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The Buffalo Man - Bruce Anderson inducted into the Buffalo Hall of Fame!

By Perry Handyside - Executive Director, DTBA

Bruce Anderson received the high honor of being inducted into the Buffalo Hall of Fame in Bismarck, ND during the NBA Summer Conference in July. The Buffalo Hall of Fame has inducted 18 individuals since its inception in 1980, 11 historic and 17 contemporary honorees. During the event, Bruce was inducted as a contemporary nominee and Molly Goodnight was inducted as a historic nominee. The Buffalo Hall of Fame resides at the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, ND and Bruce will be in good company there along with historical figures like former US President, Theodore Roosevelt. Bruce is arguably the most well-known figure in the bison world and longtime Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and Rapid City, SD icon. He has processed buffalo at the Western Buffalo Company, his Rapid City meat processing plant, since the 1980's, and has served the DTBA in many roles including the Board of Directors and President of the Association. Bruce has been honored with the DTBA's Pioneer Award for his leadership and dedicated service to the

Association and to the bison industry. The Association could not be prouder of Bruce and we congratulate him for this well-deserved lifetime achievement. Look for The Western Buffalo Company business profile in the Pre-Conference Fall Edition of the Territory Buffalo News this October!



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Notes From the President - Moritz Espy

The sound of motorcycles in the Black Hills means summer is winding down here in South Dakota and with that I'm hoping all of you have had an excellent summer these past couple of months. The welcome moisture we've received this year has allowed me to slip away from the ranch to represent the Association at a couple functions that have renewed my optimism with the direction of the bison industry. The first was visiting Washington D.C. and presenting Senator John Thune, of South Dakota, with a buffalo bull shoulder mount from Limpert's Slim Buttes Ranch to be mounted in the Republican Whip's Office. While there, I witnessed firsthand the extraordinary benefit we bison producers receive from our \$250 membership to the National Bison Association. NBA Executive Director, Dave Carter, has the contacts and knows the inner workings of Washington D.C. enough to rally a large amount of support for our industry when needed and on a small budget. I would encourage anyone who can accompany



Dave to D.C. to help bend an ear or two to do so. Hopefully, thanks to Dave's leadership, we will soon put this Water Buffalo issue behind us.

My second stop was Buffalo Fest in Hettinger, North Dakota where the Dakota Buttes Visitors Counsel put on a buffalo BBQ, the 3K "Buffalo Run" Marathon, and a fishing tournament all culminating into a daylong celebration of buffalo past and present. Local author, Francie Berg, has assembled a self-guided tour book telling the story of buffalo from the last great Native American hunt, to saving them from extinction and finally to modern day bison production. This self-guided tour takes you to 10 significant historic sites around Hettinger. Combined with some great speakers from the DTBA, the visitors had an informative buffalo experience. Speakers ranged from paleontologists and historians to bison producers.

DTBA Members Bob Mahony, Don "Doc" Woerner, Zane "Griz" Holcomb, Conner Bucholz, and Steve and Roxanne McFarland were all excellent presenters for the bison industry. I feel that the DTBA

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DTBA - Updated Membership Renewal Process

By John Kossler

Over the past year, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association has been expanding its communication with its membership to better provide you with current and accurate information about the bison industry. These efforts have included a new webpage, a social media presence, e-mail notifications, and an improved newsletter. The next step in our attempts to better connect you to the bison community is an updated online membership renewal process, which we are planning to roll out next month.

What Stays the Same - Currently, the membership renewal period for the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association begins on September 1st and runs through December 31st. This will not change, and you are encouraged to renew your 2020 membership with the DTBA online anytime this fall before the end of the year. Please remember, however, that you will first need to update your membership status before registering for the Winter Conference or any of the producer classes.

If you have registered online before, you were asked to provide information about your operation or business, including an e-mail address. This information will still be a part of your profile and will appear on the website's membership directory just as it has for the past year.

As always, you can still download and print a copy of a

membership renewal form from the website, to be mailed in with your payment. Or, you can use the form included at the back of this newsletter.

What Will be Different - The biggest difference will be the membership login page. If you are already registered with the DTBA, your e-mail address will be your login ID.

You will first be asked to provide, or reset, a password for your account, which should be a familiar process if you have other online accounts. Once a new password is established, you now have a new account set up and can follow the online prompts to renew your membership online using a credit card.

You will also notice that the process becomes a little more streamlined. Around the 1st of September, you will receive an e-mail notification reminding you to renew your membership for 2020, along with a direct link to the website membership login page. Fall is a busy time of year for bison producers, so if you do not quite find time to renew right away, you will get a



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Trip number 2 to North Dakota was for the NBA Summer Conference in Bismarck hosted by the North Dakota Bison Association. The best of what North Dakota had to offer was on display between the National Buffalo Museum, National Buffalo Hall of Fame, Fort Abraham Lincoln, ND Heritage Center, Riverboats, and a full list of speakers. My personal highlight was the induction of Bruce Anderson into the Hall of Fame. Gail Griffith gave an emotional and heartfelt introduction of Bruce followed by a well-deserved standing ovation. The final day was capped off with a morning tour of KenMar Buffalo Ranch and lunch with the last stop at Heartland Bison Ranch to check out the DTBA Young Guns performance class. NDBA hospitality was over the top with food, drinks, and comradery and somehow between the great bison brats and steaks I was able to sell several tickets for the DTBA Scholarship Fund rifle raffle.

My latest stop was in Sheridan, WY, where Dave Pratt of Ranch Management Consultants was presenting his last conference before his retirement. You may remember Dave as our DTBA keynote speaker 3 years ago and keynote at the NBA winter conference 2 years ago. Dave was kind enough to gift me his NBA Buffalo Producer’s Guide to Management & Marketing published back in 1990. During a break in the conference, I went downtown in Sheridan to do some shopping and I was pleasantly surprised by the large bison on the side of the Bison Union, a coffee and apparel company. I met the owners Bert and Candace Kuntz along with DTBA members Nic and Samara Campbell who are raising bison just outside of town. The Bison Union had more bison paraphernalia than I have ever seen in one spot. Not only that, there was a steady stream of tourists coming through the door buying bison related products, most of whom were on their way to Yellowstone National Park. This was a great reminder of the uniqueness of this great animal and the industry we all love. I think it is easy to forget when we are out working on the ranch just how cool bison are to people, not only here in United States but worldwide as well. It was exciting to see people just wanting a piece of bison, whether it was a hat, a burger, or a shirt featuring our Great American Icon to commemorate their summer vacation experience. I think the future of the bison is bright, and there is a bright new generation of producers and marketers to take us there.

As always, I am honored to serve as your President and thank you for the opportunity to do so. If I can serve you better or you have any needs or concerns, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

Sheyenne River Bison



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...“Membership” Continued from page 3 couple more reminders before the end of the year.

To renew your membership online directly, please visit the DTBA website (<https://www.dakotabuffalo.com/join-dtba/renew>) any time after September 1st. Or, take a few moments to review a more detailed article on the online renewal process with screenshots so you know more about what to expect (<https://www.dakotabuffalo.com/updated-membership-renewal-process>)

The greatest strength of the DTBA is its membership, and we want to make sure that members can quickly and easily maintain their affiliation with the Association and with the bison community. As always, please contact the DTBA if you have any questions.



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Territory Buffalo News - Events and Happenings

September 15, 2019 – Rocky Mountain Fall Ranch Tour – The RMBA Fall Tour will include tours of the Rocky Mountain Natural Meats Brush plant as well as Rocky Hollow Buffalo Ranch in Kimball, NE. Learn more at <https://www.bisonranchers.com/events>.

October 4, 2019 – Eastern Bison Association Fall Conference at Owl Creek Bison. Eastern Bison Association Fall Conference on October 4-5, 2019 at Owl Creek Bison in Frankfort, OH. Please visit <https://www.ebabison.org> for details.

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

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

November 22, 2019 – Canadian Bison Association Annual Conference and Sale. Visit <https://www.canadianbison.ca> for details.

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

November 30, 2019 – Minnesota Buffalo Association's 23rd Annual Legends of the Fall Auction, Albany, MN. Visit <https://mnbison.org/events> for details.

December 7, 2019 – 2019 North Dakota Buffalo Association Simulcast Auction and Winter Meeting. NDBA Winter Meeting and Simulcast Auction for Dec. 14th and that will be at the Radisson Inn in Bismarck, ND.

Please visit <https://www.ndbuffalo.com> for more details.

December 7, 2019 – Western Bison Association Annual Conference and Sale – UT. Inquire info@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. Visit montanabison.org

January 4, 2020 – Turner Ranches Prairie Performance Auction, The Lodge at Deadwood, Deadwood, SD. Visit <https://www.turnerbisonexchange.com/events>.

January 22, – 24, 2020 – NBA Winter Conference, Renaissance-Stapleton Hotel – Denver, CO. Visit bisoncentral.com.

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

February 6-8, 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. Visit: www.dakotabuffalo.com/event/dakota-territory-buffalo-association-2020-winter-conference/

March 5, 2020 – Eastern Bison Association Winter Conference, March 5 – 7 in Harrisburg, PA. We hope you'll join us this year as we have lots of good speakers. Reconnect with old friends as well as meet some new ones. Learn more at <https://www.ebabison.org>.



From Ranch Job... To Rocky Mountain Natural Meats

By Perry Handyside – Executive Director, DTBA

In 1986, Bob Dineen responded to an ad for a livestock position managing a ranch in Colorado. As it turned out, the “livestock” position was managing a 250-head bison cow/calf operation. Bob and his wife Laurie didn’t realize it at the time, but they were just entering the bison business for the rest of their lives. Laurie soon became Executive Secretary of the American Bison Association and the seeds of a family business were planted.

Bob quickly identified the bison meat market in 1986 as a combination of farm tailgate sales and exotic game purveyors selling to restaurants and food service distributors, along with a small retail sector selling to grocery stores. Back then, the biggest challenges to the bison meat business were inconsistent quality and inconsistent supply.

One of the Dineen’s earliest contacts in the bison industry was Brian and Diane Ward. Brian had just converted a beef cow/calf operation in the San Luis Valley to bison. The Dineen’s and the Wards hit it off, became friends and then partners in 1986 when Rocky Mountain Natural Meats was born. The family business was beginning to grow.

Rocky Mountain started on the grocery side of the business offering USDA inspected, finished 2-year old bulls and heifers. They started selling their bison steaks and burger on the Colorado Front Range because that’s where they lived. They were fortunate in this regard because consumer awareness and acceptance for bison meat already existed there. Those early tailgate ranchers, along with Sam Arnold, owner of The Fort Restaurant, had done a good job educating an urban population as to the health benefits of bison. Seizing this opportunity, Rocky Mountain Natural Meats experienced strong demand for their high-quality meat almost immediately.

Rocky Mountain’s vision was to sell consistently high quality, fresh, USDA inspected bison. To do this they knew they had to establish a grading system, so that’s what they did. That initial simple grading system is still in use and has not really changed much over the years. It required consistency in fat and muscle color, fat cover, youthfulness, and size because all these factors influence quality. Their number one goal was to meet customer expectations for quality,

consistency and food safety. Rocky Mountain Natural Meats implemented a “closed loop system” which means they do not buy carcasses or meat in a box from any other plants. As Bob likes to say, “All the bison we purchase are delivered to our Brush plant... alive. Period! Food safety is a big deal to us!”

As Rocky Mountain’s reputation for high quality bison continued to build along with their relentless pursuit of food safety, their trusted retail meat brand, Great Range Bison, was born. Great Range Bison is now widely recognized at meat counters across the country as a reliable, high quality bison product.

Today, Rocky Mountain Natural Meats handles more than 100 head of bison and over 100 head of custom beef per day at their state-of-the-art slaughter plant in Brush, Colorado. 75 miles away in Henderson, Colorado, they process over 100 head of bison and more than 100 head of custom beef per day at their carcass fabrication and meat processing plant. Rocky Mountain Natural Meats employs over 200 people. Rocky Mountain purchases from bison producers large and small from Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. Most are Cow/calf family ranches, and many are finishers, with Turner Ranches being their largest supplier of bison. Rocky Mountain’s market is predominantly at the grocer level supplying upscale grocery chains across the United States and shipping bison meat to Europe. Ted’s Montana Grill Restaurant locations are all supplied with Great Range Bison.

Bob and Laurie’s daughter Michaela now works for the Company and Brian and Diane’s son Ace is the COO of Rocky Mountain Natural Meats.

The family business continues to grow, and the Dineen’s continue to support and positively influence the bison industry.





Buffalo Hall of Fame Exhibit at the National Buffalo Museum

By Ilana Xinos – Executive Director, National Buffalo Museum, Jamestown, ND

If you haven't been to the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, ND - or if you haven't been there lately - it's probably time for a road trip. The museum's mission is to educate the public about the American bison, and we've been working hard to incorporate the modern industry into our exhibits. One of the ways we have done that this summer is through our updated Buffalo Hall of Fame Exhibit.

The Buffalo Hall of Fame honors those who have done the most to restore the American bison, and if it weren't for the Buffalo Hall of Fame, the National Buffalo Museum would not exist. The Hall of Fame was established in the 1980s by the National Buffalo Foundation (NBF), a national organization whose mission is to be the trusted source for bison research and education funding. In the early 1990s, the NBF was looking for a museum to house its growing number of collections items, as well as the Buffalo Hall of Fame. At the same time, the North Dakota Buffalo Foundation was developing plans for a bison interpretive center in Jamestown, North Dakota. The National Buffalo Museum was established in 1991, in large part as the result of an agreement between these two organizations, and today the Buffalo Hall of Fame is one of the hallmarks of the National Buffalo Museum.

That being said, the Hall of Fame does not always get the attention it deserves by members and visitors alike. Many of our visitors would never realize how much private ranchers have helped to restore the bison to the numbers we see today, and we are proud to tell that story. The museum is taking steps to change this. Keep reading to learn the "who, what, when, where, and why" of the Buffalo Hall of Fame.

Who. There are several "whos" – the first of these are the Hall of Fame honorees themselves. These are individuals who have done the most to restore the American bison. They can be contemporary figures (like Ted Turner, former CNN mogul, conservationist, and owner of the largest private bison herd in the world) or historical figures (like former US President Theodore Roosevelt, whose relationship with bison transformed from hunter to ardent conservationist). The next of the "whos" are the individuals in charge of inducting these people into the Hall of Fame. That prestigious job belongs to the NBF Board of Directors.

What. The Buffalo Hall of Fame honors those who have done the most to restore the American bison. In an abstract sense, the Hall of Fame is a list of people. In a more concrete sense though, the Hall of Fame is a museum exhibit that



tells a story of these individuals and their accomplishments. One component of that exhibit is an interactive digital kiosk.

When. The Buffalo Hall of Fame began in 1980 and since its inception has inducted 11 historic and 17 contemporary honorees. Individuals can still be inducted into the Hall of Fame. A contemporary honoree, Bruce Anderson (See cover article on page 1), and a historic honoree, Molly Goodnight, were inducted at the NBA Summer Conference in July!

Where. The National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, North Dakota, is the Buffalo Hall of Fame's home base. The museum has a permanent exhibit that helps tell the story of the Hall of Fame and its inductees to its visitors.

Why. The mission of the National Buffalo Museum is to educate the public on the cultural and historical significance of the American bison and the Buffalo Hall of Fame honors those who have done the most to restore the American bison.

Finally, we're excited to announce that the Buffalo Hall of Fame has been updated and we invite you to come and check out the new exhibit and learn about the individuals past and present who have contributed to America's most successful conservation story. If you are interested in becoming a museum member, we offer any level of museum membership to current DTBA members at a 50% discount. We would love to show you what we are doing and to have your support and input along the way!



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What is it About Custer State Park?

By Chad Kremer – Bison Herd Manager, Custer State Park, Black Hills, SD

What is the intrigue with Custer State Park? It's a special place for many people from many diverse backgrounds. For me, Chad Kremer, it's the iconic mammal that has called this special place home for hundreds, no thousands of years; the magnificent North American buffalo or bison! I began my pursuit down the buffalo trail 30 years ago after becoming interested in this remarkable creation during my college days. Despite a background in raising livestock, beef and hogs on our family farm in southwest Minnesota, the bison was an interesting alternative animal.

Buffalo was the topic I chose and researched for a public speaking class assignment at South Dakota State University in the fall of 1988. In the course of that research I found that Custer State Park was one of the largest sources of live bison offered for sale in the country and the world at that time. It also was the longest running annual production auction of buffalo in the world and still is to this day! So in finding this discovery what better way to conduct research than to see it firsthand myself and experience the annual auction held in November each year. I still remember driving in from Custer and encountering this huge mature bull just sauntering along the side of the main highway. Not a care in the world it seemed. After traveling down the Wildlife Loop Road and observing the buffalo herd scattered across the landscape I arrived at the Fred Matthews Buffalo Corrals in the southeast corner of Custer State Park. I remember thinking, "Man this would be a neat place to live and work with all these buffalo!" After viewing the buffalo, the auction began, there were many people from across the country there to take a chance at purchasing buffalo and taking them home, whether for breeding or to feed their family a healthy meal. I vividly remember when the first 2-1/2 year old bull came into the sale ring, how graceful and effortlessly he moved. He was awfully excited with all the commotion happening and being forced to go where he didn't particularly want to go. After the auctioneer announced him sold the next holding pen was opened for him to run into. He made one lap around that pen, stopped in the center, took a look at the fence and with one small step and a big

jump cleared the fence and proceeded to run away down the alley. Not necessarily where the staff had wanted him to go, but he was going where he wanted to go! The gentleman who had purchased him was sitting in front of me and boy did he take some ribbing from others about the fun time he was going to have with him when he got him home! I sat there in amazement and thought, "That was too cool! I have to have some of these!" It took me a few years but I started my own herd in 1992.



Fast forward to 2019, as Custer State Park celebrates 100 years, and I've now had the pleasure to realize that dream. I've worked at Custer State Park as the Bison Herd Manager for the last 17-1/2 years and have been blessed to live and raise my family within the Park for the last 15 years. I began the job on Round up weekend in 2001. I still remember all the excitement of the crowd waiting for the buffalo herd to be guided past them and into the corral facility, watching the buffalo individually go through the corral system to be weighed, checked over, and sorted off for sale in the annual auction. The job has been an adventure and still is many days. I'm now actually close to being considered one of the "old timers"! I don't know how that has happened other than to agree with the old saying, time flies when you're having fun. This special place, Custer State Park, has certainly been a lot of fun! I've explored many special places and met many wonderful people within the Park and creat-

ed many, many memories that I'll cherish and share for the remainder of my time on this earth.

The diversity that Custer State Park has to offer is nothing short of amazing! From rolling prairie landscapes in the southeast to the granite spires of the northwest and everything in between, one can still get lost and find the solitude they seek within its boundaries. It takes a little more distance now than before. However, there is that little corner of refuge out there that we all seek... go find yours!!!





The Data is Out!

By Greg Nott – Director, DTBA

Many of us, myself included, have received that terrifying call that your herd is out! That sickening flood of anxiety that swept through my body is unforgettable. I doubt I will ever forget that afternoon. Thanks to other ranchers it ended well.

Only slightly less traumatic is losing all your data from a personal computer. It could be due to a hardware failure, losing a laptop or some catastrophic event like a fire or flood. There is no way to recover many years' worth of documents, financial records, and family photos. Or is there?

Before my adventures in ranching my career was in the IT world. We knew systems would eventually fail. It could be from hardware failure, natural disaster, or human error, but we planned for it. This is known as a Disaster Recovery Plan. Most servers have redundant hardware, and there are redundant servers. On a larger scale, there are redundant data centers. It is not practical for any of us to maintain redundant computers. But with the efficiency of today's Cloud it is easy and recommended to have an offsite copy of your data.

There are two main methods to do this, with a backup or synchronized cloud storage. The backup is the more traditional method of the two. This consists of taking a scheduled backup of either your entire PC or a few desired folders.



The backups can be weekly, daily, or more often if need. The backup is simply a copy of your files in another location. If a lost or corrupted file is needed, it can be restored. There are many backup services available such as Carbonite, Mozy, iDrive and Backblaze. Backups can also be made to an external hard drive, but I do not recommend this. If there is a flood or fire that device is also lost. The other method has become more popular now with services such as OneDrive, DropBox, GoogleDrive. Once configured, your

files are automatically and continuously copied to the Cloud. Your files are available from a website or other devices, including your smartphone. Some services enable you to retrieve different versions of the same file.

While I worked for Hewlett Packard Enterprise, they stopped backing up our laptops. We were provided OneDrive accounts and it was our responsibility to take care of our data. My wife and I have also gone that route. An Office 365 Home subscription is very reasonable and includes 1 TB of storage on OneDrive. We have had drives fail, and it is no longer a reason to panic. Hardware failure is reduced to a minor annoyance.

Do some research and determine which will best suit your needs, but by all means, pick one. As it is said about buffalo, it is not a matter of if they get out, but when!

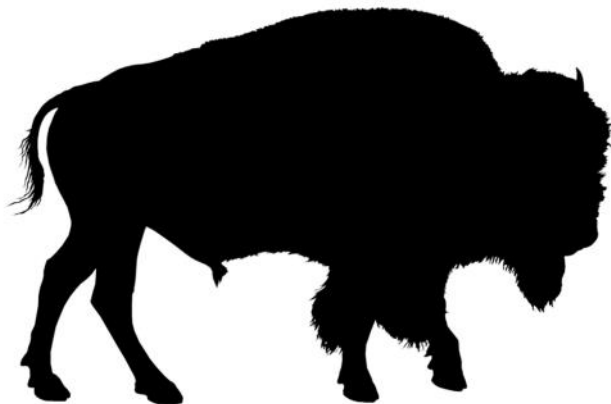
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Host Ranch Profile— Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, Buffalo, SD

Get to know Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch as one of the host ranches for the DTBA Performance Classes, currently hosting 52 heifers for the Girlz Going Wild Competition!

Ranch owner/manager: Scott and Susan Peterson-Owners & Cody Kloeckl-Ranch Manager

Ranch location: Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch is located Harding County, SD, the heart of buffalo country. The ranch name derives from the expansive mud buttes and landmark mini badlands known as The Jumpoff.

Year you started in the buffalo industry: Our first animals, 150 heifer calves, were purchased in 1997.

Genetic influences: Our herd originated from the Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch herd. We purchased our first heifer calves from Slim Buttes in 1997. Our current bull battery consists of bulls that have come from performance tested and genetically proven production animals. Approximately 80% of our breeding bull sires have been purchased through the DTBA Young Guns Yearling Bull Challenge program.

Special attributes and awards: Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch has been the recipient of many awards and our animals have placed everywhere they have been shown, including the Western Bison Association Wild West Stampede Show and Sale, the National Bison Association Gold Trophy Show and Sale and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. Additionally, we were a

\$10,000 DTBA Reality Based Carcass Class winner with our bull entry and named the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Producer of the Year in 2013. Purchasers of our animals continue to show genetic success within their programs.

Why we have chosen to enter the DTBA Performance Classes: We have continually purchased the top bulls in the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Young Guns Yearling Breeding Bull Challenge since its inception.

This has helped to build a solid genetic base in our herd with results showing in our calf weaning weights and in our feeder animal gains.

Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch competes in the DTBA challenge classes because it's a proven program with tangible results. The challenge programs have improved numerous ranches by infusing their herds with animals that have great genetic potential.



Cody Kloeckl & Family



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.



DTBA Launches Scholarship Program!

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association is investing in the next generation of bison conservationists and bison producers and making a difference! The DTBA's Scholarship Committee raised over \$7,000 last year through the sale of raffle tickets to launch the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Scholarship Program! The DTBA's members and friends stepped up big to support this worthwhile cause by purchasing 300 raffle tickets. A special thanks is owed to the sponsors of last year's raffle rifle, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch, and Sheyenne River Buffalo.... thank you so much!

Buffalo can make your dreams come true!

The Association awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to three outstanding graduating seniors representing the Dakota Territory from North and South Dakota. All three recipients have plans to attend college this fall and scholarship funds have been directed to their appropriate registrars' offices. The DTBA congratulates the 2019 Scholarship recipients and wishes them the best of luck with all their future endeavors!

2019 Scholarship Award Winners



Kaydn Nolz: Hartford, SD

Attending: Southeast Technical Institute – Sioux Falls, SD

My name is Kadyn Nolz I am from Hartford, SD. I live on my family's bison ranch with my mom Caryl, my dad Dave and my sister Keighlor. I am active in baseball, wrestling, and FFA. In my spare time I like to hunt and spend a lot of time outdoors; most of the time working on the ranch which I find very enjoyable.

Thank you once again!

Kamryn Brunner: Nisland, SD

Attending: Grove City College - Grove City, PA

Hello, I'm Kamryn Brunner. I grew up the second youngest of 7 kids on a farm in Nisland, South Dakota. I helped with chores where I could when we had bottle calves and now I babysit for families around the neighborhood. I enjoy playing violin and piano and I embrace every opportunity I can to share music with others. Because my dad has been a South Dakota State Representative for close to 2 full terms, I grew up learning about politics and it has spurred my interest in economics and politics in college. I will be pursuing a degree in economics at Grove City College in Pennsylvania in the fall, and until then I am working at Runnings in Belle Fourche to gain some further work experience and save up money for my great adventure.



Conner Buchhloz: Rhame, ND

Attending: North Dakota State University – Fargo, ND

Bison have been a part of my life since I was born. My mom, LeAnn, and dad, Wayne, started running them on our ranch in 1996. I have always enjoyed being around bison and I just purchased my own animals in 2018. Some of my favorite memories are feeding the cows with my parents, grandparents, and sister. I am the fourth generation on our ranch, and I plan to attend college at NDSU in Fargo where I will go into Business Management. From there I am going to come back home and take over the ranch. I am looking forward to being a part of this industry and association for years to come.



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