

May 2009  
Sheri Zoch, Pres.

# JAILHOUSE NEWS



## **Texas Proud Festival Red Top Jail Events**

We've got a big show at the Red Top for the Texas Proud Festival on Memorial Day weekend. The Celtaires, a traditional/Irish music group, will play on Saturday, May 23 from 10-6 PM. The Brazos Bottom Cow'ographers will entertain us on Sat. and Sun. in their town facade (across the street on the north side of the jail, by the river park) with their comedy skits & period costumes. We will sell food & T-shirts (yes, the Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail will have new T-shirts – see below). As usual, "Sheriff" Mike Reagor & "Jailor's wife" Sheri Zoch will give jail tours on Saturday and Sunday. **JAIL BREAK ON SUN.!**

We will need lots of volunteers for this event.. I guarantee you that it will be a pleasant undertaking if everyone gives just a little bit of their time to help sell food or T-shirts, keep jail tour logs or otherwise help out.

**If you have ANY time to help on Sat. or Sun., Please HELP! Call 325-248-0284!**



**NEW BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE. Your business name will be added to our donor sign in front of the jail:**

**Platinum: \$1000**  
**Gold: \$ 500**  
**Silver: \$ 100**

**This is your chance to let your business "shine" in front of a very worthy cause – the restoration of the Red Top. Doesn't take much, just a phone call to any of the Friends Board Members....**

## **Grant News**

We applied for a grant from the Llano County Hotel Occupancy Tax to sponsor the Texas Proud Festival Red Top Jail Events, but did not get it. Fortunately, the Llano Main Street organization came through and will fund the Cow'ographers to set up their "town" on Friday, May 22 and perform skits on Saturday and Sunday. *We thank Llano Main Street for their very generous donation.*

## **T-shirts Available**

Our first T-shirts are now available. They sport our logo on the front and Cheryl Quallenberg's beautiful rendition of the jail, with bars, on the back. It also says "I escaped" on the back. Thanks, Cheryl for a great job.

## **Restoration News**

The City of Llano hired the Pat Sparks Engineering Group again (they produced our initial engineering assessment) to help us with the next phase of restoration – bracing of the front and back gables and shoring up the roof.

## Restoration News, Cont.

As you know, local contractor Dennis Masterson was hired by the City of Llano to do some immediate repair work to the roof to prevent further leakage. Mr. Masterson was there to walk through the attic with Rick Miles of the Sparks Group and they discussed the roof restoration project. Masterson had questions that Rick Miles could answer directly. He is starting work on the roof as we send this newsletter.

### What's Next?

**RESTORATION:** The window in the southwest corner of the gallows has fallen apart. The bricks below it have given out and the window has been replaced with a board. This window is a main source of leakage into the gallows and needs restoration. If any of you know someone who can restore the masonry, wood, glass or other parts of the jail to its original glory, please call Randy Farnsworth at the City of Llano. He is compiling a list of potential contractors who are willing to bid on future projects for the Red Top Jail and other City of Llano projects. The City of Llano will proceed with a standardized bidding process for all Red Top Jail restoration projects in the future. If you are interested, call Randy Farnsworth and get on the list!

Sheri Zoch contacted the Source Group in Galveston that specializes in determining accurate color matching of historical buildings. The Komatsu group suggested that they analyze the red pigment on the roof to determine the most accurate color match by Sherwin Williams or other modern day paint manufacturers. Since we have samples of the roof from the last time the LCRA bucket truck came into town, the Source Gp. thinks that they can do this for around \$550. By the way, the day-glow orange found underneath some of the steel roof could have been a primer that was often used in those early days.

*If anyone you know has any photos, either black and white or color, with the Red Top roof in the background, please let us know. This will be VITAL for an accurate color match of the roof. Check your archives!*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING.** I know, can you believe it? The next general meeting of our group is on my birthday, July 18! We will reassess our goals, vote on new board members and decide on a mission statement for our group. This will be your chance to relax, have some good food, drink and be merry with new and old friends. We will have music, BarBQ, and libations. Please come and bring your checkbook!

**HALLOWEEN:** We have already agreed to hold the next Halloween Haunted House at the Red Top together with the Llano Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Last year, we raised \$592 and the Auxiliary raised twice that. It was a win-win situation and was tons of fun! Think about your costume for this year – prison inmates, guards or ghosts are needed..... Last year was a real hoot – babies crying, grown kids howling, teenagers running out of the building! Well, it was fun!

**HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL EVENTS AT THE RED TOP?:** This could be the first year that we participate in the Heritage Days Festival (Oct. 17-18). I guess it depends on how much fun we have at the Texas Proud?

**Show your support and join up!**

### **THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE "FRIENDS OF THE LLANO RED TOP JAIL" BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**President:** *Sheri Zoch 325-248-0284*

**Vice President:** *Tom Dalrymple*

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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):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Jail tours          Events          Work parties          Fundraising*

*Organizing meetings          Painting and repairs          Accounting*

*Historical research (including recording oral histories)*

*Newsletter          Assisting with bids for contractors*

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

**Our current membership dues are \$20 individual and \$35 family (household). **We also have a new Business Membership that get's your business name on a permanent sign in front of the jail. Platinum \$1000, Gold \$500 and Silver \$100.** 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!*

