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NEWS BRIEFS

Order Your Fort Worth Stock Show Passes Before Dec. 31

TSCRA has once again teamed up with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo to offer TSCRA members free grounds admission for the full 23-day run of the 2018 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Each membership is eligible to receive two grounds passes. Members can also purchase tickets to the Ranch Rodeo performances and the Ranch Gathering Party.

When you order, you will receive two 1-day passes from the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. This pass will get you onto the grounds and can be redeemed in the International Suite located in the Richardson-Bass Building for a TSCRA

commemorative pin. Pin quantities are limited and are first come, first served on-site. After the commemorative pins run out, members will receive a season pass good for grounds admission. Commemorative pins are only available through this program.



The deadline to request these passes is Dec. 31. Order online at tscra.org or send in the form in your November issue of *The Cattleman* magazine.

Act Before Dec. 8 for Individual Health Insurance Enrollment

Did you know that this year's enrollment period for individual health insurance is only 45 days? Act now to take advantage of open enrollment for individual health plans from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15, for a Jan. 1, 2018, effective date.

You may also be a candidate for a group medical plan that is competitively priced and offers a broader doctor and hospital network. Let the Cattle Raisers Insurance team consult with you on your medical plan options before the

first of the year. Don't miss out on this one-time annual insurance enrollment!

Call our specialized insurance team at 1-800-252-2849.



Hunters Reminded of South Texas Fever Tick Quarantines

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and USDA Veterinary Services (VS) officials are reminding hunters in South Texas that additional precautions are required when handling white-tailed deer, nilgai antelope, black buck, axis deer, and other exotics located on fever tick quarantined premises.

Portions of Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, Live Oak, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata counties have established fever tick quarantine areas and 37 additional Texas counties have individual premises quarantined.

Landowners, lessees, or other individuals who plan to harvest, move or capture white-tailed deer, nilgai antelope, or other exotic animals located on an infested, exposed, adjacent, or check quarantined premises must have the animals inspected and treated by a TAHC or USDA-VS

representative before moving off the premises.

The inspection and treatment process is fairly quick and simple. Hunters must notify their TAHC region office or a USDA-VS representative after harvesting an animal and before movement, so the hides can be inspected and treated. All inspected hides, capes, and animals will be issued a movement permit after treatment and the movement permit must accompany the animal or animal parts at all times.

If hunting in Cameron, Hidalgo, Kinney, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy or Zapata counties, and unsure of the premises quarantine status, contact the TAHC Region 8 office at 956-568-5741 or the premises USDA CFTEP county office at offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app. If hunting in Live Oak, Jim Wells or Kleberg counties, contact the TAHC Region 5 office at 361-358-3234.

BQA Tip of the Month: Time to Treat for Cattle Lice

Late fall and early winter are good times to treat cattle for lice. All cattle in the herd should be treated or re-infestation from non-treated animals will occur. Treatment protocols will vary depending on the product being used. Injectable dewormers generally only get sucking lice, but pour-on products can control both biting and sucking lice. Traditional permethrin-based pour-on products require 2 treatments: an initial treatment followed by a second treatment in 2 to 3 weeks to break the life cycle.

Are you a certified Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) producer? Training is free and available online and in person at select meetings across the state. Learn how to promote good management practices for cattle producers and strengthen consumer confidence by becoming BQA certified. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information.

String of Central Texas Burglaries Lands Duo in Jail

Billy Tate Shoaf, 35, and Ashely Nicole Mitchell, 24, both of Gatesville, were arrested last month in connection to a string of rural Central Texas burglaries and thefts. TSCRA Special Ranger Marvin Wills led the investigation.



Wills received information that connected Shoaf to a burglary in Bosque County and contacted the Bosque County Sheriff's Department to secure an arrest warrant. Shoaf was apprehended at his residence in Gatesville without incident in September. Mitchell, his reported girlfriend, was also arrested at that time.

Following the arrests, the Coryell County Sheriff's Department executed search warrants for the suspects' residence and a storage unit, where a considerable number of stolen items were found, including an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). The search at Shoaf's residence also turned up illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia.

The pair is alleged to have targeted mainly rural properties and hunting camps, and authorities are holding several ATVs and other items that are suspected of being stolen. Anyone who has been the victim of a theft in the area is urged to contact Special Ranger Marvin Wills at (254) 223-2330 or Detective Lacy Manning of the Coryell County Sheriff's Department at (254) 865-7201.

Arrests Made in Hopkins County Cattle Theft

Landon Dee Harness, 22, and Lane Wesley Keller, 21, both of Sulphur Springs, were arrested last month on charges of Theft of Livestock. The charges and arrest are the result of an investigation conducted by TSCRA Special Ranger Toney Hurley and local investigators.



Landon Dee Harness

Lane Wesley Keller

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be added as investigators determine whether the pair were involved in other unsolved cattle thefts in the area. Hurley is also working with Oklahoma officials to recover the stolen cattle and return them to their rightful owner.

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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

- Nov. 8:** Ranching 101 – Hearne
- Nov. 9:** Ranching 101 – Brenham
- Nov. 9:** Wichita Falls Cattleman's Luncheon - Wichita Falls
- Nov. 14:** Ranching 101 - Chuteside Demonstration – Fort Worth
- Nov. 14:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering - San Angelo
- Nov. 16:** Ranching 101 - Stephenville
- Dec. 8:** Deadline for individual health insurance enrollment
- Dec. 12:** Ranching 101 - Production Record Keeping – Fort Worth
- Dec. 31:** Deadline to request Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo passes