

# WTRC ROUND-UP



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REHABILITATION  
CENTER  
*Camp*  
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Pictured is  
Loleta Barnhart,  
at the 35th annual Camp.  
Loleta is a founder  
of the Camp.



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**Mike  
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Summer is officially upon us, as evidenced by the triple-digit temperatures that arrived in May. Kids are out of school and summer activities have begun at West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Rehab Summer Camps took place in June in both Abilene and San Angelo for kids who are current patients of West Texas Rehab. These camps are one of the most amazing things we do each year by providing a three-day camp experience to kids who, because of illness, disability, or injury, might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in a summer camp. Campers take part in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, swimming, fishing, hay rides, petting zoos, and a 20-foot water slide. These camps were made possible by donations, camp buddies, and volunteers. Thanks to the generous support of folks who participate in our Round-Up Sweetwater Shrimp Peel event, a generous gift from the Broughton Foundation, and efforts by the Barnhart family in San Angelo, the costs for both the Abilene and San Angelo camps in 2018 were 100% covered!

West Texas Rehab depends on our fundraising each year with 46 events annually. In 2018, West Texas Rehab will be challenged with overcoming an almost \$6 million gap between the costs of providing services to patients and what insurance and other reimbursement sources actually pay. West Texas Rehab relies on fundraising events, support from our Foundation, and generous community support from folks like you to cover the gap.

In early May we honored 26 very special donors, volunteers, board members and employees all of whom dedicated their lives to supporting West Texas Rehab and our patients. During their lifetime, each of these honorees found his or her own unique niche to demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the mission of West Texas Rehab. Each day, our commitment to patients, donors, volunteers, employees, board members, and other

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- Be judicious stewards of what you have given us to carry out our mission.

As you read about our upcoming events, I encourage you to find a place you can become involved as a sponsor, donor, volunteer, or as an active event attendee. With 46 events on our schedule, we hope you can find something that sparks an interest. I encourage you to consider making a legacy gift to West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation. A legacy gift is a special gift, which not only may help you during your lifetime, but can help ensure West Texas Rehab will be here for patients who have not even been born yet and who may later receive help from our care and your generosity.

Thanks so much for what you do for West Texas Rehab. Please find or continue in your own special way to make a difference in the lives of others by supporting this wonderful organization and our amazing patients.

All the Best,

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## Mike Alexander



*James Michael "Mike" Alexander*

It was early one spring morning when a group of us were settling in to have our year-end "Bible study at the ranch," when one of the coolest things I/we had ever seen took place. The temperature was just cool enough to put a light fog in the air so that we could barely see the river running next to the ranch house. We were cooking up breakfast and drinking cowboy coffee when we looked up and saw it: a herd of cattle being driven across the river! With excitement, we almost all said out loud, "Does this still happen?" Mike and Jim Alexander, along with some of their cowboys, were sitting horseback and driving cattle! When I saw Mike on that horse I thought, "Now that's a guy I've GOT TO get to know, because they don't make many

like that anymore." 20+ years later, as I sat with the other pallbearers at Mike's funeral, I remembered that spring morning and was filled with gratitude that I GOT TO know James Michael "Mike" Alexander!



Mike did, in fact, find great joy on the back of a horse, as well as driving around the family ranches in his truck. However, his far-surpassing joy was in his love and loyalty to

his family, to his friends, and to his community. True, Mike was active in lots of civic endeavors and committees that benefited Abilene. But, I bet if you asked anyone who knew him, even if just a little, what Mike's biggest passion was, they wouldn't have skipped a beat with their answer: "The West Texas Rehabilitation Center!" Mike served on darn near every board imaginable for The West Texas Rehab, serving as a board member and executive committee member, as trustee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Foundation, and Co-Chairman of Round Up for Rehab for, well ... a long time! He even received the annual Billy Mac Commitment Award at the 2018 REHAB Telethon, recognizing him for his years of dedication and service. A few months later, after a long, hard battle with cancer, Mike went "home" to be with the Lord.

Mike believed in the mission of West Texas Rehab, for sure. But, more than that, he loved seeing patients' lives (especially kids) changed forever! He had seen first-hand how many "great things happened here every day!" West Texas Rehab was basically a "calling" for Mike; a calling he loved because it very often ministered to the least of these. Words can never express how eternally grateful we are to Mike and to the many others who have given so selflessly to our mission of improving the quality of life of those we serve regardless of financial circumstance.

I'm not sure exactly what heaven is going to be like, but I like the thought of there being a river, some cattle, and Mike driving in the herd!





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# PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

## Dennis Cavitt

Dennis Cavitt is a special education professor who has often advocated for the work of West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Volunteering alongside his students at pediatric events such as Camp Rehab,



*Dennis Cavitt working with his Physical Therapist, Kelsey Walker, on strength and balance*

Dennis has become a part of the West Texas Rehab family. His daughter, Amelia, recently started working at West Texas Rehab, and once Dennis heard of her new opportunity, he told her, "WTRC is a place of hope! You will love it!" This family truly experienced the hope found at WTRC just a few months later.

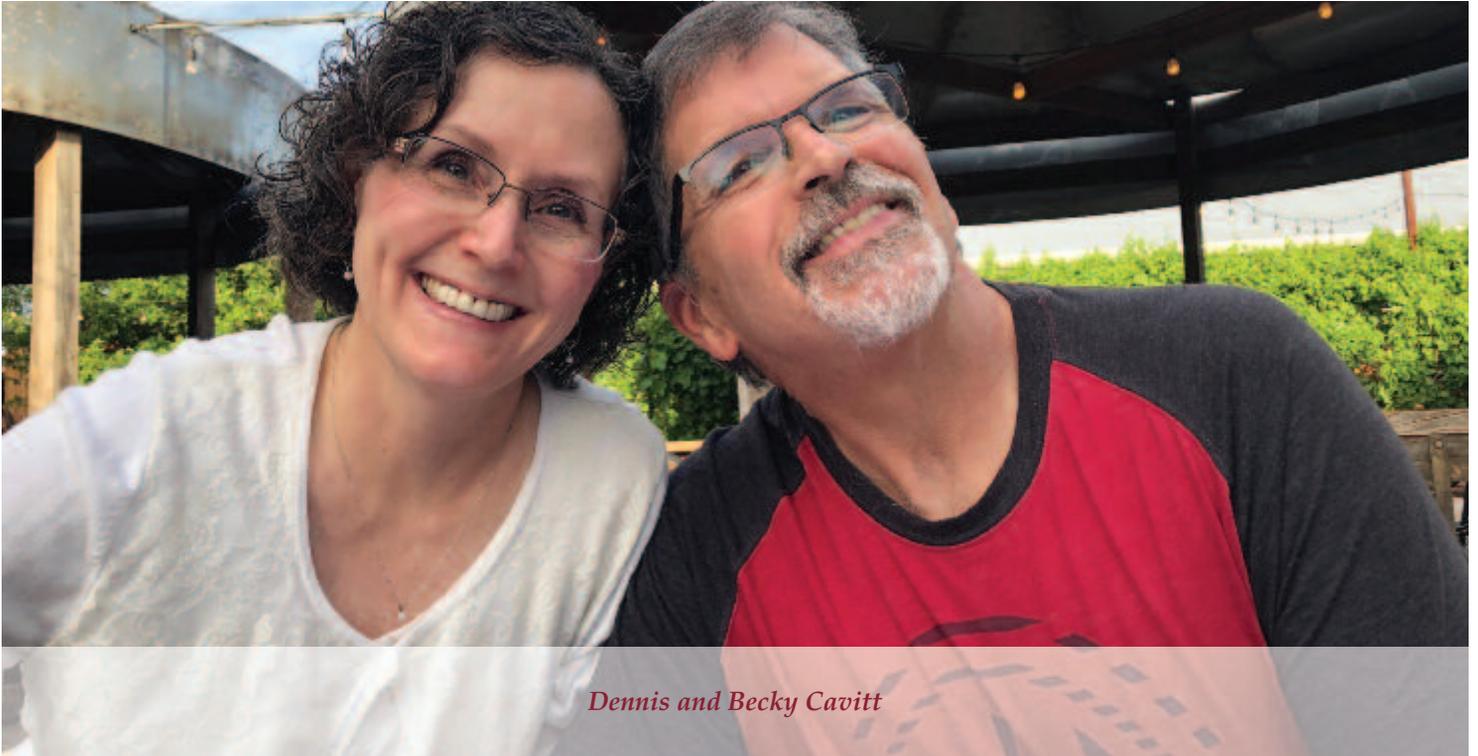
On February 16, 2018, Dennis had a stroke in the pontine area of the brain that affected his third cranial nerve and resulted in vision and balance issues, along with left side weakness. It was a

terrifying experience, as the doctors were not sure he would ever regain his functionality or proper vision. The Cavitt family as a whole felt very helpless, as life for them seemed to drastically change overnight. They felt like they were clueless of what to do next, but one thing was for sure, Dennis was going to start treatment as soon as possible.

Since Dennis was already familiar with the services offered at West Texas Rehab, it was an easy decision when he was asked where he would like to seek treatment. Dennis said, "It's sometimes scary seeking treatment, especially if it's for something traumatic like a stroke." But once he and his wife Becky began coming to the appointments, they saw there was nothing scary about it. "From the moment you walk through the door at WTRC, you are put at ease. The therapists walk alongside you as you face each challenge on the path to recovery," said Dennis. Kelsey Walker, one of our physical therapists began treating Dennis and helping him face each challenge. Dennis' wife Becky says, "Kelsey takes the time to explain each therapeutic treatment and how it addresses the issue, but she also takes the time to really listen. She is patient focused." Kelsey walked Becky through the at-home exercises, so she would be able to work with Dennis between each appointment.

Kelsey said, "Dennis received skilled physical therapy services for three months following an ischemic stroke. In his time spent at WTRC, he made an outstanding recovery, as therapy helped to restore his coordination, motor planning ability, strength, balance, functional mobility (transfers), and gait. On day one of therapy, he entered the clinic on a walker and with additional assistance from his wife, Becky, to aid with walking and prevent falling, and fast-forward three months to his final day in therapy, I couldn't even keep up with his brisk-paced walk! By the time of discharge from outpatient therapy, he had returned to independent community ambulation, teaching at the university and resumed heavy activities around his home."

Over the course of his treatment, Dennis knew he would benefit most if he gave the treatment his all, and trusted the knowledge of his therapist. He never lost hope, and said, "This is an amazing place, because it provides hope.



*Dennis and Becky Cavitt*

Every time we come, that hope is renewed. Every time! The people are amazing, positive, competent, caring, compassionate, and energetic." Kelsey said, "Much of Dennis's outstanding recovery is a testament to his incredible work ethic while in the clinic, but also his dedication to prioritize rehab during his own time spent away from the clinic. He spent several hours each day at home working on his assigned home exercise program, and would return to each therapy appointment with excitement to show his improvement since the previous therapy session. It was an honor and great pleasure to be able to work with Dennis and be able to witness his progress over the course of his three months spent at WTRC!"

Becky and Dennis are preparing to move, which a few months ago seemed impossible. Thanks to the treatment, hope, and recovery they found during their time at West Texas Rehab, they are able to start this new adventure with confidence and excitement for the future ahead of them. Dennis said it best, "I love your motto... great things happen here every day... so true!"

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# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT *Capital Farm Credit*

The history of West Texas Rehabilitation Center has deep roots in rural Texas and within the farm and ranch community. Coke County ranchers, Conda and Edna Wylie, donated the first head of cattle to



West Texas Rehab in 1960, which began the longest running fundraiser in our history – Round Up for Rehab! Round Up for Rehab is a series of auctions of donated livestock with the auction proceeds helping fund the mission of West Texas Rehab. This connection to the rural community is what makes West Texas Rehab’s partnership with Capital Farm Credit so fitting.

Capital Farm Credit serves the financing needs of the farm and ranch community and continually looks for ways to reach members of this community. It was a natural fit for Capital Farm Credit to start supporting West Texas Rehab Round Up activities beginning in 1996-- an effort Capital Farm continues today. Over the years, West Texas Rehab and Capital Farm Credit realized they had more in common than just serving the farm and ranch community. Capital Farm Credit has a similar mission to West Texas Rehab’s mission of “neighbor helping neighbor.” That connection helped foster a strengthened relationship, and that was the first step in Capital Farm Credit’s increased support of West Texas Rehab. In 2016, Capital Farm Credit became the naming sponsor of West Texas Rehab’s Top Gun Classic Clay Shoot event.

Dan Byerly, Capital Farm Credit Branch Manager from Stamford, Texas, noted, “the wonderful reputation of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the friendliness of the staff, and the mission of providing excellent care to all patients across the Big Country and Concho Valley regardless of financial ability to pay,” is what drew the interest of Capital Farm Credit to West Texas Rehab. Capital Farm Credit is much more than a sponsor

that just expects a little marketing in return. It’s truly a company-wide sponsorship. Their employees, from top to bottom, not only participate in various West Texas Rehab events, but more importantly, they volunteer. Capital Farm Credit employees and their families interact with participants at Round Up sales, clay shoots, and many other events West Texas Rehab hosts across the region. The strength of their volunteer force has become a critical piece to the success of the many events West Texas Rehab has throughout the year.

After being the naming sponsor of the clay shoot, and then touring the Abilene and San Angelo West Texas Rehab campuses, Capital Farm Credit approached West Texas Rehab representatives to discover what more they could do to help support our mission and patients. Their next endeavor was joining Suddenlink, a brand of Altice, by signing a three-year agreement as a corporate partner of the annual Rehab Telethon.

A corporate telethon partner is a major financial commitment, and these sponsorships are crucial to the success of the annual telethon. Two of the three highest fundraising totals from Telethon have occurred since Capital Farm became a corporate partner, and those “totals”



*Regional representatives from Capital Farm Credit tour WTRC facilities*

directly benefit West Texas Rehab patients and help us fulfill our mission of providing the highest level of care to our patients “regardless of financial circumstance.”

Sharing a rural farming and ranching heritage may have been the genesis of the relationship, but it’s the strength of the organizations and their employees that make this wonderful partnership one that benefits the West Texas Rehab community and its patients so profoundly. West Texas Rehab depends on the generosity of individuals and businesses like Capital Farm Credit every day. We couldn’t do what we do and be who we are without them...and you!



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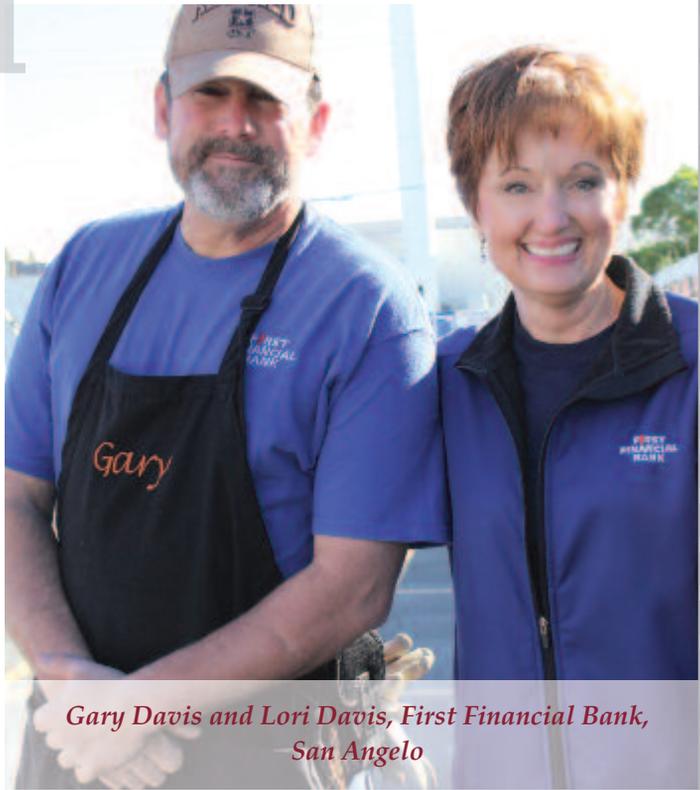
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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Lori Davis

It was Winston Churchill who said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Nothing could be more accurate regarding



Gary Davis and Lori Davis, First Financial Bank, San Angelo

the volunteers who have graced West Texas Rehabilitation Center. From businesses and organizations to families and individuals, the span and amount of time that others have given in service to West Texas Rehab is nothing short of amazing.

One such individual is Lori Davis of First Financial Bank in San Angelo, Texas, who works to serve others with a bright smile and a big heart. Originally from Sweetwater, Texas, Lori found her way to San Angelo through Angelo State University, where, in 1986, she graduated with a bachelor of business degree with a major in finance. After time spent in Fort Worth, she moved back to San Angelo to work for Texas Commerce Bank. Through the years, the bank changed hands and names to become what is now known as First Financial Bank (FFB) in 2009. Banking would be Lori's calling, and it would bring her face to face with

West Texas Rehab by way of Mike Boyd and a little something called the *Spring Chicken Affair*.

With First Financial Bank as one of several sponsors, West Texas Rehab's Spring Chicken Affair event just celebrated its 36th year, and Lori Davis was right in the middle of the action. Serving fried chicken and the fixings to nearly 4,000 people in their parking lot every year, the Spring Chicken Affair is an event close to the heart for First Financial Bank. And although not mandatory, every employee at First Financial Bank is encouraged to volunteer, and that's what got Lori started. "I initially became involved with WTRC through Spring Chicken Affair with Mike Boyd and the bank. However, I learned more about what a great organization it is, and I want to be an advocate," said Lori. She has now been a volunteer at the Spring Chicken Affair for the last 20 years and continues to hold West Texas Rehab dear to her heart. Wanting to do even more, Lori joined the West Texas Rehab Board of Directors in San Angelo in 2012 and has served on several committees since then. Always wearing a smile, Lori is the first to praise West Texas Rehab's mission to anyone who will listen.

Moving from an Administrative Assistant in Lending to Marketing Officer to her current position as Vice President, Lori has seen it all in banking. She also handles the bank's marketing activities in addition to being the assistant to Chris Evatt, President, CEO and Chairman of the Board. Where there is a will, there is a way, and Lori is known for her positivity and her ability to get things done. Her continued support, both personal and via FFB, has been instrumental for success. On Spring Chicken Day especially, Lori can be seen checking logistics, organizing her many FFB volunteers, and working in the ticket booth.

When not working or serving West Texas Rehab, Lori enjoys volunteering for *Meals for the Elderly* and participating in the bank's *Relay for Life* activities. "I enjoy volunteering, and I love West Texas Rehab," she said. Lori has made a living out of serving and giving to others, whether in her job or her volunteer service, and we could not be more thankful for her service to West Texas Rehab.

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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT *Employer Services*

### *Gail Rodriguez*

Although our therapy departments are a huge priority, we cannot forget the people and departments who provide other services for

decided to break out on her own and began working in town. She knew at a young age that God and family were essential to her and she wanted to help people. Her dream was to become a registered nurse in labor and delivery. Gail enrolled at Howard College and Baptist Memorial to complete her CNA (Certified



*Gail Rodriguez, Office Manager, San Angelo*

West Texas Rehabilitation Center. This includes our Employer Services department, where Gail Rodriguez works as the Office Manager in the San Angelo facility. Her family always saw great things in her future, and with her constant positive attitude and smile, it is evident that Gail was always supposed to be part of the West Texas Rehab family.

Born and raised in San Angelo, Gail is the oldest of five siblings and went to work with her dad, Martin, at a very young age. At 16 years old, she

Nursing Assistant) certification. She enjoyed eight years at Sagecrest Alzheimer's Care Center and was honored to work with hospice and use her skills and singing talent to aid patients.

Wanting to do more, Gail began her prerequisite courses for nursing school. Having married in 2003 and now raising a family, Gail noticed her daughter struggling in school, so she quit her classes to help her daughter succeed. When the time came for her to enter the workforce again, Gail was delighted to find a job at West Texas Rehab. "Everyone was so friendly and encouraging,"



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said Gail, "I knew this was the place for me." Although she had many offers, Gail says West Texas Rehab was a natural choice, because it's like no other place, and the family attitude of the organization is a blessing for everyone from patients to staff.

Bringing in business for Employer Services not only allows Gail to be a part of helping employers find the right employees, but also enables her to use her skills in customer service to have a positive effect on the people she encounters. "I've had multiple companies tell me that they love calling and using the services at West Texas Rehab because of how friendly I am and the attitude of our staff," said Gail. "You never know when a smile or a friendly conversation is going to change someone's day, so you must always be positive," she often says.

Gail's genuine happiness derives from the support of her family and love she feels from her environment, as she's seen her fair share of hardships. Gail and her husband have four biological children and a thirteen-year-old niece who they adopted. She's seen how West Texas Rehab treats its employees and their families, and she is very grateful. Her

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- On-Site Testin
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*\*Services vary by location*

first two sons both survived meningitis at a young age, along with respiratory issues. Gail herself was diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis at a young age and credits her parents, Martin and Melissa Enriques, grandparents, Rudy and Nora Sevier, husband, Santos, and her West Texas Rehab family for supporting her and her family in hard times.

Although she wasn't able to become a labor and delivery nurse like initially planned, Gail has no regrets. She enjoys her work at West Texas Rehab and is always willing to jump in wherever needed in her department. It's never a dull moment, as Gail works to schedule appointments for WorkSTEPS, FCE evaluations, Fit for Duty testing, drug and alcohol screenings, respirator fit testing, audiometric screening, worksite evaluations, DOT/non-DOT physicals, sports physicals, and more!

No matter what changes may come, Gail is ready to face them head-on with a smile to make sure everyone receiving testing has a positive experience. "I do not doubt that I'll retire from West Texas Rehab. I work with the best people, and I can't imagine anywhere better," said Gail. We are proud to have someone as sharp and bright as Gail helping provide top-quality services to employers and their potential employees here at West Texas Rehab.



# 2018 Summer Camp!



*A camper in San Angelo loves her face-paint!*

It's Summer Time! School is out! It's Camp Time!

We all have memories of our favorite time at summer camp. For most of us it included swimming, games, camp fire sing-a-longs and, of course, eating hot dogs and s'mores!

At West Texas Rehabilitation Center, we feel the camp experience should be the same for ALL kids!

Even those who, because of a disability, may not be able to attend the same camp as most.

At West Texas Rehab summer camps in both Abilene and San Angelo, campers spend three days in June getting the full "camp experience"! Whether it's arts and crafts, horseback riding, fishing, or playing with a reptile, campers (who must be a current patient at West Texas Rehab) do it all! To ensure the experience is



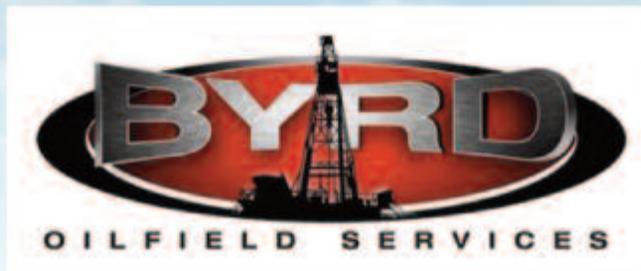
*Swimming at Summer Camp in Abilene*



worthwhile, each camper is paired with a volunteer "buddy" who is their shadow for the duration of camp. Our pediatric department shuts down for three days to attend and oversee activities to ensure they are both enjoyable and therapeutic in nature. An onsite nurse

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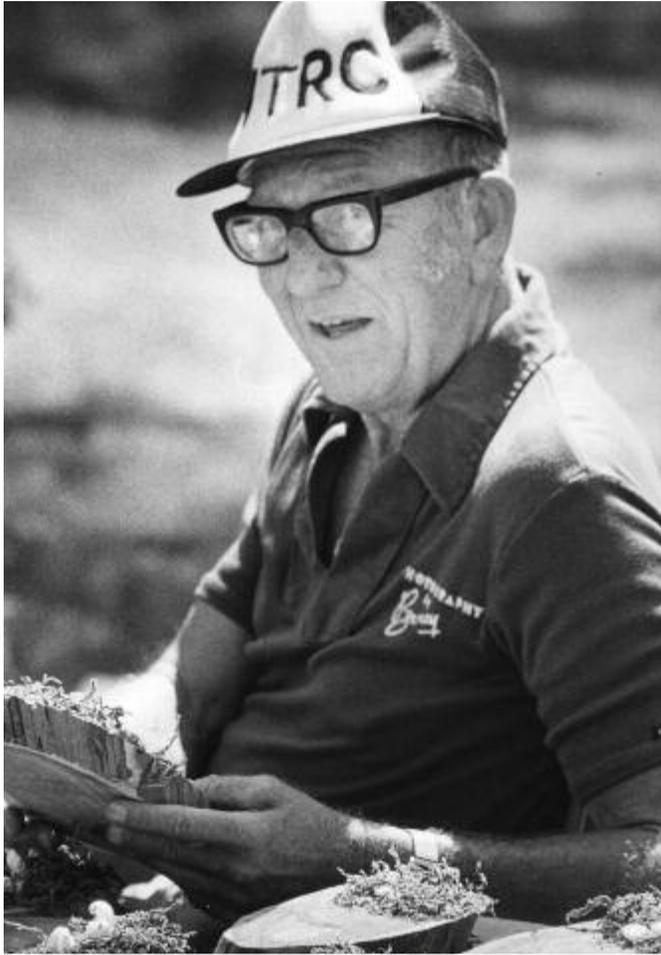
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and other staff provide leadership to keep things moving and ensure all in attendance are healthy and safe.

The history of West Texas Rehabilitation summer camp goes back many years starting in San Angelo in 1978. The late D.M. (Barney) Barnhart started camp for West Texas Rehab kids with 15 campers the inaugural year. Today, there are more than 90



*D.M. (Barney) Barnhart, San Angelo, 1978*

campers and always a waiting list. The Barnhart family, including Barney's wife Loleta Barnhart (*pictured on the front cover*) and her three daughters Laura Gillis, Linda Rasor, and Barbara Rallo, have continued hosting the camp after Barney's passing at their property near Lake Nasworthy. They are instrumental in recruiting volunteers to help with all camp activities and handling most of the

day to day logistics.

Abilene Summer Camp started in 1998 with 12 campers and only a handful of "buddies". In the early years, the camp was held at West Texas Rehab on Hartford and activities were in the boardroom, halls, playground, and pool. As the camp grew in popularity, it was held at venues such as the Abilene Zoo, city parks, and several downtown locations. Now, the Abilene Summer



Camp has more than 75 campers and buddies and has found a home at the Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Encampment. Activities include archery, taekwondo, and scavenger hunts, just to name a few.

Yes, it's hot, the kids get messy, and they all leave

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# EQUIPMENT WISHLIST

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OZ	PT/OT	Armedica Power Parallel Bars (Vonco)	3,995.50
SA	IR	Drug Screen Chain of Custody Cabinet	2210.00
OZ	PT Pedi	Basic Vestibular Set (therapy net/stander bolster set/platform swing	831.06
OZ	PT	Triton DTS Advance Traction Table (Vonco)	9258.00
SA/AB	ALL	Chairs for waiting rooms and patient chairs for treatment rooms	80,000.00
SA	Audiology	GN Otometrics NCI-480 Water Caloric Stimulator with an upgrade version for charter VNG	7,865.00
AB/SA	Housekeeping	Taski Procarpet Cleaning System	3,605.00
SA	Adult PT	Power plate PRO6+ for balance and vestibular	10,875.00
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SA	Adult ST	Iowa Oral Performance Instrument (IOPI)	2,120.75
SA	Audiology	Micromedical Air FX Caloric Irrigator	7,375.00
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AB	Adult PT/OT	OCCCUPRO FCE Software	13,225.00
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# CAMP SPOTLIGHT

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needing a nap, but smiles and laughter are abundant and EVERYONE involved has acquired memories to last a lifetime! And let's face it...that's what camp is all about!

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# 2018 EVENTS

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## August

- 4th Remembering When Dinner Show, Brownwood, 6pm:
- 23rd WTRC Summer Dinner Show - featuring Robert Earl Keen, Abilene Civic Center, 6:45 PM
- 25th Round-Up Kick-off BBQ - Fort Chadbourne, 6pm

## September

- 1st Winters' Dove Festival, Winters
- 11th Round-Up Supper Christoval/Eldorado, Bar H Ranch (Helmets), 6pm
- 14th Round-Up Lunch Ballinger, First National Bank of Ballinger, 11:30am
- 15th Round-Up Stephenville
- 18th Round-Up Sale - Abilene Auction
- 20th Round-Up Sale - San Angelo, Producers
- 22nd Ozona Goat Roper's Gala (RUR)
- 28th Rehab's HOBC Golf Tournament - Abilene Country Club - Fairway Oaks Course

## October

- 3rd Round-Up Coleman Sale
- 4th Round-Up Dudley Brothers
- 8th Pig Sale - Wylie Ag Barn
- 9th Round-Up Powell Bull Sale
- 11th Fall Rehab Dinner Show featuring Aaron Watson - San Angelo

## November

- 1st Hospice of the Big Country Candlelight Memorial Service, Logsdon Chapel HSU, 6:30 pm
- 7th Round-Up Sweetwater Shrimp Peel - Nolan County Annex
- 10th 12th Annual Frank Caraway Sporting Clays Classic, San Angelo, Claybird Association, 9am
- 27th Day of Giving

## December

- 1st Round-Up Danny Isbell Memorial Rehab Jackpot Show, Wylie Ag Barn
- 8th Round-Up Big Country Christmas Ball, The Coliseum Snyder



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- Dennis Cavitt



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"Mom was in the best hands with the care she received from Hospice of San Angelo. They were amazing."

- Tom Davidson



# HOSPICE OF SAN ANGELO SPOTLIGHT

What better way to kick off a Texas summer than by pulling a chair up to a big plate of pit-cooked barbecue under a stand of old live oak trees, soaking up the sounds of a country rock band while the sweat from an ice-cold drink rolls over your hand? Monty Branham and his band gave supporters of Hospice of San Angelo (HOSA) the chance to do just that at Cooper's Bar-B-Q in Christoval May 26.



Monty is no stranger to organizing benefit concerts for HOSA. He organized the first one after his mother, Sue Branham, died at age 51 in 1997. Monty put the second benefit together as a way of keeping his promise to his father, Bobby Branham, who died in November 2013.

"I kept my word," Monty said. But he also organized the benefit because he appreciated the way HOSA had loved and cared for both of his parents.



"I am amazed anyone could do what they do," he said. "They enter into a friendship with someone they know will die. Mary was my dad's nurse, but she was more than that. The two of them truly were friends."

Monty, a Christoval resident, organized the daylong event showcasing 10 bands. Cooper's



Bar-B-Q sponsored the event.

Music runs deep in Monty's family, back to his grandparents who sang in gospel quartets. Monty's dad liked a variety of music and played 8-tracks in his pickup. One of Monty's favorite memories of his dad is him playing Otis

Redding's "I've Got Dreams to Remember." Monty has been composing and performing country rock most of his life, and now he encourages his teenage son, Dexter, who "can play anything he can pick up." Dexter's band also played as part of the benefit.

"I got a call from West Texas Rehab thanking me for doing this," Monty said. "It is definitely my pleasure to do it. I am not doing this for attention. My name is not on this. Daddy's name is not on this. This is not so much about my dad as for him."

West Texans have big hearts – big like the Texas sky. We shoulder the load when we can. We do what we can to make good things happen. We keep our word. It may mean organizing concerts to benefit the hospice that loved our parents.

And it may mean pulling up a chair to a big plate of pit-cooked barbeque under a stand of old live oak trees, soaking up the sounds of a country rock band.

*Hospice of San Angelo expresses our appreciation to Monty Branham, Cooper's Bar-B-Q Restaurant in Christoval, participating bands, volunteers and supporters.*

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