

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS



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Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center | San Antonio  
[cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com)

## Register Early for Cattle Raisers Convention

If you have plans to attend the Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo, March 31 - April 2 in San Antonio, register early to get the best rate!

Day registration packages begin at only \$90. Tickets to special convention events sell out annually. Guarantee that your seat is reserved and save a few dollars by registering early. Full details on registration options are available at [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com).

The Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo is open to all ranchers, landowners and cattle industry participants.

Download the full convention brochure, see hotel options and rates and learn more about the event by visiting [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com).

#### YOU HAVE 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Online at [cattleraisersconvention.com](http://cattleraisersconvention.com)
2. By phone at 800-242-7820
3. You may request a paper registration form by emailing [registration@tscra.org](mailto:registration@tscra.org)

## Young Artists, Writers and Photographers Invited to Compete

TSCRA will host several contests for creative youth during the Cattle Raisers Convention. This is the opportunity to showcase the talents of those kids and grandkids! Expo attendees will be able to view the contest entries and en-

ter their vote for Best of Show. Youth will compete by age groups: 5 to 8 years, 9 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years.

Entry information and instructions are available at [cattleraisersconvention.com/youthcontests.cfm](http://cattleraisersconvention.com/youthcontests.cfm).

## Bonds Receives W.A. "Bill" King Award



Pete Bonds

TSCRA Past President, rancher, businessman and beef industry leader Pete Bonds, Saginaw, received the 2017 W.A. "Bill" King Award for excellence in agriculture on Thursday, Jan. 19. The award was given at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Livestock Appreciation Luncheon in Fort Worth, presented by Lone Star Ag Credit.

"Pete Bonds has reached the pinnacle of ranching in North America," said Jessica Birge, president of the Fort

Worth Farm and Ranch Club. "We're delighted to honor this industry icon with the Bill King Award."

Bonds served as TSCRA president from 2013 to 2016. He has ranched his entire life and operates the Bonds Ranch in Saginaw, where he also lives. He and his wife, Jo, have 3 daughters, Missy, Bonnie and April.

The W.A. "Bill" King Award recognizes a business, individual or family which has significantly contributed to agriculture or the agribusiness industry. King founded the Fort Worth Farm and Ranch Club in 1950 and served as the Stock Show's livestock show manager from 1947 to 1977.

## BQA Tip: Needle Selection Basics

Proper needle selection is important for reducing the risk of broken needles and it makes the process of giving injections easier. Both needle length and gauge should be considered. Shorter needles (i.e. 5/8 and 3/4) make it easier to properly give subcutaneous injections. For intramuscular injections, a 1-inch long needle is sufficient even on bulls and cows; using a longer needle increases the risk of the needle bending and/or breaking. For thicker products, a 16-gauge needle works well. Either a 16 or 18-gauge needle is fine for thinner products. Avoid needles that are less than 18-gauge when giving injections to cattle.



Are you a certified Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) producer? If you're not, the training is free and available online and in person at select meetings across the state. Visit [texasbeefquality.com](http://texasbeefquality.com) for more information.

## Tennessee Man Arrested, Charged With 18 Counts of Theft

A Hendersonville, Tenn., man was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with 18 counts of theft in a case that involves victims across the U.S., including Blanco, Texas. Timothy Michael Evans, 50, is accused of selling electronic cattle ear tags and not delivering the product.

TSCRA Special Ranger Mike Barr led the investigation with assistance from Special Ranger Wayne Goodman and Hendersonville Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. Jim Vaughn.

According to Barr, the suspect made up a company called Cattle Traxx and used a website and social media to fraudulently sell electronic ear tags to a victim in Blanco, Texas. The victim said he never received the ear tags he purchased and Evans continuously made excuses for delays in delivery.

An investigation revealed that Evans made up the fake company and charged 29 victims for ear tags but never planned to deliver the product. The ear tags Evans promoted never existed. The suspect also scammed multiple news publications by failing to pay invoices for advertisements he placed to promote the product.

Barr worked with Vaughn to locate Evans by tracking the suspect's computer IP address. Vaughn arrested Evans January 13, and the suspect was charged with 14 counts of theft over \$1,000 and four counts of theft over \$10,000. Evans is currently being held in the Summer County, Tennessee, Jail on a \$10,000 bond. The suspect has a criminal court date set for Jan. 20, 2017.



Timothy Michael Evans

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## TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

*You Are Welcome to Attend!*

- Feb. 7: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Stephenville
- Feb. 7-8: Cattlemen at the Capitol, Austin
- Feb. 21: Ranching 101: Cattle Health, Fort Worth
- March 9: Wichita Falls Cattleman's Luncheon, Wichita Falls
- March 21: Ranching 101: Cattle Nutrition, Fort Worth
- Mar. 31- Apr. 2: Cattle Raisers Convention & Expo, San Antonio
- Jun 15-17: TSCRA Summer Meeting, Galveston
- Sept 27-29: TSCRA Policy Conference, San Antonio