Weinheimer receives national 2017 CSAA Service Award

Evelyn Weinheimer has received the 2017 Service Award from the Country School Association of America.

Weinheimer is the archivist and tour coordinator at Pioneer Museum, and in the nomination application, she is credited as "an extraordinary worker for Gillespie County Historical Preservation and the Country Schools."

Jane Woellhof, director-at-large of the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, presented the award at the Pioneer Museum recently.

"Her knowledge and willingness to assist others in learning about their family history is often begun with the question, 'Can you tell me if my grandfather attended one of the Gillespie County Country Schools?'" Woellhof said.

In attendance for the presentation were several ladies who attended some of the 40 Gillespie County Country Schools.

The award comes with a cash stipend, which Weinheimer has donated for further maintenance and care of

Jane Woellhof, director-at-large of the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, presents the 2017 Country School Association of America Service Award to Evelyn Weinheimer. On hand for the presentation, were in back, from left, Mable Wilke, Jeanette Beckmann, Jo Ella Lewis, Patsy Hauptrief and Jo Jenschke, all former students at a Gillespie County country school. — Submitted photo

the White Oak School on the Pioneer Museum campus.

Weinheimer was born in and grew up in Fredericksburg, and attended and graduated from Fredericksburg public schools.

She attended North Texas State University in Denton and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Her first teaching job was in Austin teaching fourth, fifth and sixth grade.

Fifteen years after high school graduation, she and her husband brought their family back to Fredericksburg to live and operate a cabinet business. She taught 15 years at Fredericksburg Elementary School, mostly fifth grade.

Upon retirement, she has worked part-time as a travel counselor and now works for the Pioneer Museum.