

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Health Insurance Open Enrollment Runs Through January



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The Affordable Health Care Act allows U.S. citizens under age 65 to change individual health care coverage from Nov. 1, 2016, until Jan. 31, 2017, even if you have not experienced a “qualifying event” such as marriage, divorce or death.

Cattle Raisers Insurance staff can help you review your options at any time of the year. However, if you have not experienced a qualifying event, the only time you may change your 2016 individual health care coverage is from Nov. 1, 2016, to Jan. 31, 2017. We encourage you to contact us before the Jan. 31, 2017 cutoff, so we can help you review the plan options and make the earliest change possible.

For more information, contact Cattle Raisers Insurance staff at 800-252-2849 or visit [cattleraisersinsurance.com](http://cattleraisersinsurance.com).

### Beef Up Your Operation and Attend Beef 706



Do you consider yourself a cattle producer or a beef producer? You may consider yourself both. But ultimately, your cattle will be harvested, sold through a retail or foodservice outlet, and enjoyed by a consumer. Being a beef producer is not something we think about on a continual basis, but we probably should.

Beef 706 is a checkoff-funded program available to producers. Learn about beef quality and safety issues and how they affect your operation. This 2-day hands-on program will be held Jan. 11-12 in College Station. There is no charge for the program or meals, but you are responsible for lodging.

For more information, visit [texasbeef.org](http://texasbeef.org) and under the Programs tab on the menu, choose Beef Quality Assurance.

### Cattle Raisers Are Gearing up for the Largest Ranching Event of the Year!

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is ramping up Convention preparations for another great weekend packed full of information, education, fellowship and fun. We urge you to attend for whatever time you have available; we expect this year to be the biggest and best convention ever.

The event will be held in San Antonio, March 31 to April 2, and is open to all ranchers, landowners and cattle industry participants. You're guaranteed to walk away with ideas and energy that will have a profound and profitable impact on your ranching operation!

Be sure to check out the Convention Outsert included with the January issue of *The Cattleman*.

Visit [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com) for more information on registration, housing, key speakers and special education opportunities. Early registration guarantees lower prices and ensures your seat for our most popular events!



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# Ultimate Wild Offers Discounts to TSCRA Members

Still looking for a gift for that hunter in your life? Ultimate Wild is now offering TSCRA members 25 percent off all game cameras and spotlights. Visit [ultimatewild.com](http://ultimatewild.com) and enter the code "TSCRA" and the discount will be applied at checkout. Visit [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) for more information and a full list of companies offering discounts and special deals to TSCRA members.



## Check out the New TSCRA.Org!

If you haven't visited the association's website lately, stop by [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) to see our new look! With a bold color scheme, easier-to-find information and simple navigation menus, visitors now have everything at their fingertips.

Click or tap to read more on a hot topic from the rotating info carousel, browse upcoming events and check out the latest crime watch reports from TSCRA's Special Rangers. You can also get more in-depth information on the issues and policies of interest to cattle raisers and landowners.

We've also built this website to look great no matter what size screen you're using! Whether a computer, smartphone or tablet, you still get all the same information, just formatted to fit your device.

You can still log in to the member center to join or renew your membership, get exclusive membership discount codes and change your email preferences. Stop by [tskra.org](http://tskra.org) and take a look around!



## Arrest in Oklahoma Stolen Property Case

A Woods County man was arrested Dec. 5 and charged with two counts of knowingly concealing stolen property from two victims from Pottawatomie County. TSCRA Special Ranger Brett Wellden, District 3 in Central Oklahoma, conducted the investigation.

During the late summer of 2015, Wellden received information about several cattle thefts in the Woods County area. Investigations were opened into each of the thefts, but there were no viable leads at the time. In October 2016, Wellden received new information about the thefts, which led him and deputies from the Woods County Sheriff's Office to a residence outside of Carmen, Okla.

Wellden and Woods County Undersheriff Keith Dale spoke with the resident, Todd James Cunningham, 40, of Carmen, Okla., who was identified as a suspect in the cattle

thefts. Cunningham gave consent for Wellden and Dale to inspect several vehicles on the property, including a 2014 Ford F350 pickup truck with a Hydra Bed® and 2010 Cub Cadet mower, which were identified as stolen in Pottawatomie County. Cunningham was taken into custody and the stolen property seized.

Cunningham was arrested Monday and transported to the Woods County jail, where he was booked and held in lieu of bond. Charges were presented to the Woods County district attorney's office.

Wellden would like to thank the Woods County Sheriff's office, specifically Undersheriff Keith Dale and Deputy Chase Bouziden, for their assistance in this case.

The cattle theft investigation continues and more charges and arrests are anticipated.

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