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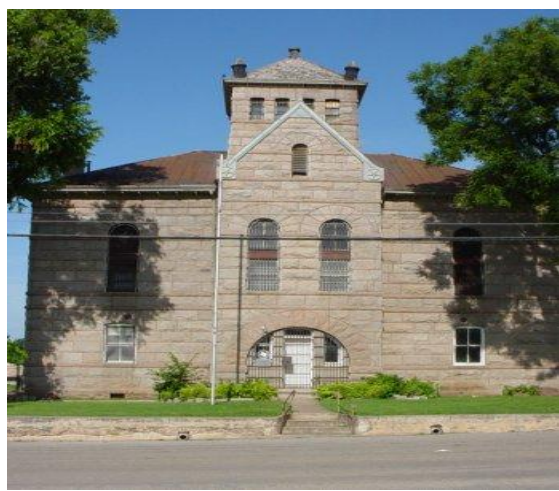
# JAILHOUSE NEWS



We've been going at breakneck speed with exciting happenings around the Red Top. The first Red Top Jail movie is about complete, the students have been coming up with oral histories and the Blue Bell and Bluegrass Festival will also feature the Brazos Bottom Cow'ographers at the Red Top. Whew!

**Bluebell and Bluegrass Festival Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29.** We will need some help with this event, so if you are in town, please volunteer (call Sandy). The Cow'ographers will set up their town behind the jail and do jail breakouts. We will need help directing people and taking in the *multiple donations!*

**We're a 501c3!** Yes, it took a few years, but we are now officially a 501c3 organization, thanks to work by Brad Hatfield and Rory Boatright. All donations previous to this designation and to come are fully tax deductible. We are now BONAFIDE! I can now write for grants that we were not eligible for before, so this is a great deal!



**Trail of the Deer is coming to the Red Top.** The Red Top will get it's very own deer, "Jailbuck", to be displayed proudly in front of the jail. We get to decorate the deer ourselves, so we will "dress" the deer in prisoner stripes, attach a ball and chain around the back hooves, and handcuff him to the flagpole. We'll be having a "deer dressing party", so anyone who wants to paint or sew or otherwise create this miscreant, call Sandy. Thanks to Robin Chiesa for this great idea.

**Next Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, May 31.** Please plan to attend (and we welcome new members) at 5:30. The topic will be "Legacy Giving", and we will have a speaker to explain how we can set this up.

**Museum Planning News.** The Toxey/McMillan Group will be coming to town on June 1 and 2 (Wed. and Thurs.) to start planning for our museum. They want to talk to anyone with memories about the jail so that they can formulate some general ideas about this museum. They are asking for anyone with photos or stories of the jail to talk to them during this time. Please call Sheri if you can sit down with them for even a few minutes, day or night.

Deal is, I wasn't here when the jail was in use, and I'm relying on you to help me out. Like the color of the Red Top roof, I want to get this right. This museum will be YOUR legacy.

Thanks to Gene Hall for providing lodging at her Century Ranch for Anne Toxey and Patrick McMillan. We love you, Gene.

## Llano High School Oral History Project News.

**I. Interview with Larry Stovall.** What a delight this man is! He told stories of growing up at the jail with his brother Butch. The students were really fascinated by his humor, the dumb things that he did as a kid, and the daily life of his mother and jailor father. We will be publishing the stories that the students are writing about all three interviews (with Kenny Hare and Sandra Overstreet) that they conducted this year in the local newspapers and upcoming Newsletters, so watch for them.

**II. Movie.** The movie about the Red Top Jail is almost complete and will be released prior to the August 12<sup>th</sup> Film Society showing. The students from Deidre Henderson's Kaleidoscope class have been working *very hard* on this movie and it is going to be a hoot! I've seen footage of Betty Graham beating that poor prisoner over the head with a pool cue, and I wouldn't want to mess with her! Credit goes to Steve Roberts and Marion Bishop for coaching this class on the basics of filming, scripting, editing, directing, production costumes and everything else involved in making a film. We plan to involve future classes in this project and edit them all into a full feature film. Thanks to Steve and Marion for their help with this project. It would not have happened without them.

### W.C. Jameson got a jail tour and.....

**CD.** Did I mention that W.C. Jameson has written a score for this movie? He has two songs that he wrote specifically for this production. In addition, he has graciously agreed to write songs for a CD about the Red Top Jail! The proceeds will go to the Friends! We are honored that this noted musician has taken an interest in our restoration project. But wait, there's more.....

**Benefit at the LanTex.** A tentative date for October 29 will feature W.C. Jameson and Friends throwing a musical benefit for the Red Top restoration. Hopefully, the new CD will be ready by then. Stay tuned.

**Next General Meeting set for October 1.** Mark your calendar for another gathering at the Red Top to celebrate what we've done. There will be another showing of the Red Top movie, free food and beer and other fun stuff. We'll also elect officers.

**Four "Friends" Receive Honors at the Chamber Gala.** Four deserving members of the Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail received special recognition awards as we "Disco'd Down in Llano Town". Cheryl Quallenberg, Robin Chiesa, Sandy Shaw and Sheri Zoch received plaques and were introduced to the crowd on May 20. Good job, girls!



Thanks to these and other great volunteers, we are making things happen at the Red Top. Keep tuned for more good things to come.

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

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

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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 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**