

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### TSCRA Elects New Officers, Leaders

Richard Thorpe, Winters, was named TSCRA president at the Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth last month. Thorpe was elected an association director in March 2006 and most recently served as the first vice president alongside Pete Bonds, Saginaw, who served as president from September 2013 to April 2016.

Thorpe, his wife Karen and their family, own and operate Mesa T Ranch, where they have a cow-calf operation, as well as stockers and quarter horses. Thorpe also earned a medical degree from Texas Tech University.

Bobby McKnight, Fort Davis, will serve as first vice president. Hughes Abell, Austin, was elected as a new officer in the role of second vice president.

New directors include Donnell Brown, Throckmorton; Seth Denbow, Weatherford; Heath Hemphill, Coleman; Ty Keeling, Boerne; Leslie Kinsel, Cotulla; Carl Ray Polk Jr., Lufkin; and Gary Price, Blooming Grove. Incoming Executive Committee members are Leslie Kinsel, Cotulla; Brian McLaughlin, Midland; and Clay Jones, Brady.



President Richard Thorpe, seated left; First Vice President Bobby McKnight, seated right; and Second Vice President Hughes Abell, standing.

### Join Us in Montgomery for the Summer Meeting



Plan to join us in scenic southeast Texas on June 16-18, for TSCRA's Summer Meeting. La Torretta Lake Resort in Montgomery will be the setting for plenty of family-friendly fun right on Lake Conroe.

Relax on sandy lake beaches, enjoy one of the resort's 5 pools or play a round of golf while you're there!

Visit [tscra.org](http://tscra.org) or call 800-242-7820 for registration prices, schedule and to reserve your room.

### TSCRA Members Get Free Western Heritage Classic Passes

TSCRA has teamed up with the Western Heritage Classic to provide TSCRA members with 2 complimentary grounds passes to the event in Abilene good for May 13-14, 2016. TSCRA members can also purchase Friday night ranch rodeo tickets at the discounted price of \$15! Join us for a ranch gathering on Friday, May 13 in Griffin Arena before the rodeo.

If you renew your membership at the event, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a Stoeger 12-gauge over-and-under shotgun. In addition, for every new member you bring by the booth who joins during the event, you'll receive an extra entry in the drawing.

Use your free passes to come out early on Friday for all of the great events at Western Heritage Classic, including the ranch horse competition semi-finals, a colt starting challenge clinic, cowboy poetry, music and more! TSCRA will have a booth in the Big Country Hall, so stop by and say hello.

To reserve your passes or to order tickets, visit [tscra.org](http://tscra.org) and click on the Western Heritage button on the right side of the page for more information.

# Cattle Raisers Visit Washington D.C. to Talk Trade, Other Issues

TSCRA leaders and staff were in Washington, D.C., April 12 to 14, making visits to Congressional offices to discuss the importance of passing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement and other issues crucial to the beef industry. The association has been advocating for this agreement to move forward because of the tremendous benefits it will provide for U.S. beef producers by significantly reducing tariffs on beef products.

TSCRA also stressed the need to cut government regulations that are harmful to ranchers.

The group also met with several federal agencies, to talk about animal health issues with USDA-APHIS, private property rights with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), livestock disaster-assistance programs with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), and more.

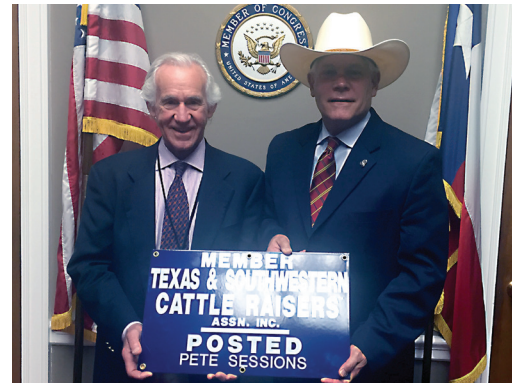
TSCRA will continue working with leaders in Washington in order to protect cattlemen and women who provide food for millions of people worldwide.



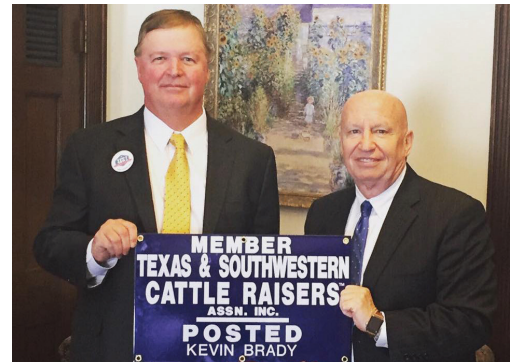
U.S. Sen. John Cornyn talks with leaders from TSCRA and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association about issues important to the cattle industry.



U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, Texas-Dist. 28, left, and TSCRA President Richard Thorpe, right



Congressman Pete Sessions, Texas-Dist. 32, right, pictured with his personalized association gate sign, and TSCRA's Property Rights and Tax Committee Chair Gordon Sauer.



U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, Texas-Dist. 8, is a steadfast supporter of cattlemen and women across the country. President Richard Thorpe presented him with a personalized TSCRA gate sign.

## BQA Tip for May: Color-Coded Syringes for Vaccines



It's common to give more than one vaccine injection when working cattle, but how do you keep up with which syringe you use for which vaccine?

You can label each syringe with different colored tape or use a colored marker to draw a line or dot on each syringe.

Some multi-dose syringes have different colored balls that go on the end of the plunger.

### TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

*You're welcome to attend!*

- May 3: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Bryan
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- May 4: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Cotulla
- May 5: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Beeville
- May 12: Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- May 12-15: Western Heritage Classic, Abilene
- May 17: Ranching 101 - Chuteside Demo, Fort Worth
- May 24: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Sulphur Springs
- May 25: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Nacogdoches
- May 26: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Navasota

TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!

