

# Chalkboard Notes

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## LASTING EDUCATION EVENTS to Celebrate Fredericksburg's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Willow City, Pecan Creek, Cherry Spring, Rheingold, Nebgen, and Crabapple Schools provided special displays to honor the founding of Fredericksburg in September. We thank Joseph Financial Partners for sponsoring Lasting Education in support of the celebration. Open House events included: Willard Dearing's wild flower photos and mounted grass plants at Cherry Spring School. Early handwork displayed at Pecan Creek School with many early examples. The updated book inventory and new books shelves at Willow City School were items shared. Rheingold School hosted tours of their teacherage. Nebgen School focused on School Memories and had entertainment. Crabapple School and St. John Lutheran Church were both open. SPECIAL EXHIBITS at The Pioneer Museum also honored the history of Gillespie County Education during September. Friends thank our community for including education in the 175 Years Celebration.



Pecan Creek science kit



Original Pecan Creek stove



Pecan Creek desks

## Friends Meet a Goal set in 2015

Friends Endowment first long-term goal was set at \$20,000. Turn in your Endowment Quarters to your Club President or your School/Community Club Representative to the Friends Executive Board. We will collect them during September and turn in at the October 4th Annual Meeting **WE ARE HITTING THAT \$20,000 THIS TIME!!! CHEERS ALL AROUND!**



**TURN IN YOUR QUARTERS NOW!** This will total over 5,000 quarters deposited to Friends Endowment, insuring our future. We accept your cash or checks in lieu of quarters or go to [www.historicschools.org](http://www.historicschools.org)



**ARTIFACTS & ARCHIVES:** Friends' digitized student notebooks from 1917 through 1936 have been viewed at Open House events and shared with people in our community, including volunteers at Sauer-Beckmann Farm. Copies of scans were made so they are viewed and the originals protected. A 1917-1918 Home Ec Notebook (handwritten in pencil and pen & ink) gave a knitting pattern for a wash cloth/dish cloth which a volunteer at Sauer-Beckmann Farm is knitting.

Studying and sharing these student notebooks really brings Friends Mission Statement alive: "Preserving the past to enrich the future"



THE ORIGINAL OVER-SIZED POSTERS from Ben Shacklette's upcoming book, *STEADFAST IN PURPOSE-A Cultural -History and Field Guide to Common Country Schools of Gillespie County Texas*, have been placed in each of our member schools featured in his book. Ben gifts added information not previously exhibited by us. **THANK YOU** Ben Shacklette, a true FRIEND!

Boy Scout Eagle Badges for Connor and Cameron Clements: Connor 's project organized and carried out restoration of the Cave Creek School boy's outhouse. Cameron's project was building picnic tables for Fort Martin Scott Nature Trail. Proud of these two boys for including historic sites as part of their Scout work.

*Friends have partnered with the Texas Historical Commission to participate in their 2021 Texas State Fair Booth. We are shipping 500 Gillespie County Country Schools Driving Trail Brochures to Dallas. Friends support the Texas Hill Country Trails Region Group throughout the year.*

Friends' members are determined problem solvers, we will continue and adjust to Corona and other challenges. Thank you for being among the determined problem solvers and the keepers of our country school history, and the history of education in our county.



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*OUR MISSION: Preserving the past to enrich the future.*

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