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JAILHOUSE NEWS

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Dear Friends,
We've been busy with the Spring Fashion Show, the Bluebell/Bluebonnet Festival and getting bids for piers. This is how it has all shaken out!

Spring Fashion Show. The Friends sponsored this year's Spring Fashion Show, which was a huge success. Local merchants strutted their stuff on stage at Inman's Oestreich Rose, showing off latest fashions available in Llano. ReTell took the cake with their "Wizard of Oz" theme. The mayor and local fire fighters and law enforcement were auctioned off as servers for the meal. We also had a silent auction and 7 tables sponsored by various businesses in town. All in all, we had a blast and made around \$2500 for the Red Top. Oh yes, we also were able to give Meals on Wheels a check for \$260. They gave us a thank you note for appreciation. **A big thank you to Binky Morgan, Julie Pici and all of the great volunteers who helped make this a big success! We're ready to do it again next year.**



Renovation Update. As of this writing, the TX Historical Commission grant has been extended to August 1 and we have 1 bid from Donny Hopson to work on the piers. His bid of \$96,350 with City assistance is higher than we originally intended, so there is about a \$16,000 shortfall. Note, this is for only half of the 32 piers.

Please contact your aldermen and mayor to show your support. We've done about all we can do to get the piers done. We need some help from the City, perhaps in terms of a loan?? Monday, June 3 is the next City Council Meeting at 5:30. If you have the time, please come to show you care for the Red Top. Also, if you have any ideas for how to raise this money, please call Frank Rowell.

More Money Raised. An additional \$5,000 was raised on short notice after the 2nd bidding cycle. Thanks go to Sandy Slocumb (RATS), Michael Heaston (2 piers!), Robin Chiesa, Dave and Inell Franks (1 pier), Llano National Bank, Sam and Jeannette McPherson (1 pier) and Sam Jones. Together, we are slowly getting this job done! Hopefully, we can start work in June on the piers. Fingers Crossed!

Blue Bell and Bluegrass Festival. Thanks to all who worked the Red Top Jail booth at this festival. We raised about \$200 and raised awareness of the old jail. We sold T-shirts, plaques and rocks. People asked if the jail was haunted (it is certified so by the Llano Historical Ghost Society). They also wanted to know if they could tour it. Sigh. Someday soon?

New Committees Forming.

At our last Friends Board of Directors meeting, we formed 5 new committees. Please call Frank Rowell if you can volunteer. This is worth reading!

Fundraising. We need help to promote and put on events to raise funds for our cause. This is your chance to come up with creative ideas to get more money. We need your ideas and expertise. Remember Sandy Shaw's "Jail House Rock"? Elvis is alive and could be rocking in Llano, making money to restore the Red Top Jail! Work it, baby!

Bylaws. Our bylaws are in disarray -- at our last Friends election, we could not even figure out what positions needed to be filled, and for how long. If you have some legal experience, or can help sort out this bundle of words, please help!

Financial. Our beloved treasurer, dear Ovetra, needs some help with yearly tax filing. An oversight committee would be helpful to keep us on the up and up. If you can manage books, please sign up.

Building. The City of Llano owns the Red Top, but the Friends need to keep an eye on renovations to ensure that all goes well. Fact is, City Staff and City Council members come and go, but the Friends are here to see this job done, and done right. We are the glue that keeps this effort rolling. If you know anything about engineering, concrete, wood, stone, metal or architecture, please sign up.

Membership. Ahhhh, our bread and butter! You, my Friend, can work hand in hand with the fundraising committee to bring in more members, or come with your own ideas! We've had booths at various festivals. Now we need spiffy brochures and membership applications. We also need a new poster for display at these booths. C'mon, can't you help?

Membership Dues Reminder.

Please remember to send in your dues to Kim. We also invite you to forward this newsletter to your friends and invite them to join. We need all the help and support we can get. The dues help support our operating budget, so we can do more events, raise funds and get the word out about our mission to restore the Red Top.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE "FRIENDS OF THE LLANO RED TOP JAIL" BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (phone nos. 325 area code)

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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. 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)

Work parties (cleaning/painting/demolition) Fundraising

Historical research Newsletter Events Marketing

Assisting with bids for contractors Woodworking

Masonry

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 made out to the Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail and return to Kim Webb PO Box 5613, Valley Spring, TX 76885. THANK YOU.