

### THE CATTLE CALL

Newsletter for Alumni of the TCU Ranch Management Program Spring 2019

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT, BRYAN MORRIS 2011 940-257-5654 BRYAN.L.MORRIS@LIVE.COM

It is truly an honor to represent you as your alumni president for the next two years. Thank you for this opportunity to serve, and a huge thanks goes to our outgoing president Wayne Cockrell. Wayne has done an outstanding job representing the alumni over the last two years and I know he will continue to do so. Mr. Cockrell showed his leadership this year by starting a new tradition of introducing the incoming alumni president to the Chancellor of TCU. We had the opportunity to sit down and discuss the program with the Chancellor and share our passion and dedication to the Ranch Management Program. As alumni, it was a great time to establish a relationship with the Chancellor, and I believe this tradition will continue to open many doors for the alumni in the future, as well. Thank you, Wayne, for your leadership and dedication to the program.

I graduated from the program in 2011 and now manage EG Cattle Co., LLC in Fannin County, TX just north of Bonham and 1½ hours northeast of Dallas. We are a traditional cow calf ranch on introduced forages which is vastly different from the stocker cattle area of native pasture and wheat fields that I grew up on in Seymour, TX. I have a lot of passion that I carry with me regarding TCU Ranch Management and I will try to carry over that same passion to my dedication in serving you as your alumni president. TCU RM has given me, and continues to provide, opportunities that would have never been possible if it weren't for the program, its supporters, and the many scholarships that are available. If we can share one thing with prospective students, it is that the program is affordable for anyone who is willing to put in the effort.

Over the last couple of months I had the opportunity to meet the current class. While just sitting in class for a few minutes it did not take long to see that Ranch Management is still producing the best graduates to go out and lead in whatever profession they are called to. TCU Ranch Management is truly the best program out there to prepare students to manage our resources and lead the cattle industry. I also had the opportunity to see and meet many alumni during Roundup this year, as well as at the TSCRA annual convention held recently in Fort Worth. We had a record breaking crowd attend the reception at the convention Saturday night and it was a great time. Thank your Boehringer Ingelheim representative and Scott Porter, regional sales manager, for sponsoring our reception when you see them. The alumni are really what sets TCU RM apart and it is no surprise that you see so many involved in leadership with organizations like TSCRA. Congratulations to the soon-to-be graduates of this year's class. Keep up the hard work; you are about to be part of the best and most welcoming group of alumni out there!

Make plans to attend the summer roping and family gathering in San Angelo, TX June 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a great time for the whole family! Please feel free to contact me anytime and I look forward to serving you as your alumni president.

# SUMMER ROPING/ALUMNI AND FAMILY SUMMER GATHERING JUNE 15 SAN ANGELO. TX

Please plan to join alumni, family, and friends in San Angelo, TX on June 15 for the 33rd Summer Roping/Alumni and Family Summer Gathering!

The Summer Gathering would not be possible without the support and contributions from people like you. We would love for you to consider a sponsorship opportunity and be part of this wonderful event. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to help or have any questions or suggestions.

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**ROPING EVENTS LOCATION:** 

Spur Arena 200 W 43rd Street, San Angelo, TX 76903 (325)653-7785 <u>https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/about/venues/spurarena</u>

#### AWARDS/DINNER LOCATION:

The Cactus Hotel 36 E Twohig Avenue #208, San Angelo, TX 76903 (325) 655-5000 <u>http://www.cactushotel.net/index.php</u>

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### TCU RM ALUMNI ROUNDUP 2019 – JANUARY 26



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**THANK YOU** to our auction donors who generously support the program money raised from the auction directly benefits the students with scholarships to help offset the cost of attending.



## BEEF 706 BEEF QUALITY MANAGEMENT COURSE

I want to take this opportunity to pass the word about the upcoming Beef 706 course. The course is scheduled for May 1-2, 2019 on the TAMU campus in College Station. I know several of our alumni have attended a Beef 706 course. I would recommend the course to everyone involved in the beef industry.

For those of you outside of Texas, check with your state cattlemen's association or beef council for courses supported in your state or region.

This information came to me in a recent email announcement for the upcoming class:

Beef 706 is a Beef Checkoff funded program available to you! You can learn about beef quality and safety issues and how they affect your operation. By attending Beef 706 you will have a unique opportunity to not just see, but to experience the quality challenges facing the beef industry. You will learn what factors affect beef's palatability and get information to help you utilize your herd's genetics, feedyard performance, and carcass characteristics. In addition, you will work with other Texas beef producers to fabricate a carcass with the help of a cutting instructor. By the time you leave the program you will have created a new network of industry professionals. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your beef industry.

This program is paid for by your Beef Checkoff dollars. There is no additional charge for this class or your meals. You are responsible for your lodging if needed.

To register online, or for further details – including the hotel block information:

http://texasbeefcheckoff.com call: 1-800-846-4113 email: Jill Hodgkins at jhodgkins@txbeef.org

Ft. Worth

Save the date!

Alumni Roundup 2020

January 25

Spring 2019

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- call: 817-257-7145 OR
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We are pleased that so many of you take advantage of this form to indicate change of address, marriage, birth, or job.

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