

# Chalkboard Notes

## FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

### OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE FOURTH QUARTER 2026

Crabapple School

Saturday, October 24, 2026

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rheingold School

Friday, October 30, 2026

5:30 - 7 p.m.

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for information.

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## Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, Inc.

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### Annual Fall Tradition in the Burg

Every year in early October, the big tents are setup on Marktplatz for three days of **Oktoberfest**. German traditions of music, games, food and drink are celebrated in an effort to reproduce the Bavarian sense of gemütlichkeit.

### Gemütlichkeit- ge-mut-lich-keit

German language word used to convey the idea of a state or feeling of warmth, friendliness, and good cheer.

Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance (PCAA) founded Oktoberfest Fredericksburg, Texas in 1981 to generate support for local art projects. Each



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year, from proceeds, PCAA awards scholarships to Gillespie County resident students wishing to study the arts at the university level, gives grants to local art related projects and hosts the free annual Marktplatz Musical Evenings as a "Danke Schön" to the community for its support and volunteering at Oktoberfest.

### Officer Nominees for 2027

President — Jo Jenschke

Vice President — Carey Behrends

Secretary — Frances Heimann

Treasurer — Patsy Hauptrief

Friends Endowment Fund – Balance as  
of 6-30-2026 is \$30,446.99

### FRIENDS AT THE FAIR FEATURED FLAGS

A six panel exhibition, "*A Nation and Symbol Born: 250 Year United States Flag Evolution*," a tribute detailing and highlighting the history and significance of the American flag throughout our history that covered a large area was the Friends' contribution to the Gillespie County Fair this August. Thanks to Carey Behrends for his dedication and hard work on this project. Any school wishing to display the flag exhibition can contact him at Carey@behrends-ltx.com.



Jim Lindley, Frances Heimann, Raynell Wilke Carey Behrends, Jo Jenschke



## Cherry Spring School

One of their newer members is from China, and she taught some of the others Mahjong at their July meeting.



## A Fishy Situation at Williams Creek School

Amazing crowd, beautiful weather, and delicious food! Thank You for your Support of our Fundraiser.



## Meusebach Creek School Open House



On Saturday, June 6, Meusebach Creek's Open House featured a collection of Native American Basketry. **JULIA DAILY** displayed her personal collection of Native American baskets and talked about her experiences with the makers. She is also the author of No Names to be Given. Jane and Ron Woellhof listen to Julia's description of the origin of the baskets.



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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