

**Range, livestock workshop set for July 31 in Ozona**

By Steve Byrns

A Texas AgriLife Extension Service range and wildlife management workshop has been set from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in the Crockett County Convention Center in Ozona.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one laws and regulations, one integrated pest management and three general – will be available for those with a valid private pesticide applicator’s license.

“This program will center on the drought we are still very much in here in Crockett County,” said Chase McPhaul, AgriLife Extension agent in Crockett County. “We’ve had more moisture this year than last, but times are still hard out here in West Texas.

“During this workshop, we’ll be discussing drought management strategies, how the dry weather has affected livestock, supplemental feeding regimes and range and pasture issues. We’ll also hear how the dry weather hasn’t slowed the influx of feral hogs to our area and what’s being done about it.”

Speakers and their topics will include:

- Dr. Frank Craddock, AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, supplemental feeding, drought management, health issues and the future of hair sheep.

- Dr. Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range specialist at Fort Stockton, rangeland drought recovery, drought management and re-seeding.

- Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo, pesticide laws and regulations.

- Jake Babb, Crockett County trapper, feral hog trapping techniques and feral hog update.

Individual registration is \$20 and includes lunch. RSVP by July 25 by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Crockett County at 325-392-2721. Further information can also be obtained by calling the AgriLife Extension office.

**West Texas Rehab Silver Spur Ball set for July 27**

Boot scootin’ dance music by Johnny Dickinson and Big Country, a sampling of snack foods from A Catered Affair and more than 100 silent auction items will be featured July 27th at the 22nd annual Silver Spur Ball benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Scheduled at the McNease Convention Center, the event also will include casino games and drawings for a gun and a hand-stitched, double-size quilt.

Tickets are available at the Rehab Center. Tables for ten

are available on a first come, first served basis.

In 21 years, the Silver Spur Ball has raised more than \$470,000 for the Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, donors and those who attend each year. Event underwriting is being provided by West Central Wireless, Scott & White Health Plan, Superior Services, Sam’s Club, Hernandez Painting, Milford Engineering and Catholic Life Insurance. Additional funding is by JL Mercer Boot Co., Livestock Weekly, Lowe’s Market, MedWay Home Health, Dierschke & Dierschke Realtors, Floors Unlimited, KENO Lawn Service, Wal-Mart – Ballinger, San Angelo Standard-Times and A-B Distributing.

Singer/guitarist Johnny Dickinson fronts a five-piece band with a steel guitar, fiddle, bass and drums. A popular regional band, the group plays a mix of traditional and contemporary country music and western swing.

Volunteer hosts for the Spur event are Doodle Dankworth, Floyd and Dottie Frerich, Pat and Ruby McDonald, Mark and Lou Ann Multer, Olen and Sandy Steele, John and Betty Jo Wilde, Quint and Linda Binns, all of San Angelo. Also, Hubert and Annette Frerich of Garden City, J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad, Bobby Lindley of Mertzon, Shawn and Jamie Glass of Lowake and Mike and Kathy Howard of Rowena. Honorary members include Steven and Jennifer Hoelscher of San Angelo and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care each day to more than 500 children and adults who have experienced disabling illnesses or injuries. Events such as the Spur Ball make it possible for the Center to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstance.

For event or ticket information, call 325-223-6300 or visit WestTexasRehab.org.

**Red Canyon Gun Club results posted**

Red Canyon Gun Club hosts monthly rifle and pistol steel silhouette matches the first Saturday of every month. You do not have to be a member of the gun club to shoot in our matches.

The 40 shot course consists

of a bank of 10 steel chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 50 meters, 10 turkeys at 75 meters, and 10 rams at 100 meters.

The first match begins at 10 am, 22 rifle and pistol; the second match follows the first match and is shot with big bore, center fire rifle and pistol. Entry fees are \$5 for both matches, JR shooters age 9-19 shoot free. All shooters shoot in their class from master, AAA, AA, A, and B. Awards are presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class. Richard Johnson, Match Director, stated “I promise you that you will have fun if you like to shoot.”

**Results from Red Canyon Gun Club Monthly NRA Rifle and Pistol Silhouette Match Saturday, July 7.**

**Small Bore Cowboy Rifle**  
High Overall-Charles Henley, Ballinger

AAA and master class-J.D. Stoddard, Lawn, 1st; Dereck Pocock, Ovala, 2nd

AA class-Steve Hinds, Coleman, 1st; Ron Herring, Miles, 2nd

A class-John Porman, San Angelo, 1st

Small Bore Scoped 22 Rifle-Linda Ashton, San Angelo, 1st; Haley Grantham, Robert Lee, 2nd

**Small Bore Pistol**  
High Overall-Richard Johnson, Robert Lee

AAA and master class-Howard Droll, San Angelo, 1st

AA class-J.D. Stoddard, Lawn, 1st; Steve Hinds, Coleman, 2nd

A class-Terry Ashton, San Angelo, 1st; Edd Zimmerman, Robert Lee, 2nd; Les Turner, Water Valley, 3rd

**Big Bore Cowboy Lever Action Rifle**

Match Winner-J.D. Stoddard, Lawn

AAA and master class-Dereck Pocock, Ovala, 1st; Charles Hensley, Ballinger, 2nd

AA class-Ron Herring, Miles, 1st

A class-Les Turner, Water Valley, 1st; Linda Ashton, San Angelo, 2nd; John Proman, San Angelo, 3rd

**Big Bore Pistol**  
Steve Hinds, Coleman, 1st; Richard Johnson, Robert Lee, 2nd; Terry Ashton, San Angelo, 3rd

**Red Hat society posts schedule**

Mark your calendars now. The Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, August 2, at 11 am at Cruisin 277 in

Bronte.

The September meeting will be September 6 at 11 am at Cindy’s in Robert Lee. In October, we will meet on October 4 at 11 am at Allen’s in Sweetwater.

The November meeting will be November 6 at 11:00 am First Baptist Church in Bronte for the annual Potato Bake. The December meeting will be December 6 at 11 am at Miss Hatties in San Angelo.

You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. We are usually together for about an hour or so. Some of the ladies get together and go shopping afterwards. Some go back to work. Whatever we do we have fun. Red Hat is one of the things that we really look forward to - no dues, no rules, no business, no nothing really, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Each woman buys her own lunch. We hope to see you there.

Ladies under fifty can brag a little wearing something lavender and a pink hat. At or over 50 we usually wear something purple and wear a red hat. You can’t miss us.

For more information, call Janet Wommack at 473-5388.

**Applications Sought for Local Park Grants**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is announcing a special call for local park grant applications under the Outdoor Recreation and Urban Outdoor Recreation grant programs before August 1.

With the passage of the omnibus spending bill in December by the U.S. Congress, Texas has received \$2,302,679 for its federal apportionment through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Roughly half this

amount -- \$1,151,339 -- is available for grant review prior to Aug. 1. Of this amount, 40 percent is set aside for Urban Outdoor Recreation grants and 60 percent is set aside for Outdoor Recreation grants. Applications must be post-marked no later than Aug. 1.

For more information regarding this special call, go to [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/grants).

Due to limited funds and eligibility requirements, applications for all other Local Park Grant programs are not being accepted at this time. These include the Small Community, Indoor Recreation, Urban Indoor Recreation and Regional grant programs.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact: Dana Lagarde, (512)389-8175, [dana.lagarde@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:dana.lagarde@tpwd.state.tx.us), or Roxane Eley, (512)389-8109, [Roxane.eley@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:Roxane.eley@tpwd.state.tx.us).

**New Texas Farm Bureau member gate signs available to members**

New gate signs are available for any Texas Farm Bureau member. The new aluminum signs are under warranty for five years.

To receive a new sign at no cost, members must bring old signs to their county office to exchange. County secretaries will be able to order new monogrammed signs after old signs are returned to county offices.

If members would like to keep their old signs, they may purchase a new sign.

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