

CHIPLEY HISTORICAL CENTER

The Official Newsletter, Pine Mountain, Georgia



PROGRESS - OUR NEW BUILDING HAS STARTED

A report by MaryJo Cox

We were so happy to get our building permit in January and then came the rains. The building crew would work 1 day and then 3 or 4 days of rain. Next came the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I was surprised and please the last Friday in March when the concrete footing and slab were poured, but of course it rained the next day. Three days later I received a call from our builder that construction is coming to a halt for everyone's safety.

When the time comes we will carry on and complete our new addition. We thank everyone for your support and look forward to seeing you soon.

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Letter from the Chair



These are different and interesting times. With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) looming and the government issuing stay at home orders, the Board of Directors has suspended meetings and closed the doors on the Chipley Historical Center until safer days. Before we closed, we welcomed three new members to our board: Cindy Bowden, Lorraine Berry, and Patrick Severts. Patrick and Cindy have 70 years of museum experience between the two of them and Lorraine is a fund raising master.

A few months ago, the owner of the Flying Tiger display decided to donate the display to a museum in Arizona that specializes in Flying Tigers. We will miss the display but hope it has found a good home.

During the February rains we developed a leak in the roof in the front of the building. The Town of Pine Mountain has since repaired the roof. Because of the Coronavirus the new museum has stalled but the Board of Directors is not resting. We are planning a new flow and perhaps better organization for our collection. Lou Brackett has been hard at work directing an inventory of all of the items in our collection for several months now. This is a slow paced job that requires a photograph and documentation of each item. This is much more professional than the way items were collected in the past. We are planning several programs that are sure to be of interest when we can finally gather in larger groups again. Some are hands on and will be of special interest to children like papermaking. We are working to get a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian in Washington, DC to be on display from time to time. Cindy Bowden is working on a traveling display from our museum that will highlight the life and works of Horace Green. Several organizations in surrounding counties have shown interest and are willing to help with the display. These are just some of our projects. Please stop by when we open our doors again.

Pine Mountain Then and Now

One of the most interesting artifacts at the Chipley Historical Center is a large aerial photo of downtown Chipley taken in the 1950s. Even now, after seventy years, it is still easy to get one's bearings and pick out some of the locations in town. One of our board members mentioned that it would be nice to get a current aerial photo and hang them side-by-side for comparison. Technology has certainly changed in seven decades, and instead of a plane, this time Steve Taylor of Midland, Georgia, was kind enough to make us a new photo using his drone. The new photo will be framed and hung next to the old one as soon as the current stay-at-home order is lifted. In the meantime, you can enjoy Steve's complete flyover video on YouTube.com by searching for Pine Mountain Georgia From Above. There is also a link to this video on the Chipley Historical Center Facebook page and on our website at <http://chipleyhistoriccenter.org/>.

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Featuring New Artifacts

Thanks to Joe Talley, we have received the record books for the Whitesville Methodist Church. This church was closed in 2019 by the United Methodist Church North Georgia Conference, but Joe managed to save these records for us. These records are incomplete but contain dates as early as 1855 through the early twentieth century and include marriages, baptisms, and new members. These records are being processed and will be available to the public in June 2020.



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The Chipley & Pine Mountain Schools

We have several artifacts in our collection related to schools and education in the Chipley/Pine Mountain area. We have several photos of the Chipley High School building, located where the public safety complex is now, plus some photos of other schools in the area for the lower grades. In addition to a Chipley letter jacket and school beanie, we also have yearbooks/memory books for the high school in our collection, along with a scrapbook for 1882-1955 compiled by two former teachers, and other assorted class photos through the years, many of which we could use your help in identifying.

Call for Volunteers

Come One, Come All
We need some new volunteers! There are all sorts of wonderful opportunities ranging from being a newsletter reporter to working with our artifacts to helping to paint our new museum to being a tour guide for our visitors. The benefits include meeting a lot of friendly people, being part of a growing organization, and learning about the history of our area,

So how do you take advantage of this opportunity? Call MaryJo Cox and talk about what you are interested in doing. Her number is: 404-660-3514



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