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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, which is your grounds admission pass for the entire run of the event. **Pin quantities are limited and are first come, first served on-site.** After the commemorative pins run out, members will receive a name tag good for the grounds admission. Commemorative pins are only available through this program.

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

Cattle Raisers Trading Co. Has Gifts for the Whole Herd!

Cattle Raisers Trading Company has a wide range of TSCRA merchandise for all your gifting needs! From shirts and jackets to mugs and journals, gate sign options and more, check out the full offering at tscra.org/crtc. Keep an eye on our social media feeds and *The Cattleman Update* emails for weekly sales and discounts throughout the holiday season.



Order TSCRA Gifts by Dec. 19 for Holiday Delivery

Guaranteed Christmas delivery orders must be placed by Dec. 19. All orders will receive a complimentary TSCRA posted sign tree ornament! To order, visit tscra.org/crtc.

Watch for Cattle Raisers Convention News in January

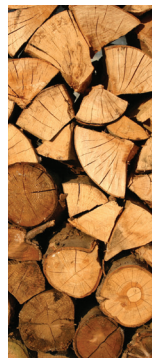
TSCRA's next Cattle Raisers Convention will be in Fort Worth March 23-25, 2018.



Information on registration and hotels will start hitting your mailbox and inbox in January, so watch for special early bird discounts and deals next month!

Winter Reminder: Don't Move Firewood

Tree-killing insects and diseases can lurk in firewood. These insects and diseases can't move far on their own, but when people move firewood they can jump hundreds of miles. Learn more about the dangers of moving firewood, download maps, and make sure you're using best practices when sourcing and burning. For more information, visit dontmovefirewood.org.



Tahlequah Man Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement of Cattle

A Tahlequah man pleaded guilty Nov. 13 to charges of embezzlement after selling 18 head of cattle that were placed in his care by a local rancher. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger John Cummings led the investigation.

According to Cummings, the suspect, Walter F. "Andy" Andrews, 44, of Tahlequah, was caring for the victim's cattle from February 2015 to May 2015 and was grazing the cattle on land he leased in Cherokee County, near Woodall. After attempts by the owner and bank representatives to view and count the cattle were consistently delayed or impeded, the owner contacted TSCRA Special Rangers for assistance.

Cummings' investigation revealed that Andrews had moved the cattle from his pasture without the owner's consent and sold the cattle in his own name, keeping the proceeds for his personal use. Felony charges were filed, and Andrews was arrested in July 2016. On Nov. 13, 2017, in the Cherokee County District Court, Andrews entered a guilty plea to the charge of embezzlement. Andrews was given a 10-year suspended sentence with two years of supervised probation and a \$2,000 fine. He was also ordered to pay \$28,000 in restitution to the victim.

"This case serves as a reminder for ranchers to check and accurately count their cattle on a regular basis, especially if they are being cared for and grazed on someone else's property," said Cummings.

Sulphur Man Back in Jail After Vehicle Theft

Michael Jay Perschbacher, 57, of Sulphur, Okla., was arrested Nov. 17 on multiple counts, including unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Brett Wellden led the investigation that resulted in this arrest.

Wellden received information that a vehicle stolen out of Lancaster, Texas, was parked at a livestock auction in Perry. Wellden notified a Noble County Sheriff's Deputy, who confirmed that the vehicle, a white Dodge pickup, was at the sale barn. The pair continued their surveillance until the vehicle left the parking lot pulling a large gooseneck trailer at approximately 2 a.m. the following morning.

The deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, identifying Perschbacher, who exited the vehicle and met the deputy at the rear of the trailer. Perschbacher was noticeably insistent that his conversation continue at the rear of the trailer and away from the truck. He attempted to pass off the stolen truck as an older model that belonged to him and presented an expired insurance card as proof. Perschbacher's explanations were unconvincing and a call to dispatch with the vehicle identification number (VIN) confirmed that the pickup was stolen. Perschbacher was placed under arrest and transported to the Noble County Jail, where he was booked and held in lieu of bond.

This latest incident is not Perschbacher's first run-in with TSCRA Special Rangers. In June he was arrested in Enid, Okla., after absconding with 48 head of sheep from a livestock auction without paying.



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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

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

