

**...Texas Brands**

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 “The same brand can be registered in the same county, but only if the location on the animal is different. That’s why including the right location on the application is extremely important.”

Although Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA) keeps a centralized database for the association’s law enforcement purposes.

TSCRA Special Rangers investigate thefts of cattle and horses, among other items. They also inspect livestock to determine ownership and prevent theft after a natural disaster. They help determine the ownership of stray livestock, too.

Brands may be transferred, but this requires a notarized affidavit signed by the current brand holder that relinquishes the title of the brand to the transferee. Brand transfers must be sent to TSCRA.

If the owner passes away and the heir wants to register the brand, the heir must provide proof of will or family agreement along with the death certificate.

It is not mandatory to brand livestock or horses in Texas. However, if livestock are branded, it is mandatory to register the brand with the county clerk. Failure to do so is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine up to \$500.

Pursuant to the Texas Agricultural Code 144.041, all brands, marks and tattoos expired August 30, 2021.

For more details, call 1-800-242-7820 to speak with the TSCRA Brand and Inspection Department.

**20th anniversary for crab trap removal program**

This February marks 20 years for the Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program. Every year countless volunteers spend 10 days on the water searching the Texas bays and shorelines for abandoned crab traps. When left in the water, these crab traps foul shrimpers’ nets, snag anglers’ lines, “ghost fish,” and create unsightly views. To date, they’ve hauled off more than 40,000 of these derelict traps.

From Friday, February 18 - Sunday, February 27, Texas coastal waters will be closed to crabbing with wire mesh crab traps to facilitate the annual volunteer crab trap cleanup. Any traps left in bays - including traps tied to docks - will be assumed abandoned and considered “litter” under state law. This allows volunteers to legally remove any crab traps they find.

As always, volunteers are needed to assist in the coast-wide effort to remove the numerous traps that have been lost or abandoned since last

year’s cleanup. To facilitate volunteer efforts, several sites along the coast will have clean-up events on Saturday, February 19 from 8 am - 12 pm. These sites are denoted as “facilitated” in the list below. Registration with partner organizations may be required. Additionally, at all sites, dumpsters or collection areas marked with banners will be available to receive traps for the duration of the closure. Volunteers may focus their efforts on February 19 or work at their own pace anytime during the closure, but traps cannot be removed prior to February 18 or after February 27.

The Coastal Conservation Association Texas, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Galveston Bay Foundation, San Antonio Bay Partnership, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are providing continued support to the crab trap removal program. Numerous other organizations and companies also are volunteering their services.

To participate, volunteers may pick up free tarps, gloves, and additional information at their local TPWD Coastal Fisheries field stations. TPWD requests that volunteers who remove traps record and submit information about the number of traps they collect as well as documenting any sightings of diamondback terrapins.

All other legal means of crabbing will not be affected during the closure period for wire crab traps. For more information, contact your local TPWD Coastal Fisheries office or Holly Grand at (361) 825-3993 or crabtrap@tpwd.texas.gov.

**On This Day in Texas History February 4, 1829**

On this day in 1829, the Mexican government issued a decree officially changing the name La Bahía to Villa de Goliad. The term La Bahía (“the bay”) historically referred to several entities, including La Bahía del Espíritu Santo (present Matagorda and Lavaca bays) and Nuestra Señora del Espíritu Santo de Zúñiga Mission and its accompanying presidio. Coahuila and Texas state legislator Rafael Antonio Manchola proposed the change, arguing that the name of the settlement around the presidio was meaningless because neither the mission nor presidio were located on “the bay.” His suggestion of “Goliad” was actually an anagram for the name of Father Hidalgo, the priest who led the fight for Mexican independence. For a time during the 1830s settlers called the town both La Bahía and Goliad. The community played a key role in the Texas Revolution and became the site of the signing of the first declaration of independence for Texas.

**ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 for the purpose of:  
 Electing School Trustees (date)

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: Friday, February 18, 2022  
 (A deadline is required to be stated in the order for a special election.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

Coke County Clerks Office - Coke County Courthouse - Robert Lee, TX  
 (location)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 Mon. - Thurs. p.m. beginning on Monday, April 25, 2022  
 (date)  
 and ending on Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
 (date)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Monica Reyes, Coke County Clerk  
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
Coke County Courthouse - 13 E 7th  
 (Address)  
Robert Lee, TX 76945  
 (City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
 (date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Issued this the 19 day of January, 20 22.

Member \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
 Signature of Presiding Officer

**ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA OTRA SUBDIVISION POLITICA**

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el sabado, el 7 de mayo, 2022 con el propósito

de: elegir fideicomisarios escolares (fecha)

Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán presentadas por: viernes, el 18 de febrero, 2022  
 (De acuerdo con la orden de elección especial se requiere una fecha límite)

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en

Coke County Clerks Office Coke County Courthouse - Robert Lee, TX  
 (sitio)

entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 lunes-jueves de la tarde empezando el lunes, el 25 de abril, 2022  
 (fecha)  
 y terminando el martes, el 3 de mayo, 2022  
 (fecha)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Monica Reyes, Coke County Clerk  
 (Nombre del Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada)  
Coke County Courthouse - 13 E 7th  
 (Dirección)  
Robert Lee, TX 76945  
 (Ciudad) (Zona Postal)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el martes, el 26 de abril, 2022  
 (fecha)

La votación adelantada además se llevará a cabo de tal manera:

Sitio	Fecha	Horas
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Emitida este día 19 de January, 20 22

Miembro \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]  
 Firma del Oficial que Preside