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NEWS BRIEFS

Cattle Raisers Gather in Galveston

CATTLE RAISERS, FAMILY AND GUESTS GATHERED IN GALVESTON AT THE MOODY GARDENS Hotel June 25 to 27 for TSCRA's 2015 Summer Meeting.

The first full day of meetings began with morning committee sessions and included a talk by Texas Beef Council EVP Richard Wortham to the Marketing Committee, led by Tim Pennell.

After a lunch presentation by Greg Hanes, U.S. Meat Export Federation, meeting attendees were free to enjoy everything the island had to offer.



Max Stalling provided entertainment at the Cattle Raisers Dinner.

Those at the evening's Cattle Raisers Dinner enjoyed a Max Stalling concert at the Galveston Yacht Basin.

The Summer Meeting wrapped up Saturday morning with a board of directors' meeting.

Join us in San Antonio Sept. 23 to 25 for the 2015 TSCRA Fall Policy Conference, where issues discussed at the Summer Meeting will get attention and possible development into association policy.



Sessions such as this meeting of the Marketing Committee addressed issues that could later become policies.



TSCRA officers talk with Friday luncheon speaker Greg Hanes, USMEF. Left to right: Robert McKnight, second vice president; Pete Bonds, president; Hanes; and Richard Thorpe, first vice president.

You're Invited to a TSCRA Ranch Gathering This Summer

WE HAVE A FULL SLATE OF RANCH GATHERINGS planned for this summer across Texas and Oklahoma. Ranch gatherings are an excellent way for local ranchers, friends, family and guests to get together for an evening of fellowship, information and fun.

The events are free and include a complimentary beef dinner and presentations from industry leaders and TSCRA representatives, including tips from your district's Special Ranger on how to prevent theft. If you would like to attend or host a ranch gathering, visit our Events Calendar at tscra.org to find one in your area!

Get Your FREE Texas Ranch Roundup Grounds Passes Now

MEMBERS OF TSCRA ARE ELIGIBLE FOR 2 FREE PASSES FOR EACH DAY OF THE TEXAS Ranch Roundup Trade Show in Wichita Falls, Aug. 14-15. This is a \$20 value! The passes are not reusable and will be collected at the gate each day by Roundup staff. Please note that this promotion does NOT include admission to the rodeo.

Visit tscra.org and click on the Texas

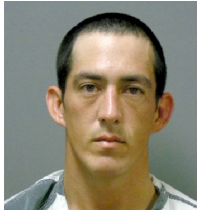
Ranch Roundup button to request your free Trade Show passes. For more information, including a full schedule and to order rodeo tickets, visit www.texasranchroundup.com by July 31.

Proceeds from the rodeo benefit the North Texas Rehab Center, the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene and West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.



Coryell County Men Held on Livestock Theft Charges

JAMES ANTHONY MANNING, 30, and Dylan R. Robinson, 21, both of Coryell County, were charged with theft of livestock on June 15, in a case involving the theft of 2 bulls from a rancher south of Gatesville. TSCRA Special Ranger Marvin Wills led the investigation with assistance from the Coryell County Sheriff's Department.



James Anthony Manning



Dylan R. Robinson

According to Wills, Manning and Robinson are suspects in the May 1 theft of bulls that strayed onto a property neighboring a TSCRA member's ranch in Gatesville.

The bulls were not branded, but they had very distinct marks that assisted with identification. They had been consigned and sold at an auction 80 miles away.

Wills arrested Manning on theft of livestock charges. Robinson was already in the Coryell County Jail under a motion to revoke his probation from a 2011 theft case led by Wills and the Coryell County Sheriff's Department. Robinson is being held on a no-bond motion to revoke for the 2011 conviction.

TSCRA would like to thank the Coryell County Sheriff's Department for their assistance with this investigation.

"While we were able to identify these bulls by their specific markings, this is not always the case," said Wills. "It is important for ranchers to brand and keep an accurate count on their cattle. Following these precautions will help in the recovery of stolen livestock and serve as the best line of defense against cattle theft."

Arrest Made in String of Livestock, Guns and Ranching Equipment Thefts

CLINTON JAMES EASTER, 47, OF EASTLAND COUNTY, WAS ARRESTED JUNE 10 ON SUSPICION of stealing livestock, trailers, guns and ranching equipment from numerous victims in multiple central Texas counties.

TSCRA Special Rangers Joe Roberts and H.D. "Howard" Brittain led the investigation, with assistance from Special Rangers Wayne Goodman, Marvin Wills and John Bradshaw.

According to Brittain, Easter allegedly hauled some cattle to the Graham County Livestock Auction. An auction employee who helped unload the cattle later read the "TSCRA Theft and Law, Crime Watch" section of *The Cattleman* magazine and realized that the cattle he unloaded at the auction earlier that day were cattle that were reported missing. He contacted TSCRA market inspector Ronnie Ober and it was confirmed that the cattle were stolen.



TSCRA Special Rangers ran search warrants with the Texas Rangers, Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers, Cisco Police Department and the sheriff's departments in Eastland, Coleman, Comanche and Brown counties.

After running the warrants, Brittain was able to locate and arrest Easter on charges of theft of livestock. Other charges are expected to follow. Law enforcement officers recovered numerous cattle, trailers, guns and other stolen property, worth a total of more than \$100,000. Additional property is expected to be recovered.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

July 14: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Athens

July 18: TSCRA Ranch Rodeo, Levelland

July 21: Ranching 101, Topic – Genetics, EPDs and AI, Fort Worth

July 24-25: Young Leadership Series Conference, Fort Worth

July 30: Beef Quality Assurance Producer Training, Palestine

Aug. 3-5: Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course, College Station

Aug. 6: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Wichita Falls

Aug. 14-15: Texas Ranch Roundup, Wichita Falls

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