

# The Gorman Progress

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## Gorman Peanut Festival Big Success For 25th Anniversary



Grand Marshal for the 25th Gorman Peanut Festival - Brent Lasater



Peanut Festival Queens Float - Kacey Thackerson - Miss Peanut Queen - Kayce Dodd - Junior Miss Peanut Queen and Annesty Rainey - Little Miss Peanut Queen.



## Gorman EDC Notes

I received this 1934 Political Cartoon in an email a few weeks back, and I realized that economically we have been here before. Fortunately, we, as a people, are strong and stubborn. Gorman has lost industry and we have survived. We have viable businesses that continue to grow. There is a rumor that ZJ'S is going to be rebuilt; and I am happy to tell you that it is in the works. Our clean up project continues making this a more desirable place to live and enjoy. I encourage everyone to support our local businesses, and keep the faith that ALL IS WELL. Political Cartoons can apparently be recycled.



## GISD To Hold Special Meeting October 10th

GISD will hold a special meeting at 5:30 (before October's scheduled board meeting) on Monday October 10th. At the public meeting GISD will present the School FIRST rating for the 2009-2010 school year. GISD received a Superior Rating with a score of 74. The passing standard score is 56.

## Building and Standards Commission Meeting - Sept. 26th

The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, September 26th, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

## Panthers To Travel To Perrin Whitt To Take On The Pirates

The Gorman Panthers will travel to Perrin-Whitt on Friday night to take on the Pirates at their homecoming game. The Pirates are reported to have a strong experienced team this season and will give the Panthers a hard battle.

The Panthers are coming off a couple of tough, close losses and are looking forward to a victory this week. But they will have to play a real strong game to get their first victory of the season. So follow the Big Red to Perrin-Whitt on Friday and back them to a victory.



Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

## WATSON REUNION

Friends and family of the late James N. and Ora (Seale) Watson met August 21, 2011 in Desdemona, Texas. There were 45 in attendance. James and Ora had six children that attained adulthood. They were; Ora Mae, Arland, Honnoll, Ima Lee, Elmer and Willa Delle. Descendants from each of these families were represented on Sunday.

Richard Watson gave the prayer of Thanksgiving for the meal and fellowship. We had a wonderful meal, prepared and shared by the great cooks in the Watson family. Everyone had a great time and vowed to be there next year and were looking forward to 2012.

## Larry Womack To Speak At Hamilton County Master Gardeners Assoc. Meeting



Larry Don Womack, above, will be speaking on fruit and pecan trees at 6:00 p.m. October 18 at First United Methodist Church in Hamilton. All are invited, according to Glynnia Torres of Hico, program vice president of Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association (817-991-2684). Admission is free, but donations are welcomed to support Master Gardener projects in the county.

## " Pray For Rain "

## Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Beat Bryson Cowgirls

Gorman volleyball team defeated Bryson this past Tuesday 25-16, 25-23, 25-12. The Lady Panthers traveled to Bryson to beat the Cowgirls in straight sets. "It was really good to see the girls stay focused and play a complete match. We seem to lose our focus from time to time and let teams take a game off of us in some of our matches" head coach Jim Wood said.

"We played a pretty solid match" said Wood "and despite missing 5 serves in the first set we served very well in the next two". "Our passing was really good this match which helped our offense really get on track. As a team everyone had at least one kill with Sr Cortney Shirley 22 assists" Wood added. "I was also very pleased with our defense. The girls were really hustling all over the court. As a team we had 32 digs for the match and 12 blocks."

Cortney Shirley 12 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces; Kinsey Johnston 4 kills, 7 digs, 3 aces; Melissa Ramirez 12 kills, 7 blocks, 8 digs; Holly Wood 22 assists, 3 aces, 5 digs; Megan Gray 9 assists, 3 blocks; Rachel Tucker 6 digs, 1 kill and 1 block.

## Carbon Golden Exes Meeting

Friday Night before the Golden Exes meeting on Oct. 1 or on September 30, the First Baptist Church of Carbon's Fellowship Hall will be open that afternoon for visitation, lemonade, cookies and peanuts; and a 6:00 p.m. meal of Spaghetti, salad, and desserts for all the people visiting Carbon for the big day. Join us there. The Classes of 1949, and 1948 will act as your host. If eating an \$8.00 fee will be assessed. Please join us there. If you have a question please call June Tucker Hicks at 254-639 -2444. Please invite others as the e-mail names on this list are all that I have in my contacts. There is a nostalgia about Carbon, Texas that no other town can claim.

## GLRA Annual Kick Off

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will hold the annual kick off meeting this Wednesday Sept. 14 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Gorman Community Center.

If your child is nine years of age, or in the 3rd grade, and is planning on showing in the Eastland County Livestock Show in January and you want to be a part of GLRA ( a buyers pool ) please make sure you attend this meeting. We are starting fund raising events on this date.

If you need information regarding animals to purchase for showing you may contact Mr. Boles @ 254 734-3171 (#2 then #3)

If you need other information regarding GLRA please contact Tacy @ 734-5017.

## Henry A. Buchanan's New Book "A Preacher's Tales" Available At Bookstores

Henry A. Buchanan is now releasing "A Preacher's Tales" and it is available at the publisher, authorhouse - 800-839-8640 or by request at any bookstore. "A Preacher's Tales" is a collection of humorous, witty and sometimes satirical stories accenting the nature and the depth of the Preacher's Role in the Church and outside.

Every Preacher should have this book. There will find themselves in it. The people who listen to the Preacher Sunday after Sunday may still be surprised and pleased to learn something new about their preacher.

You may even discover something about Henry Buchanan that you had not guessed from reading his letters to the editor in the Gorman Progress. He is in there telling his own tale among all the other Preachers who tales will interest you and deepen your understanding of the Man in the Pulpit of your Church.



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 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.  
 100 A west De Leon FMS87, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.  
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 579: Old home w/ large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.  
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**Senior Citizens News**  
 By Carol Ward

Just a reminder to all Senior Citizens, that we will meet next Wednesday the 21st of September. Please come and bring a dish, the usual time of 11:30 a.m. Maybe it won't be too hot.

Hasn't the weather been gorgeous!! You can feel the nip in the air at morning time. We are having two hot days right now, but back to 80's and 90's late in the week. I'm so grateful the worst is over. Never has it been this awful hot in the 50 years we lived in Texas! I was ready to go back to California. HA!

I did visit Daisy Slaton last Saturday the 10th. She is doing well and fitting right in. The Woodlands such a lovely place with many activities for all. Lil Brudnak had been to visit her also and Margie Nell Treadway.

Hope many of you come to the dinner next week. Please don't forget.

See You Soon, Carol.

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**Memorial Service For Constance P. Birdsong**

Memorial service for Constance P. Birdsong will be on Monday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stephenville, Texas.  
 Reception following at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**"On The Wilder Side"**

Not too long after my wife and I bought our first home, we were given several generous donations of toilet paper from our youth group. Now, I like TP, but I wasn't so excited about these particular donations because I had to pull them down out of the trees before I could use them. Once, we were even watching TV when about half a dozen boys decorated my yard as if it were Christmas!

Now I say all of this because it made me realize that as a home owner, I need to be more cautious in safe guarding my house. Some go through great lengths and measures to make sure their family and personal belongings are as safe as possible. They install security lights, house alarms, tall privacy fences, stronger locks, bars on windows, or even get a noisy dog that they can be prepared for that 'just in case'. I think it is within our human nature to be ready for those "just in case" times. We don't like to leave our safety up to chance or 'luck'. To be sure, no soldier would ever go into the heat of battle without body armor, and just hope for the best. No, they want to be sure they are well prepared and well equipped for whatever lies ahead.

Charles Wesley wrote the following words concerning the importance of Christian readiness "Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul. Take every virtue every grace, and fortify the whole. That having all things done and all your conflicts past, you may over come through Christ alone and stand complete at last." Just as a soldier has essential gear that he or she must carry to be effective and prepared, a Christian has essential tools that he or she must have so "that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 2:21). We are given tools such as the 'Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22), steps to the ladder of faith (2 Pet 1:5-8), and my personal favorite, the Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18). Satan is ruthlessly attacking all children of God. Doesn't it make since that we should be as prepared for battle as possible?

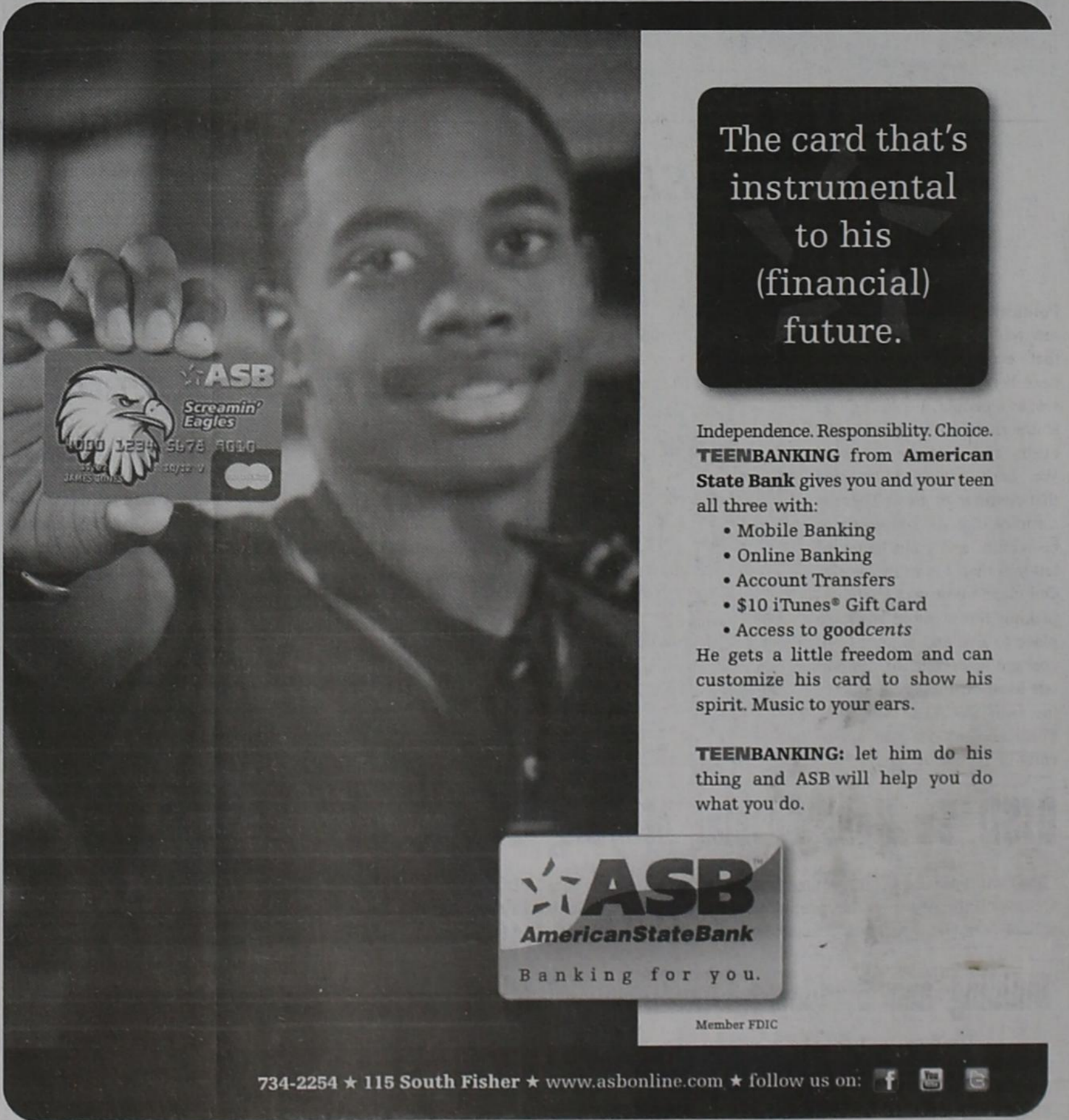
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

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## Pig Tales From Hogtown

Our crowd at the dance last Friday night was a bit sparse. I know there are football games and other things going on. We had a great time anyway. Hope to have a larger crowd next month.

The post office here in Desdemona is in danger of being closed. This is very disturbing news to those of us who utilize the post office every day. There will be a meeting with P.O. officials later this month to discuss the situation and we need everyone to attend. The meeting is tentatively set for September 29 at 5:00 P.M. at the old schoolhouse in Desdemona. This will be our only chance to protest the closing of our post office. Please plan to be there.

There are several overdue books from the library. If you have visited the library, please check to make sure that you have returned the books that you have borrowed.

Pray for rain.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for everything that was done for us at the loss of our loved one, Alvis Scitem. For all the pretty flowers, pot plants, cards, phone calls and kind words of sympathy. The lunch for everyone at the Church of Christ and for Jason Wilder for his kind words. For our Grandsons who was pallbearers, Stephen Scitem, Scott Scitem, Kevin Scitem, Michael Jordan, Wesley Collins and Jimmy Woodall. Allen Scitem was unable to come due to illness but he is our thoughts and prayers.

To Ray Daniels, Carolyn Foster and Marjorie Treadway for helping us in every way. To the Singers at the Church of Christ. To the neighbors who brought food to our house.

Thanks So Much,  
The Family of  
Alvis Scitem

## Peanut Festival Photos



## Proctor VFD Fundraiser Set For Sept 17

Proctor volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit organization in Proctor. The goal of this organization is to serve the community in all areas of need, whether they be non-emergency related, or emergency related. PVFD consists of 17 members, 2 of which are women. We have six fully functioning fire trucks, which are individually prepared to handle any situation that we are called to handle, as well as assist with.

Throughout each year, the firefighters and their families work together to plan the annual Fish Fry. This fundraiser is put together with every type of audience in mind. This year we have the pleasure to say that we want this to be our best year yet. Every firefighter has been given tickets to sell for a 50" LG Plasma Television. If you or anyone you know would like to purchase tickets before the fundraiser, you can contact any PVFD member. Tickets are being sold at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. You may purchase tickets at the door of the event.

Each year, local businesses donate items that are to be given as "door prizes" which will be given sporadically throughout the evening. Clark Tractor in Comanche was gracious enough to donate a John Deere Pressure Washer, which will be selling chances for as well. Chances for the pressure washer will be sold at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20, just as the television chances are. This year our event is set to take place at Proctor Community Center in Proctor. Serving of fried fish, chicken strips, hushpuppies, french fries, coleslaw, pinto beans, homemade peach cobbler and all the trimmings will begin at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, September 17th. The winners of the pressure washer and the television will be drawn at 7 p.m. You do not have to be present to win either of the items, we will use alternate methods of communication to let you know. After the winners are announced, an auction of different items will begin.

Without the aid of local businesses and members throughout the surrounding area, this event would not be what it is today. We are very excited about this year's event and hope to see you and your families there!

## 2011 Peanut Festival Coloring Contest Winners

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Pre K                | Kindergarten        | 5th Grade             |
| 1st- Lily Madera     | 1st-Ceidy Guzman    | 1st-Lauren Underwood  |
| 2nd-Emma DeLaCruz    | 2nd-Mary Crain      | 2nd-Breanna Landa     |
| 3rd-Ethan Torres     | 3rd-Mya Aguirre     | 3rd-Jesenia Rodriguez |
| 1st Grade            | 2nd Grade           |                       |
| 1st-Kimie Squyers    | 1st-Clarrisa Cox    |                       |
| 2nd-Michelle Snider  | 2nd-Alan Olvares    |                       |
| 3rd-Caroline Crain   | 3rd-Marco Ramirez   |                       |
| 3rd Grade            | 4th Grade           |                       |
| 1st-Stacy Gonzales   | 1st-Kamren Sparger  |                       |
| 2nd-Braeden McDonald | 2nd-Asael Maldonado |                       |
| 3rd-Kaitlyn Maton    | 3rd-Alexis Estrada  |                       |

## 52nd Roundup For Rehab Held September 13th



Rodger Kennedy (left) and Archie Jobe (right) cooking cornbread for the Eastland area Round-Up for Rehab 2010 event.

The Texas Cattle Exchange auction barn is partnering once again with West Texas Rehabilitation Center for the 52nd Round-Up for Rehab on Tuesday, September 13th. As a private, non-profit organization, the Rehab is dedicated to providing outpatient care annually to over 28,000 children and adults with disabilities, regardless of their financial circumstance. Through the years, numerous Eastland area residents have used and continue to utilize the Rehab's services to overcome the disabling effects of illness or injury.

The Eastland area auction is one of several special Round-Up events that offer a great experience. Starting at 11:30 am, the Rehab Chuckwagon will provide a meal of beans, cornbread and campfire cobbler. In addition to the usual Live Auction beginning at Noon, a Silent Auction will be set-up in the barn's front entry. Lots of items will be available for both auctions including livestock, agricultural, general merchandise, crafts, baked goods and more.

Local chairmen and Rehab friends heading up the 2011 Round-Up program are Kris & Kristen Scitem, Bob Bruner, Joy Rogers, Frances Simpson, Jim Horn, Bill Wright Jr. and Joe Cooper. Big Country general chairmen this year are Mike Alexander and Randy Carson. They're joined by Concho Valley chairmen Jody Frey and Bob Helmers as well as legendary Western cowboy entertainer Red Steagall who's serving as honorary spokesman for the drive. All join in a simple but sincere message: "Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming illnesses and injuries". "In spite of our own trying times with drought, range fires and a tough economy, we want to do whatever we can to help these children and adults facing struggles for independence every day."

"The early support of business friends -- B-4 Farms, Bar-G Feedyard, Basic Energy, Group IV Electric Cooperatives, Raford, Rafe & Mark Hargrove families, H-E-B Food Stores, Lone Star Beef, Stamford Insurance/America First Insurance and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife -- help Round-Up for Rehab begin on a positive note in otherwise challenging times," said WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland. "What donors need to know is that we never take their support for granted ... and we work hard every day to continue to deserve such loyal friendship."

For more information contact WTRC-Abilene at 325-660-8338. Eastland area residents wishing to support the Rehab Center through donations or auction items can contact the Texas Cattle Exchange at 254-629-2288 or for hauling donated animals call 325-660-8334.

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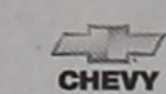
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