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FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE FIRST QUARTER 2026

Nebgen School Open House, Sat., January 31, 2026, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cave Creek School Open House, Sat., January 31, 2026, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Willow City School Open House, Sat., March 21, 2026, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

See: www.historicschools.org
for information.

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Friends Endowment Fund

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ZWEITE WEIHNACHTEN AN ANNUAL GERMAN TRADITION

After Christmas, Germans observe Zweite Weihnachten, the 2nd Christmas Day. It's a quiet day for rest, reflection, family, and leftovers.

The annual German tradition, Zweite Weihnachten ("Second Christmas") was sponsored by the Fredericksburg German Club, The Gillespie County Historical Society, and the V.G. Montabaur Sister City Verein Club. The event included food, drink, music and fellowship. There was also traditional baked Stollen and warm Glühwein along with the singing of carols in both German and English. The decorations were beautiful and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all.



Photo courtesy of Carolyn Vogel



Annabel Wilkinson

Left to Right on stage, Karen Loeffler, Mollye Long, Jan Thuel and Regina Rosenwinkle. Musicians played the dulcimer, pennywhistle and accordion. (Fredericksburg Radio Standard)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 12, 2026: FoGCCS Annual BBQ Meal and Raffle/Prize Giveaway Benefit

FoGCCS Board Meeting

The October meeting of the board was hosted by the Luckenbach School. Officers for 2026 were elected. They are: President - Jo Jenschke, Vice President - Marjorie Otte, Secretary - Frances Heimann, and Treasurer - Patsy Hauptrief. The meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by the Luckenbach members. Thanks for hosting!



Rheingold School

Trunk or Treat Open House

Our open house was held from 5:30-7:00. We had 6 trunks including Willow City Church, Willow City Volunteer Fire Dept., 4-H (Raylie Beyer), and some club members. We had 11 trick or treaters and about 20 visitors that accompanied them. The club agreed that we were happy with the turn out of our Trunk or Treat Open House. We decided that we would like to do it again for our open house in 2026.



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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