

## *St. Clair Historical Society*

Dear Historical Society Friends,

BIG NEWS- I am so excited to report that we are making amazing progress on our repairs and restoration of the John Looney House and Museum! A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on our Restoration Weekend! We had a wonderful turnout; working (despite the heat and lots of sweat) while getting to learn the history of our county's oldest double dog-trot house. It was a very special weekend, but not only because of the work that was completed. We had descendants from the Looney family attend with so many interesting stories to share about their ancestors and about the house as they heard it, we had State Representative Craig Lipscomb, who is also an architect and who wasn't afraid to get on the ladder and chink where we sure didn't want to get, we had Mayor Derrick Mostella involved, and most of all we had You, the community. Historic buildings cannot stay upright on their own; it takes love, care, and a dedication not only from a historical society, but from the community. I am so pleased to say that after the effort we saw that was put into that weekend, the Looney House is getting the love and attention she needs to survive now and in the future.

The historical society will have some big events happening in the coming months. On November 28<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our annual Christmas Tree Lighting held at the Looney House. This will be the perfect time to come out to see all the repairs that have been completed while the house is lit up and decorated for Christmas. You can look around and just imagine how Christmas' were celebrated over two hundred years ago. If you have never been, it's an amazing feeling of peace and tranquility that is missing in present days. We will also be hosting a Spring Festival, at the Looney House, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You won't want to miss this event either. We offer days of old demonstrators, vendors, food, and fellowship with all.

Our next General Meeting will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at Ashville Baptist Church. I hope to have more exciting news to share about the direction that the historical society is moving towards to preserve our St. Clair County history. You have all still been in my thoughts and prayers during this time! And I continue to hope you and your families are doing well! I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon at our next General Meeting.

All my best,  
Sandi Maroney  
President



# RESTORATION WEEKEND

## A BIG SUCCESS!

Friday and Saturday, August 6th & 7th were 2 full days of learning and working. We had a great turnout with people coming from not only St. Clair and Jefferson County but also from Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Everyone participated whether climbing on a ladder to remove old chinking or apply new; filling cracks; cleaning out rotten wood or just lending moral support. We appreciate everyone's help and it is so great to see the progress being made.



**First....instructions were given**



# And then.....the work began!



# *Looney Family Descendants*



They came from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida to help with the restoration of the cabin their 4th Great Grandfather built 200 years ago!



# Mark Your Calendar!

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## Sunday November 28th, 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting at John Looney House



There will be Caroling, Square Dancing, and lots of other fun activities!

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## Historic Photo Corner

The lady in the center is my Great Aunt Pearl Pearson and on her left is I believe Arthur Fowler. I would love to know where this was taken. If you recognize the location or anyone in the picture please email: [carolpwaid@gmail.com](mailto:carolpwaid@gmail.com) or call or text 205-837-2586.

