Renovations continue on Durant's historic train depot

By Sharron Cauthen **Durant Historic Preservation Commission**

Mingo Tingle and Meredith Massey, representatives with Mississippi Department of Archives and History, came to Durant September 4, to see the completed renovation spaces at Durant Depot North Building and to survey room 119, where Durant CLG (Certified Local Government) Grant work will be done. Renovation in 14 rooms has been partially funded by a Community Heritage Preservation Grant with MDAH.

Attending were Ricky North Building. Fletcher and Linda McDonald, Durant Alderpersons, and Geraldine Sturgis and Sharron Cauthen, both with the Durant Historic Preservation Commission. Travel guidelines for MDAH required a small tour group.

construction site observer for DHPC, opened the building helping DHPC review the ADA (Americans with Dis-

After touring the first 14 rooms, Mingo and Meredith spent time looking at the unfloored room no. 119, which was the historical telegraph room for Illinois Central Railroad. The old telegraph wall unit is still sitting in Before the meeting time this room. It will have to be of 9:30 a.m., Forise Minor, moved to storage space in the south warehouse before the cleanup begins. Mingo and had the air-conditioners plans to send a summary of running. Mr. Minor will be recommendations to DHPC. We explained that MDAH architect's drawings for the funds were used to purchase the plywood, vinyl tile,

screen for use in room 119.

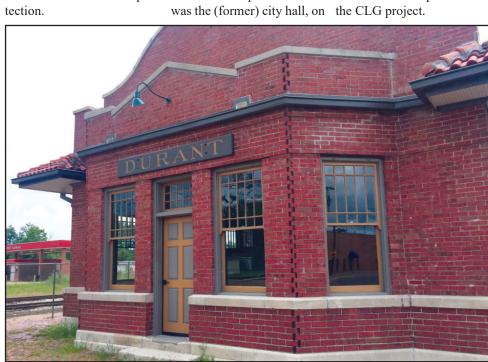
A large portion of the CLG work will consist of removing the lowered ceiling, detaching the wallboard material that is over the original plaster and bead board on the walls. Cleanup and repair of these original wall coverings has already been done in the first 14 rooms and compartments. To lower the total cost of this CLG project, the original lathe and plaster on the ceiling will be removed and replaced with sheet rock. Another benefit of this modification will be moisture pro-

After leaving the depot, the corner of Mulberry and the tour group went to the Jackson Streets, which is our Durant Library to view the historic municipal building repair work done in the large meeting room, staff office and foyer, as reference for the type and quality of work furnishing advice about opdone by our city maintenance staff. The clean and rescue of this building. We new appearance of these only looked at the ground rooms is very much appreciated by library patrons. Now has penetrated through the we have the added advantage of using this sample of Durant team work as a guide for the point of collapse. historic preservation work in the Durant Depot.

in a very dangerous state of dilapidation. Miss. Dept. of Archives and History will be tions in the stabilization and floor rooms. So much water rotten roof that the upper story floor looks to be near

DHPC will be sending frequent reports on the progress The last stop on the tour of the ADA ramp work and





Pictured above left, Durant officials and members of the preservation commission met with representatives from Mississippi Department of Archives and History to check the renovation progress at Durant's historical train depot. The group also toured the former city hall on the corner of Mulberry and Jackson Streets. The former city hall is in danger of collapse from water damage. Picture from left, Ricky Fletcher, Linda McDonald, both Durant Alderpersons; Geraldine Sturgis, with the Durant Historic Preservation Commission; Meredith Massey and Mingo Tingle, both with MDAH. Pictured above right, renovation work on the building include new windows, paint and a stabilized roof. (Photos by Sharron Cauthen)





Pictured above, the inside of the depot has been renovated to reflect a more historically accurate design. At left, the depot foyer, at right, the depot ticket area.



more than two years knows,

the most potentially danger-

toddler is "no." That single

syllable strikes deep into the

core of the reptilian portion

of the toddler brain, arous-

ing a reaction that dwarfs

rampage.

Living With Children By John Rosemond

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As just about everyone two-year-old's tantrums?" a who has lived with a child for young mother asks. "Can you?"

She ponders that for a moment or two. "Not really." ous thing one can say to a

Ignoring is about as over-rated as it gets, especially when sprained my leg." it comes to toddler tantrums. Nothing brings out a toddler's inner Godzilla like being ig-Godzilla's most destructive nored. That same mother, for example, reported that when "Should I simply ignore my she ignored a tantrum, it

quickly escalated into hitting, biting, and head-banging. If she began walking away, her live-in maniac would wrap himself around her leg, shrieking like a banshee.

"What do I do then?" she asked.

"Either stand there until he lets go or drag him around with you."

"I tried that once and

A perfect illustration of the fact that there is no perfectly reliable form of discipline with a toddler. Most important, regardless, is that he fails to get what he wants.

Not even one teensy-weensy smidgeon of it. If he thinks he can wear you down in increments, the tantrums will escalate in intensity and increase in frequency.

When my daughter began her toddlerhood, albeit belatedly, I came up with a solution for her tantrums that has provided many a parent with significant relief. It begins with buying a 4' x 6' (or thereabouts) rug from your local box store. Spread it out in a relatively out of the way place in that part of the house that most of said tantrums occur (we put

along these lines: "The doctor says you need a special place for your tantrums because they are so many and so big! So, this is your new you want to throw a tantrum, just come here, lie down and Mommy will help you."

Needless to say, your little one will need "help" getting

our daughter's tantrum rug screaming episode begins, in the downstairs bathroom). simply say, "Oh my! That's a Tell your toddler something big tantrum! You need to be in your new tantrum place, so let's go!" Carry or drag as necessary.

If after you deposit him he gets right up and runs after special tantrum place! When you, just put him back. The important thing is that you keep your cool in the probegin screaming and rolling cess. At first, said process around until you feel better. may last up to thirty minutes. If you need help getting here, In the meantime, be calm, be purposeful, and be happy.

This, too, will pass.

Family psychologist John to his new tantrum place, at Rosemond: johnrosemond. least initially. When the next com, parentguru.com.