

CHALKBOARD Notes - Spring 2015

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CHALKBOARD Notes is brought to you by the Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools (FGCCS). We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting activities .

1. Mable Wilke and Frances Heimann kept great records of volunteers for Willow City School Painted Curtain Project. Over 50 volunteers assisted in the conservation and hanging of the curtain. Many of these came to us from Die Künstler von Fredericksburg art group, so we had high level of artist skills. More about the Curtain Project in the annual Newsletter in early June . . . the whole story of the work, the funding, the result, and a photo is planned. We are working on the guideline booklet about the project to share with other curtain owners. Some of the school restoration and repairs' notes will appear in each Chalkboard.
2. The **Wrede School** finished their lighted flag pole area which can be seen from Hwy 16 South. The **Cave Creek School** is currently repairing their teacherage where teachers lived. They have also painted the inside of the school, adding a professionally-painted ABC's above their chalkboard. **Cherry Spring School** painted their walls and worked on the pavilion floors, discovering the need to replace the original cedar posts. A bid of \$45K has been received to replace the posts to make it safe. **Meusebach Creek School** painted their ceiling, repaired a crack, and cleared the brush line with their neighbor.

3. The **Open House** events for April and May are:

- **April 11th** (6 schools: Grapetown, Lower South Grape Creek, Luckenbach, Meusebach Creek, Williams Creek (Albert), and Junction Schools).
- **May 9th** (Cherry Mountain School).

Rack cards with the 2015 schedule can be picked up at the Convention Visitors Center or visit our website at www.historicschools.org. You can also find the open houses on the Preservation Magazine Online Calendar of Events, along with a map and GPS info.

4. The **White Oak School**, one of our associate member schools, is open all year round at the Pioneer Musuem, known as an Open Air or Freilicht Museum, with a collection of buildings and activities. You'll learn of and enjoy the overall experience of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County heritage. Stop by for a visit.
5. The **Country Schools Association of America (CSAA)** has selected Fredericksburg, Texas, as the site for their June, 2016, national convention. Our CSAA committee is: Dennis Robertson, Doris Spraggins, Mary Roye, Jo Jenschke, Dana Moellering, Mary Pressler, and Jane Woellhof. We have three helpers from the CVB: Jan Musgrove, overall assistance, and Amanda Koone and Julia Ermlich, publicity assistance. Google CSAA and take a look at their website.
6. Our **Annual Fundraiser** weekend begins with six Open House events on Saturday, April 11th, followed by our BBQ and Raffle on Sunday, April 12th, at the American Legion Hall, South Hwy 87, Fredericksburg, TX. Inside dining or drive through begins at 11 a.m. until SOLD OUT! Be sure to come inside and purchase some raffle tickets, see the prizes, and visit with friends or meet a new neighbor. Jo Jenschke has worked very hard to have the best prizes and Louis is our BBQ King again this year. See our posters around town or go to our website for more information.



We look forward to seeing you at our Open Houses and/or our Annual BBQ. Wishing you a wonderful Spring & Summer season from the Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools. "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future".

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