

CHALKBOARD Notes - Winter 2014

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The CHALKBOARD Notes is brought to you by the Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools (FGCCS) as a supplement to our annual eNewsletter, CHALKBOARD.

1. Since 2011, our volunteers have contributed to the annual **Lend-a-Hand Project** by hand knitting and donating tiny mittens and socks to sell as Christmas ornaments, which you will find at three locations in Fredericksburg: Peach Basket, at 334 W. Main, and Circle E Candles stores, at 119 E. Main and 4181 E. US Highway 290.

2. The Fall 2014 issue of **Preservation Magazine's** has a wonderful article on the preservation and use of historic schools in Montana. Our goal is to have an article in a future issue.
3. In September 2014, we drove to **Mason** to visit a group of preservationists working to save the historic country schools in their area. We were delighted to share, encourage, and learn from them.
4. Several Friends members have worked hard to update our **Bylaws**. This important work is so vital to our ability to function and to stay up to date. Thank you Bylaws committee.
5. We want to thank Kevin Spraggins, of Vordenbaum Engineering Inc., for gifting us with **structural assessments** of our historic schools. The value of this gift is two-fold . . . first it protects the buildings and lets us prioritize our restoration projects. Then it allows us to request grants for specific restoration projects.
6. **Lower South Grape Creek School** repaired their floors and painted their bell tower.
7. **Willow City School** has been painting and completing inside restoration.
8. Ada Wilke, with **Williams Creek (Albert) School**, hand quilted a Dick and Jane Quilt for our annual Fundraiser and BBQ scheduled for April 12, 2015. A set of Dick and Jane readers will accompany the quilt.
9. Tammy Keener and her committee is working on adding "**way finding**" signs for as many schools as possible . . . coordinated with the County and utilizing a County HOT Funds Grant.
10. Beginning February 10, 2015, the **Willow City Painted Curtain Project** will be under the direction of preservationist Anne Zanniko, along with the helping hands of many volunteers from Die Künstler von Fredericksburg Art Guild. We'll produce a manual to guide others in curtain restoration. To volunteer on this project, call 830-990-8059.
11. The 2016 conference of the national **Country Schools Association of America** will be held at the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas, on June 19-22, 2016.
12. Our **2015 officers** will be: President: Dennis Robertson; Vice President: Doris Spraggins; Secretary: Frances Heimann; and Treasurer: Patsy Hauptrief.

Best wishes for the Holidays from the Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools. "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future".

Visit our website at www.historicschools.org to renew or to begin your membership .

Jane Woellhof and Doris Spraggins
Directors at Large

*The Friends of
Gillespie County Country*



2015 Historic Schools
OPEN HOUSE
SCHEDULE

	JANUARY 17 Nebgen	
	FEBRUARY 14 Cave Creek	
	MARCH 7 Pecan Creek	
	APRIL 11 Grapetown Lower So. Grape Creek Luckenbach Meusebach Creek Williams Creek (Albert) Junction	
	APRIL 12 Barbecue Fundraiser Fredericksburg, TX	
	MAY 9 Cherry Mountain	
	JUNE 13 Willow City Crabapple	
	JULY 4 Wrede	
	SEPTEMBER 12 Cherry Spring	
	OCTOBER 3 Rheingold	