

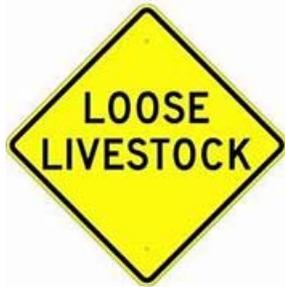
9/19	Loose Livestock	JWMHB	\$10
10/23	So Tx Farm and Ranch Show	Victoria Community Center	\$10
10/24	Private Applicator Training	Victoria Community Center	\$10
12/6	Tri Co CEU Day	JWMHB	\$10/hr

Loose Livestock

September 19

8:30 am —Noon

1 L&R CEU(s)



The Goliad County Leadership Advisory Board is hosting a workshop on "Loose Livestock." The meeting will be at the Julie Wimberly Memorial Home-making Building, located at the Goliad County Fairgrounds, Thursday, September 19 starting with registration at 8:30 am. The cost of the workshop will be \$10. Coffee and donuts will be made available thanks to the Goliad County Soil and Water Conservation District.

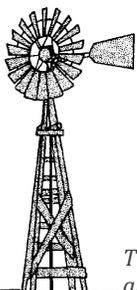
This has become a hot topic due to a recent case being appealed at the Supreme Court here in Texas. The case highlighted how the law works in a closed range area. When livestock get out and away from their enclosures, they can represent a significant traffic or safety hazard.

Judge Mike Bennett will deliver a welcome along with our County Clerk Mary Ellen "Princess" Flores who will be bringing our Election Book for viewing of

the 1934 election (picture next page) whereby Goliad County became a closed range county. We will also have on hand via the internet, Tiffany Dowell Lashment an Assistant Professor and Ag Law Specialist based out of Amarillo. Tiffany will cover all issues related to fencing, describing the statues in the Texas Agricultural Code and answering any other questions that may come about.

The Goliad County Sheriff's department is attempting to assist with a placard system placed on your gate that corresponds with a database which will include what are the brands on your livestock, what type of cattle, where are they located and is there a combination lock that a first responder could open and return the livestock to the correct pasture. Sheriff Kirby Brumby will explain.

We will conclude the program with Mark Katzfey, Agency Manager in Live Oak County with Texas Farm Bureau Insurance. Mr. Katzfey will discuss what are the rancher's responsibility in a closed ranged county. The program will offer one hour (laws and regulations) of CEUs for your private/non-commercial/ commercial pesticide applicator licenses. No RSVP will be required, but questions on this workshop can be directed to the Goliad County Extension Office at 361.645.8204.



Goliad County Agricultural Newsletter

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TRI COUNTY CEU DAY

December 6

5 CEUs

\$10 per hour

JWMHB

730 am



Area livestock and forage producers are invited to this year's Tri-County CEU Day on December 6. The seminar will be held at the Julie Wimberly Memorial Homemaking Building, located at the Goliad County Fairgrounds, 935 South Jefferson Street, Goliad, TX 77963. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with program starting at 7:30 a.m.

The program will feature specialists focusing on topics to include: cattle selection; calf & reproductive management; herd rebuilding decision tools; projected replacement cattle values; laws and regulations; and weed and brush control. Speakers include: Trooper Ruben San Miguel, Mr. Landen Gulick, Agricultural Extension Agent Bee County; Mr. Brian Yanta, Agricultural Extension Agent Goliad County; Ms. Candance Moeller, County Extension Agent in Refugio County.

5 CEU(s) will be provided at a cost of \$50 for all 5 hours or \$10 per hour you want to receive. Hours offered will include (2) in Laws and Regulations, (2) in Integrated Pest Management, and (1) in General. This Tri-county event is conducted annually through the planning efforts of the Livestock and Forage Committees. For more information contact the Extension Offices in, Bee 361-621-1552, Goliad 361-645-8204, or Refugio 361-526-2825.

SOUTH TEXAS FARM AND RANCH SHOW

October 23 & 24

multiple CEUs

\$10 per day



The South Texas Farm and Ranch Show will be October 24 and 25, at the Victoria Community Center. There are a number of events planned and pamphlets are available in our office. If you have questions please feel free to call the Victoria County Extension office at 361-575-4581. The cost is only \$10/person/day.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

October 24, \$10 cost

6:30 am registration @ Annex 4

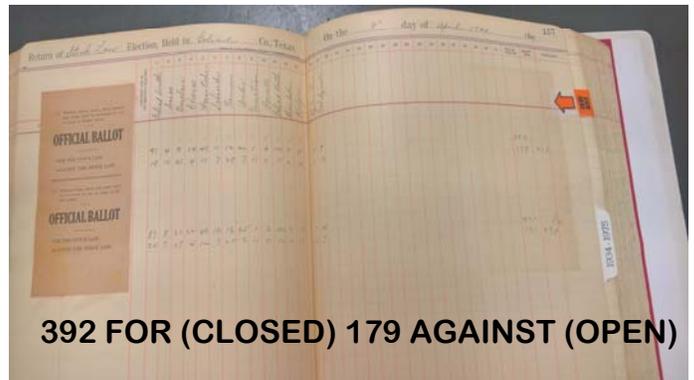
7:30 am—11:30—Training

NO TEST AFTER LUNCH



In conjunction with the South Texas Farm and Ranch Show, we will be having our Private Applicator Pesticide License Training. This training is to obtain a license and no CEUs will be provided. For more information you may contact this office. We have study guides sets available for \$40.

RESULTS OF THE 1934 STOCK LAW



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and I spread it! So Goliad County is a closed range county, that was settled by an election in 1934 and everybody knows that. Except everybody did not know that. A lot of it was conjecture. A lot of it was coffee shop talk. What ever the reason the popular belief was that Goliad County was part open range and part closed, and since nobody really knew where the lines were we might have to have an election on the matter to settle it once and for all. That was what we were all preparing for until some research was conducted and the election results of April 9, 1934 Stock Law were found.

Conjecture. A conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information. When we look at roads like Franke, and Oilfield you can see how that basis might be formed, there are fences on both sides of the road and then you cross a cattle guard and cows roam at large so we are in open range. And to add to the confusion I can remember county auctions where salvaged cattle guards were sold from county roads. So there might be more areas of the county that were also open_range.

So why now, why are we trying to ascertain now if Goliad County is open or closed range. And it goes back to my last two newsletter articles discussing the lawsuit in Wilson Co that has been appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. I have had no less than half a dozen attorneys call and a dozen insurance agents with questions of our status regarding livestock. And after about the twelfth time I told the story that we were a quazi open and closed range county I decided I better go look for myself, to make sure I am telling these people the right thing.

Now I can bet you can imagine the county agent with a cap light on his head and a flashlight in the bowels of the courthouse basement searching through document after document, but that was not the case at all. In fact the 1894-1975 election book is one of the first books you

see as you enter the archives. We will be bringing the book thanks (picture on page 2) to our County Clerk Princess Flores on September 19 at our loose livestock meeting so you can see for yourself.

The other interesting thing about the stock law, is that when I shared it with several lawyers they all disagreed with what the election results declared—that we are closed range. When reading the ballot it is confusing but when looking at the voting poll locations results the prairie areas of the county voted against the stock law and town and the northern sections of the county voted for it. Which then made sense that we were going closed. The other thing is why would we vote in open range when Texas was open range? And if the election results declared we were in fact open range then why can the sheriff tell you to put your cow back in your pasture? So just to set everyone's minds at ease, when looking at the commissioners' court minutes and also news articles at the time, it is clear that the stock law was actually voted in to close our county from free ranging livestock. All these documents will be on hand at our upcoming workshop.

So why did this come to head in 1934? The advancement in our automobiles was one, but also our highway infrastructure. While doing research in the Goliad Advance Guard I also found an article talking about the new Highway 29 that would be a road from Austin to the coast coming right through Goliad (US 183 today). And so the policy makers at the time saw a need for public safety to keep livestock off these major thoroughfares. And since we were an open range county we had to have an election to close it.

But how do you explain Franke, Oilfield, Clip, Abrameit, Bego, etc. Because section 143.003 of the Ag Code allows for a landowner who owns both sides of a road to place cattle guards instead of fencing, everybody knows that! Or do they? Hope you can attend the Loose Livestock Workshop!

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I hope you find this information useful. If I can assist you in any way please contact me!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian D. Yanta".

