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# TERRITORY BUFFALO NEWS

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*Spring is here and summer is on it's way!*

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## Notes From the President - Moritz Espy

Moving into my final year on the Board I have been reflecting on the things we have accomplished and the many things we haven't. My goal as DTBA President has been to keep the organization member and committee driven. Over the last few years I felt like I was learning to crawl, then slowly walk, occasionally stumbling, then walking again. My feelings now, while writing this letter, are giving me renewed optimism and a realization that things take time to come together. The strong leadership that is currently coming from the Board and the many members who are taking the initiative to be on committees convinces me that we are now ready to run.

In March we made changes to our Executive Team. Perry Handyside will now be wrangling the board as Executive Director. A year ago, we hired Tammi Cooley and Patrick Toomey to take over from Karen Conley after her 20 years of service as Executive Director. As the direction of the organization changes and evolves, so do the team members. Patrick has an opportunity with Crossroads Consulting and will move onward and upward. He will be invaluable with the transition of the website since he was integral with its construction. Tammi, who has played a critical role as the person behind the scenes keeping essential functions going will remain as a contract Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant. The new team is coming together with the support of an awesome Board of Directors, including some fresh new faces.

Board Member Colton Jones has spearheaded the Winter Conference Committee and has gathered a talented and energetic group. They are in the process of confirming conference speakers and firming up the WC Agenda. Historically, we have waited until fall to start putting a WC schedule together, but this new committee is breaking that tradition. I would like to recognize Grace Seivert, Tammi Cooley, Doug Albertson, Melissa Kogel, Pete Bauman, and Ilana Xinos for their time and effort in putting together the Winter Conference.

Your Scholarship Committee is busy reviewing applications after a phenomenal fundraising effort. This year the



Committee will be raffling off an AR-10 6.5 Creedmoor made by Cody Kloeckl, Manager of Jump Off Buffalo Ranch, with engraving done again by AA Engraving in Rapid City. No amount of thanks can be given for the efforts of David Lutt, Board Member Liz Schroth, Suzi Kremer, and Perry Handyside for taking such a worthwhile idea to fruition in less than a year's time. The website was launched last fall and as with anything new, some fine tuning is needed. You will soon be able to renew your membership, register for the Winter Conference, post ads, and much, much more. Our goal is to eliminate redundant tasks by administrative staff and provide greater value to our membership. Ads and sponsorship spaces will help fund website maintenance and development. I hope everyone will benefit from the new website and automated updates featuring membership activities and Association events.

Board Member Kristopher Brown and new Board Member Greg Noht will be ironing out website details to put this new technology to work for you the membership.

New Board Member Alex Heim will be at the helm of the Show and Sale Committee with support from myself, Karen Conley, Boyd Meyer, and John Cammack. The Young Guns and Girls Going Wild competitions have the most diverse entries in the history of the contests. These competitions are on track to produce some of the best breeding animals from the best producers from both sides of the 49th Parallel. A special thanks to Scott Peterson and Jump Off Buffalo Ranch of Buffalo SD for hosting the Girls Going Wild. Under the watchful eye of Ranch Manager Cody Kloeckl and with the powerful short grass from the heart of bison country, these heifers will be ready to produce for years to come. Heartland Bison and the Leier family of Anamoose, ND set a new standard last year for what performance tested breed bulls can and should be. I am looking forward to what they can do this year!

As always, I am proud to serve as your President and thank you for the opportunity to do so. Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can serve you better.



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





## Meet Our New Directors! - Greg Nott & Alex Heim

Greg Nott is a new, but passionate bison rancher in Colorado. Having started the Memphis Buffalo Ranch just two years ago, he understands the challenges faced by new and prospective bison ranchers. Many other bison ranchers were instrumental in helping get his operation started, and he recognizes the importance of those associations.



Greg has a heart for sharing that experience and information with the next generation, and to expand our industry. For this reason, Greg was named the Chair of the NBA Education and Outreach Committee.

Greg is optimistic about the future of our industry and is committed to the restoration of the bison, the land, and ultimately people.

Greg and his wife Tami have been married for 27 years and have two grown sons. He served in the United States Air Force and is a member of the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

He still has his day job as an IT manager and is just as comfortable in a datacenter as he is wearing Muck boots and fixing a fence. Greg was previous Vice President in Toastmasters and enjoys sharing the story of how an IT guy becomes a bison rancher.

"I have realized our new life is not an easy life, but a good life."

I ranch near Wood, South Dakota, with my wife Cassie and son Luke (4). Bison run deep in the "Heim" roots as my Grandpa, Ignatius Heim, purchased his first buffalo in the late 1960's, long before my time! My uncle, Tony Heim, was a key player in getting the Gold Trophy Show and Sale started in Denver, and getting many people started in the bison industry. I started feeding bison when I was about 15 years old, with my father, Leonard.



After graduating from SDSU in 2010, with a degree in Animal Science and Ag Business, my brother and I started a livestock supplement business, Midwest Liquid Feeds, LLC. It has been a very educational and rewarding venture. I have been able to experience many things and meet great people throughout the country that have taught me so much more than I could have learned from ranching alone.

In 2011, I married Cassie and we bought our first 940 acres. We built our first bison feed yard in 2013, and a second yard in the fall of 2016, shortly after purchasing another 4,500 acre ranch. Between both places we can feed 4,000 head. We currently run 450 mother bison cows. We had a dispersion of our 400 beef cows in April and plan to continue to grow our bison operation. I find it important to acknowledge the economics of my enterprises and to not just wish on a shooting star!

I am excited about the future of the bison industry and will strive to represent the DTBA in a positive and responsible manner. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Until next time... Bison, it's what's for dinner!!

## The New DTBA Interim Executive Director - Perry Handyside

Perry has been working in Ranch and Property Management for the past 40 years of his life. Throughout his professional career he has managed ranches and properties in Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado. His work history is one of land stewardship and living a ranching lifestyle with his family. Perry and his wife Susan have four grown sons all of them scattered out across the northern Rocky Mountains.

Perry has been involved with the buffalo industry since 1996 when he purchased 60 heifer calves from Dr. Ken Throlson, New Rockford, ND to begin the Blue Valley Ranch herd. Perry and Susan owned a small buffalo herd of their own for several years of which he freely admits "served mainly as a good source of protein for four growing boys".

Perry has served on the Board of Director's and has been a member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association for

well over 20 years and is proud to have known so many of its members. Perry says that, "If there is one thing I enjoy even more than buffalo, it's the people who raise them because they're passionate, hearty, adventuresome people and they're always glad to see you!" Perry possesses a broad range of experience serving and leading community organizations and is looking forward to serving the members of the Association as their Interim Executive Director.



**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.**



## 2019 DTBA Winter Conference Highlights!



David Lutt, Boyd Meyer, Moritz Espy—**“Stepping down, but not stepping out”**. Outgoing Directors David Lutt and Boyd Meyer are honored by DTBA President Moritz Espy in appreciation for their years spent on the Board. Dave and Boyd will continue to demonstrate their leadership and dedication to the Association by serving on Board Committees. “Thanks for a great job guys, you are very much appreciated”.



Liz Schroth, Alex Heim, David Lutt—**“Scholarship Raffle”**. Congratulations to Alex Heim and thanks to the Scholarship Committee for all their hard work raising a phenomenal \$7,000. A special thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, and Sheyenne River Buffalo for contributing the rifle. The DTBA, proud to support the next generation!!

### “Fun, Fun, Fun Auction and Dance!”



Mary Adams &  
Grace Seivert



Chad Heim &  
Mark Barry



The Fun Auction Team!!



Zeona Road

### Blockbuster Video Auction



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS AND GREAT VOLUNTEERS!**

**Volunteers - We appreciate you!**

Grace Seivert – Fantastic Photography

Martha Anderson – Winter Conference Committee

Samantha Limpert – Winter Conference Committee

Karen Conley – Hospitality Room and so much experience!





# Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale

## 2019 Bulls

| Place   | Tag         | Consignor                | Weight (Lbs) | Sale Price | Buyer                      |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 1       | Yellow #934 | Silver Creek Bison       | 1330         | \$10,500   | Antelope Creek Ranch       |
| 2       | Yellow #918 | Bison Spirit Ranch       | 1350         | \$12,500   | Heartland Bison            |
| 3       | Yellow #953 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 1335         | \$19,000   | Heartland Bison            |
| 4       | Yellow #917 | Silver Creek Bison       | 1300         | \$8,000    | Longreach Buffalo Co       |
| 5       | Yellow #910 | Custer State Park        | 1175         | \$7,000    | Kremer Buffalo LLC         |
| 6       | Yellow #930 | Strategy Bison           | 1325         | \$18,000   | Antelope Creek Ranch       |
| 7       | Yellow #925 | Rafter K Bar/horse Creek | 1240         | \$8,000    | Falcon Ridge Buffalo Ranch |
| 8       | Yellow #922 | Mosquito Park            | 1176         | \$9,000    | Diamond 4D Ranch           |
| 9       | Yellow #954 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 1275         | \$12,000   | Holcomb Buffalo Ranch      |
| 10      | Yellow #940 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 1235         | \$12,000   | Longreach Buffalo Co       |
| 11      | Yellow #946 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1248         | \$17,000   | Blue Valley Ranch          |
| 12      | Yellow #926 | Bison Spirit Ranch       | 1310         | \$22,500   | Tatonka Ranch              |
| 13      | Yellow #952 | Heartland Bison          | 1160         | \$9,000    | Bishop Ranch, Inc          |
| 14      | Yellow #937 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1252         | \$7,500    | Summit Lake Feeders        |
| 14      | Yellow #931 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 1200         | \$6,500    | Tatonka Ranch              |
| 16      | Yellow #950 | Diamond Tail Ranch       | 1162         | \$5,750    | Kremer Buffalo LLC         |
| 17      | Yellow #928 | 777 Ranch                | 1115         | \$5,750    | Stephanie Crowley          |
| 18      | Yellow #920 | Silver Creek Bison       | 1220         | \$14,000   | Windy Hills Bison Farm     |
| 19      | Yellow #955 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1232         | \$8,000    | BJ Cattle Company          |
| 20      | Yellow #923 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1258         | \$11,000   | Bishop Ranch, Inc          |
| 21      | Yellow #944 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 1181         | \$9,500    | Longreach Buffalo Co       |
| 22      | Yellow #929 | 777 Ranch                | 1170         | \$5,500    | Isham Ranch                |
| 23      | Yellow #939 | Rafter K Bar/horse Creek | 1100         | \$7,000    | Pietron Bison Ranch        |
| 24      | Yellow #915 | 777 Ranch                | 1126         | \$6,000    | Isham Ranch                |
| 25      | Yellow #902 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1170         | \$9,000    | Mohawk Bison               |
| Average |             |                          | 1226         | \$10,400   |                            |





# Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale

## 2019 Heifers

| Place          | Tag        | Consignor                | Weight (Lbs) | Sale Price     | Buyer                  |
|----------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1              | White #920 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 976          | \$4,250        | Windy Hills Bison Farm |
| 2              | White #921 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 1018         | \$5,750        | Windy Hills Bison Farm |
| 3              | White #911 | Cold Creek Buffalo Co    | 954          | \$6,500        | Tatonka Ranch          |
| 4              | White #908 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 919          | \$4,000        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 5              | White #903 | Strategy Bison           | 916          | \$3,750        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 6              | White #910 | Tatanka Hills            | 902          | \$5,000        | Tatonka Ranch          |
| 7              | White #913 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 881          | \$5,000        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 8              | White #902 | Tatanka Hills            | 892          | \$3,250        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 9              | White #924 | Heartland Bison          | 828          | \$3,250        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 10             | White #912 | Custer State Park        | 842          | \$3,750        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 11             | White #922 | Mosquito Park            | 818          | \$3,250        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 12             | White #914 | Heartland Bison          | 917          | \$4,500        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 13             | White #919 | Cammack Buffalo Ranch    | 868          | \$3,500        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 14             | White #901 | Tatanka Hills            | 847          | \$3,750        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 15             | White #909 | Rafter K Bar/horse Creek | 764          | \$3,500        | BJ Cattle Company      |
| 16             | White #917 | Strategy Bison           | 876          | \$4,400        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 17             | White #918 | Mosquito Park            | 835          | \$3,400        | Hillsvieview Bison     |
| 18             | White #904 | Rafter K Bar/horse Creek | 826          | \$3,500        | Sheyenne River Bison   |
| 19             | White #906 | Heim Ranch               | 810          | \$3,600        | Tatonka Ranch          |
| <b>Average</b> |            |                          | <b>878</b>   | <b>\$4,100</b> |                        |

### Sponsors of the 2019 Black Hills Buffalo Classic & DTBA Winter Conference

We couldn't have done it without you!

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| North American Bison, LLC    | Heartland Bison Ranch -    | Needles View Ranch - Dave      | Barry & Nancy Bishop        |
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| Albertson                    |                            | Becker                         | David & Diana Lauth         |

**The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association wishes to express a sincere Thank You to Co-Executive Directors, Tammi Cooley and Patrick Toomey, for making the 2019 Winter Conference Show and Sale a resounding success!**





## Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale



DAKOTA  
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**First Place**

**2019 North America**

# PRODUCER'S CHALLENGE



## Cammack Buffalo Ranch

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## Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale



**Second Place**

**2019 North America**

# PRODUCER'S CHALLENGE



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## **Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show & Sale**



**Third Place**

**2019 North America**

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## **Custer State Park**

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**Sponsored by: Insure My Forage, Moritz Espy**





# GIRLZ GOING WILD

## Congratulations to the 2019 Winners!



### 1st Place

Cold Creek Buffalo Company  
Boyd & Allison Meyer  
Sponsored By Conata Ranch LLC



### 2nd & 3rd Place

Cold Creek Buffalo Company  
Boyd & Allison Meyer  
Sponsored By North American Bison, LLC



### 4th Place

Commack Buffalo Ranch  
John & Melanie Commack  
Sponsored By Black Kettle Buffalo



### 5th Place

Strategy Bison  
Dave & Liz Schroth  
Sponsored By CHS Payback





# YOUNG GUNS

## Congratulations to the 2019 Winners!



### 1st Place

Silver Creek Bison  
Nolan Miller - Manitoba, Canada  
Sponsored By Longreach Buffalo Company



### 2nd Place

Bison Spirit Ranch  
Trevor Gompf - Manitoba, Canada  
Sponsored By Holcomb Buffalo Ranch



### 3rd Place

Cammack Buffalo Ranch  
John & Melanie Cammack  
Sponsored By DMI, Mark Barry



### 4th Place

Silver Creek Bison  
Nolan Miller - Manitoba, Canada  
Sponsored By Black Kettle Buffalo



### 5th Place

Custer State Park  
Chad Kremer, Manager  
Sponsored By Insure My Forage, Moritz Espy





## Special Thanks for the Hard Work of the DTBA Committee Members, 2019

### Show and Sale Committee

Boyd Meyer – Chair  
Alex Heim – BOD  
Karen Conley  
Kevin Leier – Host ranch  
Cody Kloeckl  
Moritz Espy - BOD  
John Cammack

### Winter Conference Committee

Colton Jones – Chair BOD  
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Ilana Xinos  
Melissa Kogel  
Doug Albertson  
Peter Bauman  
Tammi Cooley

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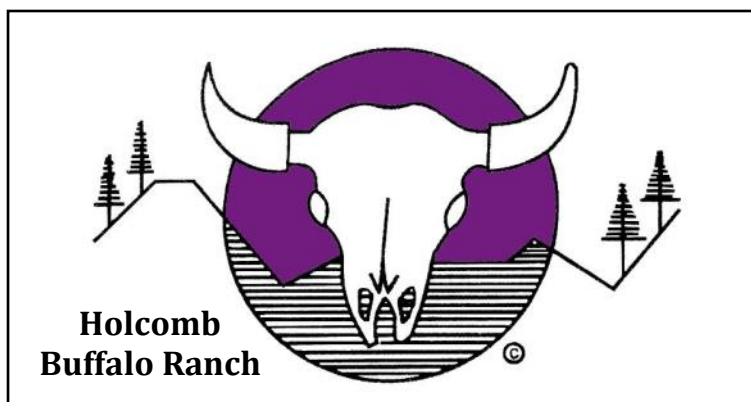
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### Sponsorship Committee

Moritz Espy – Chair BOD  
Perry Handyside



## Pooches Hungry for Bison? New Website Lists Honestly Labeled Dog Food Brands

### Site Helps Customers Avoid Products with Mis-labeled Water Buffalo

WESTMINSTER, CO (March 1, 2019) – The National Bison Association today launched a new website to help pet owners to select brands made with authentic North American bison, and to avoid deceptively labeled products made with water buffalo labeled only as “buffalo.” Visit the site at [bisoncentral.com/buying-bison-pet-products](http://bisoncentral.com/buying-bison-pet-products).

“As more people discover the great taste and nutritional benefits of bison, they are bringing it to the table for all members of their family, including their companion animals,” said Dave Carter, executive director of the National Bison Association. “Our new site, entitled Sniffing Out the Best Bison Brands for Your Companion Animal, will help pet parents find products in the marketplace containing authentic North American Bison.”

The National Bison Association developed the new website after some companies have refused to fully label or disclose that the “buffalo” in their brands is actually imported water buffalo.

“Several pet food brands have worked with ranchers in

recent years to develop products containing authentic North American bison. Many of those products list the ingredient as either bison or buffalo. Unfortunately, other brands are deceiving their customers by simply labeling their products as “buffalo” when in fact, they are using water buffalo, not North American bison. We want to help consumers make an informed choice.”

The National Bison Association is working with pet food regulators to propose new rules that would require an ingredient currently labeled as buffalo to be fully labeled as either American buffalo or water buffalo. Finalizing any regulatory change, however, is a long-term process.

“We want the public to be able to buy honestly labeled products with full confidence that they are providing their companion animals with the best bison products available,” Carter said.

Click here to access the Sniffing out the Best Bison Brands for Your Companion Animal.

Editors: To receive additional information on mislabeled water buffalo ingredients in pet food, please contact Dave Carter at [david@bisoncentral.com](mailto:david@bisoncentral.com) or at 303.594.4420.





## Hettinger Celebrates Buffalo Fest on June 1

With a full day of buffalo heritage and fun, Hettinger, ND, will celebrate its buffalo heritage on Saturday, June 1 in Mirror Lake Park, the Granary and downtown. Buffalo Fest events begin with a fishing tournament, a bus tour to buffalo hunt sites, and a 3K "Buffalo Run."

Other events include vendors in the park and kids games. Speakers on the hour, beginning at 11 am, will include Bob Manohey, buffalo handler, with veterinarian Don Woerner; paleontologists Becky Barnes and Clint Boyd of ND Heritage Center; Mike Faith, Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman and former tribal buffalo manager will speak on the traditional relationship of Native culture with the buffalo; John Hausauer on the Hugh Glass story and Francie Berg on three great Native American hunts. Adams County 4-Hers will host a food concession stand. Buffalo Chili and Buffalo Wing contests, and a Cornhole tournament follow, with movies at the Bandshell. In-store specials and rummage sales available throughout town. Most events are free, including tables for vendors.

On the evening before, Friday, May 31, 5:30 pm, the Adams County Fair Board will put on their fundraiser spring dinner featuring roast bison and other meats, at the Granary, along with the annual pie auction. Dance music by Dakota Routes, tickets \$20.

All are welcome. For more information, enter contests, join as a vendor or exhibitor, or take the tour, contact the Buffalo Fest committee in advance. Vendors please request your exhibit table by May 1. Contact Ronda Fink, Chair, 701-567-4464, rondafink@ndsupernet.com, Kellie Timm, at 701-928-0537, or John P. Hausauer 605-850-9628, johnhausauer@dacotabank.com.



### DAKOTA BUTTES VISITOR'S COUNCIL

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**Monday - July 8th** - We'll have a coffee social to catch up with friends old and new before we depart for a fun day of touring Fort Abraham Lincoln and the North Dakota Heritage Center. We'll also enjoy a bison -brat cook-off for lunch and an evening reception and dinner at the host hotel.



**Tuesday - July 9th** - Tuesday will be spent at the host hotel where we'll enjoy array of expert speakers discussing bison's place in regenerative agriculture, a history of the bison market from industry pioneers, a discussion of importing and exporting bison to and from Canada, the launch of the NBA's all-new Bison Producer's App, and much more. The evening will include the always exciting NBA benefit auction and banquet dinner.



**Wednesday - July 10th** - An optional North Dakota Bison Ranch Tour will be offered, which will tour the National Buffalo Museum, and three distinct ND bison herds. Bus service and lunch will be included for those who register for this day, conference attendees are welcome to join us in their own vehicles and we hear that this route makes for a great motorcycle ride for those so inclined...

**Host Hotel - The Radisson Bismarck**

**Registration is just \$160/person**

**Easy Access - Train, Plane or Automobile**

**Registration and all the details at [bisoncentral.com](http://bisoncentral.com)**



# 2019 National Bison Association Gold Trophy Show & Sale Results!

## 2-Yr Bred Heifers

| Consignor                  | Weight      | Sale Price     | Place |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Trails End River Bison     | 1363        | \$5,500        | 1     |
| Bridger Valley Buffalo Co. | 1087        | \$4,000        | 2     |
| Strategy Bison             | 1081        | \$3,800        | 3     |
| Brown's Buffalo Ranch      | 1231        | \$3,800        |       |
| Brown's Buffalo Ranch      | 1206        | \$3,600        |       |
| Bridger Valley Buffalo Co. | 1032        | \$4,000        |       |
| <b>Average</b>             | <b>1167</b> | <b>\$4,117</b> |       |

## 2-Year Old Bulls

| Consignor              | Weight      | Sale Price     | Place |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Wolverine Bison        | 1671        | \$19,500       | 1     |
| Beldon Bison Ranch     | 1786        | \$9,750        | 2     |
| Montoso Bison Co.      | 1705        | \$6,600        | 3     |
| Silver Creek Bison     | 1670        | \$9,250        | 4     |
| Borderland Agriculture | 1548        | \$5,000        |       |
| Outlaw Livestock       | 1661        | \$5,750        |       |
| Cammack Buffalo Ranch  | 1541        | \$7,500        |       |
| Torch River Bison      | 1599        | \$5,500        |       |
| Silver Creek Bison     | 1855        | \$16,500       |       |
| Beldon Bison Ranch     | 1692        | \$4,750        |       |
| Buffalo Dance Bison    | 1448        | \$3,500        |       |
| <b>Average</b>         | <b>1652</b> | <b>\$8,509</b> |       |

## Yearling Heifers

| Consignor              | Weight     | Sale Price     | Place |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Trails End River Bison | 969        | \$3,200        | 1     |
| Buffalo Dance Bison    | 940        | \$2,900        | 2     |
| 2 J Bison              | 1007       | \$3,750        | 3     |
| 2 J Bison              | 940        | \$6,000        | HM    |
| Brown's Buffalo Ranch  | 970        | \$3,400        |       |
| Strategy Bison         | 742        | \$2,700        |       |
| Brown's Buffalo Ranch  | 882        | \$3,250        |       |
| <b>Average</b>         | <b>921</b> | <b>\$3,600</b> |       |

## Market Bulls

| Consignor             | Carcass \$/Lb     | Place |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Heart Rock Bison      | 659 \$7.50        | 1     |
| Cold Creek Buffalo    | 672 \$6.50        | 2     |
| Prairie Ridge Buffalo | 668 \$5.20        | 3     |
| CB Bison              | 660 \$4.00        |       |
| Diamond Tail Ranch    | 661 \$4.00        |       |
| Diamond Tail Ranch    | 635 \$4.00        |       |
| Heart Rock Bison      | 702 \$4.00        |       |
| Arickaree Buffalo Co  | 628 \$4.20        |       |
| Arickaree Buffalo Co  | 690 \$4.00        |       |
| TH Bison              | 644 \$4.00        |       |
| Big Sandy Bison       | 653 \$4.00        |       |
| Cold Creek Buffalo    | 700 \$4.80        |       |
| <b>Average</b>        | <b>664 \$4.68</b> |       |

## Market Heifers

| Consignor             | Carcass \$/Lb     | Place |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| TH Bison              | 573 \$5.20        | 1     |
| Prairie Ridge Buffalo | 554 \$4.60        | 2     |
| Heart Rock Bison      | 595 \$4.00        | 3     |
| Heart Rock Bison      | 508 \$4.00        |       |
| Arickaree Buffalo     | 709 \$3.50        |       |
| Arickaree Buffalo     | 643 \$3.85        |       |
| 101 Bison Ranch       | 761 \$3.25        |       |
| Cold Creek Buffalo    | 563 \$4.20        |       |
| Cold Creek Buffalo    | 559 \$4.25        |       |
| <b>Average</b>        | <b>607 \$4.09</b> |       |



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**Heifer Calves**

| Consignor                   | Weight     | Sale Price     | Place |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| PRPR-Rawhide Energy Station | 531        | \$2,000        | 1     |
| PRPR-Rawhide Energy Station | 524        | \$1,750        | 2     |
| 101 Buffalo Ranch           | 522        | \$1,800        | 3     |
| PRPR-Rawhide Energy Station | 524        | \$1,600        | 4     |
| Outlaw Livestock            | 500        | \$1,500        |       |
| Domino's Farms              | 357        | \$1,100        |       |
| Intermountain Bison         | 511        | \$1,500        |       |
| Domino's Farms              | 428        | \$1,450        |       |
| Windy Hills Bison Farm      | 552        | \$1,600        |       |
| Badger Basin Ranch          | 414        | \$1,250        |       |
| Windy Hills Bison Farm      | 660        | \$1,800        |       |
| <b>Average</b>              | <b>502</b> | <b>\$1,577</b> |       |

**Bull Calves**

| Consignor           | Weight     | Sale Price     | Place |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| 2 J Bison           | 740        | \$3,800        | 1     |
| 2 J Bison           | 656        | \$2,300        | 2     |
| PRPA-Rawhide Energy | 578        | \$1,900        | 3     |
| Badger Basin Ranch  | 470        | \$1,550        |       |
| PRPA-Rawhide Energy | 602        | \$1,900        |       |
| PRPA-Rawhide Energy | 552        | \$1,800        |       |
| Domino's Farms      | 494        | \$1,750        |       |
| 2 J Bison           | 710        | \$2,300        |       |
| 101 Buffalo Ranch   | 606        | \$1,850        |       |
| <b>Average</b>      | <b>601</b> | <b>\$2,128</b> |       |

## 2019 National Bison Association Gold Trophy Show & Sale Award Winners

Grand Champion Male - Wolverine Bison  
 Reserve Grand Champion Male - Wolverine Bison  
 Grand Champion Female - Trails End River Bison  
 Reserve Grand Champion Female - Trails End River Bison  
 Producer of the Year - Wolverine Bison  
 Rookie of the Year - Brown's Buffalo Ranch  
 Top Market Producer - Heart Rock Bison  
 Rookie Market Producer - TH Bison

**Yearling Bulls**


| Consignor              | Weight      | Sale Price     | Place |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Wolverine Bison Co     | 1200        | \$11,750       | 1     |
| Bison Spirit Ranch     | 1337        | \$6,500        | 2     |
| Silver Creek Bison     | 1337        | \$8,000        | 3     |
| Wolverine Bison Co     | 1210        | \$10,000       | 4     |
| Buffalo Dance Bison    | 1215        | \$6,750        | 5     |
| Borderland Agriculture | 1321        | \$4,100        |       |
| Wildman Bison Ranch    | 1173        | \$3,700        |       |
| Borderland Agriculture | 1276        | \$4,000        |       |
| Cammack Buffalo Ranch  | 1374        | \$13,500       |       |
| Bison Spirit Ranch     | 1270        | \$7,000        |       |
| Silver Creek Bison     | 1280        | \$7,250        |       |
| Cammack Buffalo Ranch  | 1286        | \$10,250       |       |
| Torch River Bison      | 1159        | \$3,300        |       |
| Beldon Bison Ranch     | 1343        | \$5,800        |       |
| Tatonka Ranch          | 1213        | \$4,200        |       |
| Beldon Bison Ranch     | 1335        | \$4,600        |       |
| <b>Average</b>         | <b>1271</b> | <b>\$6,919</b> |       |

**Pen 5 Yearling Heifers**

| Consignor             | Weight     | Sale Price       | Place |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------|
| Trail End River Bison | 849        | \$17,000         | 1     |
| Medicine Wheel Ranch  | 813        | \$14,000         | 2     |
| Brown's Buffalo Ranch | 738        | \$10,000         | 3     |
| <b>Average</b>        | <b>800</b> | <b>\$13,667</b>  |       |
|                       |            | <b>\$2733/hd</b> |       |

**Pen 5 Heifer Calves**

| Consignor              | Weight     | Sale Price       | Place |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|-------|
| Strategy Bison         | 509        | \$8,500          | 1     |
| Badger Basin Ranch     | 390        | \$6,000          | 2     |
| Outlaw Livestock       | 500        | \$6,000          | 3     |
| Windy Hills Bison Farm | 542        | \$7,500          |       |
| Domino's Farms         | 370        | \$5,250          |       |
| <b>Average</b>         | <b>462</b> | <b>\$6,650</b>   |       |
|                        |            | <b>\$1330/hd</b> |       |



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## Territory Buffalo News - Events and Happenings

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**June 6 - 8, 2019** – Montana/Western Bison Association Summer Conference in Kamas, UT at the Buffalo Run Ranch – [westernbison.org](http://westernbison.org) or [info@WesternBison.org](mailto:info@WesternBison.org)

**June 12, 2019** – National Buffalo Museum 26th Annual Auction Fundraiser, Jamestown, ND (701) 252-8648 or [director@buffalomuseum.com](mailto:director@buffalomuseum.com)

**July 8 - 10, 2019** – Going Forth In The North - NBA Summer Conference – The Radisson Bismarck, Bismarck, ND, Registration and all the details at [bisoncentral.com](http://bisoncentral.com)

**July 10, 2019** – NBA Summer Conference Tours: Dakota Territory Young Gunz at Heartland Bison Ranch, KenMar Buffalo Ranch, and National Buffalo Museum

**September 26 - 28, 2019** – Annual Buffalo Round Up Arts Festival, Custer State Park, Custer, SD

**September 27, 2019** -Annual Buffalo Roundup, Custer State Park, Custer, SD

**November 2, 2019** – Oklahoma Bison Association Fall Sale, Sulfur Livestock Sale, Sulfur, OK (580) 759-3605 or (580) 759-5209

**November 2, 2019** – 53rd Annual Buffalo Auction, Custer State Park, Custer, SD

**November 9, 2019** – Annual Antelope Island State Park Annual Sale, Syracuse, UT

**November 22, 2019** – Canadian Bison Association Annual Conference and Sale. Visit [www.canadianbison.ca/](http://www.canadianbison.ca/) for details

**November 29, 2019** – Minnesota Buffalo Association's Bison Fundamentals Class, Albany, MN. <https://mnbison.org/events/> for details

**November 30, 2019** – Minnesota Buffalo Association's 23rd Annual Legends of the Fall Auction, Albany, MN.

<https://mnbison.org/events/> for details

**December 7, 2019** – Western Bison Association Annual Conference and Sale – [UTinfo@WesternBison.org](mailto:UTinfo@WesternBison.org)

**December 7, 2019** – Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Bison Auction, Salina Farmers and Ranchers Livestock Commission Company, Salina, KS Questions: (620) 642-2094 or (888) 282-4766

**January 3, 2020** – Montana Bison Association Winter Conference – MT – [www.montanabison.org](http://www.montanabison.org)

**January 4, 2020** – Turner Ranches Prairie Performance Auction, The Lodge at Deadwood, Deadwood, SD.

[www.turnerbisonexchange.com/events](http://www.turnerbisonexchange.com/events)

**January 22 - 24, 2020** – NBA Winter Conference, Renaissance-Stapleton Hotel – Denver, CO – [bisoncentral.com](http://bisoncentral.com)

January 25, 2020 – NBA GTSS (Gold Trophy Show and Sale) National Western Stockyards – Denver, CO

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**January 30 - February 1, 2020** - Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD (605) 341-4525 or [info@dakotabuffalo.com](mailto:info@dakotabuffalo.com)



## Federal Grants To Benefit Bison Producers

**By Candy Westre – Bitterroot Bison CO., Missoula, Mt**

Troy and I heard that federal grants were available to help finance bison and cattle operations and because we had ideas about growing our operation, we began investigating the possibilities.

In November of 2017, we contacted Dave Carter, of the National Bison Association, and he pointed us towards the Value Added Producers Grant. So, what does: "Value Added" mean anyway? It means using an available product or commodity and using it in a totally different way to – add value.

We contacted our local USDA office to schedule a meeting. The VAPG rep for Missoula, Heather Handeland, was so excited about our project that she encouraged us to apply for the matching funds grant.

Ms. Handeland helped us navigate every step of the process. We would never have completed it without her. The application was overwhelming at first, but little by little, we finally made it to the point of submitting our grant proposal. There were limited funds available, so not every applicant receives an award. You can probably imagine how happy we were when, after months of paperwork and more months of waiting, we were told that we had been approved!

Be on the lookout for our newest product. Bitterroot Bison Bone Broth (wow, that's a lot of b's) This is something we have put so much work into, so it's exciting to finally be in the production phase.

Now that we've been through such a grueling process, we know it's possible to apply for a federal grant. We'd like to encourage others to pursue it as well. There are many grants available and the USDA is there to point you in the right direction. Heck, if we can do it, anyone can! Value Added Grant Information can be found at the following link:

[www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants)

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### Girlz Going Wild and Young Guns Join the Green Grass Stampede!

The 2019/2020 DTBA Performance Classes are out to pasture packin' on the green pounds! Cody Kloeckl, Manager of Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, reports that the 54 entries of The Girlz Going Wild Class hit the grass running on May 14th and are off to a great start! Cody says "The Girlz" have over 990 acres

to spend the summer on and are represented by 21 separate ranches. The

**Young Guns**  
**Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge**

Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch is owned by Susan and Scott Peterson and is located near Belle Fourche, SD.

Kevin Leier, Heartland Bison Ranch, Rugby, ND reports that the 64 entries of the Young Guns Class went out to grass on their Ranch on May 12th. Kevin reports, "These bulls look great and are in outstanding condition as they enter the grass weight period of the competition." The bulls went on grass carrying an average weight of 731 pounds. The 2020 Young Guns Class of 64 bulls represent 21 ranches from throughout the Territory.

More to come... watch for the Summer Newsletter... 2020 is going to be exciting!!

**Girlz Going Wild**  
**Yearling Heifer Challenge**



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