

One Page History Lesson From Friends Country Schools

1847



Vereins Kirche:
The first Public School
in Gillespie County.

1950s

TWELVE
Community Clubs
Maintained Schools
Without Tax \$\$\$\$.

2001

PROPOSITION 13

Known as
the Friends' Bill,
Passed the Texas
Legislature; Voters
Approved an
Amendment to the
Texas Constitution.

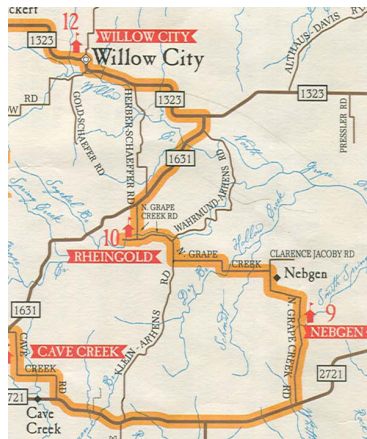
2006

Country School
Driving Trail
is Official.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL RESTORATIONS:

Drilled 12 Wells;
Restored: Roofs,
Windows, Pavilions,
Fences and some
Teacherages;
Painted;
Repointed Walls.
Added Mini-Kitchens,
Water Systems,
Bird Viewing Areas.

Next 100 Years



There were 44
Country School Districts
and Schools
in Gillespie County.

1949

Gilmer-Aiken Bill

Consolidated
School
Districts.

1950-1960s



Country Schools Closed.

1999

Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools

Organized as a Non-Profit 501 (c) 3 status:

A Permanent Grassroots Solution

to Saving the Country Schools.

Friends Establish Website www.historicschools.org

2002

Schools' Ownership
Moved to
Gillespie County
Commissioner's Court.

Since 2002

16 Annual BBQs and Raffles Held.
180 School Open House Events.

2015

Dr. Alice White

Friends Endowment Established
with a goal of \$20,000.

2016

Friends Membership is Over 600.
\$1,200 Average Expense per School to Open Doors.
Hosted National CSAA Conference.
10,735 Country School Visitors.

Friends of Gillespie County Country



2015-2016



Willow City School
Painted Stage Curtain
Conservation.

INSIDE SCHOOL CONSERVATIONS:

Repaired Floors, Ceilings,
Painted Walls.
Archives/Artifacts Project:
44 School History
Notebooks;
Digitizing Early Records,
Scan Early Photos.
Increased Rentals.