

The Cattleman



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NEWS BRIEFS

Register Now for the TSCRA Policy Conference

TSCRA'S POLICY CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 23 TO SEPT. 25 AT the Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio. The conference is open to all TSCRA members.

The informative event offers a broad range of sessions highlighting the intersection between ranching and public policy. Topics will include private property rights, water rights, animal health issues, the latest university research, and much more. Participants will include ranchers, academics and public policy makers from around the region.

Registration is now open and discounted registrations are available through Sept. 1. Registration rates will increase on Sept. 2.

For more information, visit tskra.org and click on the policy conference button.

You Are Invited to a TSCRA Ranch Gathering

WE HAVE A FULL SLATE OF RANCH GATHERINGS PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER AND fall across Texas and Oklahoma. Ranch gatherings are an excellent way for local ranchers, friends, family and guests to get together for an evening of fellowship, information and fun.

The events are free and include a complimentary beef dinner and presentations from industry leaders and TSCRA representatives, including your district's Special Ranger, who will give tips on how to prevent theft. If you would like to attend or host a ranch gathering, visit our Events Calendar at tskra.org to see if we are holding one in your area!

Arkansas Cattle Thief Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison

LEVI BOYD, 36, CAMDEN, ARK., WAS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON AUG. 5 after he was found guilty on charges of stealing approximately 70 head of cattle and ranching equipment across Texas and Arkansas.

TSCRA Special Rangers Toney Hurley, Brent Mast, Hal Dumas, Marvin Wills and Larry Hand were involved in the investigation.

Panola County Court Judge Terry D. Bailey sentenced Boyd to serve a term of 10 years incarceration in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Institutional Division. Boyd was also ordered to pay restitution of \$11,158.35 to the victim and \$17,546.65 to a cattle auction's insurance company.

Levelland Ranch Rodeo Results



Sandhill Cattle Company, First Place Team

WILD-COW MILKING WAS THE DECIDING FACTOR IN WHICH team won the TSCRA Levelland Ranch Rodeo, July 18. The bronc riding, team doctoring and team branding competitions set up a 3-team showdown in the last segment.

Spires Land and Cattle and Tongue River Ranch were in first and second place going into the wild-cow milking, and were tied after their respective runs.

The final team, Sandhill Cattle Company, needed to beat the earlier 36-second runs to win the entire rodeo.

Team captain Tripp Townsend made quick work of the roping and the rest of the team worked hard to put together a fabulous 30-second run to take home the championship.

Spires Land and Cattle won a tiebreaker for second place and Tongue River Ranch finished third.

For more information, score results and pictures, visit tskra.org/ranchrodeo.



Top Horse, ridden by Cayce Lewis, Circle Slash Cattle Company



Top Hand, Tyler Rice, Sandhill Cattle Company



New Special Ranger for District 3 in Oklahoma

BRETT WELLDEN, A GUTHRIE, OKLA. NATIVE, HAS JOINED TSCRA AS A SPECIAL RANGER FOR DISTRICT 3 IN south-central Oklahoma. Wellden is a former Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) task force officer for the Oklahoma City district office with more than 20 years law enforcement experience.

In addition to the 11 years he spent as a DEA Task Force Officer, Wellden has worked as a patrol and bicycle officer and as an investigator in the Midwest City Police Department's Special Investigations Unit 5.

District 3 includes the counties of Alfalfa, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Custer, Dewey, Garfield, Garvin, Grady, Grant, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Logan, Major, McClain, Oklahoma, Stephens, Washita and Woods.

Wellden is based in Guthrie and can be reached at 405-586-9145.

Arrest Made in Case of Felony Livestock Theft

TONY EUGENE LYON, 51, OF Perrin, was arrested on July 29 and charged with first degree felony theft of livestock of over \$200,000 after allegedly stealing steers from a Nebraska rancher. TSCRA Special Ranger John Bradshaw led the investigation.



According to Bradshaw, a Nebraska-based cattle-marketing agency received an order from the victim to buy some steers. The agency contacted Lyon to supply the steers.

After the victim wrote a check to the marketing agency, Lyon received a check from the agency for \$791,000. The victim then went to Lyon's property in Perrin to look at the steers and decided to turn them out on a wheat pasture until they could be shipped. Lyon agreed to take care of the steers.

However, when the victim returned to check on the steers, Lyon told him he didn't have them anymore and that he had to get rid of them to take care of some prior obligations.

Lyon was arrested, arraigned and charged with theft of livestock of over \$200,000, a first degree felony. He was held at the Jack County jail on a \$1 million bond.

TSCRA Special Rangers Searching for Suspected Thief

A \$500 REWARD HAS BEEN OFFERED THROUGH TSCRA'S Operation Cow Thief program for information leading to the arrest of Sharon Lynn Nehring, also known as Sharon Jacoby, of Freestone County. Nehring, 57, is alleged to have used a worthless check to purchase thousands of dollars worth of lambs and goats from the Freestone County Fair in June of 2014. She is under indictment in Freestone County for the theft of property totaling \$1,500 or more, but less than \$20,000.



Anyone with further information should contact the Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333 or call TSCRA Special Ranger Jimmy Dickson at 903-586-8733.

A cash reward of \$500 may be paid to individuals who can provide useful information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of the suspect. Individuals reporting information may choose to remain anonymous.

TSCRA EVENT CALENDAR

You're welcome to attend!

- Aug. 6: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Wichita Falls
- Aug. 8: Southern Plains Beef Symposium, Ardmore, OK
- Aug. 11: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Graham
- Aug. 14-15: Texas Ranch Roundup, Wichita Falls
- Aug. 18: Ranching 101, Topic – Agricultural Lending & Leasing, Fort Worth
- Aug. 20: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Carthage
- Aug. 25: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Granbury
- Aug. 25: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Hereford
- Aug. 27: TSCRA Ranch Gathering, Lubbock
- Aug. 29: Gulf Coast Regional Cattlemen's Workshop & Trade Show, Bay City
- Aug. 29: Beef Quality Assurance Training, Fort Worth

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