

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Judge Wiederhold Critical

Thrown from Horse While Roping Steer

Justice of the Peace for Dime Box, Judge Doyle Wiederhold, is listed in critical condition at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. Judge Wiederhold was flown by Star Flight after sustaining injuries on Sunday, October 29. The Judge was at a roping arena south of Giddings when the steer he was roping stumbled. The horse reacted by rearing up on his back two feet, throwing the Judge to the ground. The horse rolled back on top of the Judge causing severe injuries to his head and chest.

A neighbor contacted the Sheriff's Department who dispatched B&M Ambulance service out of Giddings. According to Adam Gonzales, Captain with the Lee County Sheriff's Department, once Star Flight was contacted, the Sheriff's

Department and Giddings VFD set-up and secured a landing zone.

The Sheriff's Department called Brackenridge ahead of Star Flight's arrival to advise the Brackenridge Police Department (BPD), a division of the Austin Police Department, that the Judge was in route. The BPD has maintained communication with the Sheriff's Department as a courtesy between law enforcement agencies.

The Judge's condition is listed as very critical. He is unconscious and on full life support. Danita Wiederhold, the Judge's wife, has been in contact with her husband's office providing updates. The Judge and Danita have two daughters. Dee is a college student and Lindsay is a junior at Dime Box High School.