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GROWING.....GROWING......GROWING!!!!!!

#### SPECIAL EDITION!

YOUR response to our July newsletter was very exciting! So much has happened in the past 3 months that it has inspired us to publish this Special Edition newsletter.

Your board of directors works very hard to make this organization a success. After attending the grant review in September, where once again our grant did not rank high enough for funding from the Division of Historical Preservation, we decided to hold a yard sale and a pilau in efforts to raise money. The yard sale was held October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at The Dezell House. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, we had the pilau prepared by Scott & Shirley Clark and Russell Smith. It was a delicious success! Thanks to all who donated items for the yard sale and supported our pilau. Stewart TV & Appliances, Inc. donated a 5 cu. ft. chest freezer which was given away at 6:00 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup>. John Allen Smith III, of Hardaway, was the lucky winner of the freezer. THANK YOU-John Stewart! CONGRATULATIONS-Allen!

The board has been working with MY OFFICE, of Bristol, to update and expand our web site. You will now find our previous newsletters online. Also, we now have the additional feature of an online store. In fact, we processed and mailed our first order 11-03-07 to a customer in Maryland.

Do you want to see Gadsden County's historical society have its headquarters open to the public where records, documents, and pictures can be seen and researched? YOU CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN THROUGH YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS! Volunteers are available now to transcribe documents, store photos on computer files, catalog and archive YOUR HISTORY. WGHS has The Dezell House, but we desperately need funds for re-wiring, a security system, HVAC, and plumbing. We cannot keep old newspapers, pictures, and other artifacts in The Dezell House until all of these necessities are addressed. Funds are needed to hire architects who will provide plans that meet county approval. To move forward on this project, we need funds now.

Is Gadsden County's history important to YOU? All of your good thoughts and appreciation for what we are doing are great. However, it's YOUR DOLLARS that tell the story to the grant makers and the bankers. Don't forget WGHS needs businesses to support us. Surely businesses within the county and those profiting from our county should support this endeavor. Let those with whom you do business know that you value WGHS and that you want them to support West Gadsden Historical Society, too.

We now have 54 LIFETIME members. These 54 individuals have been willing to signify their support of WGHS and its mission to preserve the history, culture and natural beauty of Gadsden County. Lifetime membership is \$500.00 per person. Our first plaque honoring these individuals is filled. We now have a second plaque to fill with names. Lifetime membership does not mean that you give once and you are through forever. Take Richard Thompson for example; he joined as a lifetime member, donated several months of hard labor working on the depot re-location and now has challenged all of the lifetime members who joined for \$250.00 to match their initial amount with another \$250.00 by January, 2009. That would be 46 people donating \$250.00 within the next 13 months. Reach into your pockets and answer Richard's challenge.

Most all of the annual memberships are payable JANUARY, 2008. Please check your membership cards and send your dues without another reminder. What is saved in postage can be put towards the actual restoration.

### **SMALL MATCHING GRANT**

Well, it is back to the drawing board. Since the special category grant is NOT in the offing, we are applying for another \$50,000.00 small matching grant to address part of the restoration needs. The catch here is that we need to have matching funds to qualify for the grant. The deadline for the application is December 15, 2007. If successful, WGHS would have the funds available by July, 2008. There is so much work to do, but if we can only do a little at a time that is exactly what we will do. Volunteers do small jobs all during the year, but there are many tasks too daunting for us to tackle. The last contract exceeded the grant by \$5,466.00. Your dues and donations made it possible to pay this excess and the architect's fees.

### APALACHICOLA NORTHERN RAILROAD --- GREENSBORO DEPOT

As you might recall, earlier this year WGHS applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. This is the news we received.

Your project is currently set at # 2 priority for our tentative work program funding, so it is very likely that it will be adopted in our work program in July 2008. Remember that the funding goes into the 4th year of the FDOT work program, so if everything goes well, funding would be in 2012.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and labor to work on the depot now is welcome to contact us. We are grateful for any help! Please, call 850.442.6434 if you would like to volunteer.

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