

Chalkboard Notes

FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE SECOND QUARTER 2026

Pecan Creek School,

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cherry Mountain School,

Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Williams Creek School,

Saturday, May 9, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Grapetown School,

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meusebach Creek,

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lower South Grape Creek School,

Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Luckenbach School,

Saturday, June 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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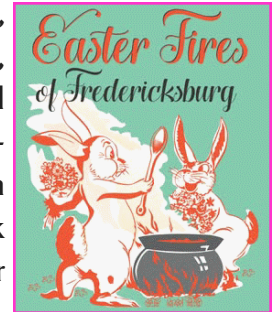
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Another Fredericksburg Tradition!

It's a story of bunnies and Indians, history and legend, and the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association, Inc., is rekindling the telling of that chapter in local history with the presentation of the Easter Fires of Fredericksburg Pageant. The pageant will be presented on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 4, beginning at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds in Fredericksburg.

<https://gillespiefair.com/easter-fires>



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"FUN AFTER FIVE"

The FoGCCS and the Pioneer Museum shared a space at the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Fun after Five for non-profits. The event was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Heritage School, 310 Smokehouse RD. Many non-profits shared their missions with the large number of attendees. Hondo's served their delicious soups, several non-profits gave door prizes, and some served beverages. Jo Jenschke, Doris Spraggins, and Nelda Roessler represented our group and Jenny Immel along with McKenzie Moellering were there for Pioneer Museum. All-in-all, it was great exposure for our organization and lots of fun!

Wrede School



Members and guests at the Wrede February & March meetings heard family histories dating back to the 1800's from Violet Herbolt



Ottmers on the Herbolt family and from Janet Ernst Sedwick & Kermit Ernst on the Ernst family.

Ancestors of both families attended Wrede School. Each month another family from the area will be honored.



Sunday, April 12, 2026: FoGCCS Annual Pork or Chicken BBQ Meal and Raffle/Prize Giveaway Benefit 10:30 a.m. till sold out. \$15 per plate. American Legion Hall.
Drive Thru To Go Plates Only

Great Food!

Great Prizes!



Cherry Spring School



Submitted by Sarah Nichols

On the first weekend in January the Cherry Spring Schoolhouse was the base site for this year's annual Youth Hunt, led by JP Bach and Gillespie county biologist Joyce Moore. The 8 young hunters were taken to several Cherry Spring Wildlife Management Association member's properties where they harvested 9 deer.



Activities also included a school tour, range shooting, a Schützenfest, sausage making and training on data collection needed for processing the deer.



Nebgen School

On the coldest weekend of the year, Nebgen had many visitors at their open house to view a collection of antique toys on display.



In Hot Water

It is often the bane of our existence when dealing with historic buildings and limited budgets. That is why we cringed at Pecan Creek when the hot water in the pavilion suddenly was NOT. The water heater is over 10 years old. We checked the breakers and everything appeared in order. It appeared we would have to replace the unit - and that was going to be almost \$1,000 based on initial research conducted by Eric Voigt, club president.

The next thought was to check the outlet that powered the water heater. Enter Jim Ellis, club VP, and his voltage meter. He determined that the outlet was still functional. Further investigation determined that there were TWO sets of breakers for the water heater. Once the second set of breakers was returned to the "on" position, we were back in business - no cash outlay was necessary.



Story and photo by Jennifer Voigt

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OUR MISSION: Preserving the past to enrich the future.

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

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