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20th Anniversary Celebration Update

By Perry Handyside

The Winter Conference Committee is working diligently to stay ahead of a fast moving calendar as the planning for the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association's 2016 Winter Conference and Sale schedule of events begin to take shape. Winter Conference Committee members are DTBA President Marielle Hewitt, Board Member Perry Handyside, and two gracious, hard-working volunteers, Melanie Cammack of Cammack Buffalo Ranch and Jill O'Brien of Wild Idea Buffalo Company. The 2016 Winter Conference and Sale dates are Thursday, February 4 through Sunday, February 7, 2016. You will want to begin marking your calendars now and invite your families and friends because this is going to be a great show that you won't want anyone to miss!

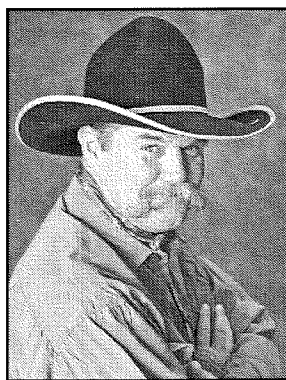
We're very excited to give the DTBA membership this sneak preview of two exciting speakers that we have scheduled so far:

Temple Grandin, Ph.D. - Dr. Grandin is a world-renowned author and designer of livestock handling facilities. If you are not familiar with Dr. Grandin's work, we encourage you to check out her website at www.grandin.com. This excerpt is a paragraph from her biography:



"Dr. Grandin is a designer of livestock handling facilities and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Facilities she has designed are located in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. In North America, almost half of the cattle are handled in a center track restrainer system that she designed for meat plants. Curved chute and race systems she has designed for cattle are used worldwide and her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling."

Waddie Mitchell, Buckaroo Poet - "I can't ever remember

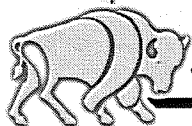


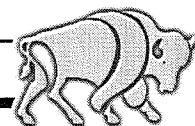
'finding' cowboy poetry," Waddie Mitchell says of the entertaining and enduring art of storytelling. "It was always there. The cowboys sure never called it poetry. I know I wouldn't have liked it if they would have. Seems like an oxymoron, don't it!"

This paragraph comes from Waddie Mitchell's biography: "There came a time though, which he relates in his poem Where To Go, when he had to choose between being a full-time cowboy (he managed a 36,000 acre ranch in Lee-Jiggs, Nevada) and

the art form that he loved so much. In 1984, he helped organize the internationally recognized Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering

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Notes From The President - Marielle Hewitt

Greetings to everyone,
I write this letter to you from the hay fields. Hauling hay to the bale yard has become a much bigger chore this year with our bountiful crop. It's absolutely amazing what steady rainfall will produce!! Putting up hay without being rained on is the name of the game this year. Like anything in life, it's about seizing the opportunity when it comes.

Speaking of opportunity, it seems to be around every corner in the bison business these days. It sure is an exciting and fun ride being part of a niche market that has found a sweet spot fulfilling our society's need for a healthier choice on the menu. As we all know, being successful in a strong market doesn't just happen by chance or overnight for that matter. As Zig Ziglar says, "Success occurs when opportunity meets preparation."

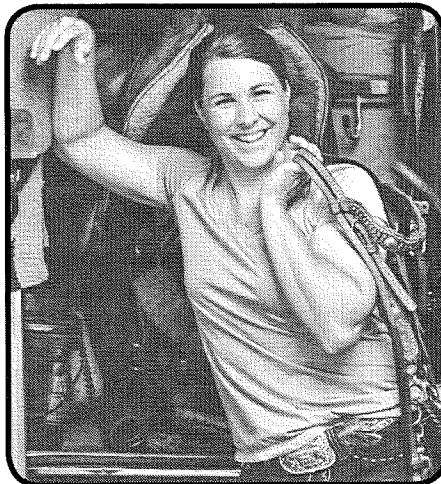
Looking back over the last two decades,

there have been folks preparing diligently for the opportunity they saw coming. Forged ahead thru numerous adversities and challenges. No blood, sweat, or tears were spared.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the DTBA. What a year to celebrate where we are today and look back on where we came from. We are planning an extra special conference this year in celebration of our milestone. I sure hope to see each and every one of you in Rapid City this year, with your families in tow. My parents towed me to many events in my childhood and it had a very large impact on my deep rooted desire for bison and the people involved. Therefore I can't stress enough the value and importance of mentoring the next generation!

Hope you have a great rest of the summer and look forward to talking again as we are nearing round up. Keep your eyes peeled for your 2016 Girlz or Guns entries!!

-Marielle



20th Anniversary Celebration Plans Coming Together

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and gave his first public performance. Although Waddie didn't think anyone would be interested, (he thought it would be a pretty good party for the weekend) the first Cowboy Poetry Gathering was set for a cold, snowy weekend in January. This was one of the only times of the year that Waddie and his fellow cowboys were free from ranch duties. More than 2,000 people showed up, and Waddie was off and running."

You can find out more information about Waddie Mitchell at www.waddiemitchell.com.

The Winter Conference Committee welcomes and values your ideas, your participation and your monetary sponsorship of conference activities, so please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you can find a way that you would like to contribute! Good luck and a have a great summer!

VISION

The vision of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to perpetuate buffalo as the great North American native animal.

MISSION

The mission of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is to promote buffalo and furnish a positive forum for creativity and camaraderie among a diverse membership.

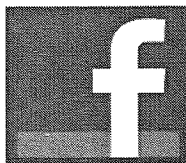
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- To practice integrity and be ethical in all our dealings.
- To be visionary and proactive for the bison industry.
- To help our members be successful.

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The association now has our own page on the popular social networking site, Facebook. The board felt that it would be a beneficial place for the association to share our message and be a valuable tool to help keep our Facebook friends updated on current happenings. We are posting updates and photos for

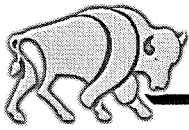
both the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes and our upcoming conference and show and sale.

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Calendar Of Buffalo Events

August 28 - 29: Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association Fall Ranch Tour. Heart Rock Bison Ranch, Genoa, CO; Prairie Ridge Buffalo Ranch, Limon, CO and Sunrise Bison Ranch, Simla, CO. (719) 740-1068 or www.buffaloranchers.com.

September 21 - 25: Keys to Successful Bison (Livestock) and Land Management with Roland Kroos. Held at North Star Bison ranch in Rice Lake, WI. www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com.

September 24 - 26: Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup and Arts Festival. Custer State Park, SD. (605) 255-4515 or http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/

November 7: Antelope Island State Park Annual Live Bison Auction. Bison corrals, Antelope Island State Park, Syracuse, UT. (801) 209-4678.

November 21: 50th Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction. Buffalo corrals, Custer State Park. (605) 255-4515 or http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/

November 21: 1st Annual 777 Ranch Buffalo Production Auction. Prairie Edge Trading Company & Galleries, 6th & Main St., Rapid City, SD. See www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

November 27 - 28: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Legends of the Fall Bison Auction and Bison Fundamentals Education Class. Central Livestock Sale Barn, Albany, MN. (507) 454-2828 or www.mnbison.org.

November 29: Prairie Sky Ranch Annual Production Auction. Prairie Sky Guest and Game Ranch, Veblen, SD. www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

December 1: Brownotter Buffalo Ranch Annual Production Auction. Mobridge Livestock Auction, Mobridge, SD. www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

December 3 - 5: Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede meeting and show and sale. Golden Spike Events Center, Ogden, UT. www.westernbison.org.

December 5: Kansas Buffalo Assn. 26th Annual Fall Buffalo Auction. Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Salina, KS. (620) 345-6526 or www.kansasbuffalo.org.

January 8 - 9, 2016: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting and Buffalo Auction. Napoleon, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com or (701) 340-6282.

January 20 - 22: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 23: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 5 - 6: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 7: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 22 - 25: Keys to Successful Bison (Livestock) and Land Management with Roland Kroos. Held at Durham Ranch, Wright, WY. www.crossroadsranchconsulting.com.

April 22 - 24: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Hosted by Pine Wood Bison Ranch, Albany, MN. www.mnbison.org.

June 20 - 24: National Bison Assn. Summer Conference. Hosted by MnBA and Snake River Farm. Elk River, MN. www.bisoncentral.com or www.mnbison.org.

August 5 - 7: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. 25th Anniversary Ranch Tours Bus Trip. Jamestown, ND. www.ndbuffalo.com.

July 4 - 7, 2017: 5th International Bison Conference. Big Sky, MT. www.bisoncentral.com.

Sponsorships Needed For 2016

With our 2016 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time for our Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge, the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge and the Cutting Edge Carcass Class Bulls and Heifers. Additionally, our Producer of the Year sponsorships are available.

We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference speakers, events and Coffee Breaks. Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your generosity is much appreciated!

For more information on sponsorships, contact Karen at (605) 519-1326 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.



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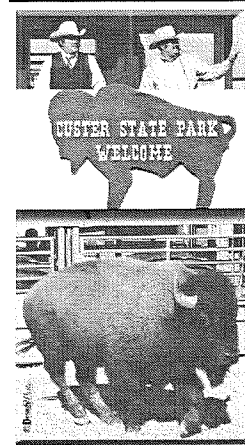
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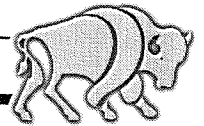
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DTBA Joins in Fight Against New Federal WOTUS Rules

Joining the fight against federal water regulations, your DTBA board of directors recently passed a resolution aimed at stopping the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers as they implement new "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rules.

The federal agencies released their final report in late May, despite overwhelming opposition from farmers, ranchers and nearly anyone who holds dear the rights of landowners to manage the lands and waters in their care.

Opposition also came from some members of Congress in the form of legislation designed to curtail funding for the plan. To date, numerous agencies, organizations and private individuals have opposed the plan and now many states have filed lawsuits to stop the plan. On suit, filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, "challenges the Obama Administration's attempt to expand the regulatory power of the Environmental Protection Agency by revising the regulatory definition of 'navigable waters' under the Clean Water Act."

"The EPA's new water rule is not about clean water - it's about power," Paxton said. "This sweeping new rule is a blatant overstep of federal authority and could have a devastating effect on virtually any property owner, from farmers to ranchers to small businesses. If it moves forward, essentially anybody with a ditch on their property would be at risk of costly and unprecedented new regulations and a complicated web of bureaucracy. Texans shouldn't need permission from the federal government to use their own land, and the EPA's attempt to erode private property rights must be put to a stop."

Paxton's press release said the EPA's final rule "is so broad and open to interpretation that everything from ditches and dry creek beds, to gullies, to isolated ponds formed after a big rain could be considered a 'water of the United States.'" Joining Texas in that lawsuit are Mississippi and Louisiana.

Another suit, filed by North Dakota was joined by attorney generals from Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Additionally, more than 35 states have filed comments opposing the new regulations and several southern states filed lawsuits this past July.

The Texas Bison Association was the first bison association to adopt a resolution opposed to the new WOTUS rules. The National Bison Association adopted a similar resolution at their board meeting in early June. DTBA followed with a resolution in late June and Western Bison Association has also adopted a resolution opposing the rules.

At right is the resolution passed by the DTBA Board of Directors at the June 30, 2015 board meeting.

RESOLUTION OF THE DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are currently implementing their "Waters of the United States" rules, the preparation of which raised an understandable outcry among agriculturists across the nation, and

WHEREAS the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association represents agricultural producers in multiple states,

WHEREAS control and management of water is an essential component of a successful agricultural endeavor, and

WHEREAS bison ranching is a growing segment of animal agriculture in the United States, with an overwhelming majority of bison ranches situated on privately owned lands, and

WHEREAS weather fluctuations are acute in much of the nation's grasslands, which can experience drastic meteorological shifts from debilitating drought to catastrophic flooding in less than a season, as has occurred in the spring of 2015, and

WHEREAS this overly broad and burdensome governmental regulation poses a significant threat to bison producers' abilities to deal with such calamities, should these regulations delay or prohibit producers from undertaking essential, timely and cost-effective water management actions for the health of their land and livestock, and

WHEREAS American bison producers neither want nor need additional federal governmental involvement in the care and management of the water on their private property, and

WHEREAS the existing federal and state laws are protective of the environment and allow for state regulation of water rights,

WHEREAS bison producers not only favor clean water but are absolutely dependent on it and stand proudly with boots on the ground among the nation's first line of environmental defenders — American farmers and ranchers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association urges the United States Congress to take every legislative and budgetary action necessary to limit and control any and all federal agencies that would expand control over private property, water rights, and property owners who invest their money, their labor and their lives into protecting the livestock, lands and waters under their stewardship.

Passed by the board of directors, Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, on this 30th day of June, 2015.

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Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Black Hills Buffalo Classic



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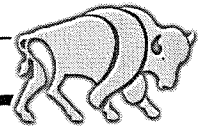


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Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale Updates and News

The Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge are in full swing right now. Many thanks to our Young Guns host ranch, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Sandy and Jacki Limpert and Brodie and Samantha Limpert Buffalo, SD, for hosting the bulls again this year. The Girlz are being hosted by Heartland Bison Ranch, Rugby, ND, Kevin and Anne Leier and Lee and Rebecca Leier. We could not do these classes without them and they are doing a tremendous job with large groups of animals.

The Young Guns were sent out to grass on May 8 and were just brought in off of grass on August 5. The bulls look great overall as a group and we are blessed to have 76 bulls from 16 ranches participating. The bulls were out on nothing but good Harding County (SD) grass for the summer, along with a mineral feeder. Just prior to being brought in off grass, the bulls were caked them three times in the last three weeks so that they would know how to follow the pickup that would lead them into the corrals.

In the Girlz Gone Wild class, these young heifers are out with four breeding bulls from KenMar Buffalo Ranch. This quality group of heifers features 43 heifers from 13 ranches. The heifers have been out to pasture since the end of March and they will stay out until it's time to work them for the show and sale. This grass-only program really showcases what these heifers can do!

A few other newsworthy notes about our show and sale. We will be keeping the same classes for our 2016 event, which will include the Young Guns, Girlz Gone Wild and the Cutting Edge Carcass contest for both bulls and heifers. To qualify for Producer of the Year, a producer must have animals entered into

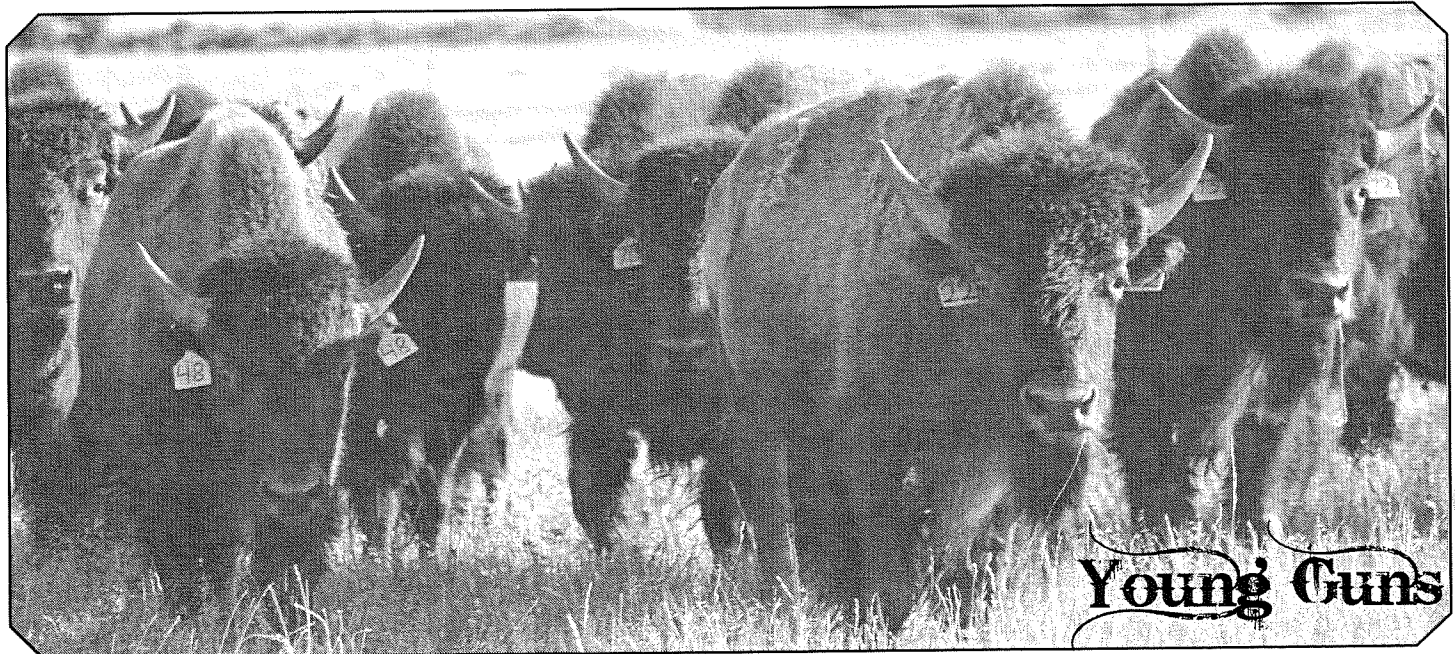
both the Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes and at least one of the carcass contests. Awards will be given to fifth place in Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild and to third place in the carcass contests. We have a nice slate of producers qualified so far with entries in both performance-tested classes. It will be exciting to see who our Producer of the Year will be at our 20th anniversary event.

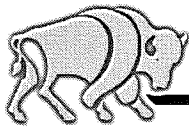
The show and sale committee made some recommendations for changes in the criteria for live judging the performance-tested animals. The board approved these changes, so the animals that make the auction in 2016 will be judged using the following criteria: 100 possible points. 10 points each for the following - legs; back/topline; length; depth; hip; head; width; bone. 20 points will be awarded for the animal's overall appearance. This judging score will be added to the remaining criteria to determine the winners. For the bulls, the scoring

categories will be: grass gain, feed gain, overall gain, ribeye score and live judging, with each category carrying equal weight to determine the score. For the heifers, the categories are: grass gain, ribeye score, pelvic measurement and live judging. Each category will carry equal weight in tallying the final score.

And finally, one of the most important decisions that was made was one regarding our live animal auction. After much consignor and membership input, along with lively discussion amongst the committee, the decision was made that the Girlz Gone Wild heifers will be sold at our auction via video and/or static photos. We will not run the heifers through the sale ring out of concern for the heifer and the calf she is carrying. Safety and welfare of the animals is of utmost concern and in evaluating the situation, it was decided it would be best to leave the heifers in

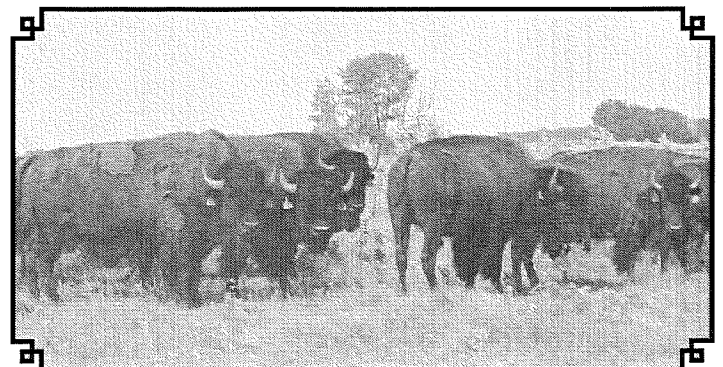
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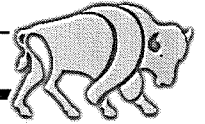


Young Guns 2016 Master Sheet						
Owner	Yellow Tag #	Out to Grass	Off Grass	Grass Gain	Grass Gain	
		5/8/15	8/5/15	Day	Average	
		Weight	Weight	Gain in lbs	Daily Gain	
Doug & Fern Olson	1	596	672	76	0.85	
Doug & Fern Olson	2	628	729	101	1.13	
Holcomb Buffalo Ranch	3	627	696	69	0.78	
Kevin & Nola Robinson	4	620	742	122	1.37	
Holcomb Buffalo Ranch	6	635	751	116	1.30	
Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch	7	675	695	20	0.22	
Rafter K Bar	8	632	724	92	1.03	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	9	798	899	101	1.13	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	10	762	887	125	1.40	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	11	796	901	105	1.18	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	12	746	856	110	1.24	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	13	720	783	63	0.71	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	14	793	849	56	0.63	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	15	737	871	134	1.51	
Longreach Buffalo Company	16	674	754	80	0.90	
Custer State Park	17	596	680	84	0.94	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	18	717	820	103	1.16	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	19	737	822	85	0.96	
777 Ranch	21	530	599	69	0.78	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	22	777	851	74	0.83	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	23	695	787	92	1.03	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	24	813	922	109	1.22	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	25	746	837	91	1.02	
Longreach Buffalo Company	26	711	849	138	1.55	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	27	740	818	78	0.88	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	28	710	766	56	0.63	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	29	700	796	96	1.08	
Kenmar Buffalo Ranch	30	775	893	118	1.33	
Longreach Buffalo Company	31	679	816	137	1.54	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	32	714	784	70	0.79	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	33	705	738	33	0.37	
777 Ranch	34	613	765	152	1.71	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	35	657	732	75	0.84	
Custer State Park	36	624	751	127	1.43	
Tatanka Hills	37	625	721	96	1.08	
Double Diamond Buffalo	38	790	853	63	0.71	
Tatanka Hills	39	622	691	69	0.78	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	40	757	856	99	1.11	
Tatanka Hills	41	713	795	82	0.92	
Rafter K Bar	42	696	794	98	1.10	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	43	775	835	60	0.67	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	44	772	816	44	0.49	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	45	763	833	70	0.79	
Kenmar Buffalo Ranch	46	706	737	31	0.35	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	47	832	909	77	0.87	
Tatanka Hills	48	678	758	80	0.90	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	49	754	867	113	1.27	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch (Taber)	50	713	822	109	1.22	
Kenmar Buffalo Ranch	51	723	783	60	0.67	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	52	725	816	91	1.02	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	53	692	780	88	0.99	
777 Ranch	54	612	699	87	0.98	
Double Diamond Buffalo	55	822	908	86	0.97	
777 Ranch	56	603	693	90	1.01	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	57	737	841	104	1.17	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	58	754	903	149	1.67	
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	59	743	835	92	1.03	
Horse Creek Bison	60	668	730	62	0.70	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	61	801	925	124	1.39	
Kenmar Buffalo Ranch	62	665	774	109	1.22	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	63	714	752	38	0.43	
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	64	768	872	104	1.17	
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	65	739	829	90	1.01	
777 Ranch	66	580	652	72	0.81	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	67	678	829	151	1.70	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	68	628	724	96	1.08	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	69	660	801	141	1.58	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	70	697	859	162	1.82	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	71	708	792	84	0.94	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	72	667	805	138	1.55	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	73	689	851	162	1.82	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	74	669	811	142	1.60	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	75	690	761	71	0.80	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	76	697	774	77	0.87	
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	77	654	805	151	1.70	
Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch	78	628	655	27	0.30	
Average		701	794	93.4	1.05	

Girlz Gone Wild 2016 Master Sheet		
Owner	Out To Grass	
	Pink Tag	3/28/15 Weight
Longreach Buffalo Company	911	661
Longreach Buffalo Company	912	720
Longreach Buffalo Company	913	721
Blue Valley Ranch	914	778
Blue Valley Ranch	915	807.5
Tatanka Hills	917	906
Tatanka Hills	918	894
Circle G Ranch (Tatanka Hills heifer)	919	840
Strategy Buffalo Company	920	831
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	921	869
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	922	807
Cold Creek Buffalo Company	923	855
777 Ranch	924	604
Blue Valley Ranch (777 heifer)	916	610.5
Custer State Park	925	839
Custer State Park	926	702
Custer State Park	927	663.5
Custer State Park	928	683
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	929	741
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	930	819
Horse Creek Bison/Rafter K Bar (Slim Buttes heifer)	931	803
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	932	812
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	933	763.5
Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch	934	801.5
Sheyenne River Bison	935	769
Sheyenne River Bison	936	775
Sheyenne River Bison	937	730.5
Sheyenne River Bison	938	731
Sheyenne River Bison	939	757
Cold Creek Buffalo Company (Sheyenne River heifer)	940	756
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	941	781
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	942	887
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	943	906
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	944	886
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	945	824.5
KenMar Buffalo Ranch	946	875
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	947	865
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	948	896.5
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	949	891
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	950	874
Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch	951	842
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	952	756
Cammack Buffalo Ranch	953	664
Averages		791



The KenMar bulls checking out the Girlz. Hello ladies!



BHBC Updates and News

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the pens and only move then for loadout or if there are compatibility issues in a pen. ALL the animals will be on site at the fairgrounds as in the past, but only the bulls will be brought into the auction ring. Nothing else will change. Animals can be previewed throughout the weekend and on auction day in the pens and we will have the pens numbered for easy identification. During the auction, we will show photos and/or video of each of the heifers as they are being sold. Loadout and all other aspects of the auction will remain the same.

Keep checking back on our Facebook page for updates on both of these classes as well as photos and video. There are a number of photos posted there now for both classes and we will continue to keep that information updated.

Catalogs for the auction will be available in mid-January as well as being posted online through various websites.



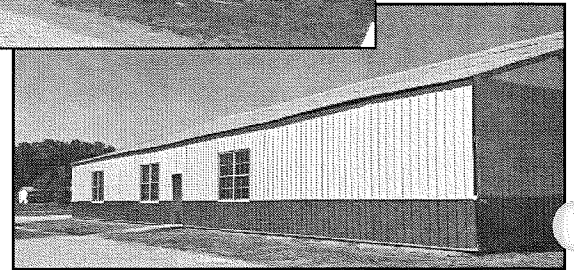
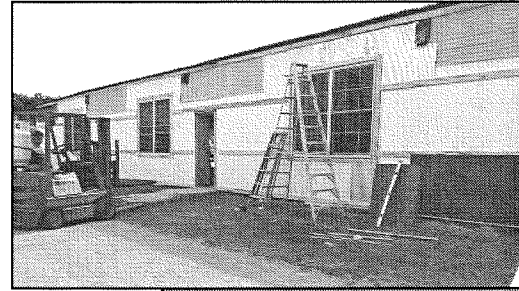
A group of Young Guns bulls checking out the photographer.


BHBC Sale Site Improvements

We have some very exciting news to share! Our sale facility at the Central States Fair is getting a makeover!


Bridger Steel has partnered with the fairgrounds to put all new steel siding and a new steel roof on the Captain Glen building where our live animal auction is held. For those of you who attended the auction last year, you'll recall the interior was renovated and we could not be happier to see the exterior getting the same attention!

The photos are of the work in progress on the east side and then the finished product. Many thanks to our friends at the Central States Fair and Bridger Steel for this awesome news!




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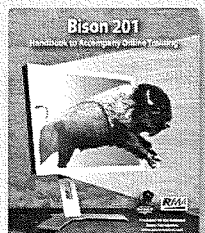
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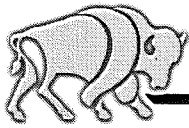
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Vesicular Stomatitis Confirmed in SD

PIERRE, S.D. - Two confirmed cases of Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV), a reportable animal disease, have been found in western South Dakota. USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory reported the disease to South Dakota state veterinarian, Dustin Oedekoven, after testing samples that were submitted on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

VSV infected horses and cattle have been found already in 2015 in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and Arizona. VSV can also threaten other livestock species, including sheep, goats and pigs. The main symptoms of VSV are slobbering, blisters, sores and sloughing of skin in the mouth, on the tongue, on the muzzle, inside the ears and on the coronary band above the hooves. Lameness and weight loss may also occur.

Flies and midges are the insect vectors responsible for transmitting VSV. The virus can also be spread through direct contact with infected livestock and indirectly through contact with contaminated equipment and tack. Fly and insect control is the most important step in preventing the disease. Good sanitation and bio-security measures can help avoid exposure.

VSV is particularly significant because it is clinically indistinguishable from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), swine vesicular disease and vesicular exanthema of swine, all serious foreign animal diseases. Because of similarities to these diseases, it is essential to quickly determine a diagnosis with laboratory testing if vesicles are observed in non-equines. Of the vesicular diseases, VSV is the only one that affects horses, and the presence of lesions is suggestive of VSV.

If you suspect VSV in your animals, contact your veterinarian immediately. Vesicular stomatitis should be immediately reported to the South Dakota state veterinarian at 605-773-3321.

For further information regarding this press release, please visit the SD AIB website at: <http://aib.sd.gov/diseasecontrol.shtm#horses>.

Throlson Scholarships Available

Westminster, CO (July 1, 2015) -The National Bison Association (NBA) has announced the 2015 Throlson American Bison Foundation Scholarship amid continued growth in consumer demand for healthy, natural bison meat.

The Throlson American Bison Foundation is named after its founder, Dr. Ken Throlson, DVM, a pioneer of the modern bison business and awards three outstanding college students with an interest in the burgeoning bison industry.

"The Throlson American Bison Foundation Scholarship program has been established to recognize, encourage and promote leadership among future bison industry professionals," said Dave Carter, executive director of the NBA.

In November 2015, the Throlson American Bison Foundation will award scholarships totaling, but not limited to, \$5,000 to outstanding college junior, senior or graduate students studying fields related to the bison industry.

This year an additional scholarship will be awarded in the memory of Richard Zahringer to a student pursuing a degree in agriculture economics, ag-business, or accounting. Ideally this student will have future interest in livestock and specifically bison. This scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications are available for download at the NBA's website, www.bisoncentral.com, on the Throlson Bison Foundation tab.

Applications must be completed and mailed or emailed to the NBA no later than Oct. 1, 2015. Recipient announcements will be made no later than Nov. 5, 2015. For more information, contact the NBA office at (303) 292-2833, or jim@bisoncentral.com.

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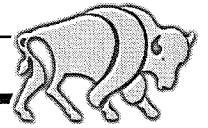
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NBA Preparing Groundwork to Clarify Labeling of 'Buffalo'

From the August 7, 2015 National Bison Association Weekly Update

The National Bison Association is preparing to push federal agencies to require that any products made with water buffalo utilize the full name, rather than "buffalo."

"The American public has equated the term 'buffalo' with bison for more than 300 years. Now, there are starting to be products in the human and pet food marketplace that are made with water buffalo, but are simply labeled as 'Buffalo'," said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. "It's important that consumers understand clearly that these products are made with water buffalo."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service is in the process of updating its Food Standards and Policy Labeling book, which was last revised in 2005. That book currently contains no reference to bison, but does use the term "buffalo" in its section entitled Exotic/Non-Amenable Products-Use of Cure Agents. One section in the policy book reads, "Buffalo and venison must be federally or state inspected; however, venison may also be produced under the supervision of inspection officials of a country approved

to export meat products into the United States."

Carter noted, "The policy book's reference to "buffalo" clearly describes bison. That's why the agency should require water buffalo to be labeled by its full name."

The process to require the labeling change can be somewhat complex, according to Carter.

"As a starting point, we are sending a formal request to the Undersecretary for Food Safety requesting that a clarification be included in the next edition of the policy book," Carter said. "However, bison and water buffalo are both technically under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration, so we may be required to submit a petition to that agency as well. Then, when it comes to the labeling of pet products, we will have to submit a request to the American Association of Feed Control Officials."

The NBA is requesting that members forward any instances of confusing labels currently in the marketplace. That information can be emailed to david@bisoncentral.com, or faxed to the office at 303.845.9081.

Show and Sale Committee Seeking Potential Host Ranches

At the request of the DTBA Show and Sale Committee, the office is asking for names of anyone who might be interested in participating as a host ranch for one of our performance classes, Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge or the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge.

We are looking to compile a list for future years. At the 2016 Winter Conference, we will set aside a time to meet with anyone interested in learning more about what is required of these host ranches and what it takes to get the job done.

These two performance-tested classes are taking off and creating quite a splash in the buffalo world and not only is it a benefit for the producers who consign animals, it can certainly be a huge benefit for the host ranch. What better way to showcase your operation than to

prove it by bringing first class breeding bull prospects to our sale or putting your best bulls on a group of young heifers that will be purchased by buyers around the country. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved and in order to continue to grow these classes and take the lead in the industry, we need more people willing to host the classes at their ranch.

For more information or to add your name to the list of potential host ranches (no obligation, just to show interest), please call or email the office. In our conference newsletter/emails, we will announce the time and location for a meeting for anyone interested in learning more about this vital role in our association's future.

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House Bill Re-Introduced to Make Bison the National Mammal of the United States

From the July 3, 2015 National Bison Association Weekly Update

The Vote Bison Coalition applauded the introduction of legislation, H.R. 2908, in the U.S. House of Representatives to officially recognize bison as the National Mammal of the United States.

The bill, titled the National Bison Legacy Act, was introduced by Reps. William Lacy Clay (D-MO), Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Kristi Noem (R-SD) and José Serrano (D-NY) along with a bipartisan group of original co-sponsors, with the support of more than 50 organizations, businesses and tribes in the Vote Bison Coalition. The bill was first introduced in the House in the last Congress, along with a Senate version led by Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) and former Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD).

Bison have an important role in America's history, culture and economy. Many Native American tribes revere bison as a sacred and spiritual symbol of their heritage and maintain private bison herds on tribal lands throughout the West. Bison now exist in all 50 states in public and private herds, providing recreation opportunities for wildlife viewers in zoos, refuges and parks and sustaining the multimillion dollar bison ranching and production business.

Bison continue to sustain and provide cultural value to Native Americans and Indian Tribes. More than 60 tribes are working to restore bison to over 1,000,000 acres of Indian lands in South Dakota, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Montana, and other states. Today, bison remain integrally linked with the spiritual lives of Native Americans through cultural practices, social ceremonies and religious rituals.

Jim Stone, Executive Director of the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council, said: "The importance of buffalo to tribal people cannot be measured and the recognition of the buffalo through the NBLA is one that would be appreciated and honored by all tribal nations."

Bison production on private ranches is in its strongest economic condition in more than a decade. The total value of privately owned bison on more than 2,500 bison ranches in the U.S. was estimated to exceed \$280 million in 2013. Bison ranches create jobs, provide a sustainable and healthy meat source, and contribute to our nation's food security.

Dave Carter, Executive Director of the National Bison Association, said: "Tribal leaders, conservationists and private producers have all played an important role in restoring bison across the United States. The fourth partner in this success story is the American public. As more people embrace the great taste and quality attributes of bison, the herds will continue to grow. The National Bison Legacy Act recognizes the importance of this magnificent animal, and its important role in the cultures, the environment, and the food system of our nation."

The Vote Bison Coalition, led by steering committee members the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council, National Bison Association and Wildlife Conservation Society, formed in 2012 to make bison the National Mammal and to celebrate National Bison Day annually on the 1st Saturday of November. The coalition counts more than 50 businesses, tribal groups and organizations who have banded together to support efforts to celebrate bison.

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