

DTBA Summer 2026 Newsletter

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Our Mission: Promoting bison and bison meat and furnishing a positive forum for creativity and camaraderie among a diverse membership.

Our Vision: DTBA is here to facilitate the relationship between Bison producers and their markets.

Message from the President

Greetings everyone, I hope this letter finds you well as drought and fire plague much of our region. For those of you enduring these sub-optimal conditions, I urge you to look ahead and keep pushing forward and to remember that smooth seas never made a skilled sailor.

I would like to start out by telling you all what an honor it is to be addressing this membership as the president. In the third grade I was tasked with making an "all about me" poster and one of the questions was, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Luckily, I was vague in my response and wrote, President. Well, I am currently living up to the expectations of an 8 year old boy.

Your current DTBA board is a strong one with multiple people pulling a lot of weight. It has been inspiring to watch so many people come together in service of this membership. It is amazing to see a board that not only comes up with good ideas but are also able to implement them quickly, professionally and without incident.

Also, it wouldn't feel right to not give a nod to our chaos coordinator, Lindsey. Without her keeping us on track and coordinating the chaos, many of these things could slip through the cracks.

Keep reading this newsletter for important updates from our board about their respective committees they chair.

Message from the President Continued...

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Message from the President Continued

Our membership spans across a large area of land in North America and is comprised of many of the industries best and greatest leaders. I make this statement because it has been difficult to get to know you all in such a short amount of time.

I would like to share a little bit about myself, so you can get to know me and we can save time in the future, and that time can be better spent with me getting to know more of you all. I was born and raised in Colorado where I spent most of my childhood and young adult life in the high Rockies. I was not raised on a ranch but my roots go back to a small town in Iowa and I believe that agriculture is in my blood. Once I graduated from high school I wanted to achieve another dream of mine, to play college football. I was fortunate enough to get a preferred walk on spot for Chadron State. As fate would have it, Chadron State has one of the best rangeland management programs in the country.

I attended CSC and got my degree in Rangeland Management with an emphasis on livestock and a minor in Agribusiness. I completed 5 seasons with Chadron State as an outside linebacker. After an injury ended my career with 3 games left in my senior year, a degree in hand and nothing to do fate struck again. While down at my favorite watering hole, my professor approached me and asked what I was doing with my life. I lifted my ice-cold Busch Light and said, "You're looking at it". He then proceeded to tell me about an opportunity on a bison ranch in Oshkosh, Nebraska working for Mr. Ted Turner. At first, I was hesitant but went along anyway. I interviewed and immediately fell in love with this life. I was able to secure a position as a ranch hand and worked my way to where I am now, the manager of Deer Creek.

At the end of my collegiate career, I was able to meet my wife, Tianna, and we are now blessed with two amazing children, Wyatt(4) and Emerson(1). That's enough about me!

The bison market is currently reaching record highs from a meat perspective. USDA reports weighted averages of 520.5 for grain-finished bulls and 496.88 for grain-finished heifers. These are striking numbers, but they do not tell the full story. Across the industry, product supply remains tight. This is an important time to stick together and make sure that we make long-term decisions to support ourselves and the industry. In other words, utilize today's profitability for future shortcomings.

In closing it is important that we take time to reflect. I implore you to go out to your herds and spend time just being with them and enjoying the fruits of your labor. It is easy to get caught up in the everyday hustle and bustle and forget why we do this in the first place. I feel this is important to mention as I have done a considerable amount of reflection recently. The news of Turner Ranches leader, Ted Turner, passing sent waves throughout the industry. I want to take a moment to thank Ted for all that he has done for the industry and for myself. Regardless of your feelings for Ted, there is no denying that he has helped the industry grow to what it is today.

On a personal note, Ted has given me an opportunity to be a part of an amazing industry, full of great people. I have been fortunate enough to have been able to experience so much of mother natures small miracles and for that I will forever be grateful.



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To Our most valued DTBA Members, *Letter from Lindsey*

I'm always looking for a good joke, a good laugh, especially by 'over cheesiness'—but I'm serious about this one: you are incredibly valued as a DTBA member. It's easy to overlook that, but after 30 years, DTBA is still 100% powered by grassroots efforts from members. We are just as hungry today as we were when this association began—to unite as many bison stakeholders as possible, open doors for new ones, and create an inviting place for camaraderie, networking, creativity, and lifelong relationships.

We're also just as hungry to continue offering great bison shows and sales. We may not be the biggest event in the country, but we want to provide the very best experience for our consignors, buyers, sponsors, and members.

Please know that we are 100% invested in our members and in promoting this incredible industry. We spend a lot of time talking about ways to create opportunities, solve problems, and help our producers succeed. It's not just our job—it's something we genuinely care about. DTBA isn't just an association—it's a community, and we've got your back.

The past six months have been incredible.

We surpassed our 2026 membership goal and are proud to have 135 active memberships representing approximately 280 individuals. We also exceeded our sponsorship goal, raising more than \$20,000 from businesses and individuals who believe in our mission. Thank you!

Those dollars make a real impact throughout our association and region. Because of your support, we've been able to say "yes" to promoting bison education at every level—from youth scholarships to educational opportunities for state and local veterinarians. We've been able to meet people where they are and introduce the bison industry to as many "green ears" as possible.

This year also marked DTBA's 30th Anniversary—what an incredible milestone! We celebrated with a memorable Winter Conference at a new venue, The Lodge at Deadwood, but the anniversary represented much more than a celebration. It also marked the official merger of the North Dakota Bison Association and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

NDBA brought valuable resources, including the funding to purchase the bull panels, along with talented board members who immediately rolled up their sleeves. Together, we launched the inaugural Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Bull Show and welcomed back the beloved Girlz Gone Wild Bred Heifer Contest. Their willingness to join forces with DTBA demonstrated exactly what our industry is about—putting the future of the bison industry as the first priority.

Quite honestly...I'm not sure what we would have done without them.

Thank you, North Dakota Bison Association!



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Speaking of shows and sales...

Letter from Lindsey Continued..

Our first annual Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Bull Show was a tremendous success, and while this year's Girlz Gone Wild Bred Heifer Contest was our final one, we're excited about what lies ahead. The Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Bull Show will return in 2027 with the same successful venue and format. We'll also be introducing female lots that will be marketed through the sale while remaining on their home ranches—a great opportunity for both consignors and buyers.

We also wrapped up another successful Tammy Cooly Memorial Scholarship season by awarding three \$2,000 scholarships to deserving students. Thank you to every sponsor and every person who purchased a raffle ticket. Your support continues to invest in the next generation of our industry.

And don't worry...we've got another great raffle package lined up for 2027. 😊

So...what are you doing August 21-22?

I sure hope you're joining us for our Summer Ranch Tour!

Our host ranches have put together fantastic tours, outstanding meals, and plenty of opportunities to learn from one another. Best of all, there is no cost for DTBA members thanks to the generosity of our sponsors - especially National Buffalo Foundation!

We'll be visiting two outstanding operations in the Sisseton, South Dakota area, and I hope you'll make plans to attend. If you can join us, please send me an email or text so we can get an accurate meal count.

While you're updating your calendar, be sure to save February 12-13, 2027 for our 31st DTBA Winter Conference at the Deadwood Mountain Grand in Deadwood, South Dakota.

The Lodge at Deadwood had already committed their rooms for February 2027, so we made the decision to keep our conference activities together under one roof at the Mountain Grand.

As I wrap up this letter, I realized something else...

On July 22, I'll celebrate my second anniversary serving as your Business Administrator. The past two years have been very fun & rewarding - Thank you for this opportunity!

Finally, thank you to our Board of Directors and Committee Members. Their engagement, countless volunteer hours, and willingness to tackle the next project never cease to amaze me. DTBA is stronger because of each of them.

Thank you all for making DTBA such a special community. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Ranch Tour!

Sincerely,

Lindsey Hester ---- DTBA Administrator ---- info@dakotabuffalo.com



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If you can make it! We will get a headcount

SUMMER RANCH TOUR

— Sisseton, SD —



ROCKING P RANCH
Bruce & Corrine Prins

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21





SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE
OF THE LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

— Agenda —

Friday, August 21



1:00 PM
NETWORKING ON THE RANGE
If you can make it a little early, meet us at the Dakota Magic Golf Course Clubhouse to hit some golf balls at the driving range ...



3:00 PM
TOUR OF ROCKING P RANCH
with established Bison producers, Bruce & Corrine Prins and daughter Lance & Rachel Bollmeyer with **HERITAGE BISON RANCHES**



5:00 PM
BISON THEMED COOKOUT DINNER
*Special Chuckwagon Style
Bison Pitchfork Fondue*

Saturday, August 22



8:30 AM
BREAKFAST ON OUR OWN



9:30 AM
TOUR OF SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE HERD & FACILITIES
at the SWO Tribal Headquarters



11:30 AM
LUNCH ON SITE WITH CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS
from their Youth



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***Alex Sleep - Chairman
Frank Kralicek
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Lindsey Hester***

Membership & Sponsorship Committee Update

~ Alex Sleep - Chairman

The super sharp may have noticed, we've made a small adjustment to our committee structure.

Membership and Sponsorship have been combined, as have Events and Marketing. This change simply made sense—our sponsorship efforts help fund many of the programs and events that benefit our members, while Events and Marketing naturally go hand-in-hand as we work to promote DTBA and the incredible people who make our association special.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue growing our membership and reconnecting with past members. The merger with the North Dakota Bison Association has created new opportunities to strengthen our presence across the region, and we're also expanding our Members-Only website portal to make it easier than ever to connect, access resources, and stay engaged.

When membership renewal season arrives October 31st, please take a moment to verify your contact information so you don't miss out on these new opportunities.

We're also incredibly grateful for the support of our sponsors. Their investment allows DTBA to continue expanding member services, promoting our industry, and supporting initiatives like the North Central U.S. Animal Health Meeting, where DTBA helped increase veterinary engagement with the bison industry and build valuable relationships for the future.

To our members and sponsors—thank you. Your continued support allows DTBA to keep investing in opportunities that strengthen our association and the bison industry. We look forward to seeing you at this year's DTBA Summer Conference, which is free to all DTBA members!



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Membership & Sponsorship Committee ***Update***

Membership Numbers

So far..

We ended 2025 with 127 memberships, totaling ~220 individuals - we set the goal for 130 memberships for 2026 - and this is how we are doing so far ✨

In 2026, we have 135 memberships, representing ~280 individuals - Thank you!

THANK YOU!

LIFETIME MEMBERS!

Alex & Cassie Heim- Heim Land & Bison
Frank Kralicek - Kralicek Farms
John & Melanie Cammack-Cammack
Buffalo Ranch
Conner & Elise Buchholtz - Skull Creek
Bison
David & Hannah Voss - Apple Valley
Ranch
Tim Sather - Mosquito Park Ent.
Chris & Grace Seivert - Mosquito Park
Ent.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!

Jeff & Kelly Oakland, Rylan
Goetz, Grace Preister, Clay
Giddings, Amy Burke, Shawn
Shelley, Tate & Bobbi Wells,
Matt & Hannah McLeod, Derrick
& Ronni Adrian, Sadie Puckett,
Logan Vaagene, Western
Heritage Meats, William
Thompson, Will & Becky Wade,
James Svoboda, Dave/Coy
Sebastian, Nate Schmitz, Bobby
Bradshaw



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Kelly Lutter

Josh Lutter

Scholarship Committee Update

DTBA recently wrapped up the 2026 Scholarship Award Season!

We were proud to award scholarships to Lane Albrecht, Michael Bennan, and the SDSU Bison Studies Program.

Lane plans to study welding at Mitchell Tech while Michael will pursue Natural Resource Management at Lake Area Technical College. We are proud of these young men and excited to see where their futures lead!

The DTBA Scholarship Committee was also pleased to extend a scholarship to the SDSU Bison Studies Program to continue supporting the next generation of bison education, leadership, and industry involvement.

Thank you to our DTBA members, Our 2026 Scholarship Sponsors, and those who bought raffle tickets ~ for helping make opportunities like these possible. Your support continues to invest in the future of the bison industry!

Thank you Sponsors!



Foothills
Bison
Bender Family





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Josh Lutter

Scholarship Committee Update

2027 DTBA Scholarship Gun Raffle is Locked & Loaded!

We're excited to announce the launch of our 207 Scholarship Gun Raffle—and this year's prize is one you won't want to miss! The featured firearm is a Ruger American Gen2 Predator .243, Thermal Scope, Buff Stuff Arca Plate & Carbon Fiber Tripod, Factory threaded for Suppressor—a top-tier setup!

Raffle tickets will be available at the upcoming DTBA Summer Conference, NBA Winter Conference and final sales at our own Winter Conference February 7th!

And I am always happy to mail raffle tickets too! Just email or call me.

A huge thank you to our Scholarship Gun Sponsors; Buffalo County Buffalo Ranch & Buff Stuff Arca Plates & Tripod Parts ~ whose generous support keeps this program going strong. Every ticket sold helps fund scholarships and invest in the next generation of agriculture and bison leaders.

Don't miss your chance to support a great cause—and maybe take home an incredible rifle!

DAKOTA TERRITORY BUFFALO ASSOCIATION

FIREARM RAFFLE

TO SUPPORT THE TAMMY COOLY DTBA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Features a Thermal Scope with LRF, to be bought in January to make sure we have the newest tech

Suppressor not included, but 5/8" threaded and ready

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Dave Lautt
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Kevin Leier

Show & Sale Committee Update

Our Mission

To strengthen the future of the North American bison herd by promoting sound genetics, transparent live evaluation, and informed breeding decisions that support longevity, reproductive success, and lasting herd value—while providing an elevated, professional sale experience for both consignors and buyers.

2026 Show & Sale Recap

A tremendous amount of planning, dedication, and enthusiasm went into the Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale & Girlz Gone Wild Bred Heifer Contest, resulting in an exceptional experience for consignors, buyers, and attendees alike.

The return of live, side-by-side judging by Dave Lautt and Dick Gehring for the Bulls and Ryan Homelvig & Dylan Rossow ~ provided a transparent, easy-to-understand evaluation system that benefited both buyers and consignors.

Their thoughtful leadership brought renewed confidence, consistency, and excitement to one of the premier events in the bison industry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 SHOW & SALE WINNERS!

Girlz Gone Wild – Bred Heifers

1st & 2nd – Antelope Creek Bison
3rd – Skull Creek Bison

Total Heifer Sales:

\$146,250

Avg: \$5625

Black Hills Buffalo Thunder – Bulls

1st – Cammack Buffalo Ranch
2nd – Mosquito Park Enterprises
3rd – Skull Creek Bison

Total Bull Sales:

\$179,250

Avg: \$7,793

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible Sale Incentive Sponsors

Dakota Pure Bison | North American Bison – TenderBison | Rocky Mountain Natural Meats | High Plains Bison

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THANK YOU to our BUYERS!

Medicine Pole Bison | David Lautt | Alex Heim Land & Bison | Dave Sebastian | Heartland Bison Ranch | Big Sky Buffalo | Seamus Culhane | Black Kettle Buffalo | Cammack Buffalo Ranch | Skull Creek Bison | Kenmar Buffalo Ranch | Tatanka Hills | Quarter Circle Y | Nolz Bison | Liz & Dave Schroth – Strategy Bison | Jarrod Leoffler

Show & Sale Committee Update

2026 Show & Sale Recap



Thank you to our Incentive Gun Sponsors! Alex Heim, Bob Dineen, North American Bison, & High Plains Bison

Thank you to our highest bull buyer, Jeff Oakland to Seller John Cammack

Thank you to our highest bred heifer buyer, Skull Creek Bison to Seller Antelope Creek Bison!



Antelope Creek Bison 1st & 2nd place GGW with Sponsor Roaming K Bison & Nebraska Bison



Skull Creek Bison 3rd Place GGW Bred Heifer with Sponsor FeedMax



Cammack Buffalo Ranch - 1st Place Bull with Sponsor Roaming K Bison



Mosquito Park Enterprises - 2nd place Bull with Sponsor Silver Creek Bison



Skull Creek Bison - 3rd Place Bull - Thank you to our Sponsor - Black Moon Bison



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Show & Sale Committee Update

Looking Ahead to the 2027 Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale

The 2026 DTBA Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale was a tremendous success, bringing together outstanding animals, exceptional consigners, engaged buyers, and plenty of camaraderie throughout the weekend.

The quality of the bulls—and the strong participation from across the industry made this year's event one to remember.

As we look ahead to 2027, we're excited to build on that momentum. This year's event gave us valuable insight into what buyers are looking for and how we can continue to elevate the experience for everyone involved. We're also thrilled to announce that we'll once again host the bulls at the outstanding Muley Hill Arena & Venue and welcome back our live judges, Dave Lautt and Dick Gehring. Their transparent, educational judging style added tremendous value to the event, and we're grateful to have them return.

For 2027, we encourage consigners to enter their top breeding bulls. Once again, each bull entry will have the opportunity to include a pen of two-year-old bred females or yearling females, providing buyers with even more opportunities to invest in quality, herd-building genetics.

If you're considering consigning—Please reach out to any member of the DTBA Show & Sale Committee: Kevin Leier • Conner Buchholtz • Jason Bender • John Cammack • Dave Lautt

We'd love to help showcase your program and your genetics at the 2027 Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale! 🐃





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Amanda Fischer-Chairman

Lindsey Hester

Alex Sleep

Events & Marketing Committee Update

~ Amanda Fischer-Chairman

DTBA 30TH RECAP

If you missed our 30th Annual Conference last weekend, then you missed some pretty exciting news. The North Dakota Buffalo Association and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association have officially merged, bringing together two long-standing, producer-driven organizations with one shared goal: strengthening the bison industry.

The conference also marked the end of an era as we said goodbye to two outstanding board members, Chris Seivert (President) and Sherri Stormo (Secretary), each served on the board for six years and helped drive meaningful change within the association. While they'll be tough to replace, we were proud to welcome two new board members who were unanimously voted in — both from North Dakota. Please join us in welcoming Kevin Leier of Rugby, North Dakota, and Amanda Fischer of Bismarck, North Dakota. We're excited to see the ideas, energy, and fresh perspective they bring as we move forward together.

We also want to recognize Rod Sather, who has served for many years as our International Social Director. Rod has officially passed the torch to another outstanding member and former President of the North Dakota Buffalo Association, Conner Buchholz of Rhame, North Dakota. We thank Rod for his dedication and look forward to seeing Conner step into the role.

This year also marked the return of the Pioneer Award, honoring individuals who have made lasting contributions to the bison industry. The first Pioneer Award was presented to the dedicated staff at 777 Ranch — Mimi Hillenbrand, Moritz Espy, Justin Selke, and Cody Smith. The second award went to Scott Peterson of Jumpoff Buffalo, and the third to Jud Seamen of Quality Auction. Thank you all for the impact you've made — not only on this organization, but on the bison industry as a whole. You are true staples of this business.

Our speaker lineup covered the full bison journey from "Range to Rail." Dick Gehring and Dave Lautt kicked things off with insights on production breeding and stock selection. John Cammack and Kevin Leier walked us through their cow/calf operations, followed by Conner Buchholz and Boyd Meyer, who shared their feeding and finishing programs. We wrapped things up with Bob Dineen and Randy Miller, who brought it home with processing and marketing perspectives that tied the entire process together.

A huge thank you goes out to the SDSU students who stepped up in a big way — helping with the fun auction and lending a hand wherever it was needed. Your eagerness, work ethic, and all-hands-on-deck attitude did not go unnoticed and were truly appreciated.



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Events & Marketing Committee Update

~ Amanda Fischer-Chairman

DTBA 30TH RECAP Continued...

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to all our consignors, sponsors, and volunteers. Without your time, support, and commitment, this event simply wouldn't be what it is. Together, you help make these sales, awards, and gatherings possible — and together, we continue to build a stronger bison industry every year.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated auction items, placed bids, and helped make this year's DTBA Fun Auction such an incredible success. Year after year, one of the greatest things about DTBA is our members—you show up, support one another, have a great time, and it absolutely shows during our Fun Auction.

Not only is it one of the most entertaining evenings of the conference, it's also our largest fundraiser of the year. We are beyond grateful for your generosity and enthusiasm.

Because of YOU, this year's auction raised:

-  \$1,750 for the SDSU Bison Club — Way to support the next generation!
 -  \$1,100 to support our Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale efforts — High five!
 -  \$25,150 for DTBA programs and member initiatives...
- \$25,150!!

I mean...wow. Thank you for believing in DTBA and investing in the future of our association. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



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Stronger Together: Honoring the North Dakota Bison Association Legacy

One of the most significant moments in DTBA's 30-year history came this past February with the official merger of the North Dakota Bison Association and the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association.

While we celebrated three decades of DTBA, we also welcomed a remarkable legacy of leadership, dedication, and collaboration that the North Dakota Bison Association built over more than 30 years of serving bison producers.

The North Dakota Bison Association also brought tangible resources that immediately strengthened DTBA, including the funding for the bull panels used at the Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale, experienced board members who quickly stepped into leadership roles, and the continuation of North Dakota's voice within the state's Animal Livestock Advisory Board. Maintaining that representation helps ensure bison producers continue to have a seat at the table on important animal health and industry issues.

Their contributions were immediately evident as we launched the inaugural Black Hills Buffalo Thunder Show & Sale, welcomed back the Girlz Gone Wild Performance Class, and celebrated a successful Winter Conferences.

To the members and leadership of the North Dakota Bison Association—thank you. Together, we are carrying forward the traditions, relationships, and shared commitment of both associations as one united organization dedicated to serving the bison industry.

Producer Profile

Rocking P Ranch & Heritage Bison Ranch

We're honored to feature Bruce & Corrine Prins of Rocking P Ranch and Lance & Rachel Bollmeyer of Heritage Bison Ranch—longtime DTBA members whose dedication has helped strengthen the bison industry for generations.

What began with a few unexpected bison calves has grown into a thriving family operation where multiple generations work together to raise, finish, and market premium bison directly to consumers. Their story is one of hard work, resilience, innovation, and a deep commitment to stewardship of both the land and the animals they care for.

We're also incredibly grateful to Bruce, Corrine, Lance, and Rachel for serving as our Ranch Hosts during the DTBA Summer Ranch Tour on Friday, August 21. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour Rocking P Ranch, learn about their operation, and experience firsthand the passion that has made their family such respected leaders in our industry and have a very special Chuckwagon Bison Pitch Fork Fondue Dinner!

Thank you, Prins and Bollmeyer families, for your continued support of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and for all you do to promote the future of the bison industry!





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Thank you for reading our Summer Mid-Year Update!

I honestly hope all is well with you all!

We hope to see you August 21st at our Summer Ranch Tour!

Thank you Sponsors!

We appreciate your support!!

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