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THE AMHERST COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE OPENING OF A NEW CABINET DISPLAY FEATURING HISTORY ABOUT KITCHENS

Amherst – The Amherst County Museum and Historical Society is excited to announce a new display, *Yesterday's Kitchens*, featuring history about cookware used throughout the centuries. The display, which is located in the Whitehead Room of the Museum, was put together by Randolph College Intern Sara Primm, who will be graduating in May 2020 with a double major consisting of a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Museum Studies with a minor in Art History. The display features various cooking artifacts used in kitchens since the late 1800s, such as juicers, cast iron pots, and an electric waffle maker.

Kitchens have changed drastically since colonial times, but the central utensils have basically remained the same. Knives, pots and pans continue to be used in today's kitchens only with their appearances slightly altered. Their overall functions remain the same. Back then, electricity did not exist to help make cooking easier, so cooks had to rely on fireplaces or wood stoves and use heavy pots and pans to cook, such as cast-iron griddles and "spiders". Major appliances such as electric stoves, refrigerators, and microwaves have been added to kitchens, and most people could not live without these domestic devices today. In the past, cooks made their own way throughout the kitchen using whatever possible to prepare and provide food for their families.

Kitchens have greatly advanced throughout the centuries. As you learn about the items in this exhibit, try to imagine yourself preparing dinner for your family. Could you do it?

The Amherst County Museum and Historical Society is a nonprofit educational organization whose mission is to discover, collect and preserve objects related to the history and genealogy of Amherst County. The society exhibits, interprets and offers its collections to provide educational experiences for people of all ages.

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