



Museum Grand Opening

The Union High School Memorial Museum will hold a Grand Opening Sunday, May 27, 2010 at the Benwood-McMechen Public Library, 201 Marshall St., McMechen, WV. Thereafter, the Museum will be open during regular Library hours, Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 8 p.m, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Library is closed on Sundays.

The Museum wall cases feature numerous trophies, photos and school memorabilia, a set of original lockers from the school and displays of the class photos that alumni remember surrounded the high school hallways. All but four years of "The Messenger" yearbook will be available for reference use. Items and donations are still being accepted, contact Bill Gallagher, 304-845-1914 and monetary donations may be sent to the Union High School Memorial Museum, WesBanco, 7th & Marshall Sts., McMechen, WV 26040.

Union High School began as consolidation of Benwood and McMechen High schools in 1913 and ironically ended as consolidation with Sherrard and Moundsville High Schools to form John Marshall High School in 1968. Fifty-five classes graduated 3,524 graduates under 17 principals at the home of the Orange and Blue Ironmen.