

Opry star to perform at equine humane fundraiser

It does not get more country than this.

Local Opry-Circuit sweetheart, Nici Green, will showcase the Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society fund raiser and spring social May 19. Donating her gift of song to the event, Nici will take center stage at noon.

The annual event is to raise money, supplies, sponsors and awareness for often neglected and misunderstood horses and other equines. Favoring Winds Ranch, located in Rosharon, will host the all-day event for

the third consecutive year.

With a Carnival midway theme, there will be pony rides and a petting zoo for the cowbabies. Fun games for school-age cow-tykes will include pop-a-balloon, ring toss, and a fishing pond, where every child who plays will win a prize. A concession stand will be set up to serve hot food and cold drinks all day. (No alcohol will be served or permitted, as it is a family event.) There will be drawings and door prizes throughout the entire day and vendors will have booths set up to showcase their products and services.

And, of course, there will be music. With a voice as big as Texas, the blue-eyed beauty will grace the festivities with her sultry-sweet mix of country music and Texas blues. Joining Nici

during part of her performance, Shawn Johnson (local artist, friend and occasional singing companion), is scheduled as the second performer of the day. Cowboy Spencer Williams, the third scheduled solo performer, will close out the musical entertainment with his mix of modern Texas country, blues, and story telling which promises to leave 'em crying in the aisles.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and are scheduled to close at 6 p.m. The eight-hour event is open to anyone who wants to come out with their family or group. It promises to be the most successful fund raiser to date for BEHS. All BEHS and Favoring Winds Ranch representatives are volunteer, which means every dollar raised goes directly toward the care and keep of equines waiting for adoption.

