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NEWS BRIEFS

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Reward for Information on Erath County Property Damage Case

A \$1,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the indictment or arrest of the parties responsible for criminal mischief with damages of approximately \$30,000 at a property in Bluff Dale. Sometime between Aug. 25 and 26, a bulldozer was used to damage approximately 200 feet of fence, destroy a 1500-gallon water trough, and knock over

and damage a windmill, before dislodging the driveshaft out of the bulldozer.

Any information should be reported to TSCRA Special Ranger Wayne Goodman at 817-309-5048 or the Operation Cow Thief tip line at 888-830-2333.

**\$1,000
REWARD**



New Special Ranger for Trans-Pecos Area

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) has announced a change for the association's law enforcement presence in the Trans-Pecos region. Earlier this year, Special Ranger David Duncan announced his retirement, prompting a search for his replacement. The search culminated with the hiring of Clay McKinney.

McKinney brings 33 years of law enforcement experience to TSCRA. He has worked as an investigator for the 143rd District Attorney's Office, a narcotics investigator for the Reeves County Sheriff's Office and served for more than 20 years as the chief of police for the Pecos Police Department. Not only does he contribute extensive experience in criminal

investigation, but also a long family history in agriculture, making him an ideal fit for the position. McKinney worked on several ranches in the region before his law enforcement career and now co-owns and operates Three Bar Farm and Ranch in Pecos, where he resides.

McKinney will be based in Reeves County. His district will cover eight counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio and Reeves.



Clay McKinney

Watch for Fort Worth Stock Show Pass Forms in The Cattleman Next Month

It's an annual fall tradition: the November rush of TSCRA members reserving their Stock Show grounds passes. The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo offers TSCRA members free grounds admission for the full run of the 2019 Fort Worth

Stock Show and Rodeo. Each membership is eligible to receive two grounds passes. All you do is send in the form found in the November issue of *The Cattleman* magazine. ►

FORT WORTH
**STOCK SHOW
& RODEO**

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 for a TSCRA commemorative pin in the International Suite located in the Richardson-Bass Building. 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 grounds admission. Commemorative pins are only available through this program. The deadline to request these passes is Dec. 31.



BQA Tip: Don't Overload Your Trailer

Never overload the trailer when hauling cattle. As a general guideline, each animal needs approximately 1.3 square feet per 100 pounds of body weight. Calves that average 600 pounds would each need about 7.8 square feet. Cows that average 1500 pounds would need about 19.5 square feet. If your calculations estimate that there is enough square footage for 13.7 head, only 13 head should be put on the trailer; always round the number down. Additionally, if cattle have horns or it is extremely hot, then the square footage for each animal should be increased.

Are you a certified Texas Beef Quality Assurance (TBQA) Producer? Training is free and available online or at in-person workshops. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information or call 800-242-7820.



Stilwell Man Surrenders on Charges of Embezzlement

Johnny Ray Simmons, 52, of Stilwell, Okla., surrendered in September to Harper County authorities on six counts of embezzlement. TSCRA Special Ranger Brett Wellden initiated the investigation in 2017 after being contacted by the victim, who stated that he and Simmons had partnered on a herd of cattle pastured on tribal lease lands in Northeastern Oklahoma. When the lease expired, the victim moved the cattle from the property and alleged that 103 were missing.

Through the course of the investigation, it was also discovered that Simmons failed, for several years, to pay the victim for calf crops as required by their agreement. Court records indicate that Simmons was previously convicted on two counts of embezzlement out of Adair County in March 2018. The facts involved in the prior conviction have striking similarities to the current case being investigated by Wellden. A warrant was issued on Aug. 29 for Simmons' arrest and he surrendered to authorities on Sept. 12, 2018. Simmons was then booked into the Harper County Jail and released on a \$150,000 bond. He now faces six counts of felony embezzlement, each of which carries a potential sentence of 10 years in prison, fines of up to \$10,000 and restitution to the victim.

Wellden advises cattle producers to be vigilant and keep good documentation to prevent similar crimes.

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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR
You Are Welcome to Attend!

- Oct. 2:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Clifton
- Oct. 5-6:** BQA Stockmanship & Stewardship Event, Stephenville
- Oct. 9:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Claremore, OK
- Oct. 10:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Kellyville, OK
- Oct. 11:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Guthrie, OK
- Oct. 16:** TSCRA Ranching 101, Fort Worth
- Oct. 18:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Fredericksburg
- Oct. 23:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Haskell
- Oct. 24:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Brownfield
- Oct. 25:** TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Childress