

Chalkboard Notes



2021 OPEN HOUSE

The schedule allows participation in the Fredericksburg 175 Years Celebration. Friends agreed to open specific schools each weekend of September to support September Month of "Lasting Education" in the year-long Fredericksburg founding celebration. See the September Special Open House Schedule at www.historicschools.org as well as driving instructions. Note Friends School open hours are 10:30am to 3:30pm. The White Oak School at Pioneer Museum and the Junction School at LBJ park are listed with their regular open hours.

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AT THE ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER, WE USUALLY REPORT ON FRIENDS ENDOWMENT; HOWEVER, SINCE INSIDE SERVICE WAS NOT OPEN, WE MOVED OUR ANNUAL ENDOWMENT REPORT TO SEPTEMBER. CONTINUE SAVING QUARTERS FOR FRIENDS ENDOWMENT; WE'LL COLLECT AND COUNT THEM AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER. RECALL WE BEGAN WITH A GIFT OF \$7,500 FROM DR ALICE WHITE TO ESTABLISH FRIENDS ENDOWMENT IN 2015. YOUR QUARTERS WILL HELP US MEET OUR 2021 GOAL OF \$20,000. SO PROUD OF EACH CONTRIBUTION. MANY THANKS.



Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, Inc.

Volume 10: Issue: Spring/Summer 2021 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Note: Because of limited Friends' activities due to Corona virus, the Friends' Board of Directors/Officers approved combining the Spring/Summer Issues of our quarterly newsletter, Chalkboard Notes. Thank you for your understanding and support.



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Fredericksburg's 175 Years Celebration brings attention to the early commitment and desire of the German settlers for public education. The German Emigration Company promised free education, a compelling reason to emigrate to Texas. The first Gillespie County school stories are part of the celebration with September designated as "Lasting Education" Month. Visit our historic country schools: www.historicschools.org or pick-up a Friends' 2021 open house schedule rack card and Gillespie County Country Schools Driving Trail (with map & driving instructions) at the CVB Center, 302 E. Austin Street, Fbg., TX.

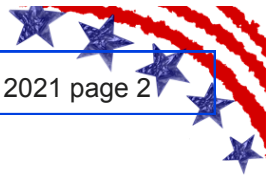
FRIENDS ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER REPORT SUCCESS

The April 11, 2021 BBQ—our best year with well over 500 BBQ plates selling out early and many people purchasing tickets for the 74 great Prize Drawing items. Many thanks to members for their volunteer work, to our community for supporting us with prize drawing items, for purchasing tickets for the drawing, for donations toward the BBQ and to our supporters who often added a tip to the purchase of their BBQ meal. THANK YOU.



Congratulations to Ben K Shacklette, AIA, and associate professor at Texas Tech College of Architecture at TTU on his article: "Sustain and Endure" in TEXAS ARCHITECT Magazine, March/April 2021 Issue. This six page article with photos described Gillespie County country school history and the architectural survey completed by Shacklette and his TTU students. It focused on architecture of Rheingold, Pecan Creek, Williams Creek Common School and their pavilions and BBQ features. Included is each school's history and our Friends' history. Our members assisted Ben on his many visits and long hours of on-site work. Thanks to Mustard Designs for loaning us their copy of Texas Architect.

<https://magazine.texasarchitects.org/2021/03/04/sustain-and-endure/>



BOOK DONATION LOG:

1. Linda Langerhans: donation of 13 Hermina Mund-Krauskopf (her mother) schoolbooks which included Play Books and Composition Books (handwritten assignments) used by her at Doss School. The Composition Books have been scanned and saved to a USB flash drive for Friends Archives & Artifacts. Scans allow viewing without harming the original works.
2. Jerrilyn McLerran: donation of 17 schoolbooks and one small box of news clippings including a school column written by her mother for the HARPER NEWS. All belonged to her mother, Viola Marschall-Burrer, a student at Reservation School and Harper High School and a teacher at Live Oak School. Her handwritten notebooks included teaching plans for Live Oak School.
3. Fredericksburg Middle School Library: donation of four of their discarded books from the library. Librarian and History teacher at the School, Cynthia Ramirez, contacted Friends since the 1976 "Journey From Ignorant Ridge" was among these books. Gillespie County school history and photos are included in the book.

These donations are registered in Friends GCCS Book Log and utilized by our members as well as placing donations in individual schools. Recently donated schoolbooks were placed with Wrede School. Now is a good time to place most of these books in our historic schools with more visitors expected in September. Visitors like to view "old schoolbooks" and rarely see students' handwritten work. Placement of books and scans in our 12 member schools will begin in July. Friends' gratitude go out to each donor. These books help us tell our story and preserve history. Friends budget annually for scanning early student works.

SPECIAL JULY SCHOOL EVENTS SCHEDULED—All are invited to attend.

Rheingold School

JULY 3rd at 5 p.m.

PORK BBQ Dinner by DONATION: celebrate both the restoration completion of Rheingold School and Teacherage and Independence Day. Pork BBQ, beans and tea will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side or dessert for all to enjoy.

Where: Rheingold School, 334 Rheingold School Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.



First School built in 1892



Restored in 2021

Where: Williams Creek School, 5501 South Ranch Rd. 1623

Albert Community Club
Annual
BBQ
 ★ Join Us ★
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021
GATE OPENS @4:00
WILLIAMS CREEK SCHOOL
 Come for Great Food, Fun and Drinks!
Come Hungry!
 ★ Meal @ 6:30 By Donation ★

Contact Director-at-Large, Jane Woellhof at 830-990-8059 to submit newsletter items.

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OUR MISSION: Preserving the past to enrich the future.

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