will also be open during the event.

Free and open to the public Wednesdays-Fridays from 1-4 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the R.R. Smith Center for History and Art located at 20 S. New St. in Staunton.

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Augusta County Historical Society, the VSDB Foundation and the VSDB Museum.

EDUCATION: Staunton Schools to begin using electronic hall passes and bus tracking system

WEDNESDAY WALK: A somewhat interrupted stroll in the rain through Uniontown