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FRIENDS OF GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS, INC.

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July 18, 2025 — Wrede School

Friday 11:00 to 4:00

Sept 21, 2025 - Lower South Grape Creek
School Annual BBQ

Sunday, 11:00 to 4:00

Sept. 27, 2025 Williams Creek (Albert)
School Fish Fry Fundraiser

Saturday, 6 p.m.

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Another Successful Fundraiser

A great big “Thank You” to all who contributed to the April fundraiser. There were 80+ prizes and ticket sales were \$7262. There were 524 barbecue plates sold which netted \$8917. Our underwriting total was \$3475. All in all, it was a great feat that showcased what working together can do. A special thanks to the volunteers from all the schools that made the barbecue happen.

Marjorie Otte and Carey Behrends selling prize drawing tickets at the Stonewall C of C Thirsty Thursday on a cold and rainy night in March.



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Working Hand In Hand with the Pioneer Museum

FOGCCS has always worked closely with the Pioneer Museum. All our schools furnish docents for the White Oak School during the spring break activities at the museum and participate in many of their events. Recently, the Guardians of the Legacy group from the museum chose Williams Creek and Albert Hall for their social event.



On August 1, FOGCCS will present the program, “Treasure of Gillespie County Country School Trail” for the museum’s First Friday weekend. It will be moderated by Dr. Jim Lindley, and other country school members. Jo Ella Lewis, Marjorie Otte, Carey Behrends and Ruby Lee Clark will give short presentations on the history of how the schools started, consolidation, and the 1999 story of the Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools going to the Texas Legislature. During their presentations there will be a power point with photos, and embedded oral histories of former students. Scrapbooks and the clubs' tri-fold boards will be on display to be viewed in the Gillespie County Historical Society on Friday, August 1, for the First Friday program. The replicas of the country school buildings and a few other items will be put on display in the Exhibit Room in the Pioneer Museum Store for a three-month period. Aug-Oct., 2025.



News from Schools

April was a busy month for Pecan Creek School Community Club, which hosted three events for a total of 67 guests. April 11th, Adventure Cycling used the pavilion for their midday rest stop. This is the second year they have brought a group to the school. The riders hailed from 13 different states, including Washington, Ohio, Florida, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Maryland, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kansas, Arizona, California, and Texas. There was even one participant from Switzerland! The club received \$30 in donations from this event.

April 12th, the Hill Country Antique Tractor & Engine Club hosted a lunch at the school during their annual tractor ride. Seventeen guests signed the visitor log, including three from New Mexico, one from Florida, and two from Round Mountain, TX.

The school's open house wrapped up the month on Saturday, 4/26. Eric Voigt smoked two pork butts for the school's pulled pork sandwich plate fundraiser. The meal included deviled eggs, coleslaw, beans, potato salad, homemade pickles, pickled beets, tea, and a selection of desserts. While attendance was lower than in 2024, the club still grossed \$317 from the event. Many thanks to Eric, Beverly Johnson, Anton Loest, Helen Feller, Jim Ellis, and Ruby Lee Clark for their assistance with cleaning the venue, preparing food, and conducting school room tours.



"Toys from Yesteryear"

Luckenbach School Open House

Visitors and volunteers enjoyed talking/learning about the school and reminiscing about the toys that we played with in our youth. On display were tricycles, a rocking

horse, dolls, doll dresses and quilts made by mothers, doll furniture made by fathers, games, books, puzzles, musical instruments, a 4-H leather kit, an old baseball glove, pull toys and a toy train. We talked about how, today, electronics often take place of exercise and imagination. Remembering and sharing our childhood toys was fun and interesting.



FRIENDS ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

\$25,407.08

Contact Director-at-Large Jim Lindley at 830-997-2103 to submit newsletter items.

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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