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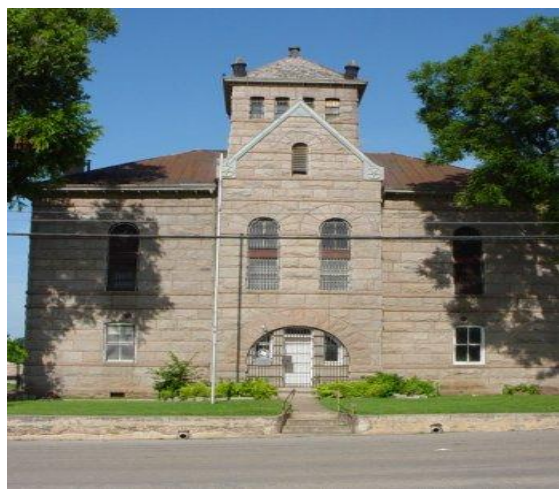
JAILHOUSE NEWS



This was a WOW month. You'll not believe what we have accomplished! October is going to be even busier, so read on...

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual General Meeting, Oct. 3. Bring your babies, their babies and friends and come to the celebration of the 2nd year anniversary of the Friends. We have officers to elect and we'll fill you in on what we've done this past year – quite a lot, actually. There will be Bar-B-Q from Cooper's and Castell General Store with fixings and dessert. Ben E. Keith has donated a keg and we will have other beverages. For entertainment, the Brazos Bottom Cow'ographers will stage the breakout of Johnny Ringo – that guy is slippery as an eel! Mike Reagor will give a jail tour, for those of you who haven't been through the jail or need a refresher. We are working on some surprises, so come and see.... We will need a few volunteers to pick up the Bar-B-Q, keg beer and help serve the food. Call Sheri, 325-248-0284.



Heritage Days Festival, Oct. 16 and 17. The Brazos Bottom Cow'ographers will stage the breakout of Johnny Ringo (I'm telling you, this guy is like a greased pig!) at the Red Top Jail during this festival – stay tuned for times. They will set up their wild west town on the courthouse square and perform skits throughout the day. The Red Top Jail will give tours on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 16 and 17. If you would like to help with this, please call Sheri at 325-248-0284. You can dress in period costume or not. We need people to man the T-shirt and donations table, as well as to give tours (we'll train). Come help us out.

Halloween Haunted House, Oct. 30 and 31. The Llano Volunteer Fire Dept. **REALLY** needs volunteers to help out on these two nights. Last year, they were short on help. We need to show our support and help shuttle kids around, if not scare the daylights out of them yourself! You can come dressed up or not. The Friends get \$1 for every \$3 ticket. It's a great fundraiser and the kids get to experience the jail in an "adaptive reuse"!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT REPORTS

Llano High School students in Mrs. Deidre Henderson's Community Services class interviewed six people who were associated with the jail (mainly jailors) and wrote reports on the interviews. You can read these reports soon on our website. Special thanks go to Gene Hall, the first interviewee (her grandparents were jailors). Also, John Hallowell taught this class how to interview and helped the students through these interviews. Michael Freeman scheduled the interviews with the classes. Thanks go to all.

GRANTWRITING NEWS

1. Preserve America Grant Awarded. We are honored to have received \$40,236 from Preserve America. The City of Llano only has to match only \$7500, since Sheri has donated her time for the rest of the “in-kind” services. President Obama has earmarked this agency for the trash can, so this may be the last time this money is available. The grant is to plan an interpretive museum at the jail, specifically, the bottom floors. We will hire a museum planning consultant, who will help us design a museum based on community involvement (senior citizens, youth and you).

Llano High School students will continue to collect oral histories of people associated with the jail. This grant will provide computers and audio/visual recording devices for this project to the school. The students will learn archival restoration of historical documents from faculty at San Angelo State University (through Ray Theiss) and will digitize photos.

The museum planning consultant will lead town hall meetings for discussion on the museum’s function. Our end goal is to create a sustainable, modern interpretive museum with traveling exhibits that will become a continual tourist attraction. The exhibits will involve the guests with things to do, as opposed to just viewing “things”.

The consultant will also plan for signage throughout town for the museum.

2. Texas Historical Commission Grant. 69 groups begged to the THC this year. Of these applicants, 17 were invited to apply for a Preservation Trust Fund Grant on 11/30. We made the cut! This grant will include the grading of the foundation around the jail to 6 inches below the crawl spaces to prevent further water damage from below. The City of Llano will do this grading for free. Thanks go to Dr. Ned Woodall, who has agreed to be the archeologist overseer for this ground disturbance. In addition, this grant application is to replace all 32 piers around the perimeter of the jail. Thanks to your support, we have matched this grant with our “Adopt-A-Pier” Campaign.

FRIENDS ADVISORY BOARD FORMED

The first meeting of our leadership advisory board was held Sept. 23 at the Library. This group was organized to help the Board of Directors “See the forest for the trees”. From the 5-year Strategic Plan designed by the LCRA for the Friends, 4 goals were identified. The Advisory Board will organize itself around committees based on these 4 goals, plus the museum planning project. The committees are thus:

1. Membership: Increase by 10%/year
2. Promotion of the Jail and its History
3. Fundraising
4. Legacy Giving for a Sustainable Museum
5. Museum Planning

The next meeting will be October 14 at the Llano Museum. The members of this group so far are: Tommy Nelms, Carole Leeder, Kim Webb, Mike Reagor, Tanya Revada, Cheryl Crabtree, Dave Franks, Inell Franks, Roger Pinckney, Sarah Franklin, Ned Woodall, Susan Cox, Phyllis Farr Alexander, Sharon Keilin and David Willmann.

The LCRA left us with specific ideas for how to accomplish each task, so we don’t have to reinvent the wheel. If you are interested in helping direct our group in any of these areas, please let Sheri know. You can become involved as little or as much as you want. It’s a chance to be creative, without necessarily getting your hands dirty.

The wheels are turning, and it’s all good!

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*

Secretary: *Sandy Shaw*

Treasurer: *Ovetra Hartman*

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Member: *Gene Hall*

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 and the Doolittle Chapel/School. 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 Work parties (cleaning/painting) Fundraising

Historical research Newsletter Events Marketing

Assisting with bids for contractors Woodworking

Other _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: (Check one and enclose \$\$\$\$)

Personal: Individual (\$20) Family (\$35)

Business: (Includes your business name on donor sign)
Silver (\$100) Gold (\$500) Platinum (\$1000)

Adopt-A-Pier (\$1200) (Your name on a permanent plaque)

Please print out this form, enclose a check and return to Sandy Shaw, 295 CR 306, Llano, TX 78643. Call Sheri Zoch at 325-248-0284 for questions, comments or ideas. THANK YOU