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FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

SECOND QUARTER 2025

Annual BBQ Meal and Raffle/Prize
Giveaway Drawing Benefit,
Sunday, April 6, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Pecan Creek School Open House,
Sat. April 26, 2025, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cherry Mountain School Open House
and Annual Afternoon Auction &
Evening BBQ Meal Fundraiser,
Sat. May 10, 2025, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Williams Creek (Albert) School
Barbecue Fundraiser,
Sat. May 10, 2025, 6 p.m.

Grapetown School Open House,
Saturday, June 7, 2025,
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Luckenbach School Open House,
Sat. June 7, 2025, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meusebach Creek School Open
House, Saturday, June 7, 2025,
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**See: www.historicschools.org
for information.**

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Friends Annual Fundraiser

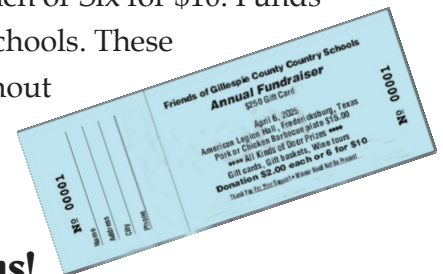
April 6, 2025 Drive thru begins at 10:30 until sold out

American Legion Hall, 726 S Washington Street

Fredericksburg, Texas

\$15.00 PLATES TO GO ONLY- BBQ Chicken or Pork Meal.

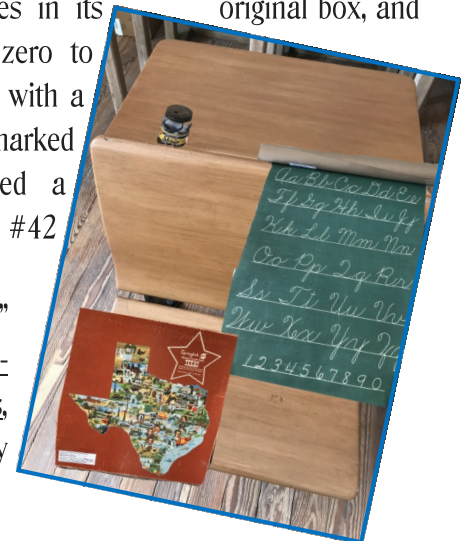
Prize Drawing with great prizes. Tickets are available from Friends GCCS members and by emailing Frances Heimann at fheimann@ctesc.net . Tickets are \$2 each or Six for \$10. Funds are used to maintain our 12 historic schools. These former rural schools are used throughout the year for club meetings, community events and rental events.

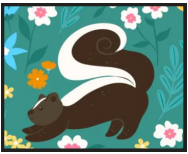


A Treasure Trove of Donations!

Donations of early schoolbooks and teaching items were received from Carolyn Sowell and Sally Murray of Lubbock, Texas, and were added to our archival inventory. Our country schools were offered the opportunity to select items that they wanted to display at their schools. Included was a Woodstock Standard manual typewriter with plastic cover. The last patent date listed on this machine was November 13, 1923. Also donated was an early country school desk, small/lower grade size. The desk top has a cut-out for the ink well and a cut-out for a pencil. Other items were a Springbok jigsaw puzzle map of Texas with more than 500 pieces in its original box, and a cursive alphabet chart with numbers zero to nine. There was also an oil burning lamp with a reflector and a hook to hang on a wall marked Lamplighter Co. Smaller items included a Scheaffer's Skrip Ink bottle (Washable Ink #42 Blue), a Higgins drawing ink bottle with

dropper, a New Banker fountain pen, dated 1920-1930, three dip pens, and a 5" mechanical pencil plus several more items. Among the books were the Elson Reader, Fifth Grade, A Primary History of the United States, Ray's Mathematical Series, Country Life Reader, and My Very Own Fairy Stories. Thank you Carolyn and Sally for your generous donation.





A Smelly School Session!

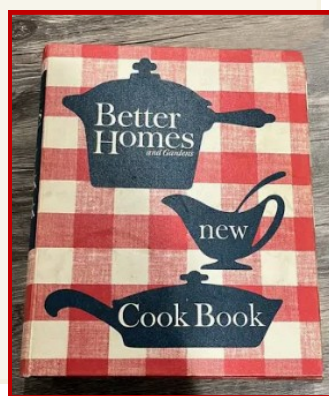
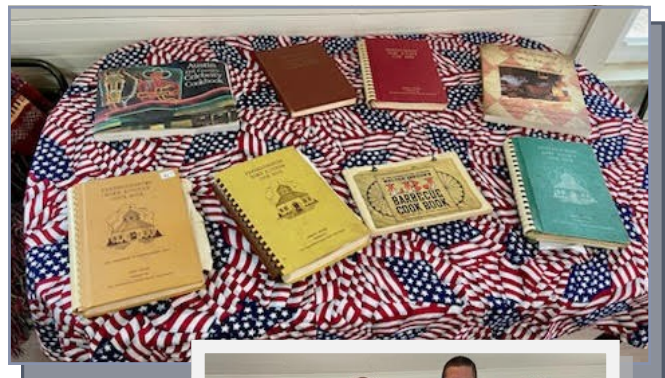
The Wrede Community Club's scheduled meeting on February 21, 2025, had to be changed at the last minute after discovering that a skunk had taken residence under the schoolhouse floor. The meeting was moved to the home of club members, Kim and Mark Gibbs.

Speakers for the evening were Jamey and Terri Vogel of Vogel Orchards who told the group about peach growing and production in the Hill Country. It was a delightful and "odor free" evening with Larry and Violet Ottmers hosting the meal.



Nebgen School Family Recipes and Old Cookbooks

Nebgen School hosted an Open House on January 25, 2025. Their theme was showcasing old cookbooks and family recipes that were used in their homes. Featured were the Better Homes Cookbook (recognizable by its distinct red and white cover and a staple in homes during the 1950's) and three Fredericksburg cookbooks that featured the Vereins Kirche on their front covers, plus a collection of handwritten recipes and clipped recipes taped in a small notebook. Visitors enjoyed browsing the vintage books and hearing about the differences in cooking styles then and now.



Contact Director-at-Large: Jim Lindley at 830-997-2103 to submit newsletter items.

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+To further the preservation and maintenance of historic community school buildings in Gillespie County

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