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# JAILHOUSE NEWS



We had a fun time at the Halloween Haunted House this year. We've also gotten another grant and submitted more. Read on.

**Haunted House Rocks at the Jail!** The kids were absolutely spooked this year as they went through the rooms of the Haunted House at the Red Top. Because of the football game, the event was held on Saturday, Oct. 25 and Halloween. Around 592 visitors went through the jail. The Llano Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary decorated the jail and sponsored the event. If you didn't see it, you definitely need to go next year. It was *very scary*.

The kitchen housed the mad cook, who banged bones around and threatened to stew up the kids. The Doolittle Chapel room had the dead jailor's wife (Sheri/Patti) who described the ghosts in the jail. The yellow room had someone in a real casket. Upstairs were the prisoners who banged on the jail cells with their cups or chains. There was a torture chamber and other scary things upstairs.



Thanks to the Friends who participated: Mike Reagor, Patti Felts, Frank Rowell, and Gene Hall Miller. We plan to continue this next year with more involvement of the Friends. We may also do a costume contest. The VFD auxiliary donated \$592 to the Friends!

**Grant News:** The National Trust funded \$5,000 to hire historical architect Karl Komatsu from Ft. Worth to design a master plan for the renovation of the Red Top. This plan is essential for us to prioritize steps needed and to tell us what should be done. Mr. Komatsu has extensive experience renovating historical structures, including courthouses, schools and theaters. He currently consults with Llano county on economic development projects. His fee is around \$12,000, so we will need to come up with more dough. Sigh.

We have applied to the San Antonio Conservation Society for money to brace the east and west gables. This is pending.

We are applying to the Texas Historical Foundation for funds to do an asbestos abatement of the bottom floor in order to repair the foundation. We'll keep you posted.  
*Respectfully, Sheri Zoch*

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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LLANO RED TOP JAIL**

**The Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Llano Red Top Jail, as well as to determine a function for the structure (i.e., some kind of a museum). Members are encouraged to assist in the restoration projects and attend an annual meeting to elect directors and discuss projects.**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Could you help us with: (circle one or more)**

**Jail tours    Work parties (cleaning)    Fundraising**

**Organizing meetings    Painting and repairs    Accounting**

**Historical research    Newsletter**

**Assisting with bids for contractors**

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Our current membership dues are \$20 individual and \$35 family (household). Please enclose money order or a check made out to Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail and send to Sheri Zoch, 700 E. Green, Llano, TX 78643. You will receive a membership card. Questions, call 325-248-0284.**

*Thank you!*