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JAILHOUSE NEWS



We've had a lot of fundraising activity lately and there is more planned. The Red Top Garage Sale and Heritage Days raised enough for two piers. My goal is to raise enough for donated piers to serve as matching funds for our next grant to pay for all 31 piers. We are well on our way, and I thank all of you for your generosity.

Red Top Rummage Sale. We sold a total of \$931 at the garage sale at the Red Top. In order to make this money convert to a pier (\$1200) donation, John Hallowell donated \$100. Dave and Inell Franks responded to the challenge and donated the remaining \$169. Not to be outdone, Sam Jones had to match them! Pier count is now 3. But wait! The day of the garage sale, Michael Heaston wrote us a check for \$1200! Woohoo! We're up to 4 piers at this point – *but read on!*

There were so many volunteers and donors for this first successful garage sale that I can't even begin to thank all of you. You know who you are and we appreciate everything you do.



Heritage Days. The Red Top Jail had tours from 9-2 and filled up 2 jail log pages of tourists coming from as far away as New York and Maryland. Tour participants were awed by the beauty/austerity of the jail. We raised another \$150 from donations and T-shirt sales. The Llano Uplift Archeology Society was also on hand to educate people about various Indian artifacts and to evaluate arrowheads and other treasures. Thanks to Tom, Ovetra & Jeanne.

First Red Top Art Competition. The First Annual Red Top Jail Art Competition was a success with 12 art entries. The purpose of the competition was to render the Red Top in any medium. These entries were on display at the Red Top during the Heritage Days tours. Robin Chiesa put on a fabulous display of the entries and Elisa Dalrymple and Gin Swope judged the show. Robin also donated the prizes. Thanks to all for a great first Red Top Art Contest.

I am a little embarrassed to tell you that I won first place (Sapphire is my nom de plume) with my oil painting of the gallows and roof. I have donated this to the Red Top. Binky Morgan won second place with her beautiful lamp and lampshade with a decoupage Red Top picture and other Llano vintage newspaper items. Go by her shop (Binky La Faye Antiques across the river from the Red Top) and see/buy this beautiful piece. Third place went to MaryElla Stoddard, an artist from Mason, who did a very interesting collage of the Red Top with a picture of Mike Reagor standing in the gallows, but seen through a keyhole. Sorry, folks, I bought that one!

Sherry's Dream Quilt Raffle.

The Friendship Quilters of Llano made a beautiful quilt featuring 5 Llano landmarks, including the Red Top Jail. All of the proceeds were to go to the Red Top Jail. The quilt was named "Sherry's Dream" as a memorial to Sherry Munzenmayer, a Llano quilter who died recently from cancer. James Drury, "The Virginian", picked the winning ticket. Jeff Johnson from Beaumont was the winner. His wife said she had never won anything before! We are grateful to the Friendship Quilters for their hard work and beautiful, heartfelt donation.

Guess What? We have another pier! This quilt brought \$1004, the Art Competition brought \$90 and Tour Donations and T-shirt sales brought \$150. I think Sherry may be pleased.

ADOPT-A-PIER CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

1. Sheri and Walt Zoch
2. Jeannette and Sam McPherson, for the family of Ruby and Grant McPherson
3. Michael Heaston
4. 2009 Garage Sale, Dave & Inell Franks, John Hallowell and Sam Jones
5. Friendship Quilters and 2009 Heritage Days donations

Three more piers to go! This group ROCKS!

Lillian Fowler Oil Painting Donated

Sheri Lehman, who lives behind the Red Top, donated a beautiful small painting by Lillian Fowler to be displayed in the Red Top. I placed the painting on Lillian's organ in the yellow room. It is signed and numbered by Lillian. We thank Sheri and will treasure it.

Jail Keys for Sale

Frank Rowell bought a bunch of large jail keys that look like the Red Top keys. These are now for sale at the jail and Frank's shop for \$15. Profits will go to the Red Top restoration effort. Kids think they are great! Thanks, Frank! By the way, the original Red Top Jail keys are on display at Enchanted Rocks and Jewelry. They still work in the jail cells....

Website Featuring Red Top

Brent Thacker is highlighting the Red Top on his website: www.Dipixphoto@yahoo.com. He has some great photos! Check it out.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

The Llano Volunteer Fire Dept. is putting on three nights of haunted house this year: Oct. 24, 30 and 31. I can't imagine it being any spookier this year, but they will try. If you can help scare the living daylights out of these kids or just shuffle them around the rooms, we can use you. Find a costume and come on down. The "Friends" will get \$1 for every \$3 entrance fee. Last year we netted nearly \$1000 for two nights of fun, so I expect a bigger response with three nights. I smell another pier.... Let's help out the LVFD.

TOUR COMMITTEE FORMING

Tom D. and I gave most of the tours during Heritage Days – Mike Reagor is always so busy these days, but he did manage to squeeze in one good tour. My voice gave out and my feet were about to fall off at the end of the day. We definitely need more help in giving the tours. It's not hard to learn the script, and once you do one tour, it is not so daunting. It doesn't have to be perfect and you don't have to memorize 100 facts. You don't even have to climb the stairs – we've been splitting up the dialog between outside, downstairs and upstairs. Please think about it and call me if you would like to help give tours. We will train you. My feet and voicebox thank you!

If we can get some help, we will start offering regular tours once a month on a Saturday. Seems to me, this is the most important thing that we do. Shoot, I started this group after going to one of Mike's tours, and look where we are now!

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

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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: _____

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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