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## President's Notes



Bill Pinchak, Ph.D.  
President, TSSRM

The time has flown by this last year. What a difference a year makes. Range and pasturelands across the State are in phenomenal condition for August. Drought is a powerful force in our lives as professional land managers. The recovery potential of the land is nothing short of amazing in these rare wet years. Recovery has been a major focus of this year's TSSRM Board and Officers. We are striving to recover our roots in relevance to you as professional land managers. I must tell you that the Board and Officers have done an admirable job of moving this vision forward. You will notice the Young Professional's Meeting for Odessa. Refocusing on those challenges that are important to incoming land managers in Texas, for incoming land managers are the future of our Professional Society. I believe we must emphasize among ourselves

and stakeholders that we are first and foremost a Professional Society focused on serving the needs Professional Land Managers, whether seasoned veteran or shiny new hire, academic, agency or private employed our Profession is committed to sustainable land management.

You will notice the announcement of a new position, Web Content Coordinator, in this newsletter. We have decided that in today's internet world of communication and social interaction, TSSRM needs to have a presence in this universe beyond our Section web-page. We are seeking a volunteer member of TSSRM to provide the creative insight to utilizing social networking as a tool for TSSRM to be of greater value to our Members. The individual will also be responsible for communicating with the SRM's Web Master updates for our Section Web page. We are not looking for a Web Master or Web Page developer in this position. We are looking for a member with creativity, skills, desire and commitment to coordinate our web presence, especially in the social networking arena. Please contact me, any Officer or Director if you are interested. My e-mail is [bpinchak@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bpinchak@ag.tamu.edu).

The Odessa meeting will be amazing and a place for us to establish new and reaffirm existing professional bonds. I personally want to Thank the Meeting Committee for their commitment, vision and energy in making this an amazing meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you there and sharing your ideas with me on TSSRM relevance to you. I hope you take the time to contact Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs with your ideas and thoughts of how to improve TSSRM as your professional society.

See you in Odessa!

Regards,

*Bill Pinchak*

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## 2010 TSSRM Scholarship Recipient



**Mr. John P. Wade, President, Texas 4-H Foundation; Dr. Barron Rector, Texas A&M University; Caleb Bargfrede, 2010 scholarship recipient and Dr. Chris Boleman, Program Director, Texas 4-H.**

## Web Content Coordinator Position Announcement

The TSSRM has established a Web Content Coordinator to be responsible the web presence of TSSRM. The Section needs to develop and sustain an active professional presence on the web. The Web Content Coordinator will be responsible for working with SRM to keep the Section web page current, developing a social networking presence through Face Book and other platforms as appropriate. This new position provides the opportunity to be the leader in Section web projection. We are looking for an extremely motivated, responsible and web competent individual to work for TSSRM in this essential position.

Send letter of interest to:

Bill Pinchak, President TSSRM - [bpinchak@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bpinchak@ag.tamu.edu)

### Upcoming Events

**Texas Wildlife Short Course**

August 20-21 - Kristi Smith, 979-845-7471

**Ranch Management Clinic** - September 28 - Beeville, Tx  
 contact [Jason.hohlt@tx.usda.gov](mailto:Jason.hohlt@tx.usda.gov)

**Ranch Production to Profit with Kit Pharo**  
 September 29 - Decatur, Tx [jeff.goodwin@tx.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.goodwin@tx.usda.gov)

**Ranch Production to Profit with Kit Pharo**  
 September 30 - Commerce, Tx [jeff.goodwin@tx.usda.gov](mailto:jeff.goodwin@tx.usda.gov)

**TSSRM 2010 Annual Meeting**  
 October 13-15, 2010 - Odessa, Texas

**TSSRM 2011 Annual Meeting**  
 October 2010 - San Angelo, Texas

**64th SRM Annual Meeting**  
 February 6-10, 2011 - Billings, Montana



## Call for Papers

### Texas Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting October 13-15, 2010 - Odessa, Texas

The Texas Section will be hosting its 2010 Annual Meeting in Odessa, Texas on October 13-15, 2010. The Young Professionals Committee is issuing a call for papers for the Young Professionals program for Friday October 15 from 9:00-10:30 am. Presenters can represent academia or professional organizations.

Presenters will be asked to give a fifteen (15) minute presentation, with an additional five (5) minutes for questions from the audience.

Within the Texas Section Young Professionals are defined as any member 40 years of age or younger.

**Deadline for submission is September 11, 2010.**

Please submit abstract and contact information to: Haden Keyser – [haden\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:haden_k@hotmail.com)

All submissions must be sent via email and in PDF or Microsoft Word format.

Any questions can be sent to [haden\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:haden_k@hotmail.com) or (830) 563-5921.

## Texas Wildlife Short Course



Texas is getting ready for hunting season with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's first ever Texas Wildlife Short Course August 20-21, 2010 at the Brazos County Exposition Center, Bryan/College Station, TX.

The Texas Wildlife Short Course is designed for both new and seasoned sportsmen alike, providing up-to-date information on various aspects of wildlife management. Educational topics covering white-tailed deer management, the use of infrared cameras for scouting, and what forages to plant for deer and doves will be discussed. Feral hog and farm pond management, and marketing wildlife on your piece of Texas will also be covered. A special session will be devoted to managing wildlife

for the 1-d-1 Open Space Lands tax valuation. Special speakers will include Bob Zaiglin, well-known white-tailed deer biologist and Department Chair Wildlife Management Southwest Texas Junior College, Clayton Wolf, Wildlife Division Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Ben Koerth, white-tailed deer biologist from the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Jon Hayes, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Shane Kiefer, Plateau Land and Wildlife Management. Other noted speakers will include Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Larry Redmon, Extension Forage Specialist, Miles Phillips, Extension Nature Tourism Specialist, and Michael Masser, Extension Fisheries Specialist. Three continuing education units will be provided.

Admission to The Texas Wildlife Short Course is \$75 and included with the price are 1 catered meal (Friday lunch), vendor displays, and a chance to see some of the best deer taken during last year's hunting season. There will also be exclusive activities designed for children.

Following the conclusion of the Texas Wildlife Short Course, the Texas Wildlife Association's Regions 5, 6, 7 (Post Oak Savannah, Pineywoods, and Coastal Prairies) will be holding the annual Texas Big Game Awards Sportsmen's Celebration. The Texas Big Game Awards Sportsmen's Celebration will begin Saturday August 21 with their awards luncheon at 1:00 pm followed by the awards presentation.

To register for the Texas Wildlife Short Course go to the Texas AgriLife Extension Conference Services' web-site at <https://agrilifeevents.tamu.edu>. For more information regarding this inaugural event, please call 979-845-2604. For more information on the Texas Big Game Awards Sportsmen's Celebration visit [www.TexasBigGameAwards.com](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.com).



## 2010 TSSRM Youth Range Workshop

By Dandy Kothmann, Chair-Youth Activities Committee



**Dr. Landers introducing youth to the Landers Ranch.**

They rose early each day, and the majority of their time was spent in the field, conducting vegetation sampling, step-point transects, forage clipping, estimating brush density, plant identification, endangered species monitoring, brush management methods, GPS data collection, and even carrying out a 3.2 acre prescribed burn.

A highlight of the activities this year at the workshop was installation of a native plant garden around the new TTU Lantana Laboratory building. YRW participants from across the state brought plants native to their area, and planted these around the lab, which also houses a rainwater catchment system that will irrigate the garden. Another new activity this year was a field trip to the 3 Mill Ranch for a plant identification contest, barbecue, and swimming in Johnson Creek. Here, wagon wheel tracks can still be seen, cut deep into the bedrock of the creek channel. This is the remnant of the Old San Antonio Road, a freight route used well over a century ago.

Be on the lookout for articles on the 2010 Youth Range Workshop in the media. A guest at the camp, was independent journalist Robert Fears, who is busy writing of his experiences. The first of his articles will be published in the September/October issue of Tracks Magazine, the magazine of the Texas Deer Association.

Thank you to the co-coordinators of the Youth Range Workshop, Dr. Barron Rector and Hoyt Seidensticker, and to the directors and members of the Youth Activities Committee who made this year's camp a success: Dr. Bob Knight, Paul Leoffler, Jenny Pluhar, Lee Knox, Derek Scasta, Kelly Jones, Aaron Sumrall, Joel Pigg, Casey Spinks, Keith Blair, Mary Beth Bauer, and Reverend Hugh Magers. Also a special thank you to the Landers Family for once again hosting the Youth Range Workshop, and to Dr. Roger Q. Landers, Jr., for his continued dedication to the education of the next generation of young range professionals.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Range Workshop was held June 20-25 at the Texas Tech University Center campus in Junction, Texas. A record total 46 youth from across the state of Texas attended the 6-day workshop (5 of whom were returning participants serving as junior directors). These young people received an in-depth instruction from various university, agency and private consultant professionals in the field of range management.

The students were housed in the vintage screened-in cabins that once hosted the now famous Junction Boys, members of Bear Bryant's champion Texas A&M football team over 50 years ago. Precious little time was spent in their cabins, and even less time in their bunks, however.



**Dr. Landers presenting "Roger Q. Landers Sr. Trail Boss Award" to Bennett Guillory from Bosque County.**



**2010 Youth Range Workshop participants.**

## 2010 High School Youth Forum in Denver

By Barron Rector

The Texas Section Society for Range Management and the Youth Activities Committee sponsored three Texas youth to participate as delegates to the 2010 High School Youth Forum program at Denver in February. The delegates were selected from the 2009 Youth Range Workshop and included Gabe Jennings from Mason County, Ely Long from Taylor County and Erin Reid from Young County. Youth Activities committee members Hoyt Seidensticker, Cheryl Seidensticker and Barron Rector accompanied the youth to Denver and the Society for Range Management (SRM) Annual Meeting.

Each delegate prepared a professional paper and presentation on a range related topic for the High School Youth Forum Presentation competition. Presentations were required to be between six and eight minutes in length and were judged in a regular session by four international range professionals. A total of 25 presentations were made by youth delegates representing 14 SRM Sections.

Gabe Jennings made a presentation titled "Change for the Range" and provided a great lesson on range economics. Gabe's presentation tied for fifth place in the competition. Erin Reid gave a presentation titled "Healing the Desert: The Solution to Overgrazed Bare Rangeland". Erin's presentation highlighted the impact of livestock grazing on rangeland and the strategies of grazing that could give a different result in the health of the rangeland resource. Her presentation placed second in the competition. Ely Long gave a presentation titled "Managing Warm Season Rangeland for Winter Forage in Texas". His presentation looked at stockpiling native warm season perennial grasses for dormant season livestock use and the particulars of management related to replacing deficient nutrients for winter grazing. Ely's presentation won the competition and placed first.

Each of our Texas youth delegates called upon Texas Section members to assist in finding materials and resources for their paper and presentation, review their paper and presentation and to prepare for questions that would be asked by the competition judges. These youth have given their presentations on numerous occasions to local civic groups, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and even to a large audience at the State 4-H Roundup Range Contest Awards ceremony. By placing first, Ely Long will return to the 2011 SRM Annual Meeting in Billings, Montana, to present his paper to the general membership.

The High School Youth Forum program has been conducted at the Society for Range Management Annual Meeting since 1966. Each year between 20 to 30 high school age youth participate representing the various 21 Sections of the Society. At the conclusion of each Forum, youth participants elect a High School Youth Forum President to preside over the next Forum. For the 2011 High School Youth Forum, Texas Section delegate Erin Reid will serve as President for the Billings program.

As a side note, Gabe Jennings used his Forum presentation in the 2010 4-H illustrated talk competition and won the State Title in Farm and Ranch Economics at College Station in June. Ely Long presented his talk in the Conservation of Natural Resources and was awarded runner-up or second place in this competition at 4-H State Roundup.



Ely Long, Erin Reid, and Gabe Jennings

## SRM Members Riding Point at the 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup

**By Dandy Kothmann, Chair-Youth Activities Committee**

Dr. Mort Kothmann, Past President, represented the Texas Section SRM at the 4-H Roundup Range Awards Program in June at Texas A&M University in College Station. He spoke to a crowd of around 130 people including coaches, County Extension Agents and 4-H youths about the history of range in Texas, the formation of the TSSRM and why the TSSRM is interested in, and dedicated to the youth of this state. Dr. Kothmann presented the top five teams in both contests with plaques sponsored by the TSSRM Youth Activities Committee. HOLT CAT of San Antonio provided the plaques for the top five individuals in both contests. The Texas Section Society for Range Management has sponsored some type of awards at these contests held during Roundup since 1976. Additionally, SRM members give their time and expertise each year to coordinate and oversee these events. Dr. Barron Rector, Hoyt Seidensticker and Dr. Bob Knight were also present for the awards. Dr. Rector served as superintendent for both the Range and Pasture Grass Identification Contest and the Range Evaluation Contest. Seidensticker served as Assistant Superintendent for Range Evaluation and Dr. Knight served as Assistant Superintendent for Grass Identification. A total of 34 youth participated in Grass ID and 23 youth in Range Evaluation for a total of 10 teams in grass and 8 teams in range evaluation. The results of the top five individuals and top teams are as follows:



<b>Placing</b>	<b>Team (County)</b>	<b>Individual</b>
1st - Grass	Comal Co. D-10	Madeleine Gallagher D-4, Lamar County
2nd - Grass	Bosque Co. D-8	Ely Long D-7, Taylor County
3rd - Grass	Kerr Co. D-10	Kaitlin O'Brien D-10, Comal County
4th - Grass	Collingsworth D-1	Garrett Friesenhahn D-10, Comal County
5th - Grass	Lamar Co. D-4	Bennett Guillory D-8, Bosque County
1st - Range Eval	Young Co. D-3	Boone Herring D-8, Coryell County
2nd - Range Eval	Kendall Co. D-10	Jacob Renfro D-3, Young County
3rd - Range Eval	Coryell Co. D-8	Gabrielle Seillier D-10, Kendall County
4th - Range Eval	Austin Co. D-11	Erin Reid D-3, Young County
5th - Range Eval	Llano Co. D-7	Rachel Holland D-10, Kendall County



## Opportunities Under the Western Sky: Planning, Persistence, and Profitability TSSRM Meeting 2010

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome  
6201 E. Business 20 - Odessa, Texas 79762 - Phone: 432/362-2311

Registration costs:

**Pre-registration \$100, late \$125 - Student \$75 - Spouse \$60 - Tour \$10**

Information should be going out in a mailer to TSSRM members quickly. Sharon Burks is still making a few minor changes to the registration form. Please remind our members to send any nominations for publication awards to me. We have three categories: technical, popular, and special (i.e., books).

Cody Scott, Professor of Animal Science - 325-942-2029 Ext 284 - 325-656-1851

### PROGRAM

#### Wednesday, October 13th

- 9-12 am TSSRM Board of Directors Meeting  
3-5 pm Business Meeting  
**Professional Development and Planning:**  
1-3 pm Total Resource Management Planning  
**Jason Johnson and  
Bruce Carpenter,  
Texas AgriLife Extension**  
3-3:15 pm Break  
3:15-3:45 pm Successful Career Advancement  
with NRCS - **Chad Ellis, GLCI-NRCS**  
3:45-5:30 pm Career Opportunities and Career  
Advancement in the Public  
and Private Sector  
**Rodney Hyatt, NRCS  
Scott Durham and Marvin Ensor,  
Texas AgriLife Extension  
Representatives from BLM,  
New Mexico  
Gerald Hobson, Dupont  
Ralph Porter, Dow Agrosiences**  
5-6:30 pm Interviews with Agencies  
7 pm Reception  
Photo Contest Award

#### Thursday October 14th

- 6:30 am Plant ID Contest  
8 am Welcome and Opening Comments  
**Steve Hartmann, Mayor of Odessa,  
and Cody Scott**  
8:10 am How much water do woody plants really  
use: Impact on water balance?  
**Keith Owens and Georgianne Moore**  
8:35 am Has rangeland recovery influenced  
streamflows in Texas since the 1920's?  
**Brad Wilcox**

- 9 am Mechanisms Driving Vegetation Change  
in Texas - **Jim Ansley and Tom Boutton**  
9:25 am Herbicides for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
**Allan McGinty**  
9:50 am Break  
10:05 am Prescribed burning to improve rangeland  
diversity - **Sam Fuhlendorf**  
10:30 am Challenges to range improvements on  
semidesert rangelands - **Bonnie Warnock**  
10:55 am Closing Comments  
11:00 am Lunch  
*Student Awards  
Grass Roots Awards  
Grazing Land Stewardship Award  
(joint award with TSCRA)*  
12:30 pm Leave for Tour  
6:30 pm Banquet with Dance to Follow  
*ORM award  
Outstanding Young Range  
Professional  
Outstanding Achievement Award  
Fellow Award*

#### Friday October 15th

- 6:30 am College Activities/Young  
Professionals Breakfast  
8:00 am Opening Comments - **Cody Scott**  
8:05 am Salt Cedar Management  
with Herbicides - **Charlie Hart**  
8:30 am Biological Control of Salt Cedar  
Using Leaf Beetles  
**Allen Knutson, Mark Muegge,  
and Jack DeLoach**  
8:55 am Break  
9:10 am Young Professionals Program  
Five 15-minute presentations  
11:00 Closing Ceremonies and Final Awards

Annual Meeting  
 Texas Section – Society for Range Management  
 October 13-15, 2010

**MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome**

6201 E. Business 20  
 Odessa, Texas 79762  
 Phone: 432/362-2311

**Registration Fee Includes: Mixer/Social, Awards Luncheon and Banquet**

**\*PLEASE MARK ALL MEALS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND\*  
 EARLY REGISTRATION CUTOFF – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Registration Fees	Cost/Person		Number	Total
	Pre	Late		
Guest (Exhibitor or Non-Member Speakers only)	<u>N/C</u>	<u>N/C</u>	_____	_____
Member/Non-Member	\$100	\$125	_____	_____
Spouse	\$ 60	\$ 65	_____	_____
Student	\$ 75	\$ 75	_____	_____
Day Registration (No meals included; Thursday or Friday only)	\$ 30	\$ 30	_____	_____
PRE- CONVENTION YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR <b>Wednesday (10/13)</b>	<u>N/C</u>	<u>N/C</u>	_____	_____
<b><u>Wednesday Mixer/Social (10/13)</u></b> (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Spouse (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Extra Mixer/Social Ticket	\$ 20	\$ 20	_____	_____
<b><u>Thursday Tour (10/14)</u></b>				
Railway Ranch Tour (Limited to the first 200 registrants)	\$ 10	\$ 10	_____	_____
<b><u>Awards Luncheon (NOON, Thursday, 10/14)</u></b> (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Spouse (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Extra Awards Luncheon Ticket	\$ 20	\$ 20	_____	_____
<b><u>Awards Banquet Thursday Evening)</u></b> (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Spouse (included in registration cost)			_____	_____
Extra Awards Banquet Ticket	\$ 45	\$ 45	_____	_____
<b><u>TS-SRM Past President's Breakfast</u></b> (Past Presidents and Charter Members)	<u>N/C</u>	<u>N/C</u>	_____	_____

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**HOTEL INFORMATION:** MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome, 6201 E. Business 20, Odessa, Texas 79762, Phone: 432/362-2311, **Regular Rates:** Standard - \$85; King single/double - \$95; Parlor Suite - \$129.99 and Jacuzzi Suite - \$169.99. **Student Rates:** Up to 4 college students can share a room at no additional charge.

## ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

*Texas Section Society for Range Management October 13-15, 2010*

MCM Grande Hotel Fun Dome  
6201 E. Business 20, Odessa, Texas 79762

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM BLOCK ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.**

**REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 20, 2010  
MUST PAY LATE REGISTRATION PRICE.**

CITY, STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION/JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Refund Requests must be received by September 24, 2010.  
No refunds will be made after this date.**

For more information about the Odessa area visit the Odessa Convention and Visits Bureau website.  
[www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)

**Return Registration Form and Checks made payable to Texas Section SRM to:  
Royce Siebman 701 Ave. E NW Childress, TX 79201  
Phone: 940/937-6414 or 940/585-6206 (cell)**

For further information, email: [rsiebman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsiebman@sbcglobal.net) or [rquiatt@cebridge.net](mailto:rquiatt@cebridge.net)

# Programs, Awards, Railway Ranch Tour, Banquet, Dancing and FUN

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

1. Total Resource Management Planning Successful Career Advancement with NRCS  
**Jason Johnson and Bruce Carpenter, Texas AgriLife Extension**
2. Career Advancement in the Public and Private Sector  
**Chad Ellis, GLCI-NRCS**
3. Career Opportunities and Career Advancement in the Public and Private Sector  
**Rodney Hyatt, NRCS; Scott Durham and Marvin Ensor, Texas AgriLife Extension;  
Joe Beach, Texas Parks and Wildlife; Representatives from BLM-New Mexico;  
Gerald Hobson, DuPont; and Ralph Porter, DowAgroSciences**
4. Interviews with Agencies

## Program

1. How Much Water Do Woody Plants Really Use: Impact on Water Balance?  
**Dr. Keith Owens and Georgianne Moore**
2. Has Rangeland Recovery Influenced Streamflows in Texas Since the 1920's?  
**Dr. Brad Wilcox**
3. Mechanisms Driving Vegetation Change in Texas  
**Dr. Jim Ansley and Dr. Tom Boutton**
4. Herbicides for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
**Dr. Allan McGinty**
5. Prescribed Burning to Improve Rangeland Diversity  
**Dr. Sam Fuhlendorf**
6. Challenges to Range Improvements on Semi-Desert Rangelands  
**Dr. Bonnie Warnock**
7. Salt Cedar Management with Herbicides  
**Dr. Charlie Hart**
8. Biological Control of Salt Cedar Using Leaf Beetles  
**Dr. Allen Knutson, Dr. Mark Muegge, and Dr. Jack DeLoach**

**CEU's Available for TDA and SRM Certified Professional Rangeland Managers**