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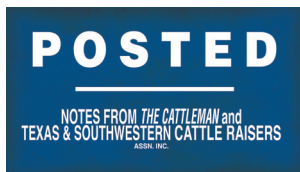


Enter the POSTED Codeword Contest

The Cattleman Buyer's Guide has teamed up with Greeley Hat Works to give viewers of our POSTED videos a chance to enter a drawing to win a \$450 gift certificate toward a hat! Check our POSTED videos each month for the secret word and enter that word into a form on the POSTED page. A drawing is held once a month and each month's winner also has a chance to triple the prize amount at the 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth!

In the latest POSTED video note from *The Cattleman Buyer's Guide* and TSCRA, Shawn McCoy talks with Scott Williamson, TSCRA executive director of law enforcement, brand and inspection services, about the needs of the special rangers and how you can help them reach their goals. They also talk about the new bidding system that will debut at the silent auction of the 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo. Plus, stick around to get the latest CODEWORD to enter the Greeley Hat Works contest to win a gift certificate worth \$450!

The videos, entry form and contest rules are available at thecattlemanbuyersguide.com/POSTED



Cattle Raisers Insurance
cattleraisersinsurance.com

TSCRA
tscra.org

Law Enforcement
tscra.org, click on Theft & Law

Cattle Raisers Convention
cattleraisersconvention.com

Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo Registration Underway

Registration for the 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo is now open! Listen, learn, shop and enjoy being a part of the largest ranching event in Texas. The Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo brings the best education and information to cattle industry stakeholders — the event is open to all ranchers, landowners and guests. You are guaranteed to walk away with ideas and energy that will have a profound and profitable impact on your ranching operation!



March 29-31, 2019
Fort Worth Convention Center

New Housing Reservation Procedures for 2019

New this year, attendees will be required to register for the convention before making a room reservation at any of the official convention hotels. Guests will be unable to contact these hotels directly to get the preferred rate.

Visit cattleraisersconvention.com or call 800-242-7820 for more information and to register.

Apply for a Cattle Raisers Foundation Scholarship

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 school year.

The deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. The Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students who dream of working in the agricultural sector with majors that include animal science, pre-vet, agribusiness, range management, and wildlife, among others. Recipients are selected based on their interest in the industry, leadership in school and the community, academic achievement, and financial need.

The application and information on qualifications can be found online at cattleraisersmuseum.org or by calling 817-332-8551.



Reward Offered for Information in Killing of Cow and 3 Working Dogs

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger Larry Hand is seeking information in the recent shooting of a cow and three working cow dogs in eastern San Augustine County. Hand is assisting San Augustine County Sheriff Robert Cartwright and sheriff's deputies in their investigation of the case.

A local rancher was gathering cattle Nov. 28 with the assistance of a hired cowboy and three trained cow dogs belonging to the cowboy. When a cow got away, the cowboy sent his dogs to bring the animal back to the herd. The dogs, however, never returned and could not be located.

The rancher and cowboy heard several gunshots shortly after the dogs left in pursuit of the cow, but believed they were from distant hunters. Investigators now believe the shots were related, because the dogs and missing cow were eventually found dead within feet of one another deeper in the ranch, all with apparent gunshot wounds.

The dogs — Junior, Jim and Woodrow — were easily identifiable by their brightly colored collars, making it unlikely that they were mistaken for wild animals.

Operation Cow Thief, an anti-theft initiative led by TSCRA, is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the crimes.

Anyone with information is asked to call TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at (888) 830-2333 or Special Ranger Larry Hand at (903) 592-5252.

All information is kept confidential, and tips may be provided anonymously.



BQA Tip: What to Look for in a Bull

When buying bulls, it is critical to evaluate all bulls for scrotal circumference, calving ease, birthweight, structural soundness, and disposition. If you cannot get cows pregnant and live calves on the ground, then how high the bull ranked for yearling weight, marbling, or some other trait does not matter. After meeting your standards for these traits, bulls can then be compared based on individual performance data (e.g. weaning weight, yearling weight, % intramuscular fat, etc.), EPDs, visual appearance, genetic defects, and any other criteria important to your operation. When comparing between ranches, focus on EPDs instead of individual performance data. Are you a certified Texas Beef Quality Assurance (TBQA) Producer? Training is free and available online at in-person workshops. Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information or call 800-242-7820.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

Jan. 10: Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls

Jan. 15: Ranching 101, TSCRA, Fort Worth

Mar. 14: Wichita Falls Cattlemen's Luncheon, Wichita Falls

Mar. 29-31: Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo, Fort Worth

TSCRA Members – ask about discounts from the following partners!

American Hat Company Inc.	L&H Branding Irons
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Dell	Staples Business Advantage
Ford Partner Recognition	Stay-Tuff Fence
Greeley Hat Works	Taiga Coolers
Icehole High-Performance Coolers	Tru-Test Inc.
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We need your help!

Support by donating your auction items or financial contributions.

2019 SPECIAL RANGER SILENT AUCTION

Contact your Local Special Ranger or TSCRA Law Enforcement at
800-242-7820 and ask for Law.

New electronic bidding for 2019 - watch for more information in February.