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Sather Honored With Pioneer Award

By Karen Conley

He's the most interesting man in the buffalo world. Whether he's prowling around the fields of the Muddy Boot near Vivian, SD or lounging on Lake Okoboji in Iowa, the International Social Director's mind is never idle. He's always thinking about a new way to promote the buffalo business or some twist on what's already being done. You could search high and low and you'd never run across someone with more passion for the buffalo.

Rod Sather's roots run pretty deep in the buffalo world. He says he can't recall if the buffalo or the conference came first, but back in 1972, he attended the National Buffalo Association conference in Pierre, South Dakota. The host ranch was the Triple U just north of Ft. Pierre. Rod rubbed shoulders with the movers and shakers at the time and he was hooked. That fall, he purchased some calves at the Custer State Park Buffalo Auction and that was the beginning of one heck of an adventure!

Those calves grew up in southwest Minnesota and the herd grew from there. About 1993, Rod landed in Lyman County, South Dakota to do some bird watching. He was enamored by the wide open spaces and all the wildlife, thus a move was in order. Driving up the road to his new place, the road was nothing but gumbo and lo and behold, the Muddy Boot was now home.



Rod's holdings near Vivian, South Dakota grew over the years, with the acquisition of the Wells Ranch and then the Little Cedar Ranch. Buffalo dotted the landscape for miles around. I fondly remember going out to the office the first time. My directions were to go north on the gravel road, around the big bend, then north to the tree in the road, the road forks there and go east up the hill to the office. Many times I traveled that road and always laughed about the tree at the fork. No GPS needed!

2010 brought changes to Rod's life and a decision was made to sell the ranch and the buffalo. It was a surprise to his fellow producers, but Rod wasn't done quite yet. He continued to be active in the business and attend conferences and participate, as long as it didn't interfere too much with hunting season. Hunting is Rod's true passion, something he loves to do and share with family and friends.

August of 2012 brought another life changing event for Rod. He and Lynnette Laird were married in Big River, Saskatchewan,

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Notes From The President - Moritz Espy

For those of you who don't know me, I am Moritz Espy and I have been at 777 Ranch since 2005. I am currently serving my fourth year on the board and was elected president during our conference this past February. Wendy, Marielle, and Brodie each have laid a solid foundation that I plan to continue building.

I don't know who or when, but I would imagine it was the early years of the association when the Vision and Mission Statements were created. Alongside that are the Values & Guiding Principles: "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."

The last two sentences are something I want to expound upon. How can we continue to be visionary and proactive? How can we help our members be more successful? These are the questions I will try to let guide me in my role as president of the DTBA.

I hope to increase membership value through the DTBA functions of marketing and education of our membership. Technology and opportunities are changing every year and I would like to see the board take advantage of any accelerator which could lead to increasing the value of the membership. The DTBA is a strong organization because of its members and their vision and skills that they bring to the association. Many members, too many to list, volunteer and provide valuable input and ideas. My hope is that I can expand these resources. There is a reason the board members' contact information is on the front page...we work for you.

We all knew it would happen one day and sure enough, it has come to pass and this will be the most immediate need for our



association. Our Executive Director, Karen Conley, has tendered her resignation to the board of directors. She has agreed to continue in her current role through March 1, 2018, which will give us time to search for a new person to fill this leadership role.

I have heard the shoebox story many times since joining the board. When Karen started, she says that the DTBA could just about fit in a shoebox and now the DTBA probably won't fit into a pickup and trailer! The DTBA has grown to one of the strongest state and regional groups with performance classes, conferences and a large, diverse membership.

Karen has served the association and industry in so many ways and her name is synonymous with the DTBA. With her can-do attitude and selflessly working behind the scenes, she has had a hand in almost every brick laid for this solid foundation of growth and success. From the Board of Directors and membership, we want to offer her our gratitude and thanks for many years of service.

The Board of Directors has formed a hiring committee to begin the search for a new Executive Director. The hiring committee has begun the search already and will continue to collect resumes until late October. A selection of candidates will be interviewed and we hope to have a new Executive Director hired by December 1. Karen will be working closely with myself and the future Executive Director to ensure a successful transition.

I am looking forward to seeing Karen doing what she loves, taking photos, building catalogs, canning dilly beans, and, most importantly for some of you, manning the hospitality room!

~ Moritz

Executive Director Position Announcement

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA) Board of Directors has formed a Selection Committee to recruit and hire a new Executive Director. We are putting out the call for anyone interested in the Executive Director position to please apply and submit their resume.

The Selection Committee will consist of President Moritz Espy, Cody Kloeckl, Perry Handyside, David Lutt, Boyd Meyer, Brodie Limpert, Bruce Anderson and Melanie Cammack.

The Executive Director position is currently open, with resumes being accepted. The Selection Committee will begin interviewing candidates in the near future and the board is hoping to have a new Executive Director hired by November 1st with an official start date of December 1, 2017.

Tammi Cooley, Office Manager at Prairie Edge in Rapid City, SD, will be facilitating the advertising and recruitment process on behalf of the DTBA Board of Directors. Requests for job descriptions or questions related to the Executive Director position should be forwarded to Tammi.

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Canada. It was quite the event, a shotgun wedding if you will! Life was good. Rod and Lynnette had finally made it official and they have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in both the United States and Canada, thus reinforcing Rod's role as the International Social Director of the buffalo world.

Rod is a lifetime member of the National Bison Association and the National Buffalo Museum. He serves on the board of the National Buffalo Foundation and holds memberships in the Canadian Bison Association, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, The Minnesota Buffalo Association, the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Association and the Western Bison Association.

Rod's sense of humor is unrivaled. He challenged Todd and I frequently, throwing out ideas for advertisements for Mosquito Park Enterprises. He would call me or send a photo and maybe a teaser line for an ad and we'd go from there. Some of my favorites were a photo of him in the stock tank after the 2007 International Bison Conference Wagon Train... "International Social Director Gets Tanked" was the ad. Nothing more needed to be said and it was all the talk when the ad appeared in Bison World.

Another ad was a photo of a large bull waking away. "Nothing Butt The Best" was the tagline on that one. There was never any shortage of ideas and laughter when dealing with Rod. I would get an email with nothing in the body but the subject line would say something. That was my cue to take it up a notch and come up with something creative. It was always and challenge and Todd and I would laugh at the finished product. Who else could come up with these ideas? We loved doing ads for Rod. Always a favorite.

Rod is always promoting, always putting the product in front of new people. He sponsors memberships for friends and strangers. He calls the DTBA office with suggestions for conference fund raising, fun auction items, speakers, topics of conversation. His mind never quite churning out ways to promote the animal, the business and the people. He is a tireless promotor for the National Buffalo Foundation and is always seeking ways to keep their message at the forefront.

On the homefront, being an avid hunter, Rod has opened the Muddy Boot to many a buffalo friend wanting to hunt. Pheasant season brings friends from far and near to take in the festivities, along with some of the best bird hunting in Lyman County! He freely shares his passion for hunting and a trip to the Boot is always an adventure. It's worth a trip just to see the memorabilia and experience the décor. The Muddy Boot is legendary.

Back on the homefront, buffalo once again roam the pastures around the Muddy Boot. Rod and Lynnette purchased some Girlz Gone Wild heifers and a few Young Guns bulls in recent years and the small herd is growing steadily. It seems the buffalo have just as firm a hold on Rod as he does on them.

Rod is so many things and such an integral part of the buffalo world. His passion shines like a bright star and a gathering is not complete without him and Lynnette in the room. Above all else, his friendship is treasured by so many of us and it's a rare occasion when you mention his name and someone doesn't recognize it. More often than not, the mention of his name triggers a slew of stories and plenty of laughter.

As a staunch supporter of the DTBA, it was a long overdue honor to present Rod with the 2017 Pioneer Award. The award is a mere token of our gratitude and thankfulness for all he has done for this association. His involvement is felt at every level and for that, we are blessed. It is a privilege to recognize his contributions and honor all that he has done.

Thank you, Rod. You are truly a Pioneer in every sense of the word.

DTBA Represented in Washington DC



In mid-September, the National Bison Association conducted their annual Washington Roundup. The purpose of this trip is for delegates to meet with their respective Senators, Representative, key staff members and USDA officials.

The group of nearly 25 delegates, including DTBA members Roy Liedtke, Dick Gehring, Bruce Anderson (Martha and Hoyt Anderson), Kevin Leier, Patrick Toomey and Karen Conley, conducted 25 meetings during their three days in the nation's capitol.

Key items discussed included the upcoming Farm Bill, funding for MCF research, and passage of a resolution making the first Saturday in November National Bison Day.

USDA meetings focused on animal health and nutrition research funding and prioritizing, eliminating the tariff on bison exports to the EU, opening up Korean and Japanese markets to bison, assuring future trade policies notate "bovine" in lieu of "beef" as a way to include bison, beginning farmer and rancher outreach, adapting FSA disaster assistance programs for bison practices, federal inspection issues and labeling of water buffalo products.

It was a very enlightening and informative experience into the inner workings of our government. These important outreach efforts all centered on the keystone "Bison 1 Million" campaign and many pairs of "Bison Hump Day" glasses were distributed on Capitol Hill, much to the delight of the recipients.

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National Bison Association Launches Pair of Campaigns During 2017 IBC

By Karen Conley

It's somewhat mind-boggling to fathom accounts from the early settlers of North America where they described so many buffalo that the land resembled a moving, black sea. With best guess estimates of around 400,000 head in public and private herds today, it's a far cry from the 20 million estimated prior to the bottleneck in the late 1800s where the animals were nearly eradicated.

Keeping that in mind, a coalition made up of the National Bison Association, the Canadian Bison Association, the Intertribal Buffalo Council and the Wildlife Conservation Society have banded together to launch an aggressive goal of one million bison by the year 2027. Billed as a bison recovery effort, Bison 1 Million was formally announced during the International Bison



Conference in Big Sky, Montana this past July.

More than doubling the current population will require having everyone on board, working toward the common goal. The groups will be planning outreach education and activities that will all be geared toward this goal of one million bison across the continent.

It is an ambitious project, but one that the bison community readily embraces.

With consumer demand at an all-time high and a critical need for more bison and bison producers, the collective power of the bison community will be pressed into action for the next decade or

more. National Bison Association Executive Director said he would be thrilled if the goal could be reached by the 2027 International Bison Conference (IBC), which would be held in the United States at that time. The IBC events take place every five years and alternate between a US and Canadian location.

Along with the Bison 1 Million campaign, another launch was announced at the same time. Promoting Wednesdays as "Bison Hump Day", the groups hope to make the effort as mainstream as Meatless Monday and Taco Tuesday.

Having a little fun with the twist on the name, organizers hope to promote the healthy and delicious meat which will in turn help achieve the goal of one million bison by 2027. "Eat more to restore more" has become the rallying cry for the Hump Day promotion.

As the Hump Day promotion was announced, those in attendance at the 2017 IBC were treated to promotional sunglasses with the Hump Day logo displayed prominently on the lenses. Rounds of laughter greeted the sunglasses, which were in high demand for the rest of the conference. Producers have embraced the idea, with plenty of photos of the sunglasses being found on various social media sites and the movement is growing daily.

The challenge has been set with these ambitious goals, but the bison community appears ready and willing to embrace the efforts and give their all to make them a reality.

These campaign announcements were both carried on Facebook Live on July 5, 2017. You can watch the entire presentation by going to the National Bison Association's Facebook page. Remember to like and share the page and share your own Hump Day photos!



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At Left: Cutting Edge
Carcass Contest First
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At Right:
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Above: Outgoing board member and immediate past president, Marielle Hewitt, was presented with a plaque for her service as a board member and a custom engraved bronc halter as an acknowledgement of her leadership as DTBA President.

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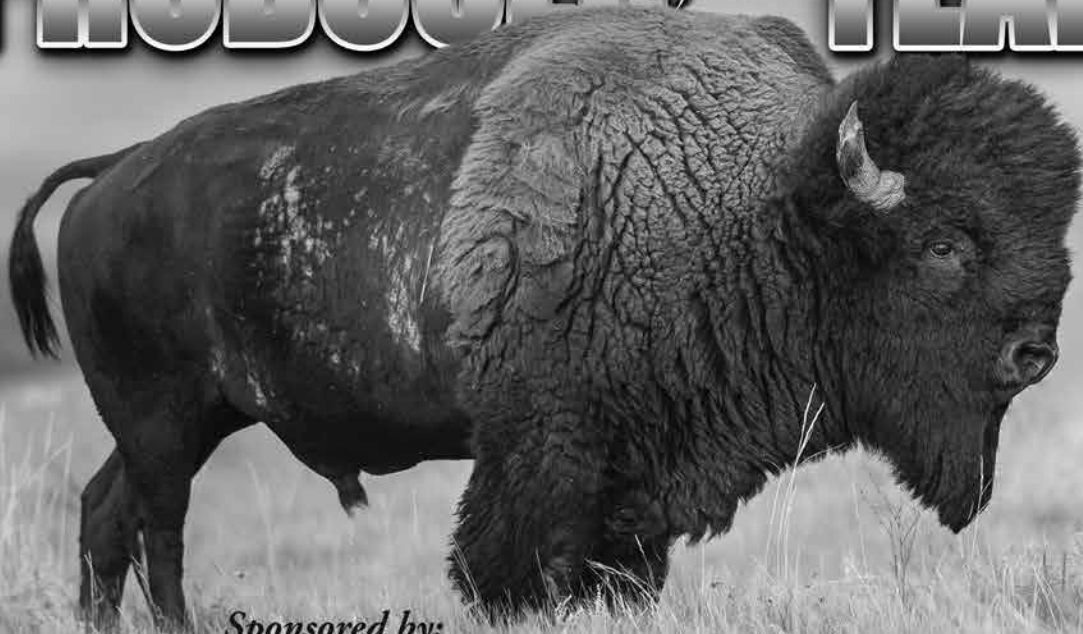
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DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Classic, Rapid City, SD - February 5, 2017											
Class	Animals Sold	High \$	Low \$	Average \$	2015 Average \$	Average Weight	Price/lb.				
Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show											
Girlz Gone Wild Two Year Old Bred Heifer	44	\$13,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$6,190.00	\$5,200.00	1034	\$5.99				
Young Guns Yearling Bull	22	\$16,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,543.00	\$6,527.00	1121	\$6.73				
Total Head Sold	66										
There were 54 registered bidders onsite and 9 more registered online for the auction.											
High selling bull was a Young Guns yearling bull from Strategy Bison, Dave & Liz Schroth, Cheyenne, WY, selling for \$16,500 to Blue Valley Ranch, Kremmling, CO .											
High selling female was a Girlz Gone Wild two year old bred heifer from Strategy Bison, Dave & Liz Schroth, Cheyenne, WY, selling for \$13,000 to Thunderheart Bison, Shane Peters and Deb Welsh, Ogalala, NE.											
The 2017 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Producer of the Year was Strategy Bison, Dave & Liz Schroth, Cheyenne, WY											



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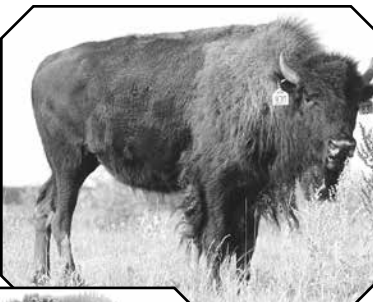
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Photos and information by Kevin Leier

The 2017/2018 Girlz Going Wild class is currently out on pasture at Heartland Bison Ranch near Rugby, ND. This performance tested yearling heifer class is one of a kind and there are some exceptional females that are going to make outstanding additions to any producer's herd. The thinking behind this new class is to give

producers that chance to select top quality coming two year old heifers at auction time, breed them right away in the summer to bulls of their choosing, and have the data to make informed management decisions that improve herds. By



being the key factor we are striving for as they breed and mature into foundation females for producer's herd. You won't want to miss out on these 30+ heifers when they come to town in February!

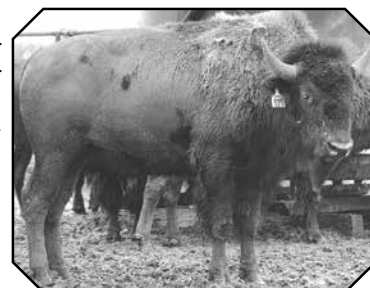
The Young Guns are in the feed portion of their challenge at Rafter K Bar in Prairie City, SD. Working through a drought, this 50+ head of bulls averaged 1.5/lbs a day on a true grass gain with no supplementation other than trace mineral and fresh water. There are a few bulls in this group that averaged over 2.0/lbs a day! With these kind of numbers, this is shaping up to be a great class with some outstanding genetics to improve your herd.

These are recent photos of both of the groups. You can find more photos on our Facebook page and video on our new YouTube channel. Watch for more updates in the coming weeks.



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November 11, 2017: Quarter Circle Y Buffalo Company Production Auction, Mahto, SD
November 18, 2017: Custer State Park 52nd Annual Fall Classic Bison Auction, SD
November 18, 2017: 777 Ranch 3rd Annual Production and Breeding Bull Auction, Rapid City, SD
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December 2, 2017: Western Bison Assn., 19th Annual Wild West Buffalo Stampede Show and Sale, Ogden UT
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It's Not the End of the Trail, It's the End of THIS Tale!

For nearly 20 years, I have been honored and blessed to work for and with the board of directors and the membership of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association (DTBA). I believe I started attending the conferences back in 1997 and, as they say, the rest is history. Several of our current board members were just kids when I started this. Many of them are now married with their own children. I feel kind of like the grandma when I look around at all the youngsters!

My DTBA journey began as the media relations person. I attended the board meetings and put together the association newsletter as well as reporting on the DTBA activities for Tri-State Livestock News. From there, that job morphed into the Executive Director position, which I officially began back in 2001. It seems like just yesterday and I am still as passionate about the animal and the members...even more so as the years have passed and my involvement has grown deeper.

Most of the DTBA came to me in a shoebox, with the membership cards residing within the box, a few articles and newspaper clippings and some contacts and resources.

Over the years, many changes have taken place, responsibilities shifted, added and the workload has increased tremendously. Since the beginning, I have always had to work another job or two to make ends meet. DTBA was always a part time job, but it has always been a labor of love. The hours spent with the people and the animal went by in a blur. I fondly remember taking my vacations from work to attend buffalo events and working other job schedules around the DTBA's needs.

I made an offhand comment one year at the Custer State Park buffalo auction, telling auctioneers Ron Bradeen and Jud Seaman if they ever needed any auction help, I would be interested. Be careful what you say!

I began working for Bradeen Auctions on an as needed basis, clerking and learning the auction ropes. It was mostly buffalo auctions at first and then helping with bigger auctions and it just kept evolving. I did that for several years, always juggling some other job, clerking auctions and working for DTBA.

In the past few years, my job with Bradeen Auctions has expanded and our work load has increased tremendously. I find myself being pulled between what amounts to two full time jobs, dividing my time between auctions and DTBA. It has reached a level where I can no longer serve both entities and something has to give. As it stands right now, I don't do either job justice and that bothers me. I take pride in my work and I like to believe I have a good work ethic. However, in my current situation, I am disappointed in myself because I cannot keep up with the day to day tasks for either job. I end up putting a lot of band-aids on bleeding wounds and I have finally reached a point where I'm out of band-aids and the wounds are flowing harder than ever.

I have reached the crossroads. The membership and board of directors for DTBA deserve better than what I have been able to give them. Bradeen Auctions deserves better than what I have been able to give them. A choice had to be made. DTBA has evolved into a nearly full time job, but the compensation has remained static. My choice was made for me.

I have done a lot of soul searching this summer and fall. It has

been painful and many tears have been shed, much as they are welling up in my eyes right now. It is tough to admit that you are not doing a good job. It's even worse to look someone in the face and tell them you let them down. I want nothing more than to focus on one job, pour my heart and soul into it and make it successful and give it my best effort. It is a difficult place to be when you want that, you know you can do it, but circumstances make it impossible for you to attain that level of satisfaction.

This past August, with a very heavy heart, I tendered my resignation to the DTBA Board of Directors. The association needs someone's undivided attention.

Some part of me says that it's also time for a change. Our association is getting younger and we are so fortunate for that. A younger, fresh face with the passion for a new approach will be good for the DTBA. Someone who can commit their time and energy to making the DTBA the best it can be.

I have no plans to go anywhere. I want to continue being an active member and volunteer for the DTBA and hopefully I can continue to serve the membership in that manner.

DTBA is my family. It is my home. Each one of you has helped me grow, helped our association grow and become a family. I am so blessed for the friendships, the opportunities, the chance to finally own my own buffalo and for all that the future holds for me. I can hardly believe it has been more than 20 years I have been a student of the buffalo. I get to spend time with an awesome animal, the most stubborn, passionate and big hearted people in the world and I never want to let that go. I hope I can continue to do some

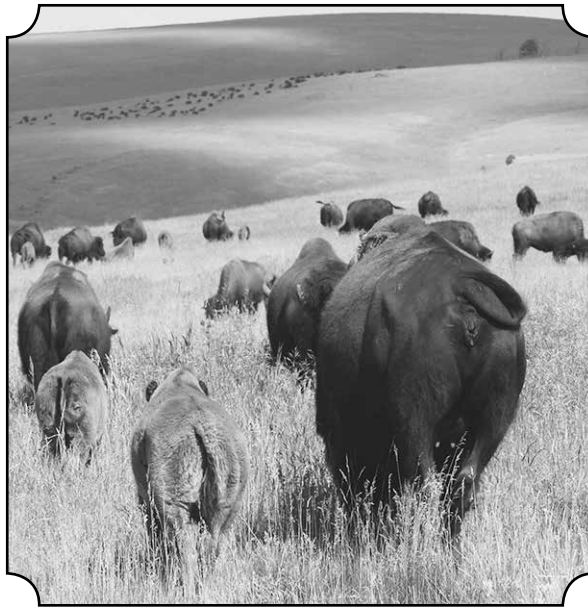
small part to make this industry keep rolling. I cannot imagine my life without buffalo in some way, shape or form.

DTBA is looking for a new leader. Someone with passion and fire and the drive to lead this organization into a new era. Someone is out there, someone that will step up and take the DTBA to the next level. I plan to be there to offer assistance from my experiences and, hopefully, learn some new things along the way. At this time, I am planning to work through at least March 1, 2018, longer if needed and it can also be earlier than that if things work out with a new executive director.

My heart is full, but it also broken into pieces. It will heal in time. Change is good, but it can be difficult. As I wind down my time in this role with DTBA, I have only one regret. I wish, at some point, I would have had the opportunity to devote all of my time and attention to the association. I'll never know if I could have done a better job, served the membership and the board in the manner they deserved and made our association even better. But it was not meant to be and so I'll take a step in another direction and find my new role with the buffalo!

From the bottom of my heart and soul, thank you to each and every one of you for everything you have done for myself, my family and this association. A chance encounter writing a freelance article on alternative livestock, which included a buffalo ranch visit, changed my life forever. You never know where the road will lead and, for myself, I have been richly rewarded in so many ways. Buffalo are my passion, just as they are for so many of you. They are the tie that binds us all together.

~ Karen





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- **Thank you to** Heartland Bison Ranch, Kevin & Anne Leier; Lee & Rebecca Leier, **for hosting the 2017 group of Girlz Gone Wild heifers**

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Calendar of Upcoming Buffalo Auctions, Events and Happenings

November 11: Antelope Island 13th Annual Live Bison Auction. Antelope Island State Park, Syracuse, UT. Contact Steven Bates at (801) 528-8929.

November 11: Quarter Circle Y Buffalo Company, Mahto, SD. Contact Monty Hepper at 605-823-2357 or 605-848-0800.

November 18: 52nd Annual Custer State Park Fall Classic Bison Auction. Custer State Park Visitor Center. Contact Chad Kremer at 605-225-4515 for details and information.

November 18: 3rd Annual 777 Bison Ranch Production & Breeding Bull Auction. Hotel Alex Johnson Ballroom, Rapid City, SD. Contact Moritz Espy at (605) 430-7471 or moritz@777bisonranch.com.

November 19 - 21: 34th Annual Canadian Bison Assn. Annual Convention, Show and Sale. Delta Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Contact the CBA at (306) 522-4766 or visit www.canadianbison.ca

November 24 - 25: 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 26: Prairie Sky Ranch Annual Production Auction. At the ranch, 11983 Dry Lake Road, Sisseton, SD. Contact Bruce Prins at (701) 866-8485 or www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

November 26: Coyote Trail Buffalo Ranch Production Auction. At the ranch, Onaka, SD. Contact Randy Barondeau at (605) 290-5256 or www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

November 27: Brownotter Buffalo Ranch Annual

Production Auction. Grand River Casino, Mobridge, SD. Contact Ron Brownotter at (605) 848-2623 or www.bradeenauction.com for updates and information.

November 30 – December 2: Western Bison Assn. Wild West Buffalo Stampede meeting and show and sale. Golden Spike Events Center, Ogden, UT. Contact Susan Maass at (605) 515-0318 for details or visit www.westernbison.org.

December 2: Kansas Buffalo Assn. 28th Annual Fall Buffalo Auction. Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Salina, KS. Contact sale chairman, Dick Gehring at (620) 345-6526 or visit www.kansasbuffalo.org.

December 15: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. 1st Annual Multi-Producer Simulcast Auction. Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND. Contact the NDBA at (701) 208-0440 or www.ndbuffalo.com.

January 17 – 19, 2018: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

January 20: National Bison Assn. Gold Trophy Show and Sale. National Western Livestock Auction Center, Denver, CO. (303) 292-2833 or www.bisoncentral.com.

February 2 - 3: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Winter Conference. Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or www.dakotabuffalo.com.

February 4: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City, SD. (605) 519-1326 or www.dakotabuffalo.com.

April 20 - 22: Minnesota Buffalo Assn. Annual Spring Conference. Watertown, SD. www.mnbison.org.