

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Begins Nov. 1

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL INSURANCE begins Nov. 1, 2015, and ends Jan. 31, 2016. Let us help you explore your options — we don't want you to miss this important deadline!

For more information about your health insurance options, please contact Cattle Raisers Insurance at cattleraisersinsurance.com or 800-252-2849.

Arkansas Cattle Thief Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison

PANOLA COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE TERRY D. BAILEY SENTENCED LEVI BOYD, 36, of Camden, Ark., to 10 years in prison Aug. 5 after finding him guilty of stealing 70 head of cattle and ranching equipment across Texas and Arkansas. Boyd was also ordered to pay \$11,158.35 restitution to the victim and \$17,546.65 to a cattle auction's insurance company.

TSCRA Special Rangers Toney Hurley, Brent Mast, Hal Dumas, Marvin Wills and Larry Hand led the investigation. Boyd's arrest was directly connected to the arrest of Bradley Wayne Guthrey, 25, of North Little Rock, Ark., who is still awaiting trial.

Young Leaders Develop Skills, Confidence

TSCRA'S YOUNG LEADERSHIP SERIES (YLS) Steering Committee hosted the first YLS Leadership Conference at the association headquarters in Fort Worth July 24 and 25.

More than 20 cattle raisers, ages 40 and younger, signed up for the event that offered an afternoon session on leadership training by Scott Abel from the Anne Grady Group, and ample time to talk with TSCRA officers and directors through panel discussions and breakout sessions.

Lengthy breaks and the overall informal nature of the conference fostered a give-and-take atmosphere that led to good discussions of the practical issues of the business of ranching.

The conference was sponsored by Merck Animal Health and organized by April Bonds, Saginaw; Mandy Daus, Kemp; Dr. Kim McCuiston, Kingsville; LeMoine Knox, Coleman; Cody Fry, Armstrong; Rocky Sullivan, Galveston; and Dr. Ryan Rhoades, Kingsville. Many thanks to the TSCRA officers and directors who served on the panels — Pete Bonds, president; Richard Thorpe, first vice president; Gordon Sauer, Fredericksburg; Jim Palmer, Matador; Jim Link, Crowley; Rooter Brite, Bowie; Curtis Younts, Belton; and Joe Leathers, Guthrie.



Rooter Brite, center, talked about his experiences as a lifelong rancher in a family-owned business. Gordon Sauer and Jim Link, not pictured but seated across from Brite, were also part of this discussion, answering many questions during the 2-hour session.

Ranching 101

RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THESE UPCOMING Reducational programs at TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth. Ranching 101 programs are free to TSCRA members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP at rsvp@tscra.org.

October 20 —

Chuteside Demonstration (off-site)

- Cattle handling techniques
- Working cattle through a chute
- Vaccine and antibiotic stewardship

November 17 —

Ranch Accounting and Taxes

- Understanding agricultural exemptions
- Financial record keeping
- Accounting and tax practices unique to ranching

TSCRA Custom Gate Signs for Christmas!

These 20x12 signs start at \$155. Order online at tscra.org; look for the Cattle Raisers Trading Co. button and click on "Gate Signs" in the left menu. For more information, call 800-242-7820.

TSCRA Adds Bison and Taiga Coolers, STAY-TUFF to Member Discount Program

TSCRA IS PROUD TO WELCOME BISON COOLERS, TAIGA COOLERS, and STAY-TUFF as our newest participants in the member discount program.

Members can receive 10 percent off Bison's full line of hard- and soft-sided coolers. With one-piece construction and freezer-grade insulation, Bison Coolers are manufactured and assembled in the U.S.A. Coolers are available from 25 to 150 quarts. SoftPak soft-sided models are also available for smaller items. To receive the discount, call 830-370-4876 to place your orders by phone. To view all coolers available, please visit bisoncoolers.com.

TSCRA members are eligible for a 10 percent discount on the full line of Texas-made Taiga hard- and soft-sided coolers. All Taiga coolers come with a 60-day money back guarantee and limited lifetime warranty on drain plugs, latches, and handles. To see Taiga's complete line of coolers, visit taigacoolers.com.

To receive the discount, order online or call sales representative Wayne Ostrander at 214-697-6595. For full details and to access the discount code, visit the TSCRA Member



Center at member.tscra.org.

TSCRA members can also receive 5 percent additional discount off the purchase of any qualifying STAY-TUFF fence fabric and/or fencing tools. A longtime TSCRA supporter, STAY-TUFF manufactures a variety of fencing solutions that are designed to meet the specific needs and challenges of their customers. STAY-TUFF is known for their emphasis on fixed knot construction, making its fence products incredibly strong and built to last for decades.

To receive the discount, members need to visit the TSCRA member center at tscra.org to download the discount form and submit the completed form to your local STAY-TUFF dealer. To view the full line of STAY-TUFF fencing products and accessories, please visit staytuff.com.

For a full list of discounts on merchandise and services available to TSCRA members, visit member.tscra.org.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- Oct. 1: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Waco
- Oct. 6: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Anahuac
- Oct. 8: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Fredericksburg
- Oct. 13: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Lawton
- Oct. 14: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Ada
- Oct. 15: Cattle Raisers Luncheon, Dilley
- Oct. 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Ardmore OK
- Oct. 15: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Lufkin
- Oct. 20: Ranching 101 - Chuteside Demonstrations
- Oct. 20: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Columbus
- Oct. 22: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Gatesville
- Oct. 22: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Commerce
- Oct. 27: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Crosbyton
- Oct. 27: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Madisonville
- Oct. 29: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Midland

BQA Tip of the Month: Vaccines — Not Too Hot, Not Too Cold

TEMPERATURE CONTROL OF VACCINES, BEFORE AND DURING administration, is crucial. Vaccines should be stored at a temperature between 35 and 45° F. If vaccines are shipped to you, make sure they are shipped overnight, packed in an insulated box. If you buy vaccines locally, carry ice packs and an ice chest to transport them.

Check the temperature of your fridge and do not let vaccines freeze. Research shows that 74 percent of refrigerators do not maintain temperatures between 35 and 45° F, so keep an inexpensive weather station in your fridge to monitor minimum and maximum temperatures.

TSCRA members — ask about discounts from the following partners!

