

# Chalkboard Notes



## FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

### Open House Schedule:

**May 11— Cherry Mountain School**  
2866 Cherry Mountain Loop 2:00 to 7:00

**June 15—Meusebach Creek School**  
515 Kuhlmann Rd 11:00 to 4:00

**June 15—Grapetown School**  
7325 Old San Antonio Rd. 11:00 to 4:00

**August 17—Luckenbach School**  
3566 Luckenbach Rd 11:00 to 4:00

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### COOKING FOR A CAUSE

Fischer & Wieser Specialty Foods funding project for small non-profits was held in March, 2019. This partnership with Friends included a cooking class and fine dinner in their Culinary Adventure Center at Das Peach Haus. Friends were funded \$2,375 from the event! What generous support from Fischer & Wieser Specialty Foods. We are proud to be the second beneficiaries of the Fischer & Wieser program to support community work. Former Gillespie County Judges, JB Wieser and Mark Wieser, father and son, were honored with the presentation of a vintage School Award of Appreciation for their work as Gillespie County Country School Superintendents. Judge Mark Wieser accepted this Award. Friends thank Fischer & Wieser for their generous support.



**FRIENDS QUARTER CHALLENGE** was completed at the April 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ to benefit Friends Endowment Fund. Our goal to break the \$13,000 mark was satisfied with the addition of over \$230 in quarter gathering in old fruit jars by members throughout the year. The winner with the most quarters will be announced soon and a loaf of homemade bread presented to the winner. Thanks to all of our coin collectors!



### ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER and OPEN HOUSE

Weekend was a success on April 6 and 7: A tradition with Gillespie County country schools, the BBQ provided additional funding for early country schools and a time to meet, visit, see a play, or "rope goats". Each family contributed as they could to make the BBQ a success in raising money for their school and for coming together as a community. The 1935 Cherry Spring School ad on the left says it all. Friends 2019 BBQ grossed over \$10,000 to continue the Mission of "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future". Funds assist our 12 schools/community clubs in maintaining and restoring schoolhouses and continue their use to serve their rural communities.

Thanks to all our volunteers, community support, price drawing ticket purchases, and silent auction bidders and for ALL donations that made it happen.

1935 Ad from

the Fredericksburg Standard Archives

### Cherry Spring School 50th

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.  
— at —

### Cherry Spring School House

The program for the day will include: Goat Roping at 10:30 A. M. Roll Call of Former Students at 1:00 P. M. Children's Program from 2 to 4. Adults Program at 7:30 P. M. Music all day.

Barbecue for Dinner & Supper. Former teachers, students and general public cordially invited  
The Trustees.

**FRIENDS ADOPT** Gillespie County: Certificate of Adoption from the TEXAS ALMANAC: The Source for ALL things Texan since 1857 was received and have been placed in each of our schoolhouses. The TEXAS ALMANAC website receives over 4,000,000 views annually. These viewers can link to Friends' website to learn how we support the Texas-wide historical preservation projects and what Friends do in Gillespie County to preserve and use our historical schools. [www.TexasAlmanac.com/adopt](http://www.TexasAlmanac.com/adopt)

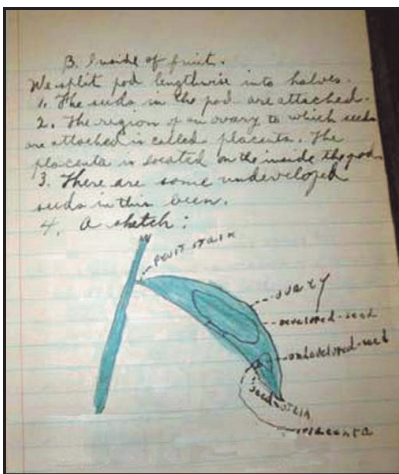
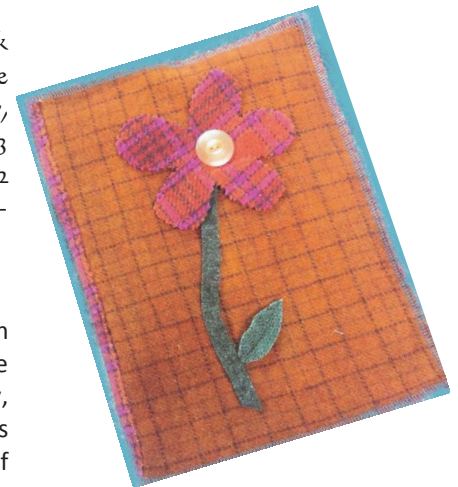
**Pioneer Memorial Library Display publicizes Annual BBQ and shares Friends Archives & Artifacts Project. Display near library front desk in two cases full of Friends artifacts focused on early chalkboard items and school books, a mix of donations and items from several of our schools. Thank you Pioneer Memorial Library.**



**CSAA CONVENTION 2019:** June 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> at Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD, just south of the city of Frederick, MD, and just outside our Nation's Capital. Friends are members or CSAA. The Country School Association of America has invited Friends to present a poster of the Smithsonian Institution's "Many Voices, ONE NATION" Exhibit which includes Gillespie County Country Schools. Single-room schools were important in assimilation of citizens and patriotism—called the Americanization Movement. For more information, visit [www.countryschoolassociation.org](http://www.countryschoolassociation.org).

**IN A NUT SHELL**

**JOURNALING WORKSHOP**, Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30am to Noon, at Wrede School, at 3828 So State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg, TX. Registration required: mail \$8 check to Wrede School % Violet Ottmers, 2011 Center Point Rd; Fredericksburg, TX 78624 before April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Facilitator, Rhonda Wiley-Jones, formerly at Iowa State University, now residing in Kerrville, TX offers fun , interactive journaling workshops for ages 13 through adults to develop journaling-skills for summer vacation. Workshop limited to 12 participants, so register early. Journal with handmade cover will be presented to each participant. See [www.historicschools.org](http://www.historicschools.org) for more information.



**Country Schools** continue to plant trees with donation of 14 trees by James Perez, Tree Care Specialist. The Texas Native Plant Society helped the Willow City, Wrede, Luckenbach, and Meusebach Creek Schools complete planting in March. Nature study, part of country school curriculum, was hands-on learning by planting, learning tree and plant names, studying them by pressing leaves and drawing and labeling each part. Willow City School presented a flower pressing event after the tree planting during their Open House event on March 16<sup>th</sup> and exhibited an original student botany-biology notebook from their Archives completed by Gillespie County student Clarence Striegler in early 1920's.

**Science notebook by Clarence Striegler, c. 1920-24. Hand illustrated**

Readers and Members: Please give your suggestions for CHALKBOARD Notes; we want to serve you better.

Contact Directors-at-Large, Jane Woellhof at 830-990-8059 or Don Spraggins at 830-456-3956, to submit newsletter items.

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*OUR MISSION: Preserving the past to enrich the future.*

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