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### NBA Weekly Update for June 16, 2023

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### NBA Kicks Off it's Regional Summer Conferences in SD

Approximately 90 bison enthusiasts are descending on the Black Hills of South Dakota today for the NBA's first regional summer conference.

The event kicks off Friday evening with a welcome reception at the host hotel, the Rapid City Ramkota. Attendees will enjoy networking and beverages before a summer dinner of bison brats and bison chili, generously donated by Dakota Pure. Attendees will then have some fun activities to raise funds for the NBA, and will conclude with the auctioning of a one of a kind 2007 International Bison Conference commemorative Harley Davidson motorcycle to support bison industry pioneer, Bruce Anderson - see story below.

On Saturday, attendees will travel to the 777 Bison Ranch in Hermosa, SD for a full day of bison education, networking and feasting. Speakers include Glenn Plumb, current chair of the IUCN Bison Working Group will update the group on strides in global bison restoration. 777's Cody Smith will discuss his approach to bison herd management on the ranch during the herd and pasture tour. NBA's board director, Liz Riffle, will lead a Holistic Management 101 course, and we'll also hear from local USDA NRCS agents on regenerative grazing practices suited to bison producers, and much more.

The NBA thanks the 777 Ranch for hosting our event, the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association for collaborating on the event, and our many sponsors including the

mentioned Dakota Pure, as well as 701 Bison Ranch, Honest Bison, Nationwide Insurance, the Minnesota Bison Association, and Kremer Buffalo. We appreciate your support!

See our five additional summer and fall NBA events at <https://bisoncentral.com/nba-conferences/>.

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## NBA Welcomes Two NBA Summer Interns

The NBA is pleased to announce the start of two internships with the association for the summer. Meredith Halweg and Grace Kremer, pictured above, will help the NBA with its programming while providing hands-on work experience in the bison industry.



Meredith is an agribusiness undergraduate at the University of Wyoming entering into her senior year. She will focus her efforts on bison economic and pricing data with projects to include calculating the cost of entry into the bison business, as well as transition estimates for cattle producers, long term live bison sale price trends, the current value of the bison industry, and more.

Grace is an undergraduate at Grand Canyon University working on her hospitality degree, and a bison rancher who is a partner in Kremer Buffalo in Keystone, SD. Grace will assist the NBA with its social media outreach, and whose work you have likely already seen on the NBA's social media channels @nationalbison.

The NBA thanks these future bison leaders for their help, and hopes to impart bison-specific knowledge, experience and contacts to these enterprising young people!

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## Bison World Advertising Opportunities for Fall Edition

Production will soon be underway on the Fall 2023 issue of the Bison World magazine. **This is one of our largest and most-read issues of the year!**

Various advertising options are available within the magazine pages, from 1/8 page to full page. Lifetime and Active NBA members will enjoy discounted rates as part of their membership perks, and contract holders will receive a 5% discount for pre-paid advertising. Karen can work with you to tailor an advertising campaign that fits your budget and targets your message!

**The final deadline for advertising materials will be August 1.** Editorial submissions and suggestions are welcome at any time but are subject to the same deadline for the Winter issue.

For more information about editorial submissions or advertising your ranch, business, or events, contact [Karen@bisoncentral.com](mailto:Karen@bisoncentral.com) or call (605) 381-3738.

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## Registration for June 24th Ohio Regenerative Ranching Field Day Closes Today!

[Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch](#) near Thornville, Ohio is hosting a regenerative ranching field day on June 24th. Registration closes on Monday, June 12th- so don't delay to [register](#)!

Speakers will focus on silvopasture, agritourism, and bison management. A small registration fee covers the full day of learning and a delicious and nutritious bison lunch. This event is made possible by collaboration with the Eastern Bison Association, North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grant and a whole bunch of work by Carrie and family at Cherokee Valley Bison Ranch.

## July 15th Western NBA Summer Conference to Tour Four Herds and a Processing Facility

What does the Treasure Valley western Idaho and Eastern Oregon have? Bison. Join us in learning about bison and take a deeper dive into different feeding methods, direct marketing and processing. This event includes two different ranch tours- viewing at least 4 herds, and a processing plant tour.

Don't miss this great opportunity and [register](#) by June 30th!

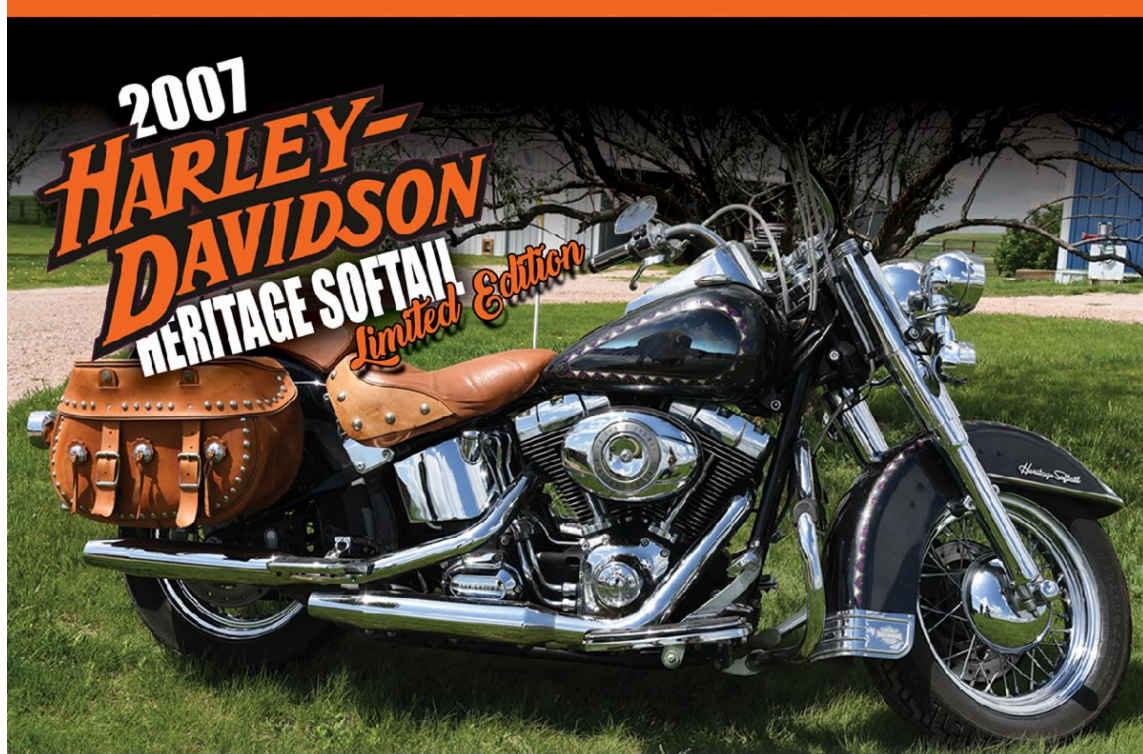
4 reasons to attend:

- [Shoemaker Bison Ranch](#)
  - [Brown's Buffalo Ranch](#)
  - [Northwest Premium Meats](#) plant tour
  - Catering (and learning) at the [Broken Bowl](#)
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## Motorcycle Auction to Benefit Bruce Anderson Tonight at 7 PM Mountain Time - Online Bidding Availalbe

For photos, videos and to register for online bidding, [click here](#).





## BRUCE AND MARTHA ANDERSON HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE FUNDRAISER SIMULCAST AUCTION • FRIDAY, JUNE 16 • 7:00 P.M. MST RAMKOTA HOTEL • RAPID CITY, SD

**Held in conjunction with the National Bison Association's Northern Regional Conference**

Bruce and Martha Anderson are presenting an opportunity to own a Limited Edition 2007 International Bison Conference (IBC) Harley Davidson Heritage Softail. This beautiful motorcycle, with a custom paint job tailored to the owner, was purchased and proudly ridden by Bruce for many years.

One of a group of 15 limited edition motorcycles, these bikes were the primary fundraiser for the 2007 International Bison Conference. Bruce was instrumental in planning and executing that conference and further showed his support by purchasing #13 of the motorcycles.

This beautiful motorcycle features a custom paint job with the 2007 IBC logo, number 13, and a bison scene on the gas tank. The bike has 12,181 miles (it may have a few more very limited miles by auction time), bison leather saddlebags, and a seat crafted by Lonnie's Boot & Saddle in Rapid City, SD. Flat Earth Art & Sign in Spearfish, SD, did the artwork, and the paint was done by the Body and Collision Center in Belle Fourche, SD. Black Hills Harley Davidson partnered with the IBC Committee to make these motorcycles available for purchase, auction and raffle.

The motorcycle will be offered at a simulcast auction on Friday, June 16, during the NBA Northern Regional Conference in Rapid City, SD, at the Ramkota Hotel. Bidders will be able to bid live or online. The motorcycle will be on display during the Friday evening reception prior to the auction.

**100% of the proceeds from the sale of this motorcycle will go to Bruce and Martha Anderson. We appreciate your support and generosity!**

**Editor's Note: The following news stories were distributed by organizations not affiliated with the National Bison Association. They may not reflect the opinions or the positions held by the NBA on matters such as genetic integrity, animal management, and other issues.**



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## Please Excuse the Shortened Weekly Update this Week!

It's all hands on deck at the NBA's Northern Summer Conference this weekend with the NBA's Jim Matheson, Lydia Whitman, Karen Conley, Meredith Halweg and even President Chad Kremer, plus five other NBA board members, all pitching in to make this event a success! As such, we'll return to our usual full-newsletter featuring all things bison and beyond next Friday.

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# farm crisis center

Even in the best of times, farming can be an incredibly high-stress occupation. Unpredictable weather, crop disease, volatile markets, heavy workloads, and social isolation are just a handful of the challenges that farmers may face.

These conditions force many family farmers and ranchers to make tough financial decisions that will impact their families, communities, and the entire country.

National Farmers Union compiled resources to help farmers through stressful times. Find them at:

<https://farmcrisis.nfu.org/>

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## Save the Date!

- 6/16/2023 - NBA Regional Conference - Rapid City, SD
- 6/16/2023 - Montana Bison Association Summer Meeting - MT
- 6/21/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 6/24/2023 - NBA Regenerative Ranching Field Day - Thornville, OH

- 7/09/2023 - NBA Regenerative Ranching Field Day - Sleepy Eye, MN
- 7/15/2023 - NBA Regional Conference - New Plymouth, ID
- 8/9/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 9/13/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 9/29/2023 - Eastern Bison Association Fall Conference - NY
- 9/30/2023 - NBA Regenerative Ranching Field Day - Baldwin, WI
- 10/7/2023 - NBA Regional Conference - Terra Alta, WV
- 10/13/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 10/27/2024 - Wisconsin Bison Producer's Association Fall Conference - WI
- 11/04/2023 - National Bison Day - United States
- 11/04/2023 - Custer State Park Annual Bison Auction - SD
- 11/8/2023 - Antelope Island State Park Production Auction - Webcast
- 11/10/2023 - Illinois Indiana Bison Association Fall Conference - IN
- 11/10/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 11/24/2023 - MnBA Bison Fundamentals Class - MN
- 11/25/2023 - MnBA Legends of the Fall Show and Sale - MN
- 12/02/2023 - Kansas Buffalo Association Annual Auction - KS
- 12/02/2023 - Western Bison Association Annual Auction - UT
- 12/6/2023 - Jack Auction Group Video Auction - Online
- 1/1/2024 - Prairie Legends Bison Auction - Webcast
- 1/17/2024 - NBA Winter Conference - Westminster, CO
- 1/20/2024 - NBA Gold Trophy Show and Sale - Denver, CO

Please visit <https://bisoncentral.com/calendar/> for details and more up-to-date events. If you have a bison event coming up that's not listed, please send the details to [jim@bisoncentral.com](mailto:jim@bisoncentral.com), and the NBA will post the event on its website at no charge.

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