

Chalkboard Notes



FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

BRAIN TEASER

CONNECT THE SCHOOL NAME WITH THE FACT THAT FITS THAT SCHOOL. THIS SHORT HISTORY LESSON WAS SHARED WITH US BY RAYNELL WILKE AND FRANCES HEIMANN. REFER TO YOUR COPY OF GILLESPIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SCHOOL BOOK, IS THERE ONE IN OUR LIBRARY?

- ____ 1. Cave Creek
 - ____ 2. Cherry Spring
 - ____ 3. Crabapple
 - ____ 4. Lower South Grape Creek
 - ____ 5. Luckenbach
 - ____ 6. Meusebach Creek
 - ____ 7. Nebgen
 - ____ 8. Pecan Creek
 - ____ 9. Rheingold
 - ____ 10. Willow City
- A. Foot race determined land donor
B. Land donated by Taylor
C. Land donated by Ebert
D. On Lochte property
E. Bought land from Pehl for \$4.00
F. Bought for \$59 from Wehmeyer
G. Was Friedrich house
H. Land donated by Bratherich
I. Donated by Hardin & Lindeman
J. Land donated by Gold

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SMITHSONIAN NOTES

As students continue learning at home, remember school closings are nothing new. In the early 1900s, “closing school for short periods was common, and people understood quarantine because disease was more prevalent with little or no availability of vaccines.” Written by Debbie Schaefer-Jacobs, Smithsonian Staff. She is a friend and supporter of our group.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Country School Association of America (CSAA) website: This photo



is part of a short report on the Vereins Kirche used as a school and honored with the CSAA Landmark Plaque. ASSIGNMENT: How many CSAA Landmark Plaques are on Gillespie County schoolhouses?

Bernice Weinheimer and Frances Heimann with Richard Lewis of CSAA.

BAREFEET, SHOES & SOCKS

We're preparing a special display to tell the story of students' bare feet, socks, and shoes in our country schools. Please give me your stories about going barefoot to school, your special shoes, or your sock memories. I have almost finished hand knitting socks from patterns that match the year each of our schoolhouses was built.

For example, we have an 1847 hand knitted pair of socks as well as socks knitted from vintage patterns, early children's shoes, and photos of barefoot students in Gillespie County country schools. Here is a short barefoot story by an 1882 student: "...first thing I remember on my first day of school was that the schoolyard had been freshly mowed and the stubble was terribly sharp on my bare feet—yes, it was the usual procedure for boys to go barefoot until it got cold..." We'll also need old photos with barefoot students! Email your bare feet, shoes, socks stories, and photos to me at jane423@austin.rr.com

The complete exhibit can be used for an OPEN HOUSE event—we'll be ready.





A pair of (circa) 1847 cotton child's socks, hand knitted. They were knitted in the same year as the opening of the Vereins Kirche which served as the first school in Gillespie County. These show the darning and repair to "make-do" that was part of country school life and teaching. A lady who grew up near Johnson City gave Jane Woellhof these and one other pair of hand knitted socks.

FRIENDS ENDOWMENT 2021

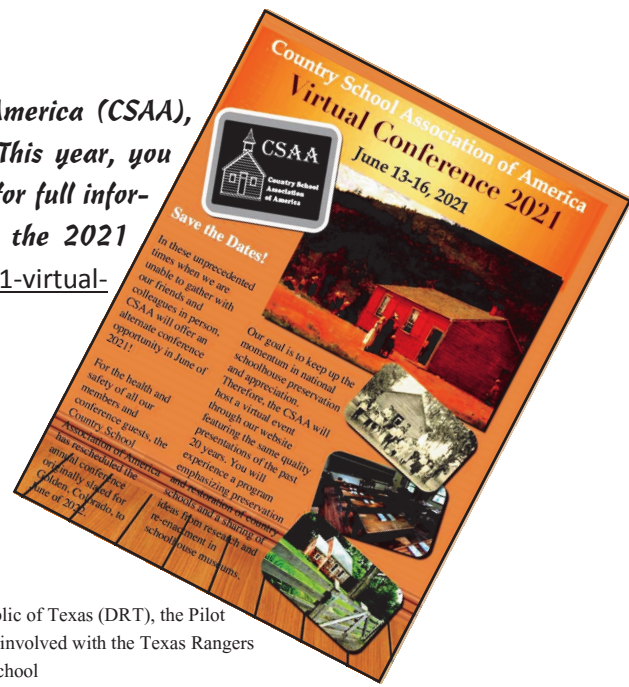
Our 2020 Endowment Goal of \$16,000 was achieved in 2020—in fact, the Quarter Challenge added \$400.92 to Friends Endowment this fall.



Our new balance is \$17,211.73! **THANK YOU** for supporting Friends Endowment with your Quarter and change collections. The 2021 **GOAL** is \$18,000. **SAVE** your **QUARTERS** and change for Friends Endowment. We'll collect them next Fall 2021. Begin collecting your quarters and place in a fruit jar on top of your kitchen cabinet to remind and inspire you! Thank you Dr. Alice White for establishing this Endowment.

CSAA NATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE IN JUNE

As members and previous hosts to the Country School Association of America (CSAA), the Friends continue to support and participate in CSAA conferences. This year, you will not have travel expenses since you'll attend online. Click this **LINK** for full information. There is still time to submit a paper proposal/presentation for the 2021 CSAA Conference. <https://www.countryschoolassociation.org/2021-virtual-conference.html>



- Answers:
 1. - C 2. - H 3. - A 4. - F 5. - E
 6. - D 7. - B 8. - G 9. - J 10. - I

The quiz was shared by Jeanne Baxter Wallace who is involved with the local chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), the Pilot Knob Extension Club, Ladies EAA club, and Holy Ghost Lutheran Church. Jeanne's husband (1939-2020) was involved with the Texas Rangers Foundation Center. Folks can also find the answers by using the www.HistoricSchools.org webpages for each school

QUOTE OF THE Quarter: "Make it a habit to be prepared". *Unknown author*

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

Contact Director-at-Large, Jane Woellhof at 830-990-8059 to submit newsletter items.

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