

Chalkboard Notes

FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE THIRD QUARTER 2026

Wrede School

Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cherry Spring School

Saturday, Sept 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Williams Creek School

Saturday, Sept 26, Fish Fry 6 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

Crabapple, Homecoming Worship
Service and Noon Meal Celebration
and Crabapple School Open House

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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for information.

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Two More Traditions!

4th of July Parade: Originally started in 1991 by a group of community-minded friends, this small-town patriotic parade has grown over the years to be loved by many. The parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. on July 4th, and heads east on Main Street to the Nimitz Museum. It then makes a U-turn and goes west on Main all the way to Bowie Street.



Come out for this great Fredericksburg Fourth of July tradition. Every entry is decorated with red, white, and blue. Bring your lawn chairs for a great seat along Main Street or use the tailgate of your pick-up.

The 2026 Fourth of July Parade will be available via live stream by FBG.LIVE. Click the link below.

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138TH GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR THURSDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 27-30

The 138th Fair is returning! This year, we will host the final two days of pari-mutuel horse racing on Saturday and Sunday. All traditional livestock shows will be featured once again. We invite you to participate in the Race Day Classic or the Open Cattle Show. Attendees can also enjoy a variety of agricultural displays and additional exhibits throughout the fairgrounds.

Join us for a weekend celebrating the charm of the Texas Hill Country and the warm hospitality of Gillespie County. These four days will be filled with activities for the entire family, including an exciting carnival and midway, classic fair food, livestock judging, agricultural and household exhibits, arts and crafts, a washer-pitching tournament, antique tractor displays, and live pari-mutuel horse racing.



The Oldest Continuous County Fair in Texas!



Pecan Creek School

Beverly Johnson and Helen Feller

Pecan Creek School welcomed a record crowd of over 60 people to the annual open house on May 2, 2026. Attendees had the opportunity to tour the historic school with former students, Helen Friedrich Feller and Ruby Lee Crenwelge Clark, who shared stories of what learning was like when all the grades shared a room. Guests were also treated to a display of historic automobiles, thanks to a visit from the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club. Members of the community club served pulled pork sandwich plates. The proceeds will support the preservation of the school so future generations can glimpse what education was like prior to the computer age.



1956 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan, 1955 Chevy Sport Coupe HT, 1985 Cadillac Eldorado



Lou Buehn, Ed Metzler, Charlie Schroeder, Randy Pullen, Henry Blechl, and Joe Brown admire Annette Crowhurst's 1950 Studebaker Commander.

Members of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club enjoying lunch: Judy Mayo, Annette Crowhurst, Cindy Brown, Joe Brown, Randy Pullen, Ed Metzler, Traci Stetler, and Kathy Freedlun

Luckenbach School hosted an Open House on Flag Day, June 13, 2026. A ceremony to retire scores of damaged and soiled flags was performed by Boy Scout Troop 280 from Dripping Springs. Before the retirement ceremony, Charlotte Grobe, on behalf of Catholic Life Insurance, presented a new United States flag to the Luckenbach School. Among those attending were

former students from Gillespie County country schools and alumni from rural schools in Wisconsin and Kansas.



Williams Creek School

The Albert Community Club held its annual barbecue fund raiser on May 9, 2026, and a great time was enjoyed by a large crowd. The beer was cold, the barbecue was delicious and the weather was perfect!

Contact Directors-at-Large: Jim Lindley at 830-997-2103 or Doris Spraggins at 830-456-1249 to submit articles.

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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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