

Chalkboard Notes, March 2016

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Dear Member At Large:

Country school teachers taught good study habits - good habits for life: make a plan, gather material, set a goal, go to work, and stay on task until you get the job done! My country school teacher, Miss Clara, would give the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools an "A" for following those rules.

Things we are working on include the following:

1. **Our Open House schedule for 2016 is set.** You can pick up our monthly open house rack card at the CVB or visit our website at www.historicschools.org.
 - January began with the Nebgen School open house. Visitors were welcomed with the famous Mulberry Wine.
 - In February, Cave Creek School hosted an open house on February 27. They held a pie tasting featuring recipes from the first half of the 1900's. The school recently completed interior painting, restoration of its teacherage, pavilion, and an addition of a bird watching station. Original text books that were used during the school's active days from 1881 until 1950 were on display for public viewing.

2. April welcomes our Annual Open House and BBQ Fundraiser.

- Our Open House event will include six historic schools, each of which will be open on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Directions can be found on our Friends' Country School Driving Trail brochure and map. The schools slated to be open are: Cherry Spring School, Pecan Creek School, Junction School, Wrede School, Crabapple School, and Cherry Mountain School.
- Our Annual BBQ Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. until "Sold Out", at the American Legion Hall, located on Hwy 87 South. Meal plates will be available for pick up in drive-thru or by dining in the Hall. We are collecting donated items for the Prize Drawing Giveaway raffle. Tickets are \$1 per chance.

3. **The 16th Annual Country School Association of America National Conference**, hosted by the Friends, is slated to be held at the Pioneer Museum on June 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2016. For complete information, visit the CSAA website at www.CountrySchoolAssociation.org or the Friends website. The conference includes a Sunday afternoon Self-Driving Tour of Schools open to the public and to CSAA attendees from 12:30-4:30 p.m. To begin the tour, pick up a Tour packet at the CVB or at Noon on June 19 at the Pioneer Museum Social Hall. You decide the route and how you wish to drive. For questions, contact Jo Jacoby Jenschke, 830-997-2763, or Mary Heinemann Roye, 830-990-9109.



- Registration: Noon to 5:30 p.m., including conference packet & special Texas Book Bag & Key Chain.
- Self Drive School Tour: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. – map and instructions to visit eight additional Gillespie County Country Schools and drive the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Contact one of our local taxi/shuttle services if you would like to make this a fun afternoon with other CSAA members & friends. NOTE: These 8 country schools will not be on the bus tour and will only be open from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. for CSAA 2016 Attendees and the public.
- Reception for CSAA Attendees: Noon to 5:30 p.m. An opportunity to taste Texas Hill Country Wines with a selection of meats and cheeses compliments of Texas Hill Country Wineries and Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools.

4. **Schoolgirls Sampler Exhibit** held in collaboration with the Pioneer Museum and the Country School Association of America Conference will open on May 2 and run through July 30, 2016. Over 40 historic and contemporary samplers (almost all owned by Gillespie County residents) will be on display to demonstrate the educational benefits of making these samplers.



5. **Next newsletter:** Report of the engineering assessments of our member schools being completed by our Member at Large Kevin Spraggins of Vordenbaum Engineering, Inc and assisted by Director at Large, Don Spraggins.
6. **Next issue:** Report on Dr. Alice White Endowment for the Friends and how it gives the Friends stability and sustainability for now and the future—courage to move forward. Thank you Dr Alice White for a generous gift and for your leadership.

Visit the Friends website at www.historicschools.org for more complete information.

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Country School Association of America
2016 National Convention

June 19 - 22, 2016

Pioneer Museum
325 W. Main
Fredericksburg, Texas



WHITE OAK SCHOOL
(Located on the Pioneer Museum Complex)

THEME:
"On the Land, Learning at Hand"

SPECIAL EXHIBIT:
Schoolgirls Samplers

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