

BHBC Show and Sale

It's hard to believe it's just about time for our annual Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

Throughout the summer, the board of directors and the show and sale committee met nearly every month, working on the numerous details needed to make for a successful event. As in years past, we have made more changes, eliminating the Yearling Bull and Two Year Old Bred Heifer classes from the show and sale due to lack of entries. We have had excellent participation in the Young Guns class, but our second Girlz Gone Wild performance tested class suffered a bit from lack of entries. From early inquiries, that doesn't sound like it will be a problem this year.

Our regular show entries could always use a boost and in order for us to continue offering a full slate of show and sale classes, your participation is critical. Consignors who get in early benefit from early advertising and promotion through press releases, Facebook updates, email to the membership and a sale flyer. We do this in order to get buyers in the seats on sale day and help our consignors get top dollar for their animals.

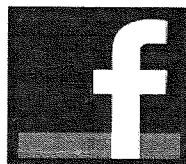
Show and sale entry forms and information are included in this newsletter and posted on our website at www.dakotabuffalo.com. Classes are at risk of being cancelled if we don't get enough commitments from consignors and get them early enough. Remember...the Black Hills Buffalo Classic has been thriving and growing the past few years and our Young Guns and Girlz

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Make Hotel Reservations NOW!

Our host hotel for our Winter Conference will be the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. Show and sale animals can be brought in to the grounds starting on Thursday, February 6. On Friday afternoon, February 7, we will have a board meeting, a consignor meeting, an open house at the Museum of the American Bison and our welcoming reception at Prairie Edge. Saturday, February 8 is conference day and awards banquet that evening and our auctions will be held on Sunday, February 9. Please make your hotel reservations accordingly. We have a room block set aside, just ask for the Dakota Territory room block when you make reservations. The hotel number is (605) 343-8550. Don't wait! The hotel sells out this weekend every year. Call today!

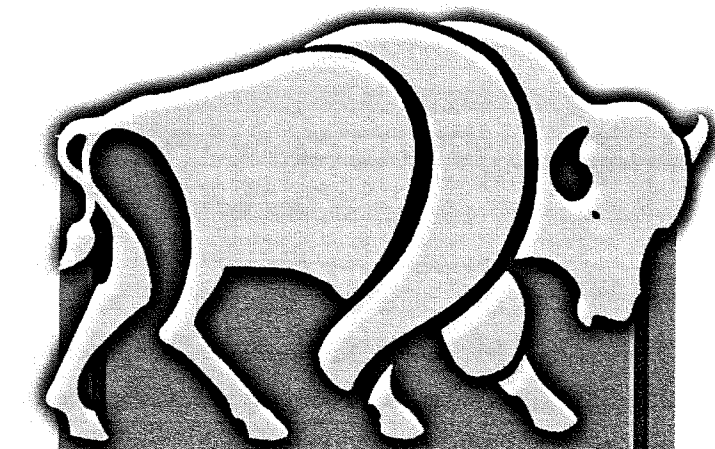
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The association now has our own page on the popular social networking site, Facebook. The board felt that it would be a beneficial place for the association to share our message and be a valuable tool to help keep our Facebook friends updated on current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

If you are not already on Facebook, considering joining. We'd love to have you stop by our page and like us! Your comments and feedback are also welcome and needed so we can make this an area that is beneficial for you to use.



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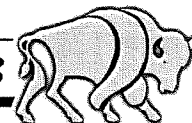
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Notes From The President - Wendy Hutchinson

I hope everyone is heading into the holidays healthy and staying warm in spite of Mother Nature. Winter Conference and the Show and Sale are coming upon us. The Show and Sale Committee has been very busy this year and more changes have been made to our show and sale format in an effort to make it more user-friendly and buyer-friendly. Take time to look over the enclosed show and sale information and consider entering some animals in the show or challenge classes or just bring us your excess animals for the production auction. Your support is what makes the show and sale a success and your association has been working diligently to ensure our event is viable and well attended.

We had a very significant event in western South Dakota this fall. What you might call a "freak" blizzard caught the region in its grasp and wreaked havoc. They even named the storm and now its known as Winter Storm Atlas. It paralyzed most of western South Dakota and stretched into eastern Wyoming and Montana as well as southern North Dakota and northern Nebraska. But by far, western South Dakota took the brunt of the storm.

Many livestock producers took huge losses, with cattle, sheep and even horses being killed in the storm. The numbers were staggering and are still being felt today. And yes, some buffalo were also victims of the storm, which really brings home the power and impact this blizzard had. Even the hardiest of creatures were no match for that storm.

In this newsletter, you'll find more information about a fund



that was set up to help those impacted by this storm. The Rancher's Relief Fund is sitting at \$2.5 million in donations right now, with every penny of that going back to those who lost so much in the blizzard. Early on, your DTBA Board of Directors authorized a donation to the fund, as we felt it was the right thing to do. If you know of any producers who you feel would benefit from some of these funds, you can share the information with them or nominate them. Read the article inside this newsletter for more information.

It's been a busy fall and we are still finalizing some of the Winter Conference speakers and plans. On the conference registration form, there is a place where we want your feedback. We are planning to do a Producer's Panel, but we need your input and suggestions to make it as informative and useful as possible. With your feedback, we will tailor the presenters to the topics and hopefully give our attendees the most up-to-date and helpful information we possibly can. Additionally, some of your ideas will help us plan for future conference presentations, so please take a few minutes and fill out that portion of the registration form and get it sent in. Or call or email the office with your ideas. Your input is what keeps this association viable and valuable!

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible for the Winter Conference. Rooms fill up fast and the hotel sells out that weekend just about every year. We have a great conference planned and we want you there.

See you in Rapid City in February!

Calendar Of Buffalo Events, Auctions and Meetings

January 3 - 4, 2014: Montana Bison Assn. Winter Meeting. Chico Hot Springs Resort, MT. (406) 392-4321 or www.montanabison.org.

January 6 - 10: Custer State Park Online Calf Auction. <http://custerstatepark.dvauction.com> to view lots and bid. (605) 255-4515 and ask for Chad Kremer or Gary Brundige.

January 10 & 11: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Meeting and Buffalo Auction. Rugby Livestock Sales, Rugby, ND. (701) 208-0440 or www.ndbuffalo.net.

January 15: DTBA's *The Cutting Edge Carcass Contest delivery day. Western Buffalo Company, Rapid City, SD.* (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

January 15: Preliminary deadline for class of 2015 Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge entries. (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

January 22 - 24: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference. The Denver Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 25: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 7 - 8: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 9: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.

February 24 - 27: Keys to Successful Bison Management seminar at Durham Ranch, Gillette, WY. Contact Roland Kroos at kroosing@msn.com for more information.

April 4 - 6: Transitions - Minnesota Buffalo Assn. 21st Annual Educational Conference. Winona, MN. (507) 454-2828 or info@mnbison.org.

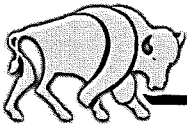
June 4 - 6: National Bison Assn. Summer Conference, Branson, MO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR
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Welcome To Our New Members!

Leo Heinrichs, Heinrich Cattle Company
Bowman, ND

Roy Schuchard and Family, Sioux River Ranch
Watertown, SD



Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale Entries Now Open

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Gone Wild challenge classes have been the key to keeping our show and sale vibrant and a destination for buyers.

Consignors in last year's Young Guns class enjoyed the highest average in the country on their yearling bull entries, with an average of \$5,390 per head. The high selling bull at last year's show and sale was the Reserve Grand Champion, a Young Guns bull, that brought \$9,500. In 2012, the Reserve Grand Champion was also a Young Guns bull that brought the second highest price that year, \$7,000. In 2011, our highest selling bull was...you guessed it, a Young Guns bull that was named Grand Champion and brought \$16,500 at the auction.

The Girlz Gone Wild two year old bred heifers fared pretty well in their inaugural debut last year, with the class average being \$3,248. The Grand and Reserve Champion Females both came out of this class, with the Grand Champion bringing \$6,000 and the Reserve Grand Champion garnering a final bid of \$6,400 at the auction.

So, as you can see from those averages and high prices, our Young Guns and Girlz Gone Wild classes can certainly make for a nice paycheck, not to mention the excellent exposure and marketing it can bring your operation. Imagine one of your home-grown heifers being named the winner of the Girlz Gone Wild class and then topping the market during the auction. Not too bad of a return on your investment.

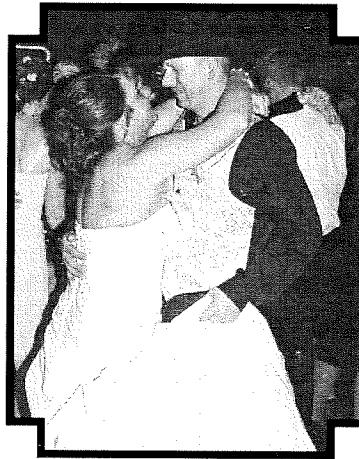
If you are entering other animals in the calf or yearling heifer classes at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic, you can also benefit from the increased interest the challenge classes bring to our show and sale. More buyers in the seats on auction day means more competitive bidding for every animal that goes through the sale ring. We have been very fortunate over the years to have some of the best calves and yearling heifers in the country go through our show and sale and participation in these classes has been steady and we want to continue to offer this marketing tool to our consignors who have supported these classes. Our auction

averages on the calf classes is typically at or near the top of the year-end averages.

Another great marketing tool is The Cutting Edge Carcass Contest. What a great way to showcase your operation from start to finish by putting your money where your customer's mouths are! The carcass contest is reality-based and we have a number of consignors who come back year after year as a way of proving and improving their breeding programs based on the contest results. In this meat-based industry, this contest is a great tool to showcase your production herd and what it can do.

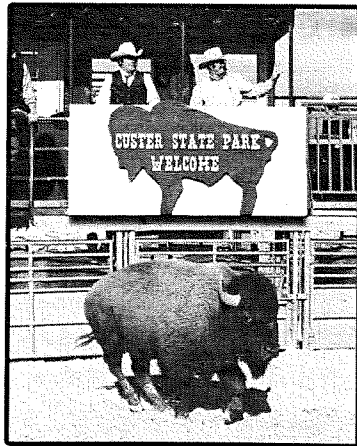
So, sharpen those pencils and get out and look over your herds and select your best breeding stock and carcass animals and get them entered. We will do our best to help you market your animals and get the most dollars for you on auction day.

For more information on any of the show and sale classes, contact the association office at (605) 858-0961 or info@dakotabuffalo.com.



Congratulations!

*Brett & Marielle
Hewitt
November 30, 2013*



AUCTION CALENDAR

January 11: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Fall Buffalo Auction. Rugby Livestock Sales, Rugby, ND. (701) 208-0440.

January 25: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833.

February 9: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 858-0961.

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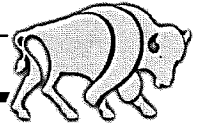
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Volunteers Needed For Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. Once again, with our 2014 event looming around the corner, Show/Sale Co-Chairs, Zane Holcomb and Chad Kremer, would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo. They are looking for people willing to be on hand Thursday, February 6 from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to help unload and pen animals. Some extra hands are also needed to water and feed the animals throughout the weekend and also moving animals while the judges are doing their thing on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

On Sunday, February 9, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until load-out is completed for the day. Chad and Zane could also use a couple of people who could be available on Monday, February 10 for half a day to help finish with loadout.

It makes for a long weekend and it seems like the weather is too hot or too cold, but we all appreciate the volunteers who step forward to help care for the buffalo.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this, please contact the DTBA office, 605-858-0961 or e-mail info@dakotabuffalo.com and we'll put you in touch with Chad and Zane to make arrangements. THANK YOU!!

Time To Pay 2014 Membership Dues

Check on the front mailing label of this newsletter. The year your dues have been paid through is highlighted on the mailing label. If it says "2013", you need to renew your dues at this time. If the date on your newsletter is 2012 or prior, your dues need to be paid now in order to continue receiving materials from the association or to show animals at the Black Hills Buffalo Classic.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in your 2014 dues. It's very much appreciated!

Board of Directors Needs Candidates

At our annual meeting coming up in February, we will have two positions open on the Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact the office or any of the current board members. One position will be a new board member for three years and one will be for two years to fulfill the remaining term of director Travis Mickelson, who is resigning due to family obligations.

It's not a glorious or glamorous job, but our board is crucial to the success of your association. If you want to learn more, just ask. Any of our board members are more than willing to share their experiences with any prospective candidates.

Contact information for all of our board members can be found on the front page of this newsletter or the DTBA website at www.dakotabuffalo.com. Step forward and make a difference!

Sponsorships Needed For 2014

With our 2014 events in the not so distant future, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are trophy sponsorships available at this time. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Winter Conference 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) 858-0961 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

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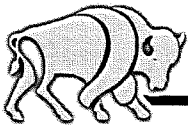
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Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) Being Noted In Bison

Reprinted from the November 2013 Montana Bison Assn. newsletter. Information supplied by MBA's Chris Sullivan

The article below is an excerpt from the South Dakota Extension Newsletter. I believe that I had three cases of EHD this year. One was my nine year old bull that I will sorely miss. Infected white tail and the midges or gnats seem to be prolific this year on the west side of Montana. I have culled another animal that was showing the beginning symptoms of EHD.

From the December 2012 SD Extension Newsletter:

Of the many case submissions investigated by the SDSU ADRDL during the EHD outbreak, possibly the ones of most interest involved three separate bison herds. Very little is described in the literature when it comes to natural or experimental infections of bison with EHD virus; likewise, there is little precedent for ascribing diagnoses to these cases. All three bison submissions were from animals that died; significant post-mortem lesions were present in all cases, although none of them were reported to have oral lesions such as those that were commonly noted in cows.

Bison case #1 came from Yankton County, an area of many reported cattle EHD infections. In late September, two animals died from this herd of approximately 20 bison. A bull had been found dead; shortly after that a bison cow that had been acting slow and lethargic for the past 3-4 days died. The veterinarian's post-mortem examination revealed very large paint-brush hemorrhages on the surface of the rumen, hemorrhagic enteritis, and hemorrhages within the kidneys. A PCR test performed on spleen from the animal was positive for EHD virus serotype 2, and negative for bluetongue and malignant catarrhal fever. These were the only two animals affected in the herd; no other animals showed any clinical signs.

Bison case #2 was located in southern Union County near the Missouri River. A herd of 20-25 bison was grazing wooded pasture adjacent to the river. The producer lost 2 bison cows in a short period of time, and approximately a week later, a bull was found dead. No obvious clinical signs were noted except for lethargy just

prior to death. In the bull, the referring veterinarian noted a large amount of bloody diarrhea as well as hemorrhagic intestinal contents. The kidneys were a dark gunmetal color with much congestion. The pathology report noted a severe segmental hemorrhagic enteritis and hemorrhage and necrosis in the kidney. A clostridial organism was isolated from the intestines, which was of unknown significance. No other signs were noted in the rest of the bison herd, although many dead white-tailed deer were noted in the area.

Bison case #3 was one of only a handful of submissions that came from West River. This herd of approximately 80-100 bison was located in eastern Custer County. Four head of bison died over the course of 4-5 days in early October. The referring veterinarian found a thickened duodenum, congested spleen, and hemorrhages in the omasum and small intestine. Histopath revealed severe necrohemorrhagic enteritis and omasitis, with some indication of peritonitis. Clostridium perfringens organisms were also isolated from the intestine. PCR on the spleen was positive for EHD virus and negative for bluetongue virus. One lame animal and another animal "acting slow" were treated by the owner, but no other significant problems were noted in this herd besides the death losses.

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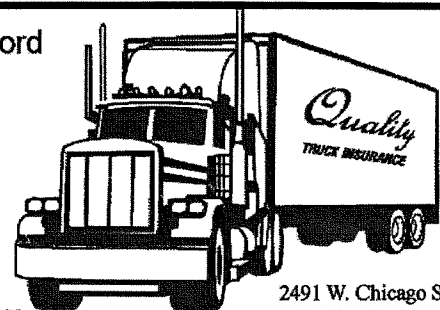
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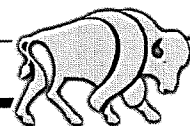
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Mycoplasma Vaccine Now Available For Buffalo

*From the National Bison Association News, Dec. 19, 2013
By Dr. Dave Hunter, Turner Enterprises, Inc.*

Turner Enterprises, Inc. worked with Newport Labs to develop a vaccine for mycoplasma to protect the 55,000 bison on Turner ranches.

We previously suffered losses of up to 20% of several breeding herds with Mycoplasma becoming a primary pathogen. Canada has had similar losses in breeding herds in Alberta and Manitoba.

We had saved samples from all the mycoplasma losses since 2000 on Turner ranches and found only two strains caused disease in the bison. The bacterin (killed organism) was developed from these strains. It has now been given to the entire herd for two years and appears safe for use in pregnant bison and calves. The Turner ranches have not lost bison to mycoplasma since the initiation of the vaccination program. No vaccine is 100% effective against disease, but mycoplasma has not been a primary pathogen on the bison since the vaccination program was initiated.

In working with Newport Laboratories and the Food and Drug Administration we are now able to offer this vaccine for use in all bison herds. These herds will be classified as "non-adjacent" bison herds. We are working with the National Bison Association to inform producers of the availability of this vaccine.

If you would like to use this vaccine, please do the following:

- Contact the National Bison Association by emailing jim@bisoncentral.com with the number of animals to be vaccinated. One dose for production herd and a booster for those going to a feedlot.

- Dr. Hunter will notify Newport Labs of the number of doses needed.

- Instruct your vet to contact Newport Labs to order vaccine.
- The veterinarian will then pay Newport Laboratories directly at the rate of \$0.71/dose, and will bill the rancher accordingly.

The vaccine will be available in mid-summer.

When you contact the NBA on the mycoplasma vaccine please include any "pinkeye" issues you might have had over the past two years.

USDA Publishes Emerging Disease Notice on Mycoplasma Bovis

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has published an emerging disease notice on Mycoplasma bovis (M. bovis), a bacterial pathogen that recently became a major concern in the North American commercial bison industry. APHIS's Center for Epidemiology and Animal Health (CEAH) produced the 6-page report, Mycoplasma Bovis - An Emerging Pathogen in

Ranched Bison, in October 2013.

In bison, M. bovis seems to be a primary pathogen, causing disease in feedlots and in breeding-age cows on pasture. Mortality rates in adult bison have been as high as 25 percent, causing significant economic losses to producers. Because Mycoplasmas do not produce toxins like other pneumonia-causing pathogens, affected animals remain alert early in the disease but often trail behind the herd due to exercise intolerance. The chronic nature of Mycoplasma bovis disease in bison eventually leads to emaciation and weakness. Affected bison are often euthanized.

This 6-page emerging disease notice describes the clinical presentation of Mycoplasma bovis in bison; gives examples of diagnostic procedures and tests to detect M. bovis; provides a clinical case definition; hypothesizes reservoirs and transmission pathways; suggests treatment and prevention options; discusses economic and animal welfare consequences; and explores future directions for research and effective treatment and prevention strategies.

For additional information on this topic, contact Lyndsay Cole at 970-494-7410 (email: Lyndsay.M.Cole@aphis.usda.gov) or Dr. Steven Sweeney, CEAH Project Manager, at 970-494-7276 (email: Steven.J.Sweeney@aphis.usda.gov).

Congratulations Are In Order!

Congratulations to Dave and Liz Schroth, Cheyenne, WY, on the birth of their son, Landon David, in November. Landon joins big brother Quinton.

Take note of the name change...our very own Marielle Graese is now Marielle Hewitt! Congratulations to Marielle and her husband, Brett Hewitt, on their wedding in late November.

Our Condolences And Prayers

Our condolences go out to Travis and Haley Mickelson and family, Mud Butte, SD on the passing of Travis's mother, Della Rae, this past August.

Condolences also to Bob and Esther Mahoney, Bowman, ND, on the passing of Bob's mother, LaVerne "Moe" Mahoney this past October.

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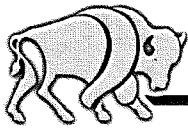
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Full Slate of Speakers and Activities On Tap For Winter Conference

It's that time of year again! Hard to believe, but our biggest event of the year is sneaking up quickly. The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA) is making plans for their 18th annual Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. The events will be held starting on Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9 in Rapid City, South Dakota. The conference will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel while the show and sale will take place at the Captain Glen building at the Central States Fairgrounds.

New this year, we are planning to help introduce you to the new Musuem of the American Bison. This awesome place is located in downtown Rapid City and features a wide variety of exhibits and a neat gift store! Museum founder, Susan Ricci, is excited to host our group at her museum and we're planning an Open House there on Friday afternoon. Make sure you stop and visit! The museum is conveniently located on St. Joseph Street, just one block south of our next destination, Prairie Edge.

We're very excited to once again host a Friday evening Welcoming Reception at Prairie Edge Trading Company and Gallery located on Main Street in downtown Rapid City. This popular gathering gives attendees time to relax and catch up with fellow producers while enjoying the store's unique atmosphere. Following the reception, attendees will have the evening free to enjoy events at the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo or free time on their own. The hospitality room will also be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

On Saturday, the conference gets underway in earnest, with a variety of presentations throughout the day.

Dave Carter, Executive Director for the National Bison Association (NBA) will update attendees on national happenings as well as recap the group's recent Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show and Sale. He will also have a preview of the NBA Summer Conference, which will be hosted in Branson, Missouri this summer.

We're still finalizing some of the speakers and plans, but we are working to secure one of the leading researchers on bison nutrition. Many of our members have indicated that they would like more information on the best way to feed and keep their herds healthy and productive, so we are working to cover that angle.

The panel discussions have always been popular at our conference and they always seem to take on a life of their own and spark many other conversations and ideas. This year, we want YOUR input on who will be on that panel...do you want more information on nutrition? How about marketing? Want to learn more about genetics or finishing out feeder animals? Give us your input, send us your questions and we'll do our best to find the experts to answer those questions and give you that information you are looking for. You can submit your information

on the Winter Conference registration form (inside this newsletter) or feel free to email the office at info@dakotabuffalo.com or give us a call at (605) 858-0961. This is your opportunity to put in your two cents...or more!

We'll spend the time before our lunch break learning a little bit more about what it took to survive Winter Storm Atlas. John Cammack will give a short presentation about the October storm and share some of his unique insights and thoughts about it.

During our lunch break, South Dakota State Veterinarian, Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, will give an update on health issues facing the livestock industry and share pertinent information about any specific issues our industry should be aware of.

Marketing is an ever-changing topic in the buffalo production world. It's constantly evolving and new developments are always on the horizon. With that in mind, we'll hear from some industry experts about what it takes to market both animals and meat products in the marketplace today. If you have any questions you'd like our experts to address, have them ready for the presentation or send them ahead of time and we'll do our best to find you an answer.

Susan Ricci will stop by and tell us how her vision for the Museum of the American Bison came about and where she is at with the project today. It's a great story from a woman who has been a supporter of this industry for many years and finally took a huge step to make her dream into reality.

The afternoon sessions will wind down with the conclusion of the business meeting and election of directors.

Saturday evening will find everyone gathering for the banquet and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presentation. There will be some special highlight awards presented following the show awards. Then we'll let the fun begin with our Fun Auction, called by auctioneers Ron Bradeen and Jud Seaman. This fundraiser is always a highlight and will be full of fun and surprises.

On Sunday, our live animal auction takes center stage as we sell animals in all classes. Our showcase classes, the Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge and the Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer Challenge will feature some of the most outstanding breeding stock in the region. These animals have been at a host ranch for the past year, fed and raised as a group under the same conditions and the cream of the crop will be coming to the sale. Additionally, we will have show consignments in calves and yearlings and sale only consignments will follow the sale of the show animals. The auction will take place at the Captain Glen building at the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City.

We'll be watching for you in February!

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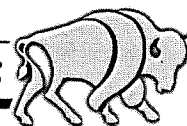
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National Bison Association Winter Conference Plans Highlighted

The National Bison Association Winter Conference planning committee has come up with a great agenda for this year's get together. The gathering will take place at the Denver Renaissance Hotel in Denver, Colorado on January 22 - 25, 2014.

Highlights include a keynote presentation from Dr. David Kohl. Dr. Kohl is a renowned ag economist from Virginia Tech University. His personal involvement with agriculture and interaction with key industry players provide unique perspective into the future trends of the agricultural industry and economy. He has traveled over 8 million miles in his career and conducted more than 6,000 workshops and seminars for agricultural audiences. This energizing speech is not to be missed. Neither is the usual fun we have at the Winter Conference, including a bison burger cook-off, our Fun Auction dinner and the Gold Trophy Banquet Dinner. We also have Mr. Ted Turner signing copies of his new book, Last Stand: Ted Turner's Quest to Save a Troubled Planet, along with the author, Todd Wilkinson. Plus live music,

our industry trade show, and so much more! The deadline to register is January 9th.

There's something to gain for all attendees at this year's conference. New producers will gain invaluable knowledge and contacts through our "Buffalo Mentor Session", in which you can ask a panel of seasoned bison vets any questions you'd like. We even break into regional discussions to learn more about raising bison in your neck of the woods, as well as a live Q&A with our esteemed "buffaleros" down in the stock yards. We've got a marketing panel discussion from leading buffalo marketers who you likely have not heard from before. We've got panel discussions on what a "wild" bison exactly is as well as a panel presentation on the state of the bison genome and the best approach to analyzing bison DNA with the top bison geneticists in the world.

More information and registration forms can be found on the NBA's website at www.bisoncentral.com.



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BISON OFFERING FROM CUSTER STATE PARK

Custer State Park will take bids on the following animals:

2 Lots of 8 bull calves	Minimum bid	\$885.00 per animal	-10/28/13 avg. 396#
1 Lot of 8 late bull calves	Minimum bid	\$760.00 per animal	-10/28/13 avg. 235#
3 Lots of 6 heifer calves	Minimum bid	\$1015.00 per animal	- 10/28/13 avg. 398#
1 Lot of 7 late heifer calves	Minimum bid	\$950.00 per animal	- 10/28/13 avg. 243#

These calves were weaned the week of September 29, 2013. All are eligible for grass-fed designation. Calves were weaned for approximately seven weeks and fed an alfalfa pellet and hay ration. Calves were then held on pasture with a protein supplement and will be gathered mid February 2014. Animals will be conditioned for approximately 14 days on alfalfa pellets and hay before they are ready for shipment by early March 2014.

Bids will be accepted for five days, beginning January 6 and ending January 10, 2014. Go to <http://custerstatepark.dvauction.com> to locate lots and bid. Bids must equal or exceed the minimums shown below. Bids are on a per head basis and adjustments are in increments of \$5 (five) dollars. Successful bidders at the close of auction on January 10, 2014, will be required to deposit with the park 30% of the total bid value by January 17, 2014.

MINIMUM BID RATES

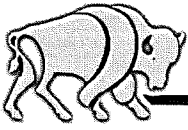
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Bull calves -	\$885.00 per animal
Late Bull calves -	\$760.00 per animal
Heifer calves -	\$1015.00 per animal
Late Heifer calves -	\$950.00 per animal

Bidding will close at 4:00 PM MST (5:00 PM CST) January 10, 2014. Bidding will remain open to the two highest bidders for each lot in 15 minute increments until no additional bidding occurs in an increment. The park will award offered animals to the highest bidder exceeding minimum bid rates until all animals have been awarded.

Buyers will be notified when animals are ready to be shipped. Yardage will be provided free of charge for 10 days following notification, after which yardage fees of \$3/head/day will be charged. Animals will be tested for brucellosis and TB within 15 days of notification for shipping. Re-tests needed for updating health papers will be at the purchaser's expense. In the event final payment is not transacted, purchaser will forfeit all deposits as full consideration of liquidated damages.

Notice: This offering is an internet only sale. If you have questions prior to or during the sale, please call Custer State Park at 605-255-4515 and speak with Chad Kremer or Gary Brundige.



Rancher Relief Fund is Accepting Applications for Assistance

RELEASE EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:00 NOON MST ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013

Contact: Jodie Anderson, SD Cattlemen's Association
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Silvia Christen, SD Stockgrowers Association
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Rapid City, SD -- The Rancher Relief Fund is now accepting applications for assistance from livestock producers impacted by the blizzard.

Representatives of the Rancher Relief Fund founding livestock organizations identified dual priorities for fund distribution – assist those who were hardest hit first and provide financial assistance to as many producers as possible. Based on these priorities, funds will be distributed through the SD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (SDVOAD), which is comprised of a number of disaster relief organizations.

Assistance application forms are available online at www.RanchersRelief.org. An application deadline of Dec. 31, 2013 has been set in order to assess the number of applications and the severity of the needs of those applicants.

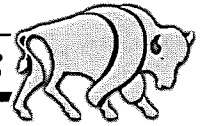
Bob Fortune, SD Stockgrowers President and Belvidere, SD rancher said, "The Rancher Relief Fund was established by livestock producers for the benefit of livestock producers who lost animals during the devastating October blizzard. We've identified experienced relief agency partners to assist us in disbursing the funds to those who need help."

The South Dakota Rancher Relief Fund (RRF) was established by the SD Stockgrowers Association, SD Cattlemen's Association and SD Sheepgrowers Association at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation to provide support and relief assistance for livestock producers impacted by winter storm Atlas October 4-7, 2013.

"The outpouring of support for the West River ranchers who lost animals during the blizzard has been overwhelming. The response and fundraising for the Rancher Relief Fund has been a great team effort by the livestock organizations, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and SDVOAD," said Cory Eich, cattleman from Canova, SD and president of the SD Cattlemen's Association.

Immediate release of funds to applicants prior to the deadline may occur with the most severe cases. A second funding round may be made available to applicants who have signed up before the December 31, 2013 deadline, depending on continued contributions to the Rancher Relief Fund and the number of qualified applications received.

Recommendations for families who may need assistance will also be accepted and nomination forms are posted at www.RanchersRelief.org. Future updates about the fund will also be posted at www.RanchersRelief.org.



Custer State Park Fall Classic - November 16, 2013							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2012 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Mature Cows, Bred	20	\$2,150.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,855.00	\$1,704.00	1006	1.84
Mature Cows, Open	5	\$1,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,613.00	874	\$1.29
Two Year Old Heifers, Bred	19	\$2,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,211.00	\$2,556.00	865	\$2.56
Two Year Old Heifers, Open	1	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,933.00	756	\$1.85
Yearling Heifers	41	\$1,525.00	\$850.00	\$1,198.00	\$1,328.00	594	\$2.02
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	31	\$1,150.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,119.00	\$1,394.00	354	\$3.16
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	16	\$1,450.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,341.00	\$802.00	301	\$4.46
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	48	\$1,200.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,099.00	\$1,098.00	365	\$3.01
Bull Calves, Light Cut	19	\$950.00	\$825.00	\$895.00	\$1,080.00	321	\$2.79
Yearling Bulls	83	\$1,775.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,533.00	\$1,495.00	645	\$2.38
Two Year Old Grade Bulls	20	\$2,250.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,020.00	948	\$1.95
Two Year Old Breeding Bulls	22	\$3,900.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,484.00	\$2,655.00	1094	\$2.27
Total Animals Sold	325						

This was the first year for live, online bidding at this auction (DVAuction) and the results were very good. All of the bull calves sold online as well as a variety of the other classes. All total, 109 head sold online to five different bidders. Bidding was active online in all classes. Lighter turnout than last year for onsite bidders. All heifer calves in both classes were purchased by one buyer. The strongest activity was in the female classes.

Prairie Sky Guest and Game Ranch First Annual Buffalo Auction - December 1, 2013

Veblen, SD							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2012 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Mature Cows, Open	19	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00	N/A	1050	\$1.12
Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	60	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	N/A	409	\$2.57
Heifer Calves, Light Cut	20	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00	N/A	335	\$2.54
Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	56	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,390.00	N/A	428	\$3.25
Bull Calves, Light Cut	21	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	N/A	381	\$3.25
Total Animals Sold	176						

This was the first year for the Prairie Sky Auction. First class facilities and all animals were all in excellent condition. All calves sold as one lot in each category and all mature cows sold as a group to another buyer. Total auction time was approximately 30 minutes with two buyers taking home all of these animals. Owner had good history on the animals and all current information was available for each group of animals. Auction was conducted in the comfort of the guest lodge with animals penned within viewing distance of the lodge.

Mobridge Livestock Consignment Auction - December 2, 2013

Mobridge, SD							
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2012 Average	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Brownotter Yearling Bulls	13	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00	N/A	595	\$2.39
Brownotter Heifer Calves, Heavy Cut	72	\$1,060.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,060.00	N/A	417	\$2.54
Brownotter Heifer Calves, Light Cut	49	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$8,890.00	N/A	358	\$2.48
Brownotter Bull Calves, Heavy Cut	75	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00	N/A	445	\$3.28
Brownotter Bull Calves, Light Cut	40	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,160.00	N/A	366	\$3.17
KenMar Heifer Calves	32	\$830.00	\$830.00	\$830.00	N/A	389	\$2.13
Baaken Heifer Calves	22	\$790.00	\$790.00	\$790.00	N/A	359	\$2.20
Sitting Bull College Mixed Calves, Heavy	6	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	N/A	336	\$2.83
Sitting Bull College Mixed Calves, Light	2	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	N/A	257	\$2.04
Holworth Yearling Bulls	3	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00	N/A	655	\$2.18
Holworth Yearling Heifers	7	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	N/A	656	\$1.98
Total Animals Sold	321						

Five buyers purchased all the animals. With the exception of a few light calves cut out from one consignment and sold as a different draft, all animals were sold as groups as shown in the results.

Editor's Note: The sale results on this page were compiled by Karen Conley and may not exactly correlate to results reported to the National Bison Association. I check my figures at least three times on each sale, but we all make mistakes! I also break out some classes a bit differently than the "official" report, but these are the results as I have compiled them.



Minnesota Buffalo Association November 30, 2013 Albany MN

Legends of the Fall Breeding Stock Show & Sale

Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2012 Average \$	Weight Range	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Heifer Calves	8	\$800	\$550	\$672		250 - 380	326	2.07
	8	\$1,400	\$900	\$1,025	\$934	415 - 495	447	2.28
Pen of 3 Heifer Calves (3 sets)	9	\$1,000	\$750	\$842	\$838	315 - 423	377	2.24
Yearling Heifers	4	\$825	\$525	\$656		490 - 575	521	1.25
	6	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$1,408	\$1,431	635 - 845	718	1.95
2 Year Bred Heifers	1	\$900				\$600		1.50
	6	\$3,000	\$2,250	\$2,350	\$2,338	950 - 1165	1009#	2.32
Bull Calves	5	\$1,025	\$450	\$810		205 - 365	293	2.72
	4	\$2,550	\$1,075	\$1,663	\$1,275	420 - 555	474	3.41
Yearling Bulls	5	\$4,200	\$1,550	\$1,880	\$2,089	760 - 1015	881	2.02
Two Year Bulls	2	\$2,250	\$2,150	\$2,200	\$2,160	1175- 1220	1198	1.84
Legends Total	58							

Minnesota's Harvest - Production Sale

Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2012 Average \$	Weight Range	Average Weight	Price/lb.
Heifer Calves	40	\$750	\$650	\$671	\$784	255-365	313	2.15
Yearling Heifers	20	\$1,125	\$575	\$784		401-592	478	1.63
	7	\$1,300	\$1,250	\$1,279	\$967	620-682	648	1.97
Two Year Open Heifers	6	\$675	\$575	\$617		516-675	527	1.18
	1	\$1,450			\$1,988	820		1.77
3 to 4 Year Females	3	\$1,700	\$1,425	\$1,575	\$1,506	815-970	878	1.80
Bull Calves	28	\$1,025	\$450	\$842	\$960	220-430	325	2.58
Yearling Bulls	14	\$1,550	\$1,300	\$1,304	\$675	585-750	603	2.17
Two Year Bulls	1	\$1,600			-----		1100	1.45
Harvest Total	120							

Sale Notes: Due to the diversity of weight ranges, in both the show and production consignments, table better represents outcomes of MnBA's 2013 Auction. There were 14 consignors. Twenty-four bidders, three that are new producers.

Griffin's Rockie Hill Bison's Reserved Champion Yearling Bull, 1015#, was the highest selling male at \$4200 and their Grand Champion Bull Calf, 555#, sold for \$2550.

The highest selling female was Burrow's Circle B Bison Ranch's Grand Champion 2 Year Bred Female, 1165#, for \$3000 and their Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer, 845#, sold for \$1800.

Burrow's Circle B Bison Ranch received the 2013 Producer of the Year Award.

TB Project Recieves a Boost

National Buffalo Foundation recently received a generous donation towards the one-time through TB Project taking the contributions close to reaching the \$50,000 industry commitment

In January 2013 the National Buffalo Foundation accepted to take the lead role to raise \$50,000 for one-time through tuberculosis (TB) testing research for the bison industries contribution. This TB project has the potential to benefit all bison producers by reducing animal stress, saving time and expense.

The research project is being conducted by researchers and government agencies in Canada and the United States. This joint collaboration will assist in acceptance and approval by the two countries government agencies.

Leading the research is Dr. Murray Woodbury of the University of Saskatchewan. For details about this research project and to make your contribution to this critical bison project, please go to http://www.nationalbuffalofoundation.org/#!/tb-study/crcj.

BisonFinder App Released

From the National Bison Association

Want bison meat? Now, there is an App for that.

The National Bison Association recently launched BisonFinder, a free downloadable App that will allow consumers to easily locate nearby restaurants, retail stores, farmer's markets and farm-direct outlets that carry deliciously healthy bison meat.

"As bison grows in popularity, we received more calls each week from people asking, 'where can I find it?'" said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. "With BisonFinder, people can easily find the products available in their area."

The app identifies the user's location, using GPS, and then brings up a list of nearby establishments offering bison meat. With a couple of simple taps on the screen, the user can receive directions to that location, and will be provided with the telephone number and website information.

The free app is the first of its kind in the bison business and has approximately 500 "locations" for consumers to utilize to locate local buffalo.

To download the app, simply go to the iTunes or Android Play Stores on your smart phone, tablet or iTouch.

2014 WINTER CONFERENCE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Captain Glen building, Central States Fairgrounds.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload at the Captain Glen building, Central States Fairgrounds.

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Board of Director's meeting. All members are welcome. Executive Lounge, Ramkota Hotel.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Open House at Museum of the American Bison, 607 St. Joseph St., Rapid City, SD.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Consignor's Meeting. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Executive Lounge.

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD.

7:30 p.m. - ???????? - Black Hills Stock Show PRCA Rodeo, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena or the concert at the James Kjerstad Events Center. Evening on your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

7:30 a.m. - Registration - Foyer area of the Convention Center II.

7:30 a.m. - Trade show booths open. Foyer area of the Convention Center II.

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast available in Sylvan I & II.

8:30 a.m. - Welcome and announcements, President Wendy Hutchinson, Sylvan I & II.

8:45 a.m. - Update from the National Bison Association, Dave Carter, Executive Director, Sylvan I & II.

9:45 a.m. - Speaker, TBA, Sylvan I & II.

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. - Production Panel, Sylvan I & II.

11:15 a.m. -Surviving the Storm, John Cammack, Sylvan I & II.

11:45 a.m. -Nomination and Introduction of Board of Directors candidates.

12:00 noon - Lunch, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

12:45 p.m. - Health Update from Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, South Dakota State Veterinarian, Pactola and Sheridan rooms.

1:15 p.m. - Marketing Panel Discussion.

2:15 p.m. - Coffee Break

2:30 p.m. - Speaker, TBA, Sylvan I & II.

3:15 p.m. - Museum of the American Bison, Susan Ricci, Sylvan I & II.

3:45 p.m. - Election of new DTBA board members and conclusion of business meeting, Sylvan I & II.

5:00 p.m. - Social with cash bar, held in the Sheridan and Pactola rooms.

6:00 p.m. - Banquet.

7:00 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

7:30 p.m. - FUNAUCTION!!

10:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room open in the Executive Lounge immediately after the Fun Auction.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Breakfast on your own.

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Animal viewing in the pens on the south side of the Captain Glen building, Central States Fairgrounds. Bidder registration will be in the Lion's Club building adjacent to the Captain Glen building beginning at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic judges and Girlz Gone Wild and Young Guns Host Ranches available for comments and information. Sale ring in the Captain Glen building.

10:00 a.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale, followed by the Open Consignment Auction, Captain Glen building.