

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Health Insurance Open Enrollment

The open enrollment period for 2019 health insurance is Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. Act now to enroll in an individual plan, change your current coverage or to see if you could be a candidate for group plan offerings, which are competitively priced and offer broader doctor and hospital networks. Let the Cattle Raisers Insurance team consult with you on your options before the deadline. They are here to guide you through the process.

Call TSCRA's specialized insurance team today at 1-800-252-2849 or visit CattleRaisersInsurance.com.

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Reserve Your Fort Worth Stock Show Passes

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo (FWSSR) offers Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) members FREE grounds admission for the full run of the 2019 event. Each membership is eligible for two passes. To reserve yours, register at tskra.org/FWSSR or send in the form found in the November issue of *The Cattleman*.

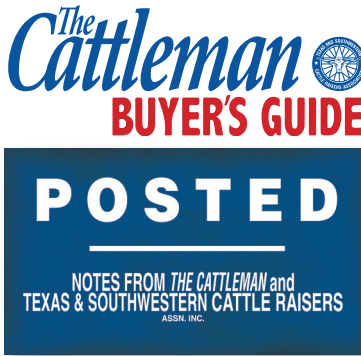
When you order, you will receive two 1-day passes from the FWSSR to get you onto the grounds. Redeem them for a TSCRA commemorative pin (the season pass) in the International Suite of the Richardson-Bass Building. Pin quantities are limited and are first come, first served on-site. After the pins run out, members will receive a name tag good for the season grounds admission. Commemorative pins are only available through this program. The deadline to request these passes is Dec. 31, so reserve yours today!

Holiday Shopping With CRTC

Cattle Raisers Trading Co. has something for everyone on your holiday list. See the full lineup of items at tskra.org/crtc. Also check out TSCRA on social media for weekly specials, news, information and more!

Enter the POSTED Contest

The *Cattleman Buyers 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! Listen for the secret word each month and enter that word into the form on the POSTED page. A drawing will be held on the last day of the month and each month's winner also has a chance to triple the prize amount at the 2019 Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth! The videos, entry form and contest rules are available at thecattlemanbuyersguide.com/POSTED.



BQA Tip: Beware of Nitrate Toxicity

Nitrates can accumulate in a variety of forages and weeds including corn, sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum x sudangrass hybrids, johnsongrass, pigweed, and cereal grains (e.g. oats, wheat, etc.).

Nitrates accumulate when plants are pulling nitrates out of the soil but are not growing enough to convert these nitrates to amino acids and protein molecules. However, when the plant resumes normal growth, the nitrates will be converted to protein. Hay from any of the species listed above that was baled during drought conditions should be tested before feeding to ensure it is safe.

Are you a certified Texas Beef Quality Assurance (TBQA) Producer? Training is free and available online and at in-person workshops.

Visit texasbeefquality.com for more information or call 800-242-7820.

Serial Cattle Thefts Ends in Guilty Plea

Serial cattle thief Bradley Wayne Guthrey, 29, of North Little Rock, Ark., entered a guilty plea Nov. 1 for felony cattle theft charges that date back to 2014. He will serve 5 years in the state prison as a result of the plea agreement. TSCRA Special Ranger Larry Hand and former TSCRA Special Ranger Toney Hurley led the investigation.

In December 2014, after a high-speed chase and 7-hour manhunt involving state and local police, K9 units, and a Department of Public Safety helicopter, Hurley negotiated Guthrey's surrender by phone.

With the assistance of fellow Special Rangers Hal Dumas, Marvin Wills, Jimmy Dickson, and Brent Mast, further investigation revealed additional thefts. During the 2014 crime spree, Guthrey and an accomplice, Levi Boyd, were involved in stealing more than 70 head of cattle and equipment across Texas and Arkansas.

TSCRA would like to thank all of those involved in the investigation: Limestone County District Attorney Roy DeFriend, Limestone County Sheriff Dennis Wilson and staff, Falls County District Attorney Jody Gilliam, Leon County District Attorney Hope Knight, Leon County Sheriff Kevin Ellis, Navarro County District Attorney's office, Navarro County Sheriff's Office, Panola County Constable Bryan Murff, Panola County District Attorney's Office, Panola County Sheriff's Office, Robertson County District Attorney's Office, and Robertson County Sheriff's Office.



Larry Hand

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TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You Are Welcome to Attend!

- Dec. 11:** TSCRA Ranching 101 - Fort Worth
- Dec. 31:** Deadline to reserve Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo grounds passes