

# Chalkboard Notes



## FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Open House Schedule for:  
First Quarter 2018

Sat. January 20 11-4

Nebgen-Koch käse and süßer Reis

Sat. February 17 11 - 4

Cave Creek-Antique cars  
Transportation to school

Sat. March 17 11-4

Willow City-Handwriting &  
Stage Curtain Restoration Project  
Crabapple-Teacherage tour, old  
fashioned games, wildlife  
watering station

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Annual Open House Tour

Sat. April 7

Lower South Grape Creek  
Luckenbach  
Meusebach Creek  
Williams Creek (Albert)  
Grapetown

*More information and map at  
[www.historicschools.org](http://www.historicschools.org)*

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### UNIQUE ACTIVITIES SLATED FOR OPEN HOUSE

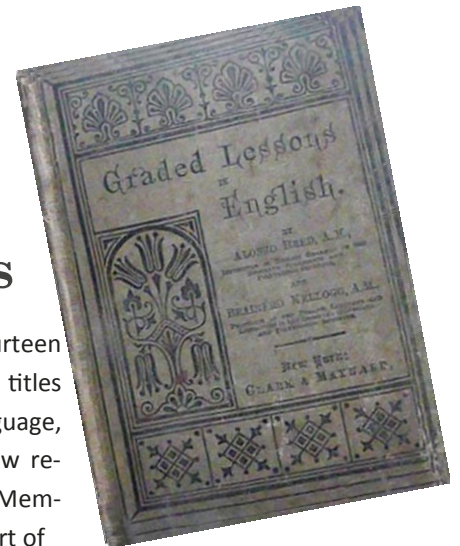
OPEN HOUSE events this year will feature a topic or activity. For example, Nebgen School will introduce you to koch käse and süßer Reis, two German foods that school children loved. About 70 years ago one country school student brought fried possum for all 18 students! Most students never forgot that meal!

An e-Blast poster is sent to members shortly before each Open House. The 2018 Open House rack cards are ready. Dalton Fromme, graphic artist, designs these for Friends each year to be placed around the county, on our website, and at Texas Visitor Centers by TX Department of Transportation, County Courthouse, Fredericksburg CVB, and member schools/community centers. Yes, *one belongs on your refrigerator!*

## Fourteen Early SCHOOL BOOKS Donated to Friends

Victoria Meyer, formerly of Houston, sent us fourteen school books dating from the late 1800's. Book titles include history, geography, arithmetic, language, spelling science, and handwriting. Victoria now resides in Annapolis, Maryland, and is a Friends Member-at-Large. These books are inventoried as part of

our Archives/Artifact Project. All are in English except for one in French and two in German. These books can be utilized in Open House events, teaching events and research. We appreciate the Meyer School book donation.



### REPORT: DEC. 2017 BAKE SALE

It was a great success with many thanks to our volunteer workers and volunteer bakers and the generous help from Chase Bank and the East End Short Stop and West End Short Stop for providing sales locations. Jo Jenschke, chairperson, stated the funds assist projects at all twelve member schools.

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## ANNUAL FRIENDS BBQ FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

**11:00 AM until sold out!**

**American Legion Hall**

**Hwy. 87 South, Fredericksburg, Texas**

**POSTER coming soon!**

**Raffle, silent auction, great food and friends!**

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**TEXAN BEN SHACKLETTE, FRIENDS MEMBER-AT-LARGE AND COUNTRY SCHOOL RESEARCHER**

Ben Schacklette will be a presenter at the Country School Association of America (CSAA) National Conference in Beatrice, Nebraska in June. His presentation topic is “German architectural features in historic Gillespie County Country Schools”. Many members have worked with Ben Schacklette, AIA, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University since he began his research with Friends in 2002. His work includes detailed digital architectural drawings, structure reports, oral histories of former students and German cultural influences in Gillespie County rural education. Many of his research papers will be placed in the Friends Archives/Artifacts Project after his CSAA presentation. Learn more at [www.country-schoolassociation.org](http://www.country-schoolassociation.org).

**PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP:** “Gillespie County Helps Save Historic Country Schools” article in the Sept/Oct 2017 County magazine is posted at <https://www.historicschools.org/press-releases.html> webpage by Friends’ webmaster, Kay Guenther. This three page article describes a unique public-private partnership to preserve history — our mission:

**To preserve history to enhance the future.**



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