



THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY FOUNDATION



**THE  
STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE  
“MY BISONSTAR”  
DONATION SAVINGS COIN COLLECTION  
PROGRAM**

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# CHAPTER 1

## AN INVITATION

The reader may wish to visit APPENDIX 1 to review “The Program” of “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon Seminar.” APPENDIX 2 shall provide the reader the opportunity to explore and discover supporting **Story Bookmarks (SB)** authored by The STAR DAY Foundation (**SB 30**) as a supporting Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) (**SB 1**) after-school library expanded learning opportunities network curriculum sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The complete digital Story Bookmark Collection of The Group is archived at “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library.” The **SB** notation refers to a Story Bookmark in Appendix 2 used to provide the reader with additional information in association with various words and phrases used in this Immediate Release.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) “**invites**” every Texas student and their families and student friends of Texas worldwide to join a Texas conservation, preservation and restoration collective and collaborative service achievement of merit effort proposed by The Group called **THE STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE “MY BISONSTAR” PROJECT (The Project)** sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation with the support of parents, grandparents and others. “**BisonStar**” is the “**Official Mascot (SB 3)**” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. She is a member of “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas (SB 6)**” at the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park (**SB 2**). BisonStar was born at the park during May 2013.

The main goal of The Project is to support additional Texas conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” and the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park land whose main entrance is just three (3) miles north of the City of Quitaque know known as “**The Official State Bison Capital of Texas (SB 7)**” as a “Service Achievement of Merit (SAM)” STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas.

On February 19, 2021 Texans shall gather at the State of Texas Capitol grounds in Austin to celebrate the anniversary of the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas now known as “**The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day**” to honor and remember the life and legacy of the founders of the State of Texas. On February 19, 1846, James Pinckney Henderson (1808-1858) was sworn in as the First Governor the State of Texas in Austin.

Students with approval of their parents are invited to join and be volunteers of “**The Junior Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers Corps (SB 33)**” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The duties of The Volunteers include activities to explore and discover “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas”, considered to be a “State of Texas Treasure”, roaming free over the 15,000 acre majestic Caprock Canyons State Park land whose main entrance is just three (3) miles north of the City of Quitaque know known as “The Official State Bison Capital of Texas”; to research and study the founding and founders of

Caprock Canyons State Park (APPENDIX 2) ; to plan, develop and conduct a School approved STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Field Trip and family holiday adventure by traveling on “The Quitaque Trail” to the park; to share a documented STEM family adventure story of their park visit with fellow students at their respective school libraries; and to pioneer and lead a personal effort to roundup, save and donate money in partnership with parents, grandparents and other relatives to The STAR DAY Foundation each year as “Service Achievement of Merit” STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas to support the goals and activities of “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (SB 26)**” proposed by The Group and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

At the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group, The STAR DAY Foundation established “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)**” with a challenging goal and a set of activities to help launch The Fund (SB-17). The goal proposed by The Group is to invite Texas families and their school age children along with other Texans, Texas business and friends of Texas worldwide to save and donate to The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead an effort help raise 100 million dollars! The Fund has been established as an “Endowment Fund” whose annual interest shall support an annual grant to the Quitaque Caprock Partners Foundation to pioneer and lead the management in partnership with Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent of additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives of the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park land and the unique bison herd at the park now known as “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” considered by The Group to be a “**State of Texas Treasure.**” The reader may wish to visit the Caprock Partners Foundation website at: <http://caprockpartnersfoundation.com>. Addition information about the Caprock Partners Foundation may be reviewed at: <http://www.texansstateparks.org/id36.html>.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall launch a four (4) year effort to raise the first \$10,000,000 to support the goal and activities of “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)**” as a collective and collaborative STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas from the students and their families, businesses and non-profit organizations and “Friends of the State of Texas” worldwide. The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Program Research and Development Report illustrates six (6) initial “Donation Premium Gift (DPG)” packages created by “**The State of Texas Treasure Work Shop**” and manufactured, packaged and distributed as thank-you gifts to donors by “**The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation**” established by The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goals and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.”

# THE CORPS



## THE PALS OF TEXAS VOLUNTEERS CORPS BADGE

### THE GOAL

The STAR DAY Foundation is pioneering and leading the development of a program with the goal to establish and maintain a “**Post**” (**P**oint **O**f **S**ervice in **T**exas) in “**The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps (The Corps)**” of The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with Texas schools and Texas homeschooling families as a “school service student study group: organization” supervised by the School principal in partnership with volunteer faculty sponsors. The program shall seek to charter a “**Post**” of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps featuring an “initial” Student Study Group of The Corps to provide supervised students with additional opportunities to pioneer and lead in planning, developing, conducting and documenting service achievement of merits for their school communities in support of the mission of The STAR DAY Foundation with the mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (SB 1656-76<sup>th</sup>).

### THE TEXAS STAR DAY STUDENT STUDY GROUP

The “initial” Student Study Group of The Corps chartered and organized at a partnering school shall be “**THE TEXAS STAR DAY STUDENT STUDY GROUP (TSD)**” of The Corps. TSD shall be organized as an after-school library expanded learning opportunities student enrichment activity to plan, develop and conduct the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 at their school with appropriate and patriotic programs as a service achievement of merit birthday gift for the State of Texas. TSD shall provide the opportunity for volunteer supervised students to explore and discover the founding and founders of the State of Texas; plan, develop and conduct appropriate and patriotic programs possibly during all-campus event featuring a school band and/or school choir performance featuring invited community guest



speakers if appropriate and approved by the school principal. The STAR DAY birthday celebration may also feature STAR DAY birthday party refreshments for invite guests created by student and their families including community business participation and offered at their school library in a “Meet and Greet” hospitality program. The reader may wish to explore “**The Spirit of STAR DAY 2014 Celebration Report**” and “**The Spirit of STAR DAY 2012 Celebration Report**” found on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at the STAR DAY tab illustrating TSD programs.

At a School Post TSD event “**The Spirit of STAR DAY School Address**” issued by the Governor may be read by a student selected by the School principal. The Spirit of STAR DAY School Address has been issued by Texas Governors each year at the request of The STAR DAY Foundation for over 20 years beginning on February 19, 1996, the first year of celebrating STAR DAY, the birthday of the State of Texas. “**The Spirit of STAR DAY “TWO JIMA DAY” Proclamation**” issued by the Governor beginning in 2015 may also be read at the event by a student selected by the School principal. These STAR DAY communications and others may be found and downloaded for use at a school STAR DAY event from the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at the STAR DAY tab. The STAR DAY tab on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation shall feature a multi-part history of “The Spirit of STAR DAY” from 1996-2016. In addition, five (5) “Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration Reports” beginning with the current year shall be posted for review and study as an activity of TSD. When February 19 falls on a Saturday, the school event may be scheduled on the previous Friday. When February 19 falls on a Sunday, the school event may be schedules on the next Monday.

A partnering Texas school that has chartered a TSD of The Corps the school may also wish to expand their after-school library expanded learning opportunities student studies program by organizing and maintaining a “**Texas First PALS Student Study Group (TFP)**.” The STAR DAY Foundation organized The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State of Texas Hall of Honor hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000 to honor and remember the life and legacy of Texas men and women who have been noted for being “First” in a walk-of-life and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas. A Texan may be nominated by a member of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps for induction. The Nominator shall be required to conduct research and author a First PALS of Texas Induction Story Bookmark to be approved by the editors of The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and shall be required to plan, develop and conduct an Induction Service event. The Nominator shall also prepare and submit to The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor an Induction Service Event Report featuring the inductees’ Story Bookmark. A Texas school supporting a TFP shall provide students with the opportunity in partnership with their faculty sponsor(s) to study, research, recommend and nominate an inductee(s) and plan, develop, conduct and document an Induction Service Event at their school library or other approved venue by the School principal as a unique service achievement of merit STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas.

A partnering Texas school that has chartered a TSD of The Corps may also wish to expand their after-school library expanded learning opportunities student studies program by organizing and maintaining a “**Texas Bison Student Study Group (TB)**” whose statewide service

achievement of merit activities are illustrated in this report. The STAR DAY Foundation has pioneered and led an effort in partnership with Texas school over the last 20 years to plan, develop and conduct a variety of Texas Student Study Group programs commended by Texas Governors. In this report, “**The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group (TA)**” and “**The Texas Silver Student Study Group (TS)**” activities with partnering Texas schools are illustrated.

## **THE ORGANIZATION**

The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps (The Corps) is organized with a “**State Corps Post Commander**” appointed by The STAR DAY Foundation and 20 “**Regional Corps Post Commanders**” each appointed by the State Corps Commander. The word “**Post**” is an acronym for “**Point Of Service in Texas.**”

The State Corps Post Commander and the twenty (20) Regional Corps Post Commanders constitute “**The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps Regional Post Council.**” Each of the twenty (20) PALS of Texas Corps Post Regions coincides with a Texas Education Service Centers (ESC) defined by the Texas Education Agency and are designated as a “**Volunteer Service Centers (VSC).**”

The Regional Corps Post Commanders are formally designated as the “**VSC Corps Post Commanders.**” In each school district of a VSC, a “**School District Corps Post Commander**” is appointed by The PALS of Texas VSC Corps Post Commander. The VSC Corps Post Commander and the School District Corps Post Commanders of a VSC constitutes a “**VSC Corps Post Council.**”

For each school in a School District, a “**School Corps Post Commander**” is appointed by School District Corps Post Commander. The School District Corps Post Commander together with the School Corps Post Commanders constitutes a “**School District Corps Post Council.**”

When a school charts a “Texas STAR DAY Student Study Group (TSD)”, the school is said have charted a “**Post**” (**Point Of Service in Texas**) of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The participating students in a TSD at a School Post are designated as volunteers of “**The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps**” of The PALS of Volunteers Corps. The adult volunteer members of a TSD at a School Post including volunteer parents and community volunteers are designated as volunteers of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps.

## **THE AWARDS**

The STAR DAY Foundation has developed “**The PALS of Texas Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) Awards Program**” to honor and recognize volunteers and the volunteer service initiatives planned, developed and conducted at partnering Texas schools that have established a Post of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps.

# CHAPTER 2

## “BISONSTAR”



**PHOTOGRAPH 1:** A female bison calf born during May 2013 at Caprock Canyons State Park has been designated the “**Official Mascot**” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The photograph was captured by Caprock Canyons State Park Interpretive Ranger and Park Volunteer Coordinator Le’Ann Pigg. Park Ranger Pigg also serves as an Advisor of The Group.

## DONATION PREMIUM GIFT (DPG) KITS

The STAR DAY Foundation shall offer a variety of “Donation Premium Gifts” as thank-you gifts for students and their families who donate to The STAR DAY Foundation in support of the goal and activities of “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund**” hosted by The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers of The STAR DAY Foundation. The following initial Donation Premium Gift Kits are introduced in this report with supporting descriptions and historical references:

**DPG KIT 1:** THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH KIT (\$36)-page 8

**DPG KIT 2A:** THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH HERD EXPANSION KITS (\$20)-page 16

**DPG KIT 2B:** THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH HERD EXPANSION KITS (\$25)-page 16

**DPG KIT 2C:** THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH HERD EXPANSION KITS (\$30)-page 16

**DPG KIT 2D:** THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH HERD EXPANSION KITS (\$35)-page 16

**DPG KIT 3:** THE TEXAS SILVER BISON (1 GRAM) KIT (\$18)-page 40

**DPG KIT 4:** THE TEXAS SILVER BISON (40 GRAM) KIT (\$120)-page 43

**DPG KIT 5A:** THE TEXAS FLAG OF SILVER (10 GRAM) KIT (\$60)-page 47

**DPG KIT 5B:** THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT MONUMENT KIT (\$72)-page 50

**DPG KIT 6:** THE “MY BISONSTAR” POSTER KIT (\$24)-page 60

**DPG KIT 7:** THE “CHARLES GOODNIGHT-PIONEER COWMAN” BOOK KIT (\$40)-page 67



# **THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD SPIRIT BISON RANCH KIT (DPG KIT 1)**



## **“MY BISONSTAR” BUCKEROOS**



**PHOTOGRAPH 2:** The STAR DAY Foundation has launched an challenging student project to invite Texas school-age children in partnership with their parents, grandparents and other relative to volunteer as a member of “The Junior Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to plan, develop and conduct annual fundraising activities as their schedules permit to save money to be matched by their parents with the goal to donate their student savings to The STAR DAY Foundation as a “Service Achievement of Merit (SAM)” STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas. The Motto of The Fund proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group is: **“Be a Texas BisonStar Buddy Buckaroo, Donate a Buck or Two!”**



“The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection” as illustrated in Photograph 2 is one of seven (7) “Donation Premium Gifts” offered to students and their families as thank-you gifts for rounding, saving and donation money to support additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives at the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park and the unique bison herd at the park now known as “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” as proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.



**PHOTOGRAPH 3:** The “State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Land Grant Family Homestead Spirit Bison Ranch Kit” contents are contained in a “**State of Texas Treasure Box.**” A larger State of Texas Treasure Box is also illustrated. For a \$36 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation at its website, The DPG Kit 1 shall be shipped from the City of Quitaque in Briscoe County, Texas by The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation to the donor’s US address..

Each “Donation Premium Gift” illustrated in this report has been designed by “**The State of Texas Treasure Workshop (The Workshop)**” established as a nonprofit division of The STAR DAY Foundation. “**Donation Premium Gifts**” shall be manufactured, inventoried, illustrated, packaged and shipped to donors from “**The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation**” established as a for-profit division of The STAR DAY Foundation. TBM shall also manage and upgrade the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at: <http://www.thestardayfoundation.org>. TBM shall create at the website “**The Pioneers and Leaders of the State of Texas Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center)**” to illustrate currently available “Donation Premium Gifts” offerings of The STAR Day Foundation. In addition, TBM shall also feature “The Texas BisonStar Press (The Press)” and “The Texas BisonStar Bakery (The Bakery).” The Press shall publish media proposed by The Workshop. The Bakery shall bake, package and distribute a “cookie package” to partnering Texas schools to support fund raising initiatives of students and their families in support of the goal and activities of The Fund. A description of **The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins** is illustrated below.





**PHOTOGRAPH 4:** The design of the One Dollar (40mm x 3mm) “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin.



**PHOTOGRAPH 5:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall introduce a 40mm x 3mm Aluminum “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin in a plastic coin capsule that shall be offered as a “Donation Premium Gift” to Texas families and their children. The coins are displayed using plastic folding easels available as a supporting Donation Premium Gift from The PALS of Texas Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center).





**PHOTOGRAPH 6:** The design of the Five Dollar (40mm x 3mm) “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin.



**PHOTOGRAPH 7:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall introduce a 40mm x 3mm Copper “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin in a capsule that shall be offered as a “Donation Premium Gift” to Texas families and their children. The coins are displayed using plastic folding easels available as a supporting Donation Premium Gift from The PALS of Texas Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center).





**PHOTOGRAPH 8:** The design of the Ten Dollar (40mm x 3mm) “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin.



**PHOTOGRAPH 9:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall introduce a (40mm x 3mm) 24kt Gold plated “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin in a plastic capsule that shall be offered as a “Donation Premium Gift” to Texas families and their children. The coins are displayed using plastic folding easels available as a supporting Donation Premium Gift from The PALS of Texas Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center).

The above “State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection” is offered for a \$36 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation and is composed of six **“ONE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COINS”** (Aluminum), two **“FIVE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COINS”** (Copper) and two **“TEN DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COINS”** (24K gold plated). Each coin is placed in a plastic coin capsule. A **“Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers Badge”** is included. The PALS of Texas Volunteers Badge is a 1 inch diameter lapel pin design featuring a pin/cap back. A **“Texas Flag of Sky Camp Goodnight Texas Tent”** (card) which is uniquely numbered is also enclosed. The Tent is a State of Texas Treasure commemorative created by The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group. A **“State of Texas Treasure Box”** with a white fiber insert is used as a treasure box for the coins, badge and Texas Flag of Sky Camp Goodnight Texas Tent. The top of the box features the **“Official Seal”** of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.” The Collection shall be offered in 2017 as a **“State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Land Grant Family Homestead Spirit Bison Ranch Kit (DPG KIT 1)”** providing a student with the opportunity to own and operate his/her Spirit Bison Ranch Herd. Additional Collections shall be offered to expand a student’s Spirit Bison Ranch Herd.

The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection Report is presented to The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers of The STAR DAY Foundation at The Luncheon and shall be posted on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection” illustrated in this report is one of five (5) initial collections that shall be offered as a “Donation Premium Gift” for Texas school-age children in partnership with their parents, grandparents and other relatives. The **DPG KIT 1** collection is offered for a \$36 donation made at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation in support of the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group.

The three (3) State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins of the collection illustrated in the photograph above are offered by The STAR DAY Foundation as **“Donation Premium Gifts”** for Texas students in partnership with their parents, grandparents and other relatives for saving and making donations to The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund).”

The three State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins were designed by Thomas S. Cleveland, a former United States Mint Coin Designer. Cleveland owns and operates “The Artist Within Schools” in Cypress and Houston Texas. Cleveland is the Art and Graphics Department Director of The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation established in 2014 by The STAR DAY Foundation as a Texas for-profit small business to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection is a component of The Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Premium Gift Collection which also features The Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Coin Collection. “Silver” was designated by the State of Texas Legislature in 2007 as “The Official Precious Metal of the State of Texas” as proposed by The Texas Silver Student Study Group (SB 22) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

The obverse side of each State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin features an image of “BisonStar.” “BisonStar” is the “Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. She was born at Caprock Canyons State Park in May 2013 and is considered by The Texas Bison Student Study Group to be a “**State of Texas Treasure!**” Each State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin features the use of “**The Official Seal of the State of Texas**” on the reverse side of the coins. Governor Rick Perry, a STAR DAY 1999 Founder, authorized the use of “The Official Seal of the State of Texas” at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group to support the offering of The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins and other related precious metal coins. The Collection is designed by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop (The Workshop) and manufactured and distributed by The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation (The Mint). The Workshop and The Mint have been established by The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of The Fund.

The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins are offered in “Donation Savings Denominations” of \$1, \$5 and \$10. The \$1 State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin represents a one-year old “BisonStar.” In a similar fashion, the \$5 and \$10 State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin represents a five-year old and ten year-old “BisonStar” respectively. When a student saves and makes a donation with the help of his/her parents, grandparents or other relatives at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation to The Fund, a collection of donation savings coins are sent to the student by The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation.

As an example, if a family makes a \$36 donation in the name of their school-age child to The STAR DAY Foundation, a collection of ten (10) State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins are sent to the donating family with a thank-you note. The ten (10) State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection represents the \$36 donation made and is composed of two \$10, two \$5 and six \$1 State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins. A \$20 “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin is being designed by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop and shall be manufactured by The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation.

The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar Donation Savings Coin Collection donation proceeds are divided into two (2) interrelated funds which shall support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Seventy (70) percent of the donation proceeds of each family donation supports the goal of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” and is directly placed in “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund”. Thirty (30) percent of the donation proceeds of each family donation supports the activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” and is directly placed in “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library Fund”.

The State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection (Donation Premium Gift (#36) shall provide parents with a parent activity to pioneer in partnership with their Texas school-age child an opportunity to explore and discover knowledge and skills in

saving money and at the same time making donations to The STAR DAY Foundation as an annual service achievement of merit STAR DAY birthday gift to the State of Texas supporting additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park. Each participating student would pioneer and lead an activity to raise money with their parents matching their savings so that the student may acquire a “State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection. Each coin in a collection represents and documents a “Donation Savings Denomination” such as a \$1, \$5 and \$10 donation make to The STAR DAY Foundation whose proceeds support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund”

The coins are awarded to the partnering students as a “**Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) Award**” for their service in raising, saving and donating money with the help of their parents and other relatives to The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund”

A participating family in partnership with their school-age student(s) making a donation to The STAR DAY Foundation will participate in “**The Great State of Texas Treasure Donation Land Grant Program.**” Not every family can own and operate a Texas Bison Ranch but in this case, a family will plan, develop and conduct an expedition to travel on “**The Quitaque Trail**” from their home to “The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness” in Briscoe County, Texas to stake out a Family Homestead parcel of land (Texas Flag of Land) to establish and maintain their “**Family Homestead Donation Land Grant Spirit Bison Ranch**” featuring a “BisonStar Spirit Bison Herd” composed of “Spirit Bison” each represented by one State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Saving Coin. The donation saving denomination of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 each represents a bison one year old, five years old, ten years old and twenty years old respectively.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall launch a statewide effort to visit the twenty (20) Education Service Centers (ESC) established and maintained by the Texas Education Department (TEA) to support the mission and activities of Texas public schools districts in partnership with parents of Texas K-12 students. The STAR DAY Foundation shall seek to share the story of The Texas Bison Student Study Group goal and activities with Texas 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade school principals, librarians, teachers, students and their families and community volunteers and sponsoring community businesses in a series of Story Telling School Student Sessions and Librarian and Teacher Workshops at schools created by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop.

# **THE FAMILY HOMESTEAD DONATION LAND GRANT SPIRIT BISON RANCH HERD EXPANSION KITS**

The State of Texas Treasure Workshop has created four (4) Donation Premium Gift (DPG-2A, B, C and D) packages to provide students with the opportunity to roundup, save and donate to The STAR DAY Foundation “United States Dollars” and trade them for “State of Texas Donation Savings Coins” to support the goal and activities of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas and expand their Family Homestead Spirit Bison Ranch Herd!

The **DPG 2A KIT** shall be offered for a \$20 donation. The DPG 2A Kit is composed of one (1) **TEN DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN**, one (1) **FIVE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** and five (5) **ONE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COINS** packaged in a plastic bag and sent to the donor with a thank-you letter by First Class USPS mail to the donor’s US address.

The **DPG 2B KIT** shall be offered for a \$25 donation. The DPG 2B Kit is composed of one (1) **TWENTY DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** and one (1) **FIVE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** packaged in a plastic bag and sent to the donor with a thank-you letter by First Class USPS mail to the donor’s US address. The design of the Twenty Dollar Donation Savings Coin has been approved by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop and samples shall be manufactured by The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation in early 2017.

The **DPG 2C KIT** shall be offered for a \$30 donation. The DPG 2A Kit is composed of one (1) **TWENTY DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN**, one (1) **FIVE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** and five (5) **ONE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COINS** packaged in a plastic bag and sent to the donor with a thank-you letter by First Class USPS mail to the donor’s US address.

The **DPG 2D KIT** shall be offered for a \$35 donation. The DPG 2B Kit is composed of one (1) **TWENTY DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN**, one (1) **TEN DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** and one (1) **FIVE DOLLAR DONATION SAVINGS COIN** packaged in a plastic bag and sent to the donor with a thank-you letter by First Class USPS mail to the donor’s US address.



# CHAPTER 3

## THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP



**MAY 7, 2011-AN EXPEDITION TO CIBOLO CREEK RANCH-PRESIDIO COUNTY**

Students from Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) in Presidio County gathered on a high bluff to explore and study a herd of bison located in a valley below as the bison migrated toward a watering hole located close by at a natural spring shaded by cottonwood and grey oak trees on the 30,000 acre Cibolo Creek Ranch established by Don Meliton (Milton) Faver (ca 1822-1899) in 1857 and owned today by Dr. John B. Poindexter. The expedition to the Cibolo Creek Ranch was supervised by Science Teachers Cynthia Obrero (Photographer) and Jaspher Valeriano (Back Row-Right). The Expedition school bus driver was Manuel Aguilar. The Ranch expedition was guided by Ranch Manager Robert Cavness (Back Row-3<sup>rd</sup> left), and Ranch Activities Director Mike “Sugar” Dorris (Back Row-2<sup>nd</sup> Left).

A group of students at Presidio ISD LRFMS had been initially organized as “The Texas Student Bison Study Group” on September 12, 2010 under the supervision of Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso under the direction of President Dennis M. Kulvicki (Back Row-Left) as an after-school student enrichment program.

The Group is engaged in studies to explore and discover ancient Texas Bison, the Texas State Bison Herd at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe and Floyd counties, and to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover the benefits of the use of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with school cafeteria staff and family volunteers to enhance the school year lunch menu program with a lower fat and calorie content meat. The Group shall also explore and propose ways and means to support the work of the Texas State Bison Herd Management Team whose mission is save the Texas Herd Bison Herd from extinction in these very difficult economic times and engage in activities to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas.

After a lunch at a beautiful tree shaded natural spring, the students returned from the field to explore and discover the history of “EL FORTIN DEL CIBOLO (The Fort)”, one of three forts established by Faver protecting natural range springs with a tour led by Cindy Hernandez. Dr. Poindexter pioneered and led a decade-long conservation, preservation and restoration effort to historically recreate the three forts established by Faver as ranch guest accommodations featuring an internationally known restaurant. The Cibolo Creek Ranch is located on the frontier of the Great State of Texas at <http://www.cibolocreekranch.com>. The photograph was taken by school science teacher Cynthia Obrero.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group after review and study proposed that the bison herd at Caprock Canyons State Park be designated by the Texas State Legislature as “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS.” House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 86) was filed on March 7, 2011. The bill designates the “Texas State Bison Herd” at Caprock Canyons State Park as the “Official State Bison Herd of Texas.” State Representative Pete Gallego was the initial author of HCR 86. State Representative Warren Chisum at the request of Rep. Gallego volunteered to be the primary author of HCR 86. State Representative Jim Landtroop and State Representative Pete Gallego volunteered to be joint authors of HCR 86. Caprock Canyons State Park, home of the Goodnight Bison Herd, is located in the Districts of Rep. Chisum and Rep. Landtroop. HCR 86 was sponsored by State Senator Robert Duncan. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter to honor, recognize LRFMS teachers and students for their service achievement of merit in proposing HCR 86.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group also pioneered and led a successful effort to invite the Texas State Legislature in 2013 to designate September 12 as “THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT DAY” in Texas and to designate March 5 as “THE CHARLES GOODNIGHT DAY” in Texas with the support of State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Ken King. In addition, The Texas Bison Student Study Group pioneered and led a successful effort to invite the Texas State Legislature in 2015 to designate the City of Quitaque in Briscoe County as “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS.”

The Texas Bison Student Study Group seeks to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover the life and legacy of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1939-1926) who pioneered and led an effort to save the last free-roaming bison of “The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd” on The John Adair (JA) Ranch (**SB 12-16**) in Palo Duro Canyon beginning in 1876 with

the help of her husband Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), the first Manager and part-owner of The JA Ranch.

The JA Ranch in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department rounded up the last 36 bison found on the ranch and donated them in 1997 to 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park located just a few miles north of the City of Quitaque in Briscoe County. The exciting story of the roundup may be explored in an article from the *Texas Magazine* posted with permission at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at: <http://thestardayfoundation.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/NUMBER-2-THE-TEXAS-PARKS-AND-WILDLIFE-MAGAZINE-MARCH-2011-ARTICLE-RUSSELL-ROE.pdf>.


The reader may ask the question what is a “**State of Texas Treasure**” The Texas Bison Student Study Group hosted by The Pioneers and Leaders of the State of Texas Volunteers and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation knows the answer to this important question! The answer is: “**THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS!**”





# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to the:*

### Texas Bison Student Study Group

*Congratulations on your efforts to establish the Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund. Texas is renowned for its rich agricultural and ranching traditions, and bison are an important part of our heritage. Though nearly hunted to extinction in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bison are making a comeback thanks to conservation efforts by Texans of all ages. Your hard work has played a key role in preserving our native bison population.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes.*

*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.*



  
Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas

# "OLD BLUE"



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### **CULBERSON COUNTY-VAN HORN-MAY 31, 2007-THE THREE AMIGOS!**

Robert Stuckey, Curator of The Culberson County Historical Museum at the historic Clarke Hotel in Van Horn, hosted a special meeting of The Culberson County POST (Point Of Service in Texas) of The PALS (Pioneers And Leaders of the State) of Texas Volunteers Corps to report and review service achievements of merit conducted during 2007 in partnership with Texas Junior High and Middle Schools supervised by School Principals and guided by volunteer teachers and their students.

The Texas State and Regional POSTs of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps was proposed by Dennis M. Kulvicki (center) and established by The STAR DAY Foundation in

2000. In each Texas County, The STAR DAY Foundation is inviting persons to volunteer and enlist to honor and remember the lives and achievements of men and women of their respective counties who have passed, who are generally known for being first in a walk of life or who have had made a notable first and who had made service achievements of merit for the state; to pioneer and lead Induction Service Events hosted by their county institutions to induct nominated persons into **“THE FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS HALL OF HONOR”** sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation since 2000; to invite county Junior High and Middle School Social Studies Department teachers and students to volunteer to pioneer and lead and effort as a service achievements of merit for our state to identify, nominate and conduct studies of potential inductees by organizing **“TEXAS FIRST PALS STUDENT STUDY GROUPS”** chartered by The STAR DAY Foundation with the help of community volunteers to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas.

Jimmie Bemont (left) in the photograph above, a well-known El Paso sculptor represented The El Paso County POST of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps at the meeting. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the attendees to share the service achievements of merit pioneered and led by teachers and their students of The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps.

The meeting was held on the day when a Texas Blue Moon rises. The Great Texas Old Blue Bison Constellation Project sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation was officially announced by Kulvicki at the meeting as a conservation, preservation and restoration project to help pioneer and lead a statewide fundraising effort with the help of The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps at partnering schools to support and enhance the work of the men and women of The Texas State Bison Herd. Bemont, Kulvicki and Stuckey are Board Members of The STAR DAY Foundation.





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**CULBERSON COUNTY-VAN HORN**-Dennis M. Kulvicki (left) visits Robert Stuckey, the Curator of the Culberson County Historical Museum located in the historic Clark Hotel in Van Horn, to formally announce **THE GREAT TEXAS “OLD BLUE BISON” CONSTELLATION PROJECT (The Project)** as an activity of the “Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group)” organized on September 12, 2010 at Presidio ISD Lucy Franco Middle School under the supervision by School Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation primarily as an after-school expanded learning opportunities student enrichment program. The Group shall pioneer and lead an effort to define a Sky Constellation in the shape of a bison using stars that are visible in the overhead night sky on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> of September each year. Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) with the help of her husband Charles Goodnight (1836-1929) helped save the last free-roaming Texas prairie bison from extinction in the late 1800’s. The surviving Goodnight bison are now maintained by the Texas State Bison Herd Management Team of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County. Ms. Vicki Sybert, a member of the Texas State Bison Herd Management Team, has volunteered to serve as an Advisor to The Group. Mr. Robert Cavness, Cibolo Creek Ranch (Presidio County) Manager is an Advisor. Mr. Stuckey is also an Advisor to The Group.



**FEBRUARY 20, 2013-CLARK HOTEL MUSEUM, VAN HORN-CULBERSON COUNTY**-The STAR DAY Foundation is pleased to announce that Patricia Golden, Director of the Clark Hotel Museum in Van Horn, Culberson County, has volunteered to be an Advisor of The Texas Bison Student Study Group replacing Robert Stuckey, Director of the Clark Hotel Museum, who recently retired. Robert Stuckey and also served as a Board Member of The STAR DAY Foundation since 2007. Stuckey pioneered and led numerous historical initiatives in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation. Patricia Golden has been designated by The STAR DAY Foundation as “THE OFFICIAL GREAT TEXAS OLD BLUE BISON SCULPTURE GUARDIAN.”

The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation named the “First Female” bison of The Great Texas Southern Plains Herd to be born on the land that is now know as the State of Texas-“**OLD BLUE.**” “**BISONSTAR**”, the Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group born during May 2013 is a female bison member of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas roaming free over the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park whose entrance is just 3 miles north of the City of Quitaque know known as The Official State Bison Capital of Texas as designated by the Texas State Legislature in 2015 as proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group.

The Texas Old Blue Bison sculpture illustrated in the photograph was donated to the Culberson County Historical Museum located in the historic Clark Hotel in Van Horn by the

Marian Blakemore Museum Planetarium of Midland. Mr. Larry D. Simpson, owner and editor of The Van Horn Advocate, pioneered and led the donation effort with Mr. Frank Cahoon of Midland. The Texas Old Blue Bison sculpture was painted by artist Karen Winkler of the Children's Museum of the Southwest Museum of Art of Midland in a scheme featuring celestial planets and stars.

The Texas Old Blue Bison sculpture was sponsored by the family that owned the Longfellow Ranch in Culberson County which was purchased by Jeff Bezos, founder and owner of Amazon.com to establish the Blue Origin launch facility. The Texas Old Blue Bison sculpture was created by the Marian Blakemore Museum Planetarium to symbolize space as the last frontier of Texas being pioneered and led by the Blue Origin launch facility in Culberson County set to launch people into space from Culberson County. Dr. Andrew Kerr, Curator of the Marian Blakemore Museum has volunteered to pioneer and lead the effort to create The Great Texas "Old Blue" Bison Sky Constellation in partnership with the West Texas Astronomer Club membership which meets on the second of each month at the planetarium.

Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), the "First Manager" in 1876 of The John Adair (JA) Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon, had a longhorn steer named "Old Blue" that was used to lead his cattle herds on the trail to the railhead to ship cattle to the east. Goodnight would bring "Old Blue" back to his ranch and plan another cattle drive with the help of his "Old Blue!"



# CHAPTER 4

## THE TEXAS ASTRONOMY STUDENT STUDY GROUP



**NOVEMBER 14, 2011-THE MARIAN BLAKEMORE PLANETARIUM-MIDLAND, TEXAS-**Dr. Andrew Kerr, Curator (Back Row, Second From Left) of The Marian Blakemore Planetarium, and the members of the West Texas Astronomers (WTA) Club announced completion of the first phase of **THE GREAT TEXAS “OLD BLUE” BISON CONSTELLATION PROJECT (The Project).** Seated Front: Love Swimming Bear; L to R: Frances Gonzales, Bruce Moore, Sara Moore, Daryl Lane, Charles Hemann, Michael Hemann, Harry Harrison, Andrew Kerr, Mike Jacquez, Dennis Edwards, Greg Johnson, Al Smith, Don Eckerty, Jim Camp. The picture was taken by WTA Club Member Craig Patterson.

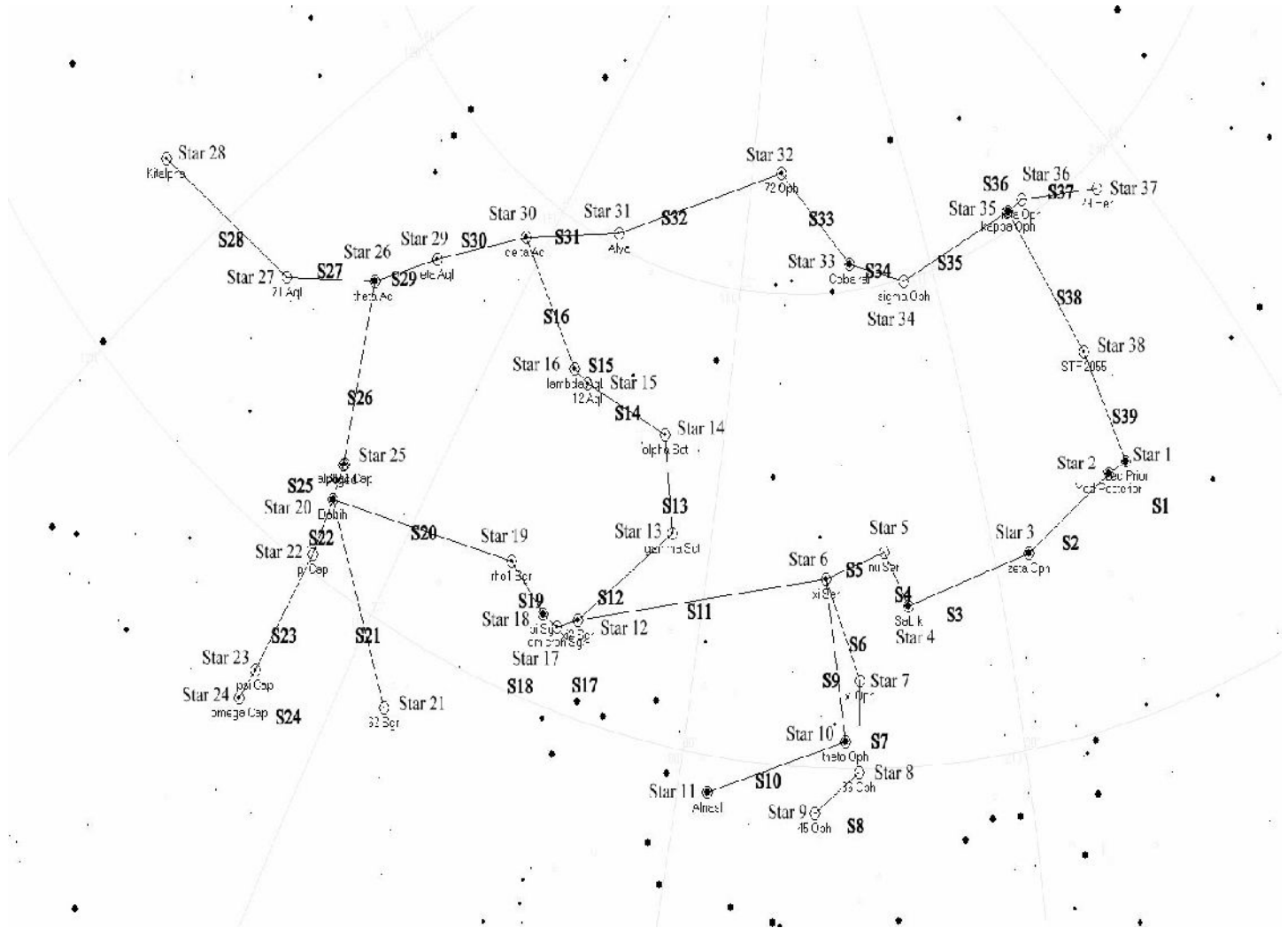
The Texas Bison Student Study Group proposed to The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation a STEM (Science, Technology Engineering

and Mathematic) research and design project to honor and memorialize “**OLD BLUE.**” Midland Planetarium Director Dr. Andrew Kerr volunteered to be the Advisor of The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group to pioneer and lead the STEM objectives of the project in partnership with volunteers of The West Texas Astronomy Club of Midland. The project was composed of two (2) astronomy STEM objectives. The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group would conduct research and design a “Sky Constellation” and a “Sky Valley.”

The Sky Constellation was created to be a 254 star constellation, one star for each Texas County, designed in the shape of a Bison facing west and rising in the night sky during the summer in the southern sky to honor and memorialize “**OLD BLUE.**” The Sky Valley is simply a sky rectangle specified by four (4) sky points. The Sky Valley is immediately east of The Sky Constellation. The sky rectangle is designed with an aspect ratio of 1.5 as is the State of Texas Flag. The Sky Valley is designated as a “Texas Flag of Sky.” The Sky Valley is partitioned into a matrix of smaller 7,920 by 7,920 Texas Flags of Sky by specifying that sky points so that each smaller sky rectangle is of aspect ratio of 1.5. Each smaller Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley is like a window in the night sky! The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group hypothesizes that each smaller Texas Flag of Sky has at least one visible star that may be observed with an appropriate telescope. Since each smaller Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley has at least one visible star that star shall be associated with its Texas Flag of Sky as the “Lone Star” of a State of Texas flag. Furthermore each “Lone Star” of a Texas Flag of Shy shall represent the “Spirit” of a bison of The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd that was born on the land that is now known as the State of Texas over the thousands and thousands of year that bison roamed free.

From The Sky Valley design specifications above, it is estimated that as many as 62,726,400 (7,920 x 7,920) bison may have been born and roamed free over the millennia on the land that is now the State of Texas! As “**OLD BLUE**” runs west across the night, the “**Spirit Bison Herd**” in The Sky Valley follows their leader “**OLD BLUE**” on their annual Spirit Bison migration trail (The Quitaque Trail) across the night sky forever and ever! The Sky Valley and The Sky Constellation together form “**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT SKY MONUMENT (The Sky Monument).**” “**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LAND MONUMENT (The Land Monument)**” is a projection of The Sky Monument onto the ground. The Sky Monument and The Land Monument together form “**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT MONUMENT (The Monument).**”

# THE CONSTELLATION



## THE GREAT TEXAS "OLD BLUE" BISON CONSTELLATION STAR MAP



# THE 2012 SAM AWARD



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**FEBRUARY 20, 2012-THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2012 CELEBRATION-** Dr. Andrew Kerr (right), Curator of The Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland (<http://museumsww.org>), is a "SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2012 SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT (SAM) AWARD" recipient honored and recognized at "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2012 CELEBRATION" by Dennis M. Kulvicki, President of the STAR DAY Foundation. The EVENT was hosted by Alpine Middle School (<http://www.alpine.esc18.net/MP.cfm?P=5241>) in Alpine, Brewster County and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The EVENT was planned, developed, conducted and supervised by School Principal Miriam (Panchi) Scown in partnership with teachers, the school librarian, students, school staff and others to observe the anniversary of the 166<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Great State of Texas as a service achievement of merit for our state. Dr. Kerr was honored and recognized for pioneering and leading an effort in partnership with the West Texas Astronomers Club, whose amateur astronomer membership meets at the Planetarium monthly, to direct "THE GREAT TEXAS BLUE BISON CONSTELLATION (ASTERISM) PROJECT." The Project was formally announced on February 16, 2011 at the Culberson County Historical Museum which is the home of "THE GREAT TEXAS BLUE BISON" sculpture created and presented to the Culberson County Historical Museum as a partnership gift to honor and remember the last Texas Bison that roamed free across Texas and whose spirit now is depicted by a project created constellation (asterism) of 254 stars (one for each Texas County) viewable high in the southern sky beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup> each year, the birthday of Molly Goodnight (1839-1926).



# CHAPTER 5

## THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP



### **OCTOBER 23, 2010-PRESIDIO COUNTY -EXPEDITION TO THE SHAFTER SILVER MINE-THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP.**

Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) students embark on a hands-on expedition to explore and discover the history, science, technology engineering and mathematics and the founding and founders associated with the emerging Shafter Silver Mining operations as an after-school student “**Expanded Learning Opportunities Network (ELON) Program**” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The following text is from a Texas State Legislature bill proposed in 2007 by The Texas Silver Student Study Group to designate “**SILVER**” as “**The Official Precious Metal of Texas.**” The photograph was captured by Dennis M. Kulvicki, The Shafter Silver Mine Expedition Project Coordinator.

*“The State of Texas has customarily recognized a variety of official symbols as tangible representations of the state’s culture and history.*

*The precious metal silver has played a prominent role in the story of the Lone Star State, and it continues to be a visible part of Texas culture, reflecting the enduring influence of Spanish colonial design and the western heritage that is so much a part of the state's lore.*

*Silver has been mined in Texas for more than three centuries, beginning shortly after the Spanish established their first permanent settlements in the area in the late 1600s; the first mines were founded by Franciscan friars who dug for silver deposits near El Paso, and these same sites were worked periodically for the next 200 years.*

*In the late 1800s, prospectors began exploring other parts of West Texas, with figures such as John W. Spencer, Samuel B. Buckley, Lieutenant John L. Bullis, and Colonel William R. Shafter focusing their efforts on Presidio County; this led to the opening of the Shafter Mining District, which was the site of the famous Presidio Mine; operated between 1884 and 1947, it produced more than 90 percent of all the silver that has ever been mined in Texas and became a prominent business that spurred greater development in the Big Bend region.*

*Other mining districts in the state also yielded silver; Hudspeth and Culberson Counties were home to the Van Horn-Allamore and the Plata Verde Districts, and Hudspeth County also contained the Quitman Mountains District; in addition, Brewster County was the site of the Altuda Mountain District, and mining took place at locations in Llano, Mason, and Gillespie Counties in the Hill Country; in total, Texas mines yielded more than 33 million fine ounces of silver, which had a value of nearly \$23.5 million, between 1885 and 1952; the manual labor of carving these riches from the rocks fell to a hardy group of miners who, in true Texan fashion, used their skill and determination to complete a difficult and dangerous job.*

*Most mining came to an end in the 1950s, but interest in harvesting the state's silver deposits continues; 20 million troy ounces of the metal are believed to still remain in the Shafter Mining District, and resources of this kind may prove profitable given silver's widespread use in commercial and industrial applications, where it plays a role in everything from photography to coin making, x-rays, water treatment, and electronics.*

*Jewelry makers and other artisans also rely on this precious metal, and the stately sheen of silver is a key element in beautiful stylistic designs, both rustic and refined, that can be seen throughout Texas; in belt buckles, tie clasps, and boot decorations, it is a staple of the western-wear fashions that harken back to the state's pioneer past; moreover, silver's rich, pure luster also makes it a favorite material for religious jewelry and other devotional objects, as well as any item or decoration that may benefit from its luxurious, glittering hues.*

*In both its historical and economic significance and its enduring connections to Texas imagery and culture, silver is a fitting symbol for the state and its people, and it is indeed appropriate that this metal receive special legislative recognition."*

The above italics text is the actual text of House Concurrent Resolution 102 signed into law on June 15, 2007 by Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder. "The Texas Silver Student Study Group (The Group)" was organized on October 16, 2006, the birthday of Shafter Silver Mine Founder General William Rufus Shafter (1835-1906), at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) as an after-school student enrichment program under the



supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras and guided by volunteer teachers and others of The PALS of Texas Volunteer Corps of The STAR DAY Foundation with the sponsorship of The STAR DAY Foundation. The Group proposed a bill in 2007 to designate “Silver” as “The Official State Precious Metal of Texas” as a service achievement of merit “SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2007” birthday gift for the State of Texas. State Representative Gallego filed HCR 102 on STAR DAY, February 19, 2007!

State Representative Pete P. Gallego volunteered to be the author of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 102. State Senator Carlos Uresti volunteered to be the sponsor of HCR 102. The Texas Silver Student Study Group planned, developed and conducted several STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics expeditions to the Shafter Silver Mine in Presidio County approximately 20 miles north of Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the City of Presidio in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation and sponsored by the Aurcana Corporation of Canada, new owner of the Shafter Silver Mine to explore and discover the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics principles of silver mining with mine engineers and staff. The Group has proposed “**THE TEXAS SILVER WORKS CAMPAIGN!**” in 2007 to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover ways and means to create silver donation savings coins whose donation proceeds may be used to fund Texas conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter to honor, recognize LRFMS teachers and students for their service achievement of merit in proposing HCR 102 on October 19, 2007.



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye, that this certificate is presented in  
recognition of:*

**Presidio County Franco Middle School  
Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS)  
Texas Junior Legislator Program**

*in honor of your contributions to*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 102**

*I am pleased to congratulate all of The STAR DAY Foundation honorees: Presidio County Franco Middle School students, history teacher Michael Vogel, and school principal Teresa Porras, for their contributions during the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the Texas legislature in passing House Concurrent Resolution No. 102 by Pete Gallego designating silver as the official precious metal of Texas.*

*Students, your participation in this legislation played an important role in commemorating the history, culture and economics of silver in Texas. Educators, by encouraging leadership through the PALS of Texas Junior Legislator Program, you encouraged our young Texans to follow through with their dreams to achieve a future of excellence. I commend your efforts to add to the story of Texas.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in extending best wishes.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State of  
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin,  
this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.*

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas



## THE 2012 SAM AWARD



**PHOTOGRAPH 9:** Dennis M. Kulvicki President of The STAR DAY Foundation presented “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2012 Service Achievements of Merit (SAM) Awards” established by The STAR DAY Foundation to honor and recognize persons for their outstanding volunteer service achievements of merit in support of the Mission of The STAR DAY Foundation. Mr. Kulvicki honored recipient Presidio Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Principal Teresa Porras and recognized her for pioneering and leading effort to create after-school student enrichment programs sponsored in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation during 2006-2011. Principal Porras supervised “THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP” established at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the fall of 2006 by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Group invited State Representative Pete P. Gallego, Jr. to volunteer and author a bill during the 2007 Texas legislative session to designate “SILVER” as the “OFFICIAL PRECIOUS METAL OF TEXAS.” State Senator Carlos Uresti sponsored the bill (HCR 102). The bill (HCR 102) was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder. Governor Perry issued a Commendation Letter to honor and recognize the school and volunteer teachers and students of the group for their service achievement merit enhancing the story of Texas for the people of Texas. Principal Porras planned, developed and conducted in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation two (2) EXPEDITIONS to the Shafter Silver Mine just 19 miles north of the school in Presidio County for the group. Principal Porras planned, developed and conducted an EXPEDITION to Austin for the School Band at the invitation of The STAR DAY Foundation to present a “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2009 CELEBRATION CONCERT” in the Capitol Rotunda on STAR DAY, February 19, 2009, to observe the 163<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Great State of Texas. Governor Perry issued a Commendation Letter to honor and recognize the school and the band teachers and student for their efforts to travel to Austin and present “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2009 CELEBRATION CONCERT. Principal Porras supervised “THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP” established at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the fall of 2010 by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Group invited State Representative Pete P. Gallego, Jr. to volunteer and author a bill during the 2011 Texas legislative session to designate “Texas State Bison Herd” at Caprock Canyons State Park as the “OFFICIAL BISON HERD OF TEXAS.” State Senator Robert Duncan sponsored the bill (HCR 86). The bill (HCR 86) was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder. Principal Porras planned, developed and conducted in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation an EXPEDITION to the Cibolo Creek Ranch just 35 miles north of the school in Presidio County for the group to explore and discover the Poindexter Bison Herd. Governor Perry issued a Commendation Letter to honor and recognize the school and volunteer students of the group for their service achievement merit enhancing the story of Texas for the people of Texas. Principal Porras nominated Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) and planned, developed and conducted an Induction Service conduct in as an all-school assembly on May 6, 2011 to induct Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor as the first Latino to be enrolled in Sul Ross State University in the summer of 1920. The STAR DAY Foundation invited State Representative Pete P. Gallego, Jr. to author a House Resolution to designated May 6, 2011 as “THE LUCY REDE FRANCO DAY” in Texas. The formally resolution (HR 1675) was passed and presented to attending Franco family members at the Event. Photograph was taken by student Kassandra Acosta.

The above page was drawn from “The Spirit of STAR DAY 2012 Celebration Report” issued by The STAR DAY Foundation. The reader may wish to explore this report and others covering the last five (5) years of the STAR DAY celebrations which may be found on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at the STAR DAY tab.





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**MAY 6, 2011-PRESIDIO ISD LUCY REDE FRANCO MIDDLE SCHOOL**-Family members of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1997) gathered at a reception in the school library along with school officials and guests to participate in an Induction Service Event commemorating the induction of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, Texas during an all school assembly event conducted in the school gymnasium beginning at 2:10pm. Mexican Consul Hector Raul Acosta-Flores was an honored guest at the event. Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Principal Teresa Porras (Front Row-Far Right) nominated Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and acted as the Master of Ceremonies during the Induction Service Event. Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1997) was noted as the first Hispanic student to be enrolled into Sul Ross State University in the summer of 1920. Today nearly 49% of the students enrolled at Sul Ross State University are of Hispanic ancestry. The Invocation was presented by 9<sup>th</sup> grade student Jessica Rey. The US Pledge of Allegiance was presented by 9<sup>th</sup> grade student Kyara Rohana. The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was presented by 9<sup>th</sup> grade student Iahmille Fernandez. Mr. Dennis M. Kulvicki, President of The STAR DAY Foundation, had the honor of presenting to Dr. Carmelina Franco Holloway, a daughter of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977), (2<sup>nd</sup> Row-6<sup>th</sup> from the Left) an Induction Certificate. Dr. Holloway presented brief remarks to the attendees. The Induction Service Event featured speaker was Dr. Ricardo Maestas, President of Sul Ross State University (2<sup>nd</sup> Row-Far Left). In the remarks of Dr. Maestas, he honored and remembered the legacy of the life and achievements of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1997) and sought to inspire and motivate the attending students to pioneer and lead an effort to continue the challenging process of selecting a career trail in partnership with family members and school teachers. He also encouraged and challenged the attending students to work hard like Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1997) to develop the knowledge and skills to graduate from high school and seek the opportunity to attend and graduate from college. The Induction Service Event also featured an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student band performance under the direction of School Band Director Lucy Ferguson. Presidio ISD School Board President Carlos Nieto presented his remarks at the event. The Benediction was presented by 9<sup>th</sup> grade student Molly Ferguson. State Representative Pete P. Gallego pioneered and led an effort to author and pass House Resolution 1675 which recounted the legacy of the life and achievements of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1997) and recognized May 6, 2011 as "THE LUCY REDE FRANCO DAY in Texas." The text of "The Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor Bookmarker" (See Appendix) was drawn from HR 1675. Family and guests attended a reunion dinner hosted by Rene and Jesusita Franco at their home in Presidio after the event. The photograph was taken by Dennis M. Kulvicki

**NOTE:** The Texas Silver Student Study Group and The Texas Bison Student Study Group both launched at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the City of Presidio recommended that Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor. The Lucy Rede Franco Induction Story Bookmark is featured on the next page.



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**LUCY REDE FRANCO  
(1902-1977)**

Lucy Rede Franco was the first Hispanic student enrolled at Sul Ross Normal College known today as Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Brewster County during the first summer session in 1920.

Lucy Rede Franco was born on February 3, 1902 in Shafter, Presidio County to Eusebio and Mary Ann (Maria Antonio de Jesus) Rede. Lucy was the oldest of five children.

Mary Ann was born on January 17, 1878, in Redford, Presidio County and was the eleventh child of Matilde Acosta and Secundino Lujan. When Mary Ann was seventeen, she began teaching English to other people in Shafter, charging two dollars a month for tuition. This made her the first person of Mexican origin to teach English in the Big Bend Area, and marks the beginning of her teaching career. Lucy inherited a great love of learning from her mother and father.

The family's moving did not prevent Lucy from continuing her education. In Shafter she boarded and attended the Sacred Heart Academy for two years. The Irish Mother Superior, Mother Tarcisus, gave Lucy extra work and tutored her for the examination which was required for a teacher certificate. In 1920, she entered Sul Ross Normal College in Alpine and following one year at that institution, she passed the test and the teaching

tradition was passed to Lucy. Lucy Rede's first assignment was a one teacher school in Redford where she taught sixty students in grades one through eight.

After teaching four years, Lucy met Manuel Franco, a handsome gentleman from Durango, Mexico, who was visiting friends in Redford. Lucy married Manuel Franco on December 31, 1924 in Redford, Presidio County. Eight children were born to Manuel and Lucy and all obtained college degrees.

After her children were born, Lucy accepted a teaching position in Shafter. After the Shafter silver mines closed Manuel and Lucy moved to Redford to farm. In 1925, the Franco Family moved to Presidio.

In 1956, Lucy received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Sul Ross State College at the age of fifty four. Four year later this gracious lady won the Mother of Texas award, presented by the American Mother's Committee, Inc. As part of this high achievement, Lucy attended a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, honoring all state winners.

Lucy taught school in Presidio ISD for thirty-three years. In 1972, Lucy Rede Franco retired from teaching. In 1985, the Presidio ISD named the Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in her honor. On September 21, 2007, Family members established a scholarship endowment in honor of Lucy Rede Franco. The Lucy Rede Franco Scholarship Endowment and Fund provides scholarships to Presidio High School graduates enrolled at Sul Ross. "This endowment is a true testament to a woman whose love of and belief in higher education was an inspiration to both her family and countless other individuals" said Dr. R. Vic Morgan, President of Sul Ross.

**NOTE:** The photograph and supporting family history resource materials used to create the biographical sketch were provided by Carmelina Franco Holloway, a daughter of Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977). In addition biographical material was extracted from the January 1976 issue of the "Texas Historian" published by The Texas State Historical Association. Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) was nominated to be inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor by Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Principal Teresa Porras. Lucy Rede Franco (1902-1977) was inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor on Friday, May 6, 2011 at a Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Assembly with family members in attendance. The STAR DAY Foundation has designated February 3<sup>rd</sup> each year as "THE LUCY REDE FRANCO DAY" and invites all Texas Schools to explore and share her life and achievements with their students.

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**LUCY REDE FRANCO (1902-1977) INDUCTION STORY BOOKMARK**



# CHAPTER 6

## THE TEXAS SILVER BISON (1GRAM) KIT (DPG KIT 3)



**PHOTOGRAPH 10:** The design of the 1 gram (15mm x 1mm) “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin



**PHOTOGRAPH 11:** A 1 gram (15mm x 1mm) “Texas Silver Bison” in a coin capsule is featured in



front of the 40 grams (50mm x 2mm) “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin in a coin capsule for comparison. The 1 gram (15mm x 1mm) “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin represents a new born calf that once roamed free on the land now known as the State of Texas. The 40 grams (50mm x 2mm) “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin represents a full-grown bison. Each of the “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Coins represents different growth stages in the life of “BisonStar”, “The Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group at Caprock Canyons State Park. The Official State Bison Herd of Texas is considered by The Texas Bison Student Study Group as a **‘STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE.’**



**PHOTOGRAPH 12:** The above photograph illustrates a “My BisonStar” Texas Silver Bison Donation Saving Coin (1 gram) and a supporting Certificate of Authenticity Card (2.0 inches by 3.5 inches). The front (left) and back (right) of the Certificate of Authenticity Card is illustrated. On the left in the photograph the obverse side of the “My BisonStar” Texas Silver Bison donation savings coin is illustrated with an engraved image of “Old Blue”. “Old Blue” was designated by The Texas Bison Student Study Group of The STAR DAY Foundation as the “first” female bison calf of “The Great Texas Southern Plains Prairie Bison Herd” to be born on the land now known as the great State of Texas many millennia ago! “BisonStar” the “Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group was born in May 2013 at Caprock Canyons State Park and is the direct descendant of “Old Blue” as the legend goes! The donor shall note that “Silver” has been designated as “The Official Precious Metal of Texas” by the Texas State Legislature in 2007 as proposed by The Texas Silver Student Study Group (SB 22) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

At Caprock Canyons State Park there is well-known research site of the late 1970’s known as **“The Lake Theo Bison Archeology Site”** featuring the remains of Texas Bison from nearly 10,000 and 3,000 years ago that were herded off a cliff near Lake Theo in several events by Native Americans of the area. The Texas Bison Student Study Group has proposed to The STAR DAY Foundation the organization of **“The Texas Archeology Study Group”** to explore and discover if The Lake Theo Bison Archeology Site could yield additional high quality Texas Bison fossils for modern dating and DNA analysis. The field of DNA analysis has matured with breakthrough technologies. The proposed **“Lake Theo Bison Archeology Site Project”** would initially be approximately a one-year comprehensive study by a contracted professional of the existing research literature, evaluation of all existing Lake Theo Archeology Site fossils held at various sites and a review of the existing DNA analysis and method employed using the

existing Lake Theo Bison Archeology Site fossils in various collections.

The Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross University at Alpine Director Andy Cloud is an Advisor of The Texas Bison Student Study Group has initially reviewed the proposed project initiative and has offered the opinion that the proposed project has merit. The proposed project would be funded as an activity of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. If the initial proposed project arrives at the conclusion that further research study is appropriate, The Texas Archeology Student Study Group would be organized to participate each summer in the Lake Theo Bison Archeology Project summer field work led by a contracted professional team who would seek to explore and discover new fossils and conduct modern dating and DNA analysis during the school year. The first year of the proposed field project would also develop a complete DNA genome of BisonStar with the goal of comparing new field work findings to see if the Lake Theo Bison fossils could determine family history link with BisonStar.



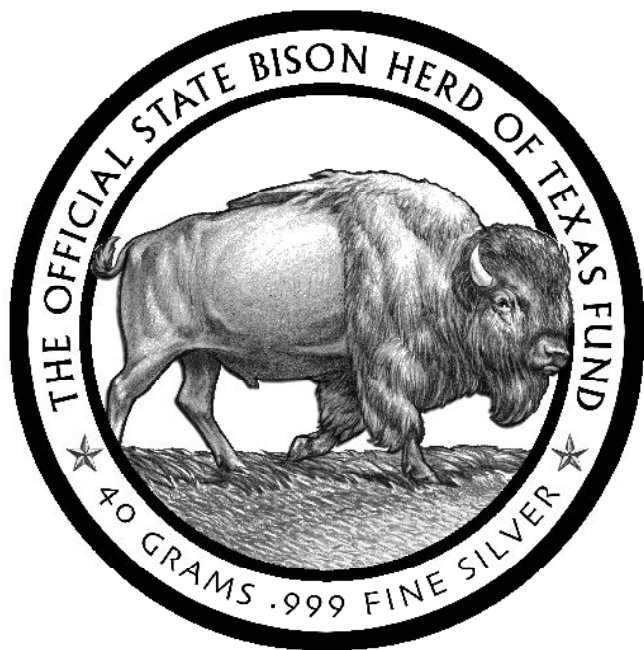
**PHOTOGRAPH 13:** The “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Kit (DPG KIT 3) is composed of three (3) “Texas Silver Bison” one gram 99.9% fine silver donation savings coins, a Certificate of Authenticity Card and a uniquely numbered “Texas Flag of Sky” Camp Goodnight Texas Tent. The three “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins each represent the “Spirit” of a Texas Southern Plains Prairie Bison calf born on the land now known as the State of Texas. “The Three Amigos” now roam free in a “Texas Flag of Sky” in “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley” migrating across the sky following “Old Blue” as depicted by The Great Texas “Old Blue” Bison Constellation forever and ever! The “My BisonStar Legend” is expanded in later pages of this report. The packaging of DPG KIT 3 is illustrated in the far right of the above photograph. The DPG KIT 3 package shall be shipped by first class USPS mail in a legal-sized envelope containing a thank-you donation letter. The back of the mailing envelop shall feature the “Seal” of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund. The DPG KIT 3 shall be offered for a donation value of eighteen (18) dollars donated to The STAR DAY Foundation whose donation proceeds shall support the goals and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

## **THE TEXAS SILVER BISON (40 GRAM) KIT (DPG KIT 4)**



**PHOTOGRAPH 14:** The “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin was introduced during The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2015 Luncheon Seminar conducted on September 19, 2015 in the City of Quitaque now known as “The Official State Bison Capital of Texas.” The “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Saving Coin was designed by Thomas S. Cleveland of Cyprus; Texas Cleveland is former United States Mint coin designer. “The Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin Kit (DPG KIT 4) shall be offered for a \$120 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation. The proceeds of the \$120 donation shall support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.





**PHOTOGRAPH 15:** The design of the 40 gram (50mm x 2mm) “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin. The reverse side (left) features the “Official Seal of the State of Texas” whose use was authorized by Governor Rick Perry, a STAR DAY 1999 Founder, at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.



**PHOTOGRAPH 16:** A “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin as illustrated above contains 40 grams of 99.9% Fine Silver, “The Official Precious Metal of Texas” and features a 50mm diameter and 2mm reeded edge thickness in a plastic coin capsule displayed on a folding acrylic easel.





**PHOTOGRAPH 17:** On the left is featured a 2015 “US Silver Eagle” minted by the United State Mint. Approximately 44 million US Silver Eagles were sold to investors in 2014. The “**Texas Silver Bison**” shall be not be sold but only offered to donors as a service achievement of merit gift for helping to pioneer and lead in supporting the fundraising goal and fundraising activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.”



**PHOTOGRAPH 18:** The “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin Kit (DFG KIT 4) shall consist of a “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin, a plastic display folding easel, a Camp Goodnight Texas Tent (2.0 inches by 3.5 inches) featuring a uniquely numbered Texas Flag of Sky in The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (Sky) Valley, and a PALS of Texas Volunteers Badge (1 inch in diameter) with a pin/cap back all shipped in a State of Texas Treasure Box for storage.



**PHOTOGRAPH 19:** The State of Texas Treasure Box features the contents of The Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Savings Coin Kit (DPG KIT 4). The State of Texas Treasure Box is illustrated with The Seal of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” (3 inches in diameter).

The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite every Texas adult and Friends of Texas worldwide to volunteer and enlist in The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps to support the goals and activities of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group



## **THE TEXAS FLAG OF SILVER (10 GRAM) KIT (DPG KIT 5A)**



**PHOTOGRAPH 20:** The Texas Bison Student Study Group in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite every adult Texas and Friends of Texas worldwide to join The PALS of Texas Volunteers and roundup, save and make a donation of \$60 to The STAR DAY Foundation to acquire Donation Premium Gift (DPG KIT 5A) to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” as a STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday present for the State of Texas. The donor shall receive a “Texas Flag of Silver Ingot” in a plastic ingot capsule, a plastic folding easel, a “Texas Flag of Sky Camp Goodnight Texas Tent” and “The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps Badge” shipped in a State of Texas Treasure Box. The donor shall note that “Silver” has been designated as “The Official Precious Metal of Texas” by the Texas State Legislature in 2007 as proposed by The Texas Silver Student Study Group (SB 22) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

The Texas Silver Student Study Group proposed the minting of a “**TEXAS FLAG OF SILVER DONATION SAVINGS INGOT.**” The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation created a 10 gram .999 fine silver ingot (38mm x 25mm x 1mm) featuring a colorized flag of the State of Texas on the obverse side. The reverse side featuring “The Official Seal of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” and “The Official Seal of the State of Texas” with supporting weight in grams and purity percentage specifications. The use of “The Official Seal of the State of Texas” was granted by Governor Rick Perry, a STAR DAY 1999 Founder, at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group to support the offering of State of Texas Treasure Donation Savings Coins whose proceeds shall support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite every adult Texas to save and make a \$60 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation to acquire and display a “**Texas Flag of Silver Donation Savings Ingot**” on their desk-top or library shelf at home or work knowing that the proceeds of their donation to The STAR DAY Foundation support the fundraising goal and fundraising activities of “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND.” The Donation Premium Gift package shall contain The Texas Flag of Silver Donation Saving Ingot placed in a plastic ingot capsule, a plastic folding easel, a BisonStar Sculpture of ironwood, a PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps Badge and a Camp Goodnight Texas Flag of Sky Tent. (card). This Donation Premium Gift package shall be offered for a \$60 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund. The donor shall have the opportunity to display a model of “THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT MONUMENT”



**PHOTOGRAPH 21:** The “Texas Flag of Silver” in the above photograph is displayed using a plastic folding easel in front of the donor’s “**Camp Goodnight Texas Tent**” in “**The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness (The Wilderness)**” at present a “virtual tract” of land set aside for conservation, preservation and restoration by The Texas Bison Student Study Group as a STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift from the people of the State of Texas for the State of Texas. The donor is depicted in the above photograph by “**The PALS Texas Volunteers Badge**” at the donor’s Tent entrance. The Tent is uniquely registered with a registration number that may be converted into coordinates (row and column) that shall help the donor locate his/her “**Donation Land Grant**” in “**The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (Land) Valley**” in The Wilderness. The State of Texas flag illustrated on the donor’s Tent (1.0 inch by 1.5 inch) represents a “**Texas Flag of Land**” in The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (Land) Valley in The Wilderness and is directly connected to a “**Texas Flag of Sky**” in “**The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (Sky) Valley**” which contains “**The Great Texas BisonStar Spirit Herd**” which follows behind “Old Blue” (The Great Texas “Old Blue” Bison Constellation) in the sky migrating over “**The Quitaque Trail**” during each year forever and ever!. Each Lone Star in a Texas Flag of Sky represents a the “Spirit” of a bison calf that was born and roamed free over the land now known as the State of Texas whose “Spirit” is captures in a “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin (1 gram) contained in the DPG KIT-3.





**PHOTOGRAPH 22:** The Texas Flag of Silver Donation Premium Gift Kit (DPG KIT 5A) is illustrated in a State of Texas Treasure Box that is packaged and shipped by USPS to the donors' US address. The lid of each State of Texas Treasure Box features The Seal of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

## THE DEDICATION

The Texas Flag of Silver Donation Premium Gift (DPG KIT 5A) has been created and dedicated by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop to honor and recognize the pioneer and leadership spirit of "The Texas Flag Student Study Group" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to plan, develop and conduct an three day/two night "Camping and Mountain Climbing Expedition" in partnership with Fort Bliss soldiers as "The Spirit of STAR DAY Flags 2002 Expedition" during June 21-23, 2002. The goal was to carry the United States flag and the State of Texas flag along with other flags to the highest mountain peak (8749') in Texas at the Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Culberson County. The Texas Flags Student Study Group also planned, developed and conducted in partnership with soldiers of Fort Bliss as "The Spirit of STAR DAY Flags Expedition" on June 14, 2005 to climb to North Peak (7,192') of the Franklin Mountains in The City of El Paso to display "The Spirit of STAR DAY Flags" on Flag Day!



"THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY STUDENT FLAGS EXPEDITION" was conducted during June 21-23, 2002 under the Fort Bliss PIE Program. The Program activity provided a challenging opportunity for eight (8) boys and eight (8) girls from San Elizario Middle School to volunteer as "Expedition Flag Bearers" to carry the United States Flag and the flag of the State of Texas and other flags acting as "Expedition Escort Flags" to the highest point in the State of Texas at Guadalupe Peak (8749') in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Culberson County with the support of four (4) volunteer soldiers of the Fort Bliss BOSS Program. MG Green made arrangements to outfit the Expedition Team of forty (40) adults and students with camping tents and gear to support the three (3) day, two (2) nights challenging camping adventure. The Fort Bliss BOSS Program volunteer soldiers provided the students with camping out knowledge and skills in making and setting up a camp. MG Green also provided the Expedition Team members with an outstanding US Army Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) lunch at the Peak on June 22, 2002 at 12 noon after the Expedition Team members conducted a Commemorative Flag Service.



**June 22, 2002 -Guadalupe Peak** Volunteer students from San Elizario Middle School in El Paso County stand on the highest point in the State of Texas on Guadalupe Peak at 12 noon after a trek of nearly six (6) hours to display the United State flag as their student STAR DAY birthday presents for our state. Sixteen (16) students (8 boys and 8 girls) volunteered to participate in a three-day/two-night camping adventure to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park to carry and display "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY STUDENT EXPEDITION FLAGS" to the highest point (8749') in our state as part of the after-school program of "THE STAR DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY READERS ARE LEADERS PROGRAM", sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The STAR DAY Foundation has established THE STARS PHYSICAL FITNESS CHALLENGE PROGRAM as a component after-school program of "THE STAR DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY READERS ARE LEADERS PROGRAM" to challenge students to learn how to be fit and health through exercise and good eating habits.

## **THE STAR DAY STUDENTS' FLAGS EXPEDITION**



**THE EXPEDITION TEAM LEADERS DISPLAY THE UNITED STATES FLAG AT THE PEAK MONUMENT TO COMMEMORATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.**



**SPC. JOSEPH THOMPSON, STATE OF TEXAS FLAG TEAM 1 LEADER, AND THE STUDENT MEMBERS DISPLAY THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG AT THE PEAK.**





**JUNE 14, 2005- North Peak** "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY STUDENT FLAGS EXPEDITION" to the North Peak (7,192') of the Franklin Mountains to celebrate FLAG DAY 2005 and the 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Army was an outstanding "STARS CHALLENGE" summer activity for volunteer students of Lydia Patterson School in El Paso Texas in partnership with volunteer soldiers of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program at Fort Bliss and the United States Army Recruiting Service in El Paso. Seven (7) United States Army soldiers volunteered to be "Expedition Trail Guides" to lead eight (8) boys and eight (8) girls from the Lydia Patterson School in El Paso to the North Peak (7,192') of the Franklin Mountains State Park, the highest point in El Paso County, to celebrate Flag Day and observe the 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U. S. Army during a special Commemorative Service. The event was hosted by the Fort Bliss Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program under a Fort Bliss Partnership in Education Program with The STAR DAY Foundation hosted by the Office of the Fort Bliss Commanding General, MG Michael A. Vane. The Fort Bliss BOSS Program is well known for its volunteer support of youth programs of nonprofit organizations in El Paso County. The volunteer Fort Bliss BOSS Program members were: SPC Edward A. Carrillo, President of the Fort Bliss BOSS Program and Expedition Trail Teams Leader, Fort Bliss BOSS Program Vice-President PFC Danielle Stansell, CPL Tony Young, Demetria Saucier, SPC Stephanie Mundine and CPL Luwi Edmeade. At the North Peak, the soldiers provided the Expedition Team members with an outstanding U. S. Army Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) lunch. The lunch was provided by Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Stanley L. Davis, Post CSM. CSM Davis wrote an "EXPEDITION ADDRESS" to share his thoughts on meaning of Flag Day and his reflections on the 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U. S. Army. CSM Davis provided an Air Defense Artillery (ADA) flag from his office to be carried by students and displayed at the North Peak. SGT Juan Chavira represented the Office of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station at 9109 Dyer Street in El Paso. SGT Chavira donated to The STAR DAY Foundation the U. S. Army flag pictured above as an Expedition Escort Flag. SGT Chavira presented each of the sixteen (16) students with a U. S. Army Recruiter Service Commemorative to honor and recognize each student for their volunteer service as "Expedition Flag Bearers." SGT 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jerry Tillison, Station Commander of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station on Dyer, volunteered to coordinate the participation of SGT Chavira and donated the U. S. Army flag and Commemoratives presented to the students.



# THE MOMUMENT PROJECT



**PHOTOGRAPH 23:** The combination of a “Texas Flag of Silver” and “BisonStar Sculpture” as illustrated in the above photograph represents a model of “THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT (SKY AND GROUND) MONUMENT (The Monument)” proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group and is offered for a \$72 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation as Donation Premium Gift (DPG KIT-5B). DPG KIT 5B is a DPG KIT 5A with The BisonStar Sculpture added and packaged in a larger State of Texas Treasure Box.

“**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT MONUMENT (The Monument)**” is a collaborative student STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corp and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation among teachers, students and their families and community volunteers of The Texas Bison Student Study Group, The Texas Astronomy Group and The Texas Silver Student Study Group. The Monument is being pioneered and led to forever honor and remember the life and legacy of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) who has been inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor as the woman who saved the last free roaming Texas bison of The Great Texas Southern Prairie Bison Herd in Palo Duro Canyon in 1878 with the help of her husband Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), the first manager of The John Adair (JA) Ranch in 1876. The Texas bison herd of Caprock Canyons State Park is known today as: “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas.”

The John Adair (JA) Ranch in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department rounded up the last surviving 36 bison found on the ranch saved in 1878 by Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) and donated them in 1997 to 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park located just a few miles north of the City of Quitaque in Briscoe County. The exciting story of

the roundup may be explored in an article from the *Texas Magazine* posted with permission at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at: <http://thestardayfoundation.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/NUMBER-2-THE-TEXAS-PARKS-AND-WILDLIFE-MAGAZINE-MARCH-2011-ARTICLE-RUSSELL-ROE.pdf>.

The proposed **Monument** shall be constructed on the grounds of The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library at Camp Goodnight Texas in The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness in Briscoe County. The Monument is composed of a unique interlinked “**Sky Monument**” and “**Land Monument**.” The Sky Monument is composed of The Great Texas “**Old Blue**” **Bison Constellation (The Sky Constellation)** and “**The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley (The Sky Valley)**.”

The Sky Monument development was pioneered and led by Dr. Andrew Kerr, Midland Planetarium Director, in partnership with the Midland West Texas Astronomy Club. The Sky Monument was proposed by The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and introduced at a special event hosted by The Midland Planetarium on August 31, 2011, the night of a “Texas Blue Moon”! The Sky Constellation has been created to honor and memorialize “**OLD BLUE**.” The Sky Constellation is composed of 254 stars one for each Texas County. The Sky Monument rises in the Texas southern sky in September. The Sky Valley is a patch of sky just east of The Sky Constellation and determined by four (4) sky points as an asterism. The Sky Valley is a “**Texas Flag of Sky**” with an aspect ratio of 1.5. The Sky Valley as a Texas Flag of Sky is further partitioned into a matrix of 7920 x 7920 smaller Texas Flags of Sky. The Lone Star of each Texas Flag of Sky (62,726,400) in The Sky Valley represents a the “Spirit” of new born calf in Texas of The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd that migrated into the land that is now the State of Texas thousands of years ago even before people populated the land. The number 62,726,400 estimates the total number of bison born in Texas and roamed free on the land that is now the State of Texas since the first bison migrated into Texas. The hypothesis of The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group is that each Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley contains at least one star! The “Texas Silver Bison” Donation Savings Coin (1 gram 99.9% fine silver 15mm x 1mm) represents the Lone Star of each Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley and represents a unique new born bison calf. In a poetic way, The Lone Star of each Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley represents the legendary answer to the rhetorical question: “**Where Have All The Bison Gone!**”

“**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LAND MONUMENT (The Land Monument)**” is simply the projection of “**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT SKY MOMUMENT (The Sky Monument)**” onto a fixed location on the earth. The Great Texas “Old Blue” Bison Constellation projects onto a large “BisonStar Sculpture.” The large “BisonStar Sculpture” shall be designed at The State of Treasure Workshop using the “Ironwood Bison Sculpture” as a model. The large “BisonStar Sculpture” shall be constructed using an interior tubular framework covered over by copper sheeting externally etched with the features of a bison. The Sky Valley of The Sky Monument projects onto a parcel of land immediately to the east of “BisonStar Sculpture” called The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Land Valley (The Land Valley). The Land Valley is a parcel of rectangular land 990 feet by 660 feet (15 acres exactly)

with an aspect ratio of 1.5 and is designated as a “The Land Valley” component of “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Land Monument.” The Land Valley is also referred to as a “Texas Flag of Land.” The Land Valley as a Texas Flag of Land is further partitioned into a matrix of 7,920 x 7920 smaller Texas Flags of Land. Each Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley is uniquely numbered by a row and column designation. When projected on the earth each Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley identifies a unique matrix address of a Texas Flag of Land in The Land Valley in the 15 acre parcel of land. The Lone Star of each Texas Flag of Sky uniquely connects to the associated Lone Star of each Texas Flag of Land in The Land Valley. Based on designed specifications above, a Texas Flag of Land in the 15 acre parcel defining The Land Valley is exactly 1.5 inches by 1.0 inches and is the same dimensions of the Texas flag printed on each Camp Goodnight Texas Tent (card)!

The Camp Goodnight Texas Flag of Sky Tent (card) featuring a unique number to identify a Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley is the same number which uniquely identifies a Texas Flag of Land in The Land Valley! Calculating the matrix address from the unique number is a simple process. The State of Texas flag printed on the Tent is precisely 1.5 inches by 1.0 inches and represents a unique parcel of land in The Land Valley that shall be owned by the student donor offered as a Donation Premium Gift as a “Texas Donation Land Grant” to establish their “Family Homestead Spirit Bison Ranch” in The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness in Briscoe County, Texas. The Lone Star of a Texas Flag of Sky in The Sky Valley represents the “Spirit” of a new born bison calf of “The Great Texas Southern Plains Prairie Bison Herd” that once grew up, roamed free and died on the land that is now known as the State of Texas.

To commemorate the “Spirit” of each new born bison calf of “The Great Texas South Plains Prairie Bison Herd” that roamed free on the land that is now known as the State of Texas, The State of Texas Treasure Workshop of The STAR DAY Foundation has designed a “**Texas Silver Bison**” Donation Savings Coin. The coin is being manufactured by The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation of The STAR DAY Foundation and offered by The STAR DAY Foundation as a Donation Premium Gift (**DPG 3 KIT**) to donors as illustrated above.



# CHAPTER 7

## THE FUND

At the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group, The STAR DAY Foundation established “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)**” with a challenging goal and a set of activities to help launch The Fund (SB-17). The goal proposed by The Group is to invite Texas families and their school age children along with other Texans, Texas business and friends of Texas worldwide to save and donate to The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead an effort help raise 100 million dollars! The Fund has been established as an “Endowment Fund” whose annual interest shall support an annual grant to the Quitaque Caprock Partners Foundation to pioneer and lead the management in partnership with Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent of additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives of the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park land and the unique bison herd at the park now known as “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” considered by The Group to be a “State of Texas Treasure.” The reader may wish to visit the Caprock Partners Foundation website at: <http://caprockpartnersfoundation.com>. Addition information about the Caprock Partners Foundation may be reviewed at: <http://www.texansstateparks.org/id36.html>.



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2013-MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT DAY, QUITAQUE, TEXAS**-Dennis M. Kulvicki, President of The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, rounds up the “First Donation Donor” to launch “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND.” Donald K. Beard, Superintendent of Caprock Canyons State Park, volunteered and donated the “first dollar” on Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day during a “Caprock Area Tourism Seminar” conducted at the Quitaque Hope Center. Governor

Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, El Paso State Senator Rodriguez, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Smith and others sent congratulatory messages to The STAR DAY Foundation. Pictured from left to right are: Dennis M. Kulvicki, Rebecca Miller, Freda Hughes, Brenda Price, Donald Beard, Laramy Estel, Jake Gass, James Orciz and Le'Ann Pigg.

## **THE SEAL**



## **THE DONORS**

The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texans and Texas businesses to volunteer to roundup, save and donate to The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund as a STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. A person or a business wishing to donate **100%** of their donation directly to The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund may do so at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at the time of donation.



# THE PROGRAMS

The State of Texas Treasure Workshop is pioneering and leading an effort to develop innovative fundraising programs as activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.” The following fundraising programs being studied are highlighted as:

**PROGRAM 1:** A Texan may wish to participate in “**THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND STAR DAY AID PROGRAM (The Program)**” by volunteering to donate their “Age In Dollars” each year on their birthday, a personal “State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day in Texas, as their personal STAR DAY birthday gift to the State of Texas!

**PROGRAM 2:** A Texas business may wish to participate in The Program by presenting each employee on his/her STAR DAY of employment a collection of State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins with a donation value equal to the number of years that an employee has worked for the company to honor and recognize an employees’ service to their company. A STAR DAY of employment is the date on the calendar when the employee first joined the company.

**PROGRAM 3:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall also invite each Texas financial service institution such as a Texas Bank or a Texas Credit Union to join The Program by making periodic donations to The STAR DAY Foundation to acquire and maintain an inventory of State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coins (The Program Coins) and State of Texas Treasure Boxes to offer individual and business account holders the opportunity to make donations directly at their community financial institution trading US currency for The Program Coins. In one sense, each Texas financial institution who volunteers to participate in The Program acquires The Program Coins and provides the conversion service with the understanding that their annual volunteer service is an annual STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. The Program Coins are made available for face value conversion of US currency. The Program Coins shall be available in donation values of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. A participating Texas financial institution may wish to pioneer and lead an effort to offer The Program Coins to customers to support special promotional programs such as new customer checking and saving accounts as well as offer Program Coins to customers who expand their savings accounts.

**PROGRAM 4:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texas retailers such as restaurants to participate in The Program by inviting them to periodically making donations to acquire Program Coins from The STAR DAY Foundation or their local financial institution to support the presentation of Program coins to customers during special promotional restaurant menu offerings during the year.

**PROGRAM 5:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite each 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Texas school in partnership with family and community business partners to establish and maintain a “**PALS OF TEXAS “READERS ARE LEADERS” PROGRAM**” to use \$1 Donation Savings Coin and Story Bookmarks to award a student for each approved book read and reviewed in an after-school library expanded learning opportunities network program created by The State of Texas

Treasure Workshop and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Details of this program shall be posted on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

## **THE MOTTO**

The “Motto” proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group and adopted by The STAR DAY Foundation to support the goal and activities of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund is:

**“BE A TEXAS BISONSTAR BUDDY BUCKEROO,  
DONATE A BUCK OR TWO!”**

The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite every Texas student to volunteer to join The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to roundup, save and donate US dollars with the support of their parents and other relatives to The STAR DAY Foundation to trade dollar for dollar for “My BisonStar” Donation Saving Coins whose donation proceeds shall pioneer and lead a Texas conservation, preservation and restoration effort funded by The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group guided by The PALS OF Texas Volunteers and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Each participating Texas student shall be designated as a “Family Donation Land Grant Homestead Ranch Spirit Bison Herdsman” with each “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin representing a Spirit Bison of his/her Family Homestead Donation Land Grant Ranch Spirit Bison Herd located in The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness in Briscoe County, Texas!



# THE TENT



**PHOTOGRAPH 24:** The STAR DAY Foundation shall offer as a Donation Gift Premium a uniquely numbered Texas Flag of Sky in The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley. Each Texas Flag of Sky is uniquely numbered as illustrated by the associated Texas Flag of Sky Camp Goodnight Texas Tent (card) which has the folded dimensions of 2.0 inches by 3.5 inches. The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps Badge represents a donor who is visiting Camp Goodnight Texas and sleeping in his/her Tent under the stars at night that are “Big and Bright Deep in the Heart of Briscoe County, Texas!” The Camp Goodnight Texas Tent is discussed in greater detail in the pages ahead.

“The Camp Goodnight Texas Flag of Sky Tent (The Tent)” card is a uniquely numbered commemorative “Donation Savings Benefit (DSB) Card” that is used as:

- DSB 1-**A Library Card for “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library”;
- DSB 2-**A Texas Flag of Sky Locator Card;
- DSB 3-**A Texas Flag of Land Locator Card;
- DSB 4-**A Texas Flag of Land Donation Land Grant Deed Card; and
- DSB 5-**A Texas Donation Stock Certificate Card

The reader shall find DSB 2-4 discussed in greater detail in this report.

**DSB 5** is a special benefit offered to student volunteers of The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps of The STAR DAY Foundation. The STAR DAY Foundation organized and incorporated “The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation” to pioneer and lead the effort

to support the manufacturing, inventorying and distribution of “State of Texas Treasure Donation Premium Gifts” created by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop of The STAR DAY Foundation as thank-you gifts to donors seeking to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. TBM was incorporated in Texas with 16,000 Capital (No-Par Value) Shares. The STAR DAY Foundation has set aside 49.5% (7,920) of the TBM Capital (No-Par Value) Shares as special “Donation Premium Gifts” for donors. Each TBM Capital (No-Par Value) Share is divided into 7,920 **“Donation Savings Shares”** with each Donation Savings Share uniquely represented by a **“Camp Goodnight Texas Flag of Sky Tent (The Tent)”** card. Each Tent card features an eight digit number identifying one (1) unique “Donation Savings Share” of TBM Capital (No-Par Value) Shares.



# THE SCULPTURE

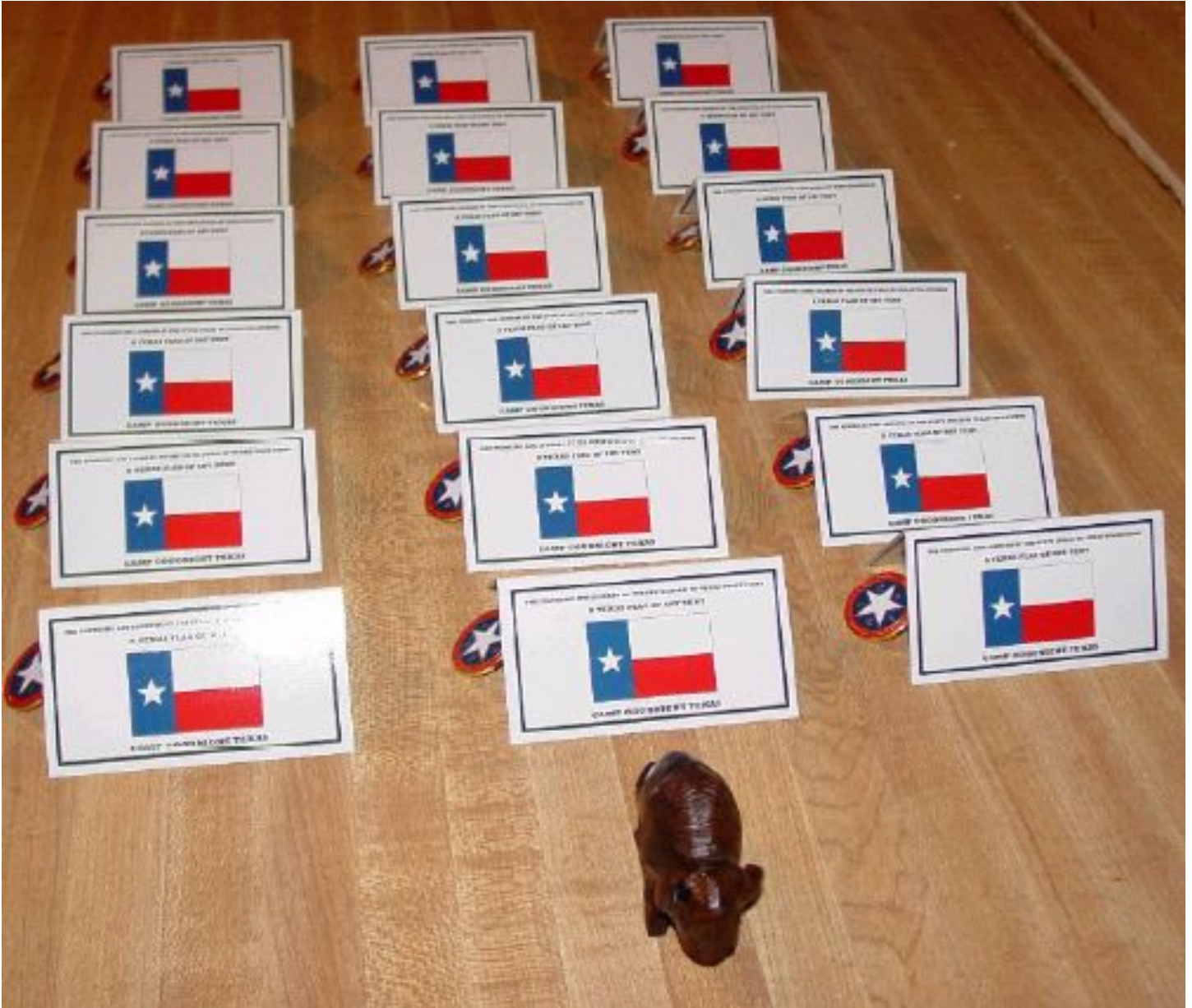


**PHOTOGRAPH 25:** This photograph illustrates “The Official BisonStar Sculpture” which is hand-carved from Ironwood. The BisonStar Sculpture shall be made available as an additional “Donation Gift Premium” from The STAR DAY Foundation as an element of The State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection created by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop and distributed to donors by The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation. The US Quarter is used to illustrate the size of The BisonStar Sculpture.



**PHOTOGRAPH 26:** The BisonStar Sculpture is a depiction of “BisonStar” “The Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and is illustrated in the night by “The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation” designed and developed by The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and is a part of “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Land and Sky Monument” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

# CAMP GOODNIGHT TEXAS



**PHOTOGRAPH 27:** The photograph is an illustration of “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Monument (Land Component)” at Camp Goodnight Texas in “The William Elmo Merrem Wilderness Frontier” in Briscoe County, Texas. The photograph above features rows and columns of Texas Flag of Sky Tents occupied by PALS of Texas Volunteers as simulated by each PALS of Texas Volunteers Badges with a BisonStar Sculpture in the foreground. The area of the Texas Flag on The Tent (1.5 inch x 1.0 inch) represents the donor’s Donation Land Grant in The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Valley (Land Component). The BisonStar Sculpture represents “The Great Texas “Old Blue” Bison Constellation illustrated above.

Camp Goodnight Texas is at present a “virtual camping ground concept” which shall be developed in Briscoe County, Texas on land hopefully adjacent to Caprock Canyons State Park. A parcel of land shall be purchased from funds donated by Texas students and their families and others to be set aside as a “Texas Conservation Land Trust” to support Texas conservation, preservation and restoration activities of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. The parcel of land shall be designated by The STAR DAY Foundation as “THE WILLIAM ELMO MERREM

WILDERNESS FRONTIER (The Frontier).” William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982) was inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor in 2011 William Elmo Merrem was the first Texas Boy Scout to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. A William Elmo Merrem Story Bookmark illustrating his life and legacy may be found in APPENDIX 2 of this report.

The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor was established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. The Frontier shall be the home of The PALS of Texas Volunteers Memorial Forest and Camp Goodnight Texas on whose camping grounds shall be located The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library, The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (Land and Sky) Monument, The Texas Prairie Bison Observatory, The Great Texas “Old Blue” Bison Observatory and the Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation and its divisions.

“Old Blue” is the name of the very “first” female bison of The Great Texas Southern Plains Prairie Bison Herd born on the land that is now the State of Texas. “BisonStar” the “Official Mascot” of the Texas Bison Student Study Group born at Caprock Canyons State Park during May 2013 is said to be a direct descendant of “Old Blue.” The legacy of “Old Blue” has been captured and immortalized in the creation of The Great Texas “Old Blue” Constellation by the Texas Astronomy Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.



# THE ROUNDUP



**PHOTOGRAPH 28:** The above collection of commemoratives illustrates “The Great Texas BisonStar Migration Roundup (The Roundup)” sponsored by The Texas Bison Student Study Group guided by The PALS of Texas Volunteers that concludes at Camp Goodnight Texas on September 12 each year on The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day in Texas. The Spirit Bison of several PALS of Texas Volunteers families illustrated by Camp Good Night Texas Flag of Sky Tents with The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps Badges representing “Spirit Riders.” A Texas Flag of Silver represents a Texas Flag at each of The Pals of Texas Flag of Sky Tents at Camp Goodnight Texas. The Spirit Bison are represented by different BisonStar Donation Savings Coins. In the lead on the migration trail is “BisonStar” represented by a BisonStar Sculpture. The Roundup begins on March 5 each year on The Charles Goodnight Day in Texas when PALS of Texas Volunteers families and the school-age children begin an effort to use the funds they raised and saved during the school year to acquire additional BisonStar Donation Savings Coins to expand their Family Homestead Ranch Spirit Bison Herd. The STAR DAY Foundation encourages the parents, grandparents and other relatives of their school age children to partner together to initially establish and maintains a “PALS of Texas Volunteers Family Homestead Spirit Ranch” in The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Monument Valley at Camp Goodnight Texas in The William Elmo Merrem Wilderness Frontier in Briscoe County, Texas. Each year PALS of Texas Volunteer Families representing a Texas school plan, develop and conduct an expedition on “The Quitaque Trail” to travel to Quitaque for “The PALS of Texas Volunteers Roundup” during the three-day “Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Celebration Days” to conduct business, visit and explore the majestic 15,000 acre Caprock Canyons State Park and seek and discover bison herd art the park now known as “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas”, attend “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library Luncheon Seminar” and participate in three-day and two-night “PALS of Texas Star Party” conducted in the park featuring amateur and professional presentations using Star Party telescopes.

# CHAPTER 8

## THE LIBRARY

“**The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library (The Library)**” has been established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2015 initially as a “Virtual Library” at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation with the primary goal of being the “Official Library” of The STAR DAY Foundation. With a fundraising effort sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation, The Library shall be built in the City of Quitaque, known today as “The Official State Bison Capital of Texas.”

The Library shall be located at Camp Goodnight Texas in The William Elmo Merrem Wilderness Frontier sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Camp Goodnight Texas shall be the home ranch site of “The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas” established by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000 to provide and opportunity for Texas students and adults to support the Mission of The STAR DAY Foundation and the goals of Texas Student Study Groups organized by The STAR DAY Foundation to support after-school library expanded learning opportunities to explore and discover topics not generally offer in their school curriculum; to plan, develop and conduct expedition to visit Texas State Parks and other sites to study and document first-hand their Texas Student Study Group topic during the school year and to conduct research to identify, document, recommend, nominate and induct Texas men and women who are noted for being first in a walk-of-life in their specific Texas Student Study Group topic area. This report provides numerous examples of Texas Student Study Groups and their activities.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall purchase a parcel of land adjoining or adjacent to Caprock Canyons State Park in partnership with The PALS of Texas Volunteers to be set-aside as a “Texas Conservation Land Trust” as a gift from Texas families and their school children to be designated as “**THE WILLIAM ELMO MERREM WILDERNESS FRONTIER.**” William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982) (SB 28) was inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor in 2011. William Elmo Merrem was the first Texas Boy Scout to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor was established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000.

The Library shall seek to partner with Texas school libraries (4<sup>th</sup> Grade through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Texas and American history teachers to celebrate each year on or about September 12 “**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT DAY**” in Texas and on or about March 5 “**THE CHARLES GOODNIGHT DAY**” in Texas to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover the life and service of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) and Charles Goodnight (1836-1929) and the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park and The Official State Bison Herd of Texas of Texas at the park, considered by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as a “**STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE!**” The Texas Bison Student Study Group Story is illustrated in a Mary Ann

(Molly) Goodnight Library Collection of Story Bookmarks in APPENDIX 1.

The Library shall host **“THE PALS OF TEXAS READERS ARE LEADERS PROGRAM”** sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation at participating school libraries in partnership with sponsoring school community businesses and non-profit organization. A primary goal of The Library is to pioneer and lead an effort to tell the story of the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park and The Official State Bison Herd of Texas by creating a “Story Bookmark” Collection that shall be used to support The Texas Bison Student Study Groups’ expanded learning opportunities network curriculum offered at partnering Texas schools and by home schooling families. .

A sample Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) Story Bookmark is presented below for review. An additional goal of The Library shall be to raise the funds to support the publishing a book devoted to telling the story of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926). The Library also shall seek to republish a collection of books that shall be used to support The Texas Bison Student Study Groups’ expanded learning opportunities curriculum. The first three (3) out-of-print book titles selected by The Library are illustrated in the following pages. The Library shall invite Texas families and their schoolchildren to help raise funds to support the effort to publish and republish Story Books that shall support the opportunity for schoolchildren to explore and discover the life and service of Molly and the founding and founders of the Caprock Canyons State Park and The Official State Bison Herd of Texas she helped save for the people of Texas.

The Library is dedicated to honoring and remembering the life and legacy of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1829-1926) who with the help of her husband Charles Goodnight (1836-1929) is credited with “indirectly” saving the last bison descendants of “The Great Southern Plains Bison Herd” who roamed free on the land that is now know as the State of Texas. In 1876 Charles Goodnight (1836-1929) was the first JA (John Adair) Ranch Manager.

The JA Ranch was initially located in the Texas Panhandle-Plains in Palo Duro Canyon. When Charles Goodnight and his ranch workers arrived in Palo Duro Canyon with a small herd of cattle he immediately established an initial JA Ranch Headquarters’ site known today as the “Old Home Ranch” site. Charles was faced with a very challenging problem. On the initial JA Ranch range a herd of nearly 15,000 bison roamed free enjoining the Palo Duro grass and water. Charles recognized that the JA Ranch cattle and the bison herd could not co-exist. Charles hired William C. “Bill” Koogle (1848-1915) a noted bison hunter to quickly exterminate the bison herd. Koogle organized a crew of 18 to begin the bison hunt.

Koogle was very successful in killing the 1000’s of bison and scattering the remaining bison. Koogle invited Charles to expand the bison hunt but Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight influenced her husband to discontinue the bison hunt. Molly found that Koogle would not waste bison cartridges to kill bison calves or yearlings since he was making additional money in skinning adult bison and selling and trading their skins for supplies. Molly found out that many bison calves and yearlings were dying of hunger on the JA Ranch range as told by the stories of



JA Ranch cattle wranglers returning to the ranch headquarters from their range duties. Charles following the advice of Molly stopped the bison slaughter and instead gave Koogle and his crew a contract to fence off the initial JA Ranch property. It is true that eventually Charles becomes very interested in crossing bison with his cattle. In 1888 Charles and Molly leave the JA Ranch with bison and cattle to start their own cattle/bison ranch. The bison that Charles took from the JA Ranch are not the bison that now are at Caprock Canyons State Park. In 1996, the JA Ranch rounded-up the very last bison that were descendants of the Koogle bison hunt and donated them to Caprock Rock Canyons State Park. Only 36 bison could be found! Today (2016) the park herd numbers approximately 140 bison!! The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation pioneered and led a conservation, preservation and restoration activity in partnership with Texas State Legislators in 2011 to successfully have the Texas State Legislature designate the park bison herd as “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas.” The Group believes that “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” is in fact as “State of Texas Treasure!”

The reader may wish to explore the expanded Story Article authored by Robert W. Brown, “*Bill Koogle (1849-1915)-The Mysterious Man of the West*” published in Volume 2 as Article 4 of The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

## **THE JOURNAL**

The reader may wish to visit the website of The STAR DAY Foundation to explore and discover “Story Articles” authored by our volunteers of The PALS of Texas Volunteers published in “*The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal*.” Volume 2 of The Journal has been posted. Each Story Article of The Journal is posted as PDF document that may be read online or downloaded, saved and read on a digital device of the reader as his/her schedule permits. The Story Bookmarks, Story Articles and Story Books published by The STAR DAY Foundation and archived at The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library are used as curriculum materials to support the objectives and activities of a chartered **POST (Point Of Service In Texas)** of The PALS of Texas Volunteers at partnering Texas schools and home schooling families.

# **THE “MY BISONSTAR” POSTER KIT (DPG KIT 6)**

## **THE OFFICIAL JUNIOR PALS OF TEXAS 3D WALLPAPER POSTER DONATION PREMIUM GIFT KIT**

### **CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**



## **THE “MY BISONSTAR” OFFICIAL 3D WALLPAPER POSTER OF THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LIBRARY AND THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP**

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation has adopted an “Official 3D Wallpaper Poster” to help illustrate the majestic park land and unique bison herd of Caprock Canyons State Park located just three miles north of the City of Quitaque, Texas now known as “The Official State Bison Capital of Texas.” The Poster features “BisonStar”, the “Official Mascot” of The Group depicted as a bison calf. BisonStar was born at the park in May 2013.

A park prairie dog is illustrated on the right of The Poster and is named “Buddy.” In the center bottom of The Poster Mexican Hat flowers can be seen. The Group has selected the Mexican Hat flower to represent the many native flowers that abound in the park. The Group

that named a Mexican Hat flower “Jose” character to help tell the story of the native flowers and other native plants at the park. BisonStar shall be a story character that shall help tell the story of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” at the Park. Buddy shall help tell the story of the many animals that call the park their home. In the background one can view the majestic Caprock Canyons geology against a cloud filled blue sky.

The Poster shall be used at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation as the entry portal to a website universe that shall provide members of The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library (The Library) established by The STAR DAY Foundation to provide the opportunity to explore and discover the wonders of the majestic park land, bison herd, flowers, plants and animals and all the other living creatures that call the park their home. The Group shall invite Texas students and students worldwide to join The Library to also explore and discover The Groups’ conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives by studying their Story Bookmarks, Story Articles, Story Books and Story Videos of The Library. The Library shall invite Texas school libraries to establish a POST (Point Of Service in Texas) as a “special library” to assist students to access and use the digital story collections of The Library to support an expanded learning opportunities as an after-school student enrichment program. The Poster shall be offered to Texas families and individuals as a “Donation Premium Gift.” The Poster is designed as a 2 foot by 3 foot removable wallpaper for a young person’s home or school library shipped in a protect tube.

## **THE CHARACTERS**

The story of “BisonStar”, “Jose” and “Buddy” are illustrated by the next three (3) Story Bookmarks. Each shall be featured as “Story Character” in a Story Book Series entitled: “*The Great Adventures of BisonStar, Jose and Buddy*” authored by The State of Texas Treasure Workshop and published by The Texas BisonStar Press, an affiliate for-profit small business division of The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation established by The STAR DAY Foundation in the City of Quitaque.

## **THE “MY BISONSTAR” POSTER KIT (DPG KIT-6)**

The “My BisonStar” Poster Donation Premium Gift Kit (DPG KIT 6) shall be offered by The STAR DAY Foundation for a \$24 donation featuring The Poster with BisonStar, Jose and Buddy Story Bookmarks as illustrated below. The Kit shall also feature a State of Texas “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection composed of one (1) Twenty Dollar Donation Savings Coins, and four (4) One Dollar Donation Savings Coins in a State of Texas Treasure Box and a Camp Goodnight Texas Tent shipped by USPS to the donors US address. The Kit shall expand the student’s “Family Homestead BisonStar Spirit Bison Herd” at their “Family Homestead BisonStar Spirit Ranch” in The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness with the student volunteering to act as “The Family Homestead BisonStar Spirit Herdsman” of The Junior PALS of Texas stationed at Camp Goodnight Texas in The William Elmo Merrem Frontier Wilderness in Briscoe County, Texas.



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### "BISONSTAR"

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was initially organized by The STAR DAY Foundation at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the Presidio ISD under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras with the volunteer support of school teachers, staff and community members on September 12, 2010, the anniversary of the birthday of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926), known as "The Woman Who Saved the Texas Plains Bison." The primary objectives of The Group are: to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover the origin of the Texas Plains Bison and the native Americans who hunted them; to understand and appreciate the conservation, preservation and restoration efforts being pioneered and led by the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas dedicated to saving the Goodnight Bison Herd from extinction; to honor and remember the life and achievements of Molly and Charles Goodnight as the first Texas bison ranch family; to plan, develop and conduct school history and science field trips to partnering Texas bison ranches; and to study and evaluate school lunch menu applications of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with student families and school cafeteria staff. The Group shall also seek ways and means to help raise needed funds to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. The primary activities of The Group have included pioneering and leading successful legislative efforts to designate the Texas State Bison Herd at Caprock Canyons State Park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas", to designate the 12<sup>th</sup> of September as "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas and the 5<sup>th</sup> of March as "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas in partnership with the Texas State Legislature. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued Commendation Letters to honor, recognize The Group for their proposed legislative service achievements of merit. On September 12, 2013, The Group formally launched "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" to plan, develop and conduct activities over the next fifteen (15) years to raise \$100 million dollars as an endowment fund managed

by The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with a leading Texas bank whose annual interest shall support a Texas conservation, preservation and restoration grant presented to the Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent to support the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team to help conserve, preserve and restore "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas-a State of Texas Treasure" for the people of Texas and friends of Texas worldwide. Caprock Canyons State Park Ranger and eAdvisor of The Group Le'Ann Pigg proposed a male bison born during May 2013 to be designated by The Group as an "Official Mascot" of The Group. The Group named this new born calf "BisonStar." The Group proposed a "Partnership in Education" initiative to Governor Rick Perry to seek his authorization to use the "Official Seal" of the State of Texas as one side of a "Texas Silver BisonStar" donation coin series to be offered to the public to help raise funds. The "first" donation coins with supporting commemorative story bookmarks shall be offered to the general public as a "MY BISONSTAR" Donation Premium Package on September 12, 2014, the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Molly's birthday as a thank-you gift for saving and making a donation to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The STAR DAY Foundation organized The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation as a for-profit Texas corporation to research, plan, develop, manufacture and package and distribute approved "Donation Premium Packages" as thank-you gifts to donors of The STAR DAY Foundation who seek to volunteer and enlist in the international effort to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The "first" Donation Premium Package shall be called "MY BISONSTAR." The "MY BISONSTAR" Donation Premium Package shall contain a "MY BISONSTAR" silver donation coin of 1 gram weight featuring .999 fine silver contents and be 15mm in diameter. It is true that "MY BISONSTAR" is of small weight and size but so is a new born Texas Plains Bison calf! The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite parents, grandparents, and other relatives of school-age children to save and make a donation to acquire a "MY BISONSTAR" Donation Premium Package for each of their school-age children as a gift to challenge and encourage their school-age children to also volunteer and enlist in the effort to collect and save "Texas Silver BisonStars" to organize and manage their own "Texas BisonStar Spirit Herd" on their "Family Frontier Homestead Spirit Ranch" at Fort Goodnight Texas on the frontier of the future of the great State of Texas as a service achievement of merit STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas each year following in the foot steps of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) when she saved Texas Plains Bison calves from extinction.

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**"JOSE"**

The "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower" is a species (*Ratibida columnaris* (Asteraceae)) of flowering plant in the daisy family that is native to much of North America. It inhabits prairies, plains, roadsides, and disturbed areas from southern Canada through most of the United States to northern Mexico. This drought-tolerant US-native perennial blooms through much of the summer, with bright cone-flowers appearing in profusion on tall stems.

The flower clearly inspires the common name "Mexican hat," as it consists of a long central cone surrounded at the base by drooping petals—reminiscent in shape of a sombrero or 10-gallon hat. The flower attracts bees and butterflies with its flowers and birds with its seeds and is deer resistant.

Green leaves appear at the base of the plant. Flower stalks are leafless. The flower blooms from early summer into the fall. At maturity the upright branching stems may become woody. The flower prefers full sun in well drained soil and is outstanding in hot-humid climates. The flower is unfussy about soil type, but needs good drainage. It tolerates moist or dry soil. It is highly drought tolerant owing to its long taproot. One must provide supplemental moisture in late summer to extend flowering into fall. The flower may grow to two feet to three feet tall. An excellent variety for cut flower display arrangements lasting 5 to 10 days.

The flower is easy to grow from seed in fall or spring. Germination takes place in about 20 to 40 days. The average number of seeds that may be harvested from the flower per pound is approximately 1,230,000. A typical retail seed packet may contain approximately 1,075 seeds. One ounce of seed may cover approximately 2, 723 sq. ft. which is approximately 1/16 of an acre (43,560 sq. ft.).

NOTE: The bookmark photograph was drawn from Wikipedia. The bookmark text was authored from website sources including Wikipedia and the Wildseed Farms of Fredericksburg, Texas website (wildseedfarms.com). The "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower" at Caprock Canyons State Park is one of many native prairie flowers that abound over the nearly 15,000 acres of the Park. The Group has adopted the "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower" as the "buddies" of "BisonStar" at the Park who is "The Official Mascot" of The Group. The Group has proposed the name "JOSE" to describe a "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower" character that shall be developed to help tell the story of the Park's flowers and other plants on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The STAR DAY Foundation has organized "THE BISONSTAR AND BUDDY PALS OF TEXAS CLUB" to invite students in Texas 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades with the help of their parents, grandparents and other relatives to explore and discover the founding and founders story of the Park and to help pioneer and lead an effort to save and donate money to support conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives at the Park hosted by The Group as an annual "Service Achievement of Merit (SAM)" birthday gift to the State of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation shall develop and offer to parents of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> school-age children a special "Donation Premium Gift" for making a specific donation to The STAR DAY Foundation composed of a "Jose Story Bookmark", a "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflower" seed packet, a commemorative "BisonStar" donation coin featuring the image of "BisonStar" on one side and the "Official Seal of the State of Texas" on the other side along with a commemorative "Texas Flag of Sky Tent" which features and represents a uniquely numbered "Texas Flag of Sky" in "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley" and a corresponding "Texas Flag of Land" in "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Land Valley" to be located in "Camp Goodnight Texas" in "The William Elmo Merrem Wilderness Frontier", a parcel of land in Briscoe County donated by Texas school-age students established as a *Conservation Land Trust* sponsored and maintained by The STAR DAY Foundation. The use of the "Official Seal of the State of Texas" was granted by Governor Rick Perry, a STAR DAY 1999 Founder, at the request of The Group. The Group shall invite members of The Club to pioneer and lead an effort with the help of parents to grow "Mexican Hat Prairie Coneflowers" at home in a window box or small parcel of land in their backyard as a challenging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project initiative during their summer vacation. When the flowers bloom and mature, each member of The Club may harvest and display their flowers in a tabletop thank-you gift for their parents!

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**"BUDDY"**

Prairie dogs are mostly herbivorous burrowing rodents native to the grasslands of North America. The five species are: black-tailed, white-tailed, Gunnison's, Utah, and Mexican prairie dogs. They are a type of ground squirrel, found in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In Mexico, prairie dogs are found primarily in the northern states, which lie at the southern end of the Great Plains: northeastern Sonora, north and northeastern Chihuahua, northern Coahuila, northern Nuevo León, and northern Tamaulipas. In the United States, they range primarily to the west of the Mississippi River, though they have also been introduced in a few eastern locales.

Prairie dogs are named for their habitat and warning call, which sounds similar to a dog's bark. The name was in use at least as early as 1774. The 1804 journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition note that in September 1804, they "discovered a Village of an animal the French Call the Prairie Dog". Its genus, *Cynomys*, derives from the Greek for "dog mouse". Prairie dogs raise their heads from their burrows in response to disturbances. On average, these stout-bodied rodents will grow to be between 30 and 40 cm (12 and 16 in) long, including the short tail, and weigh between 0.5 and 1.5 kilograms (1 and 3 lb).

Prairie dogs are chiefly herbivorous, though they eat some insects. They feed primarily on grasses and small seeds. In the fall, they eat broadleaf forbs. In the winter, lactating and pregnant females supplement their diets with snow for extra water. They also will eat roots, seeds, fruit, and buds. Grasses of various species are eaten. Black-tailed prairie dogs in South Dakota eat western bluegrass, blue grama, buffalo grass, six weeks fescue, and tumblegrass, while Gunnison's prairie dogs eat rabbit brush, tumbleweeds, dandelions, saltbush, and cacti in addition to buffalo grass and blue grama.

Burrows help prairie dogs control their body temperature as they are 5–10 °C during the winter and 15–25 °C in the summer. Prairie dog tunnel systems channel rainwater into the water table which prevents runoff and erosion, and can also change the composition of the soil in a region by reversing soil compaction that can result from cattle grazing.

Prairie dog burrows are 5–10 meters (16–33 ft)

long and 2–3 meters (6.6–9.8 ft) below the ground. The entrance holes are generally 10–30 cm (3.9–11.8 in) in diameter. Prairie dog burrows can have up to six entrances. Sometimes the entrances are simply flat holes in the ground, while at other times they are surrounded by mounds of soil either left as piles or hard packed. Some mounds, known as dome craters, can be as high as 0.2–0.3 meter (7.9–11.8 in) high. Other mounds, known as rim craters, can be as high as 1 meter. Dome craters and rim craters serve as observation posts used by the animals to watch for predators. They also protect the burrows from flooding. The holes also possibly provide ventilation as the air enters through the dome crater and leaves through the rim crater, causing a breeze though the burrow. Prairie dog burrows contain chambers to provide certain functions. They have nursery chambers for their young, chambers for night, and chambers for the winter. They also contain air chambers that may function to protect the burrow from flooding and a listening post for predators. When hiding from predators, prairie dogs use less-deep chambers that are usually a meter below the surface. Nursery chambers tend to be deeper, being two to three meters below the surface.

NOTE: The photograph is contributed by Dan Baeza, a 2013 student photographer intern of The STAR DAY Foundation. *The HorseBack Magazine* of Houston, Texas sponsored a Dan Baeza expedition to Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque to create a collection of photographs at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Several photographs were used to illustrate the article written by Park Interpretive Ranger Le'Ann Pigg entitled: *"The Texas State Bison Herd"* which appeared in Volume 20, Number 9 in the September 2013 magazine issue. The bookmark text was drawn from Wikipedia. The prairie dogs at Caprock Canyons State Park are well-known companions to the bison which now roam free over the nearly 15,000 acres of the park. The Group has adopted the park prairie dogs as the "buddies" of "BisonStar" who is "The Official Mascot" of The Group. The Group has proposed the name "BUDDY" to describe a park prairie dog character that shall be developed to help tell the story of the park. The STAR DAY Foundation has organized "THE BISONSTAR AND BUDDY PALS OF TEXAS CLUB" to invite students in Texas 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades with the help of their parents, grandparents and other relatives to explore and discover the story of the park and to pioneer and lead an effort to save and donate money to support conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives at the park proposed by The Group as an annual service achievement of merit birthday gift to Texas.

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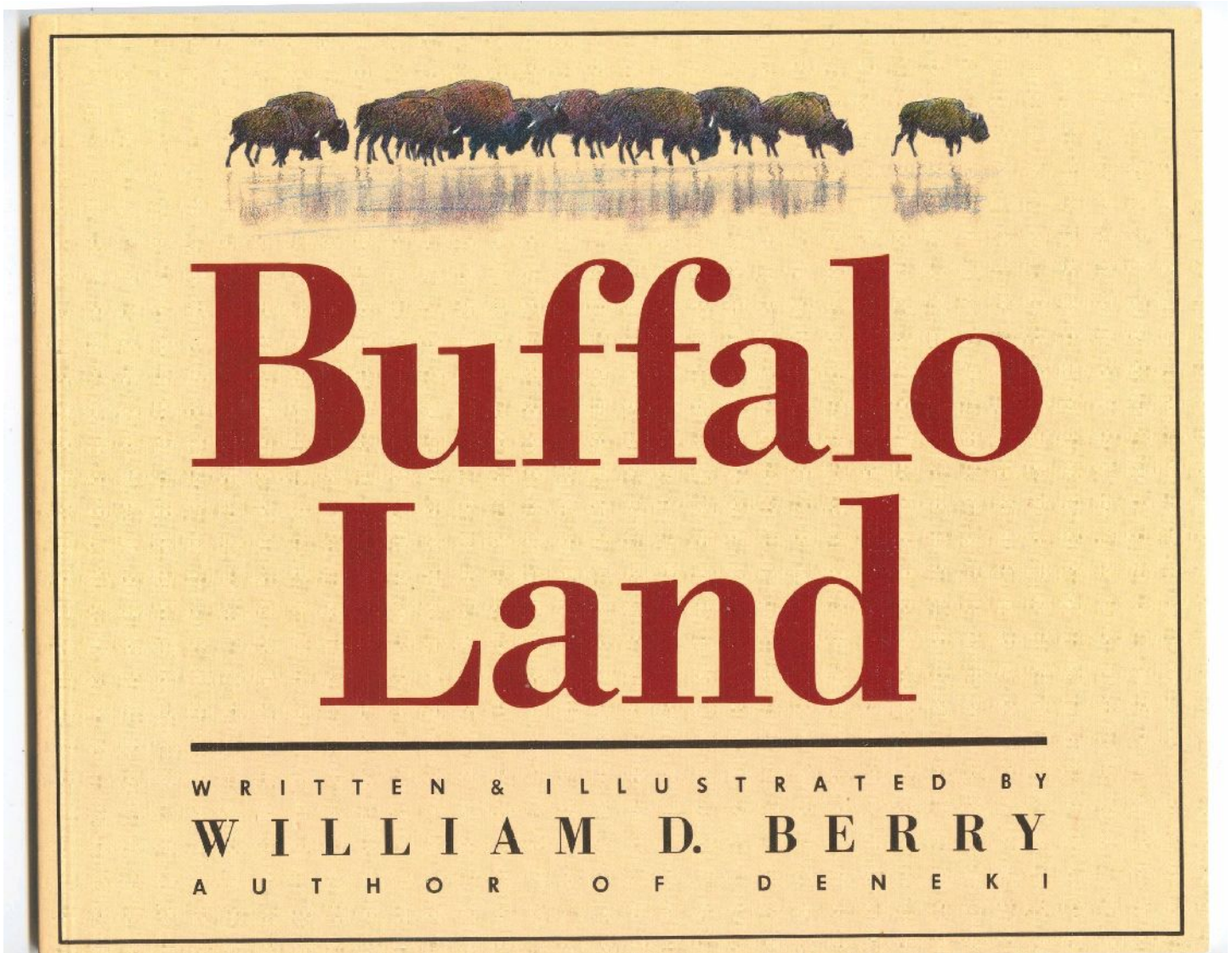
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## THE BOOKS

**“The State of Texas is Buffalo Land!”....***The Texas Bison Student Study Group*



**PHOTOGRAPH 29:** The STAR DAY Foundation at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group shall seek to partner with the publisher of “*Buffalo Land*” to republish this title for adoption by “THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LIBRARY” as a Texas Bison Student Study Group “Story Book Reader” in support of The Texas Bison Student Study Group expanded learning opportunities network curriculum. Buffalo Land shall be published by The Texas BisonStar Press, a division of The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation established by The STAR DAY Foundation.



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**WILLIAM DAVID BERRY  
(1926-1997)**

William D. Berry was born on May 20, 1926, in San Mateo, California to Harvey and Ruth Berry. His father was an electrical engineer, his mother pursued interests in music. He had one sister, Ann.

From his early childhood in the southwestern desert to the closing days of his life in the taiga forest of Alaska, Berry was absorbed by the diversity of living creatures with which he shared the world. Years of observation gave him a singular capability to perceive animals; years of study and practice gave him an equally singular ability to convey them to observers through an array of artist's media.

Bill was drawing animals as soon as he was old enough to hold something to draw them with. By the time he was three, he was cutting out animal silhouettes that were recognizable creatures. He completed his first book, on slugs, when he was five. He illustrated school papers, did a mural in junior high school, worked up a series of cartoon characters and planned to work for Disney Studios when he was out of high school. He attended the Art Center in Los Angeles, California in 1943, but World War II intervened in his career plans and he enlisted in the Army in 1944. He spent 3 years in the military, his last year as a cartoonist on the Pacific edition of the *Stars and Strips*.

Upon returning to California he attended the School of Allied Arts for three years. He then met and married Liz Lambert and moved to Alaska where he raised 2 sons, Mark and Paul.

William D. Berry was a nationally known and skilled wildlife artist, but to many Alaskans he was also a kind of state treasure. — and certainly a natural resource. He spent a life time studying and drawing the creatures around him. His clear vision, conveyed with his disciplined skills, captured creatures and their habitats in works that are both scientifically accurate and artistically compelling. Perhaps it is that honesty that makes his work a challenge to other artists who wish to capture the essence of animals and captivate viewers. It is surely one of the reasons that his sketches continue to please all who cherish wilderness. Each of his creatures has its own character presented with respect for individuality as well as accuracy for its species characteristics.

Berry is known to many through his books: *Deneki: An Alaskan Moose and Buffalo Land: The Untamed Wilderness of the High Plains Frontier*. Berry illustrated other volumes and expressed his art in many other forms, working in pencil, oil, silk-screen, and bronze sculpture. As well as being scientifically accurate, his work could also be lighthearted, as his cartoons and murals show. Bill's respect for all living things shines through in the way he caught the spirit of the animal or plant in his drawing. Although he left relatively few finished works, he did leave a wealth of material in his field sketches, notebooks, stories and letters.

NOTE: The photograph was provided by the Berry family. The text was revised from *William D. Berry 1954-1956: Alaskan Field Sketches*. The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation nominated William D. Berry for Induction. William D. Berry shall be formally inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor on September 12, 2013, "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas, at the Caprock Canyons State Park, home of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." The STAR DAY Foundation shall seek to republish *Buffalo Land* and to use a Berry bison sketch from his book to illustrate the Seal of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at the Park with the help of donations from families of Texas K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students (5.1 million) and Friends of Texas worldwide to help save, maintain and expand the herd for the people of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation shall also seek to use a Berry bison sketch to illustrate "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund Donation Coin Series" featuring aluminum, copper, silver and gold minted donation coins offered as a donation premium gift to donors.

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# Charles Goodnight

## Pioneer Cowman

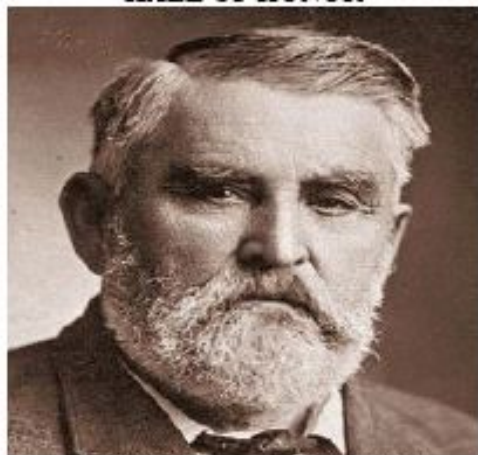


Sybil J. O'Rear

**PHOTOGRAPH 30:** The STAR DAY Foundation is pioneering and leading an effort to partner with publishers to republish book titles that have been proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group as readers in support The Texas Bison Student Study Group Expanded Learning Opportunities Network (ELON) Curriculum. The STAR DAY Foundation shall establish and maintain "THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LIBRARY" which shall feature books that shall be offered to Texas families as "Donation Books." Each Donation Book title shall be supported by a Story Bookmark. The STAR DAY Foundation shall offer "*The Charles Goodnight-Pioneer Cowman Book Kit (DPG KIT 7)*" in 2017 for a \$40 donation to The STAR DAY Foundation in support of the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The **DPG KIT 7** shall contain the book, a Charles Goodnight Bookmark and a \$40 collection of State of Texas Treasure "My BisonStar" Donation Savings Coins and a Camp Goodnight Texas Flag of Sky Tent. The coins shall be placed in a State of Texas Treasure Box along with the other specified donation commemoratives packaged and sent to the donor's US address by USPS mail.



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**CHARLES GOODNIGHT**  
**(1836-1929)**

The names of certain individuals stand out boldly in the history of the Lone Star State, and for more than a century, the life of famed rancher Charles Goodnight has inspired generations of Texans.

Born on March 5, 1836, to Charles and Charlotte Goodnight in Macoupin County, Illinois, young Charles Goodnight joined his family in 1845 on the 800-mile journey to Milam County, Texas, where the boy arrived riding bareback on a white-faced mare named Blaze; from an early age, he learned the virtue of hard work, laboring as a farmhand, racing as a jockey, and hauling freight with teams of oxen.

Mr. Goodnight entered into a partnership with his stepbrother, John Wesley Sheek, in 1856 to raise 400 head of cattle in the Brazos Valley; in the late 1850s, he met Oliver Loving, and together the two young men drove a herd to the gold rush camps in Colorado before the Civil War; during the 1860s, he worked as a scout for the Texas Rangers, taking part in the Comanche wars and fighting outlaws along the Colorado and Brazos River.

After his service with the Rangers, Mr. Goodnight returned to the cattle business, and in 1866, he, Mr. Loving, and 18 cowhands drove a herd from Fort Belknap, Texas, to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and the route they forged became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail, one of the most heavily trafficked cattle trails in the Southwest; Charles Goodnight is also credited with inventing the chuck wagon during that legendary drive.

In 1870, he married Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer, a schoolteacher, and the couple settled in Colorado for several years before returning to Texas; in 1876, he entered into a partnership with John G. Adair to set up the JA Ranch along Palo Duro Canyon, with Mr. Goodnight serving as resident manager and part

owner of the operation; over the next 11 years, he increased the ranch's herd and expanded its range and helped establish law and order in the Panhandle; he pioneered the use of many new techniques and inventions, including artificial watering facilities, barbed wire fences, and the development of Hereford bulls through crossbreeding; he also created one of the first western sidesaddles, for use by his wife.

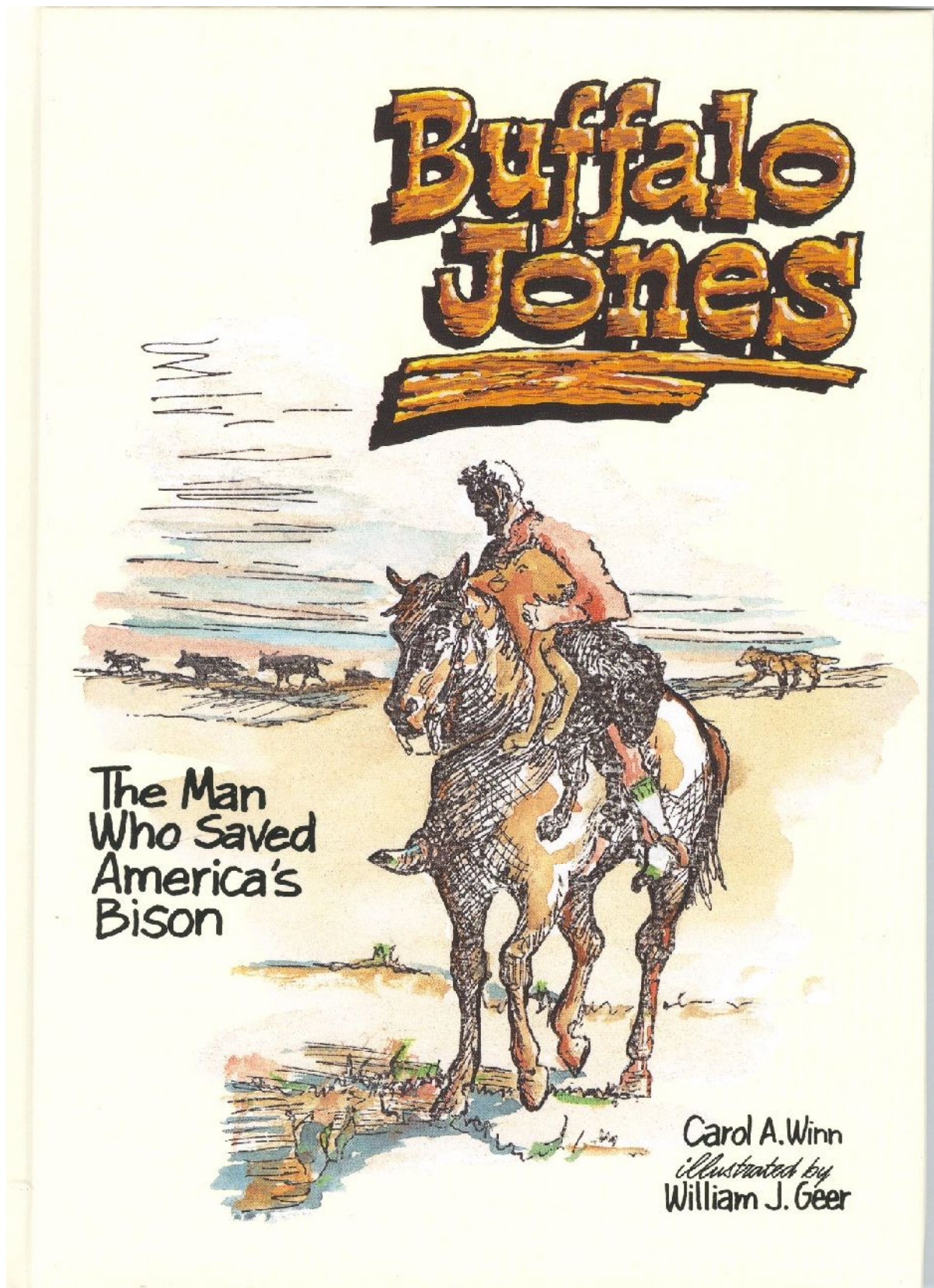
From 1887 to 1926, Charles and Molly Goodnight lived in a spacious, two-story ranch house on the Goodnight Ranch near the Salt Fork of the Red River; when his wife became distressed at the decline of the southern herd of native bison, Mr. Goodnight took up their cause, breeding them on his ranch and shipping buffalo to Yellowstone National Park and to zoos on the East Coast and in Europe; he also raised other animals and performed agricultural experiments with the encouragement of botanist Luther Burbank.

Molly Goodnight died in 1926, and Charles Goodnight followed her three years later at the age of 93, and they are buried together in the Goodnight Cemetery, not far from the ranch they called home for nearly 40 years; the descendants of the Goodnights' buffalo live on as the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park, and the legacy of Charles Goodnight, pioneer, cattleman, and naturalist, will endure as long as the Lone Star shines bright over Texas.

NOTE: The picture has been drawn from the Texas Co-op Power Magazine. The above text is the text of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 51 authored by State Representative Ken King and sponsored by State Senator Kel Seliger during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature. HCR 51 designated March 5<sup>th</sup> as "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas to honor and remember his life and achievements. He is truly deserving of this signal honor for his pioneering work alongside his wife and his visionary leadership efforts of saving a herd of Texas Southern Plains bison that is now "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at Caprock Canyons State Park for the people of Texas. The bill was proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, Texas as an after-school student enrichment program as an expanded learning opportunities program hosted by Texas schools. The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texas Junior High and Middle School history teachers, Texas home schooling families and others to plan, develop and conduct an annual "Charles Goodnight Day" classroom student studies activity to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover his life and achievements as an outstanding conservation, preservation and restoration historical role model.

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**PHOTOGRAPH 31:** The STAR DAY Foundation at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group shall seek to partner with the publisher of "Buffalo Jones-The M an Who Saved America's Bison" to republish this title for adoption by "THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LIBRARY.".



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**CHARLES JESSE JONES**  
**(1844-1919)**

Charles Jesse Jones, better known as "Buffalo Jones," was born in Illinois on January 31, 1844, the second of twelve children. His father Noah was a farmer. As a child, Jones had a natural affinity for wild animals. One of his earliest catches was a red squirrel he tamed and sold to a man in Bloomington for two dollars.

He attended Wesleyan University when he was 21, studying natural history. After two years, he contracted typhoid fever, and the resulting damage to his eyesight forced him to abandon his formal education. He then headed west to Kansas, where he married Martha Walton and began a family. Later, he joined the Fulton Brothers in founding a new community, Garden City, Kansas. During this time, he made his living by hunting buffalo, sometimes killing as many as sixty in one day. He kept what he needed for his family and sold the rest, primarily to traders from the east. Although he hated killing the mighty animals, he knew that other hunters would continue to profit from the slaughter of the buffalo, whether or not he participated.

In the 1880s, Jones led several expeditions to the Texas Panhandle, near Palo Duro Canyon. His purpose was to capture buffalo calves and take them to his ranch in Garden City and raise a herd of buffalo in captivity. On the hunt of 1886 he captured fourteen calves after struggling against a late winter storm. In 1889, he captured seven calves plus eleven adult buffalo. Carrier pigeons flew news of his progress to Garden City, which was then telegraphed to major newspapers and publicized throughout the world. He bred the buffalo with cattle to create

animals he called "cattalo" that could survive the harsh winters and provide meat for the families on the plains.

Jones became the first game warden of Yellowstone Park in 1902, appointed by his friend President Theodore Roosevelt. During his tenure as park ranger, he established the herd of bison that still inhabits Yellowstone Park. With funding from Congress, he purchased more than two dozen buffalo, including some from his own ranch in Kansas, which he herded across the plains and through the Rocky Mountains to Yellowstone.

Jones started a ranch on the north side of the Grand Canyon in 1906, where he continued his efforts to preserve the buffalo by breeding cattalo. In addition, he hosted Zane Grey on a trip to the area, which helped to launch Grey's career as a famous Western author. In fact, several of Grey's novels introduce characters modeled after Buffalo Jones, including *Raiders of the Spanish Peaks* and *The Last of the Plainsmen*.

While in his sixties, Jones made two expeditions to Africa in search of new quarry: rhinoceros, lions, and gorillas. Much to the astonishment of the traditional hunters, he did not kill the animals; he simply chased them down and lassoed them, with his camera crew filming the entire hunt. Many of the animals he caught were set free; however, he brought home a lioness to the Bronx Zoo. On his second expedition, he became ill with malaria. Over the next three years, he suffered numerous relapses and never recovered his full strength. Buffalo Jones died in Topeka, Kansas, on October 1, 1919, at the home of his daughter.

Charles Jesse Jones was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1959. Twenty years later, the Finney County Historical Museum in Garden City, Kansas, developed a permanent exhibit dedicated to his memory. Because of his lifelong efforts to save the buffalo from extinction, Buffalo Jones became known as the Preserver of the American Bison.

NOTE: The photograph is used with permission from the Finney County Historical Museum. The text was contributed by Carol A. Winn, author of the book *Buffalo Jones: The Man Who Saved America's Bison*. Ms. Winn is pioneering and leading an effort to organize a Texas Bison Student Study Group in Amarillo, Texas, as an after-school student enrichment program to offer students the opportunity to explore and discover the history of the Texas Plains bison and related topics as well as to conduct an expedition to Caprock Canyons State Park, home of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas."

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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### SEPTEMBER 13, 2014-PANHANDLE PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM-CANYON, TEXAS

Dennis M. Kulvicki, President of The STAR DAY Foundation, meets with Carol A. Winn, author of *"Buffalo Jones-The Man Who Saved America's Bison"* at "The Molly Goodnight Day Celebration" at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. Ms. Winn is a School Librarian in Amarillo. Ms. Winn is also an author of several articles published in "The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal" at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. She also nominated Charles Jesse Jones (1844-1919) to be inducted into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and is the "Jones Induction Story Bookmark" author. Ms. Winn has been invited by The STAR DAY Foundation to write a book to be published by The Texas BisonStar Press a division of The Texas Bison Star Mint Corporation organized by The STAR DAY Foundation as a 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade reader to honor and remember the life and achievements of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1936). The book, bookmark and supporting commemorative educational materials shall be offered as a "Donation Premium Gift: to families making a donation and wishing to support the goal and activities of "The Official Texas Bison Herd of Texas Fund."





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**SEPTEMBER 18, 2015-QUITAQUE-TEXAS**-The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki (left) presented to City of Quitaque Librarian Aleta Sperry (right) a copy of "*Charles Goodnight-A Pioneer Cowman*" with a supporting "*Charles Goodnight Story Bookmark*" featuring the exact text of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 51 authored by State Representative Ken King and sponsored by State Senator Kel Seliger during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature to designate March 5 as "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas. HCR 51 was proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and is composed of 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer teachers, librarians, community volunteers including parents and advisors. Teachers, librarians and students at partnering schools plan, develop and conduct "The Spirit of Charles Goodnight Day Celebration" with cookies and drinks while illustrating their art work, pioneer poetry and historical posters in their respective school libraries as an after school expanded learning opportunities program. The "PALS of Texas Readers Are Leaders" book donation program is an activity of The Group with the support of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Photograph was taken by Librarian Kim Patrick.



# CHAPTER 9

## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY FOUNDATION



**“THE FINAL ACT”**

**February 19, 1846 – Austin-** At the wood-planked capitol building of the Republic of Texas at Hickory (8<sup>th</sup>) and Colorado streets in Austin, Travis County. Norman Price, Artist. Print courtesy of the University of Texas American History Collection at Austin.

## THE INAUGURATION

On Thursday, February 19, 1846, two great Texas politicians met in front of the wood-planked Capitol building of the Republic of Texas in the City of Austin, Travis County to conduct one of the most important peace time flag services in the history of the United States. Dr. Anson Jones (1798-1858), the last President of the Republic of Texas, lowered the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas for the last official time at 12 noon and witnessed the flag of the United States being raised over the State of Texas, the 28th state of the Union, as James



Pinckney Henderson (1808-1858) was sworn in as the first Governor of the State of Texas to the cheers of a few thousand Austin residents and visitors.

The entry of Texas as the 28<sup>th</sup> state of the United States was a leading factor in the Republic of Mexico declaring war against the United States in 1846. Governor James Pinckney Henderson was formally invited by the first State of Texas Legislature to take a leave of absence from his duties as Governor and lead the State of Texas volunteers into battle which he did as an outstanding leader of men. Governor Henderson was formally honored by the United States Congress with commemorative sword for his feats of valor during the Mexican War.

## **THE FOUNDATION**

The STAR DAY Foundation was organized in 1998 and established in 1999 as a Texas nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax exempt, corporation with the MISSION to carry out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY Bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup> State Legislature) in partnership with all Texas public schools and the people of the State of Texas. The mission and educational activities of The STAR DAY Foundation have been dedicated to carrying out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup>) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to inspire a greater appreciation for the history of the state and to honor and remember the life and legacy of the first pioneers and leaders who founded the State of Texas on February 19, 1846. The STAR DAY Bill states that all Texas public schools and other organizations shall celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the history of the state.

The STAR DAY Foundation has since 1996 planned, developed and conducted “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” on February 19 each year with the support of State of Texas Governor’s George W. Bush, Rick Perry and Greg Abbott with the mission to invite Texas schools to pioneer and lead an effort to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas at their respective schools and to offer their time to volunteer to make Service Achievements of Merit (SAM) as their annual birthday gifts for the State of Texas. During odd years The STAR DAY Foundation conducts “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” on STAR DAY February 19 in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda in partnership with sponsoring State Senators and State Representatives. During even years The STAR DAY Foundation accepts an invitation from a Texas school to conduct “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” at their institution as an all-school community event.

The STAR DAY Bill was initiated by a Daniel B. Kulvicki, 9<sup>th</sup> grade United States History students’ as a class paper. State Representative Craig Eiland introduced the bill and State Senator Mike Jackson sponsored the bill during the 76<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature. The bill was signed into law by Governor George W. Bush on June 18, 1999. In order to show support for the bill, the student invited and received Memorial Resolutions from all 254 Texas County Judges, a first in Texas history in support of a legislative initiative. The support of all 254 Texas Counties for the passage of The STAR DAY Bill was pioneered and led by Galveston County Judge James D. Yarbrough and Loving County Judge Donald C. Creager.

# **THE PALS OF TEXAS VOLUNTEERS CORPS**

The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers Corps was established in 2000 to pioneer and lead a statewide effort to support the Mission of The STAR DAY Foundation to plan, develop and conduct the birthday of the State of Texas on STAR DAY the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year with appropriate and patriotic programs in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to inspire and motivate young Texans to explore and discover the founding and founders of the State of Texas as their historical heritage. The PALS of Texas Volunteers are organized into Texas Student Study Groups.

Currently, The STAR DAY Foundation has organized with the help of The PALS of Texas Volunteers twelve (12) Texas Student Study Groups to provide students with the unique opportunity to volunteer and participate in after-school expanded learning opportunity activities at their school libraries. The participating students also have the opportunity to pioneer and lead as individuals or in groups in planning, developing and conducting service achievements of merit as their annual STAR DAY birthday gifts for the State of Texas guided by The PALS of Texas Volunteers.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group was established by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2010, “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day” in Texas, and is guided by The PALS of Texas Volunteers with the help of teachers, librarians, parents and advisors at partnering schools. The PALS of Texas Volunteers plan to meet annually in Quitaque for a three-day weekend called: **“THE PALS OF TEXAS VOLUNTEERS ROUNDUP (The Roundup).”** The attendees of The Roundup shall conduct business and their families shall enjoy a musical camping visit with great food to explore and discover the majestic park land and “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas”. The families may also wish to attend **“THE GREAT TEXAS BISONSTAR PARTY”** in the evenings to enjoy the dark night skies of the park with the help of partnering area amateur and professional astronomers to view “The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation.” The highlight of The Round Up each year shall be attending “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library Luncheon!”



# THE BADGE



**PHOTOGRAPH 32:** The design above is featured on “The PALS of Texas Volunteers Badge” which shall be offered as a “Donation Gift Premium” designed by The State of Texas Treasure and manufactured by The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation in support of the fundraising goal and fundraising activities of “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND.” The Badge is 1 inch in diameter featuring a pin and cap on the back. The design of the “Lone Star” featuring the letters of Texas is found in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda in Austin, Travis County, Texas. A person visiting the Rotunda may see this design when the visitor steps into the middle of the Rotunda and looks straight up. The visitor will see the design at the very top of the Rotunda Dome. The design was a featured emblem of The Republic of Texas (1836-1846). The phrase “CAMP GOODNIGHT TEXAS” is the name of the “Official Camp Grounds” of The PALS of Texas Volunteers.

The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps (The Volunteers) was organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000 to provide individuals the opportunity to help pioneer and lead the effort to support the mission and activities of The STAR DAY Foundation including efforts to support Texas Student Study Groups chartered by The STAR DAY Foundation at partnering Texas public and private schools and at Texas Homeschooling sites. The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps (The Junior Volunteers) are K-12 students who volunteer to participate in a Texas School Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and who are supervised by their parents as their plan, develop and conduct service achievements of merit as their annual STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. In each Texas County, The STAR DAY Foundation is inviting persons to volunteer and enlist in The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps to honor and remember the lives and achievements of men and women of their respective counties who have passed, who are generally known for being first in a walk of life or who have had made a notable first and who had made service achievements of merit for the state; to pioneer and lead Induction Service Events hosted by their county institutions to induct nominated persons into “**THE FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS HALL OF HONOR**” hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation since 2000.

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The story of the expedition to locate and save the last bison of the JA Ranch is illustrated in the Story Article published with permission at the website site of The STAR DAY Foundation. The Story Article may be read on the website or downloaded free for reading on digital devices. The Story Article is archived by The Library and is located at: <http://thestardayfoundation.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/NUMBER-2-THE-TEXAS-PARKS-AND-WILDLIFE-MAGAZINE-MARCH-2011-ARTICLE-RUSSELL-ROE.pdf>

## **THE FIRST PALS OF TEXAS HALL OF HONOR**

The STAR DAY Foundation organized “The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor” on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000 to honor and remember the life and legacy of Texans who have been noted for being “First” in a walk of life and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas. A member of The PALS of Texas Volunteers may recommend the nomination a person for induction in The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor. The Nominator shall volunteer to author a First PALS of Texas Induction Story Bookmark and shall volunteer to plan, develop and conduct an Induction Service Event.

The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library (The Library) shall archive and offer access to the collection of Induction Story Bookmarks for free downloading at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. In addition, The Library shall offer workshops to assist members of The PALS of Texas Volunteers and others in developing the knowledge and skills to author Story Bookmarks.



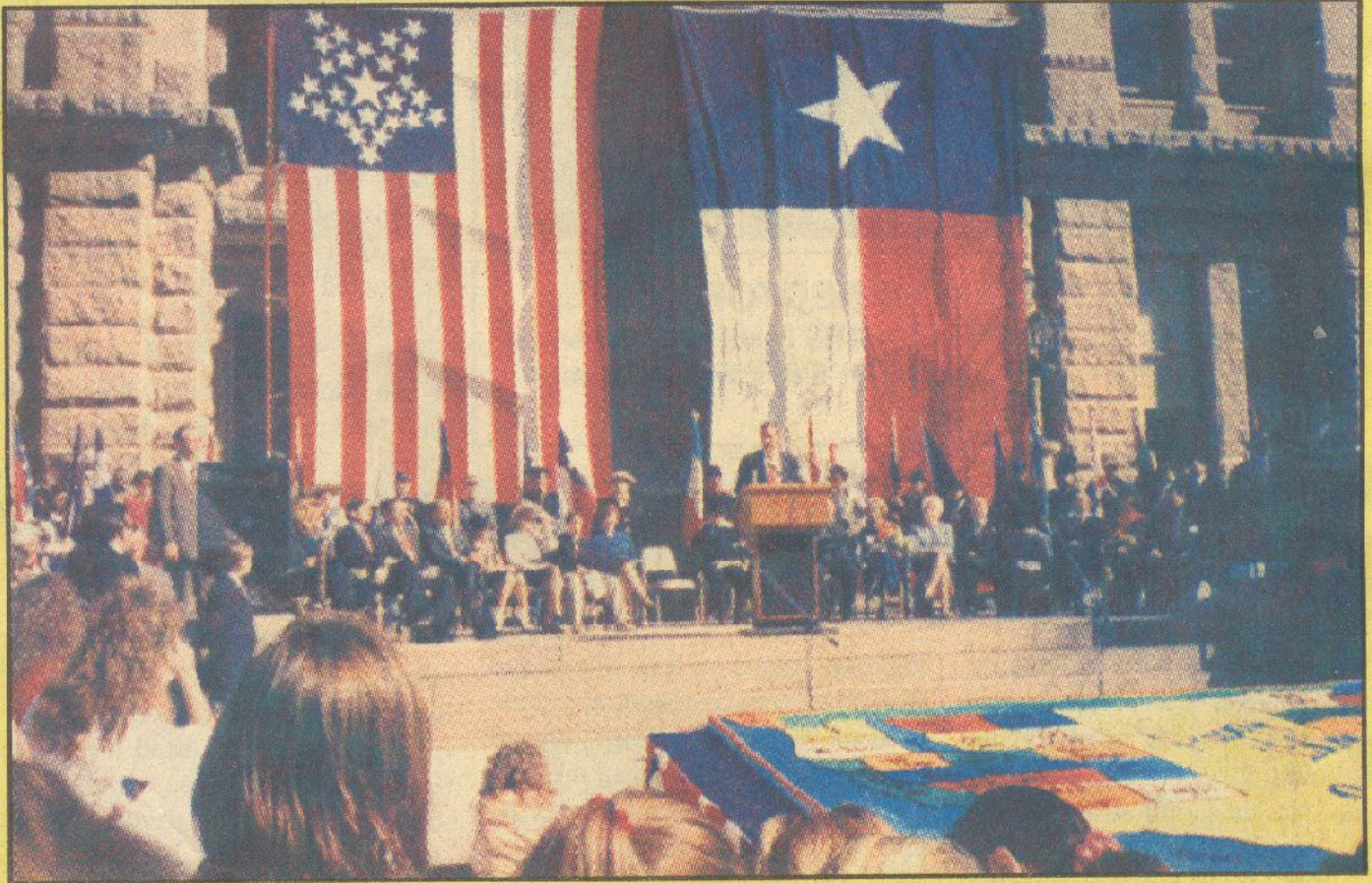
# THE CELEBRATIONS

The STAR DAY Foundation in an effort to carry-out its Mission has developed since its founding in 1998 a variety of Texas Junior High and Middle School expanded learning opportunities student enrichment educational programs as after-school programs. The STAR DAY Foundation has pioneered and led an effort to plan, develop and conduct a expanded learning opportunities student enrichment program since 2000 called “**The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration.**” Governor George W. Bush, Governor Rick Perry and Governor Greg Abbott have issued a annual “Spirit of STAR DAY School Address which is shared by The STAR DAY Foundation with Texas School principals and others and read by a student at the STAR DAY birthday event each year. The event in odd years celebrates the birthday of the great State of Texas in the State Capitol Rotunda beginning at 12 noon with a school band concert of appropriate and patriotic music and addresses from sponsoring state legislators. In even years the event is sponsored by a partnering Texas public school at their location. The Governor’s “Spirit of STAR DAY School Address” is read at the event by a student selected by the school principal. At the event each year The STAR DAY Foundation presents its highest award “**The Spirit of Spirit of STAR DAY Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) Award**” to honor and recognize an individual or institution that has made outstanding service achievements of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas.



# STAR DAY-FEBRUARY 19, 1996-150TH

## TEXAS CELEBRATES 150TH BIRTHDAY



### TEXAS 150 YEARS OF STATEHOOD CELEBRATION

AUSTIN - At the podium is keynote speaker Gov. George W. Bush. To his left is wife, Laura, also seated are Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Sen. John Monford, Rep. Jerry Johnson, Austin's Mayor Bruce Todd, and Vikki Carr, singer. To his right, are Speaker Laney and wife, former Govs. Ann Richards, Dolph Briscoe, and Price Daniel. Photo by Dennis Kulvicki.

## Texas celebrates 150 years of statehood and the future leaders of the state

**FEBRUARY 19, 1996-STAR DAY-AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS**-The First "State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Celebration" was designated by a Proclamation issued by Governor George W. Bush at the request of Daniel B. Kulvicki, a Galveston County Dickinson ISD student whose 9<sup>th</sup> grade American History class paper proposed that the State of Texas celebrates its birthday each year on February 19 to honor and remember the founding and founders of the State of Texas in partnership with Texas schools and other organization and to inspire a greater appreciation of the history of the state.



At the request and with the support of Governor George W. Bush, Kulvicki pioneered and led a successful legislative effort to invite the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislature meeting in the spring of 1999 to pass a STAR DAY bill (Senate bill 1656) to formally designate February 19 each year as STAR DAY. His legislative effort failed in the 75<sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislature meeting in the spring of 1997. The STAR DAY Foundation was formally launched in 1999 to carry out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations as an annual “STAR DAY Birthday Gift” for the State of Texas.

During odd-years STAR DAY is celebrated in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda by The STAR DAY Foundation sponsored by Texas State Legislators in partnership with attending Texas school delegation with a support School Band performance. During even-years, The STAR DAY Foundation has invited a Texas public school to plan, develop and conduct a “Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” event on their campus on STAR DAY supervised by the School Principal and in partnership with their school librarian, teachers, students and school band director as a STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. APPENDIX 3 of this report features an expand story of STAR DAY with illustrations of previous “Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” events.

## **THE STAR DAY 1996 STORY**

The Galveston County City of Dickinson Mayor John Mitchiner issued the “**First City of Texas**” STAR DAY Proclamation on October 24, 1995. Governor George W. Bush issued the “**First State of Texas**” STAR DAY Proclamation on February 13, 1996. The 75<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature meeting in spring of 1997 failed to pass a STAR DAY bill proposed by Daniel B. Kulvicki authored by State Representative Craig Eiland and sponsored by State Senator Mike Jackson. Galveston County Judge James D. Yarbrough issued the “**First Texas County**” STAR DAY Proclamation on April 16, 1998 and proposed that Daniel B. Kulvicki invite the other 253 Texas Counties to issue similar Texas County STAR DAY Proclamations to support the passage of a STAR DAY bill in the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislature in spring of 1999. Daniel B. Kulvicki and his father Dennis M. Kulvicki pioneered and led the campaign to successfully acquire the 253 Texas County STAR DAY Proclamations and also acquired ten (10) Texas City STAR DAY Proclamations during the summer and early fall of 1998. Lt. Governor Rick Perry invited State Senator Mike Jackson to author a STAR DAY bill in the 76<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature. Senate Bill 1656 was sponsored by Texas State Representative Craig Eiland. Daniel B. Kulvicki was invited to present testimony and to show his collection of Texas County and City STAR DAY Proclamations in the Senate and House Committees considering the STAR DAY bill. The STAR DAY bill was passed by the 76<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor George W. Bush. Governor George W. Bush at the request of Daniel B. Kulvicki issued State of Texas STAR DAY Proclamations for the years 1996-1999.

The STAR DAY efforts of Daniel B. Kulvicki have been illustrated in a Chapter 8 of a college school textbook published in 2001 by Houghton Mifflin entitled “*Texas Politics: Individuals Making a Difference*” authored by Nasser Momayezi.



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM  
STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

On December 29, 1845, President James K. Polk signed the Joint Resolution of Congress for Texas Statehood, which thereby designated the Republic of Texas as the 28th state of the United States of America. At that time, the Republic of Texas had only 36 counties, and 20 senators and 66 representatives elected to the first Legislature of the state of Texas.

On February 19, 1846, members of the Texas Legislature and other officials gathered in Austin at noon on Hickory (8th) and Colorado streets to witness Dr. Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, lower the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas and raise the flag of the United States of America. On this day, James Pinckney Henderson was sworn in as the first governor of the state of Texas.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of the first governor of Texas.

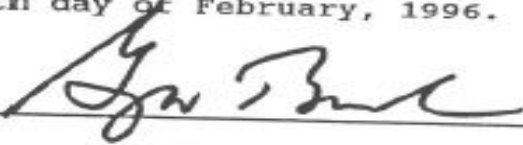
Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 19, 1996, as:

**THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY**

In Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.



In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this  
13th day of February, 1996.

  
Governor of Texas



# STAR DAY-FEBRUARY 19, 2014-168TH



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**FEBRUARY 19, 2014-THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2014 CELEBRATION  
CONDUCTED AT CHARLTON-POLLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN  
THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

**HAPPY 168<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY STATE OF TEXAS!!!**





## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WAYNE D. WELLS**

Principal Wells volunteered at the invitation of The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead a year-long collective and collaborative community effort to plan, develop and conduct **“THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2014 CELEBRATION”** at his school in partnership with faculty, staff, students with the support of the Charlton-Pollard High School Alumni Association as a service achievement of merit birthday gift for the State of Texas and to inspire and motivate his students to explore and discover the life and achievements of Charles Napoleon Charlton (1845-1908), a Beaumont School Founder. Principal Wells is the first school principal of Charlton-Pollard Elementary School. Photographed by Dennis M. Kulvicki



## ***Message from our Principal***

### ***Mr. Wayne D. Wells***

Charlton-Pollard Elementary is a TEA "Met Standard" Campus for 2012-2013. It is my sincere pleasure and honor to be principal of Charlton-Pollard. Our administrative team includes Mr. Wayne D. Wells, Mrs. Margie Clayton, Mr. Charles Colvin, and Mrs. Earline Mitchell. We are people who put the needs of the student at the forefront and strive to assure that students get the education they need and deserve. I am thrilled that they have chosen to work with me as we continue to partner together to make great things happen at C-P.

Throughout my educational experience, my teachers taught me "with every privilege comes great responsibility." I do believe it is a great privilege to be the Principal of Charlton-Pollard Elementary. I also know the grave responsibility comes with that privilege. Each of you entrust your most cherished possession, your child or children into my hands for 180 days each school year. Unfortunately, students come to us with many obstacles and barriers that could impede their learning process. However, no matter what we may encounter, we are prepared to take on the task.

I take on this great privilege with serious responsibility. It is my goal to return your children to you each day better than they were when they walked through the door. In today's society, with its onslaught of drugs, sexuality, and misinformation, I know that some students will make decision that harm them despite the best efforts of their parents and the school. It is imperative that you as parents and we as the school partner together to combat this and give each of our kids the best chance possible to choose to make the most their educational journey. It can, and will be an exciting time to watch these elementary children become young adults ready for middle school in the years to come. These time can be trying, but we can make them fun and exciting. With this background, I ask you to collaborate with me as we commit to do your best to help the students of Charlton-Pollard make this a positive transition toward a life of responsibility and privilege. They are the future and we are preparing them for a world that is ever so changing. We must give them our all. It requires nothing less than excellence..for all..from all.

Our motto is "Dream, Plan, Achieve". At C-P, we sincerely believe that the home, school, and community are the teams that will help each of our students become winners. I want to welcome each of you to another "EXCITING" school year. Have a great year, and the remember the best is yet to come!

Educationally,

Wayne D. Wells, Principal



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Ask any Texan, and they will proudly tell you why the Lone Star State is unique. It is the only state that once existed as an independent, sovereign nation. Texans displayed a remarkable patriotism, fortitude and ingenuity — qualities we eagerly nurtured and enhanced in the next chapter in the annals of history. On February 19, 1846, the people of the Republic of Texas chose to advance their commitment to liberty and limited government by joining the greatest union the world has ever known: the United States of America.

To build upon the solid foundation our forefathers laid for us, we must continue our work to empower people young and old to reach boldly into the future. As we work together toward goals of liberty and prosperity for our state and nation, we should always remember our Texas heritage and pay tribute to all who helped build the State of Texas into what it is today.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to celebrate another year of fruitful existence in our great state and to look forward to the limitless potential and promise our future holds.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2014, to be

**State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day**



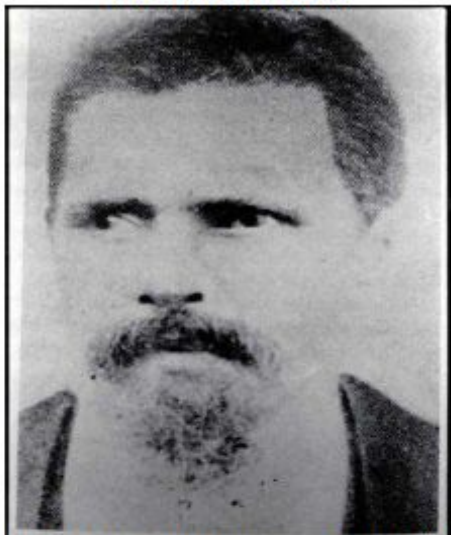
in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**CHARLES NAPOLEON CHARLTON  
(1845-1908)**

Charles Napoleon Charlton was born on January 19, 1845 to Napoleon Bonaparte Charlton (1815-1880) and a female slave whose name is not known on his plantation in Tyler County, Texas. N. B. Charlton married Sarah Lewis Foster, daughter of William Lewis Foster and Jane Lawson before 1845 in Tyler County. They had five children. Sarah Charlton passed away in January 1870.

N. B. Charlton is known as the "first" person to be elected and serve as Texas House District 23 Representative in 1849 until 1861 representing Tyler and Jefferson counties. He represented Liberty County in the First Texas Legislature in 1846. In 1850 N. B. Charlton owned 20,000 acres in Tyler County and listed his occupation as farmer. N. B. Charlton was one of Tyler's representatives to the Texas Secession Convention of 1861 where he voted for secession. N. B. Charlton died on June 17, 1896 and was buried in Tyler County.

C. N. Charlton was taught to read and write by his white step-mother, Sarah Lewis Charlton, beginning at the age of ten. He was called "Charlie Pole" as his nickname. He was freed in 1865 and married a Mary E. Runnels (1850-1930) in 1866 and they raised five boys and three girls who were all well educated by their parents.

C. N. Charlton came from Tyler County to Jefferson County in the early 1870's. Seeing that Negroes needed a public school C. N. Charlton along with Woodson Pipkin, set about the task pioneering and leading an effort of establishing "The Oakridge School" in 1874 in Beaumont as a "first" school for Negro children with the help of others. The Oakridge School was started in the Live Oak Baptist Church, on what is now known as Neches

Street in Beaumont. He interested other Negro citizens and with their aid constructed a building and organized The Oak Ridge School, later known as Pipkin School. C. N. Charlton was also employed in Beaumont as a Teamster as noted in the 1900 Federal Census.

C. N. Charlton was a "first" pioneer educator and community leader in Beaumont whose outstanding community and family educational service achievements of merit for Texas still challenge, encourage, inspire and motivate students to excel. He passed away on March 23, 1908 in Beaumont and is buried with his wife in the Anthony Cemetery in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.

NOTE: The photograph was provided by Michael Smith extracted from the rare book "Beaumont Colored Schools 1880-1926" printed by the American Printing Company of Beaumont, Texas. The text was drawn from the family history research of Joe W. Peery of Jasper, Texas who is related to descendants of N. B. Charlton. His website may be visited at [peerygenealogy.com](http://peerygenealogy.com). C. N. Charlton Family history information was also provided by great grandson Michael Smith of Las Vegas, Nevada. The Charlton-Pollard High School (decommissioned) in Beaumont was named to honor Professor Terry J. Charlton who was the schools' first principal and a son of C. N. Charlton and Thomas Titus Pollard, a son-in-law of C. N. Charlton, who came to Beaumont from the Tuskegee Institute. The Charlton-Pollard High School alumni today maintain an active alumni association website at [cpalumni.org](http://cpalumni.org). C. N. Charlton was nominated by Margaret Bostic, Chaplin of the Charlton-Pollard High School Alumni Association for induction into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor founded by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. C. N. Charlton shall be formally inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2014 CELEBRATION" event conducted on STAR DAY, Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at Charlton-Pollard Elementary School in Beaumont, Texas in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation in an all-school afternoon general assembly to celebrate the 168<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas. "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2014 SCHOOL ADDRESS" issued by Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, shall be read at the event by a student. The Charlton-Pollard Elementary School is hosting the event as a community service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas; to honor the life and achievements of C. N. Charlton and to inspire a greater appreciation for the history of the state among their school students.

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**CHARLES NAPOLEON CHARLTON (1845-1908)**



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is  
presented to:*

### **Charlton-Pollard Elementary School**

*I am pleased to recognize you for hosting a State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day celebration. Texas has a fascinating history, and your assistance in commemorating this important occasion shows your dedication to celebrating our heritage while looking forward to the promise of the future.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes.*

*In testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State of  
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this  
the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.*



*Rick Perry*  
Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas



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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### FEBRUARY 19, 2015-STAR DAY-AUSTIN, TEXAS

State of Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Wallace Coffey and The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki met at the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by State Senator Troy Fraser to participate in "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015 in partnership with delegations from schools and other organizations featuring a school band and school choir presentations. Photograph contributed by Lauren Clay, Office of First Lady Cecilia Abbott

**NOTE:** "The Spirit of STAR DAY 2016 Celebration" was hosted by the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen. First Lady Cecilia P. Abbott wrote in her "SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2016 LETTER": "The only bigger thing than Texas today is Texas tomorrow!"



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

On February 19, 1846, the flag of the Republic of Texas was lowered and the flag of the United States of America was raised. In a peaceful transfer of power, President Anson Jones gave way to Governor James Pinckney Henderson, and our independent nation became the 28<sup>th</sup> state in the union. It is perhaps the most significant day in the history of a state with plenty of pivotal moments, as Texans charted a new, exciting and ultimately prosperous course for the land they loved.

As we work today to elevate Texas to even greater heights as a leader in this nation and in this world, we must also remain mindful of where we came from. Texans have been infused with the perseverance and character that sprang from the tribulations faced by those who came before us. We must keep Texas on a path that ensures, years from now, people will be just as grateful to this generation as we are to past generations.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to celebrate our rich heritage and our good fortune as residents of the greatest state in the greatest nation. Together, we will work together to ensure even the future is bigger and brighter in Texas.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2015, to be

**State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.


Governor of Texas





# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is  
presented to all observing:*

### Iwo Jima Day

February 19, 2015


*On this day 70 years ago, members of our nation's armed forces launched the successful assault against the Japanese military entrenched on Iwo Jima. However, victory did not come without consequence. The fighting lasted for more than a month and was among the bloodiest battles of World War II. All told, almost 7,000 Americans paid the ultimate sacrifice on that island.*

*Texas owes a great deal of gratitude to those who have committed themselves to the fight for freedom, and I join with everyone gathered today to remember and honor the veterans of Iwo Jima.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in saluting our nation's heroes.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas



CECILIA ABBOTT  
FIRST LADY OF TEXAS

## The Spirit of STAR Day 2015 Celebration Texas State Capitol February 19, 2015

Thank you Representative Miller for your kind introduction, and thank you Dennis for inviting me to be here today. And thank you all for your warm welcome. Along with my husband Greg Abbott, our new Governor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Austin – to your Capitol.

Greg and I are so honored to serve the people of Texas, and we are so privileged to be the 40th family to live in the beautiful Texas Governor's Mansion. I'm especially glad that our daughter, Audrey, is sharing in this privilege. Like some of you, Audrey is a senior in high school and will be going off to college soon, but I know she will cherish the memories created at the Mansion. Though it is now our home, the Mansion does not belong to us. We are its stewards, preserving its past and its future. I hope you all will visit us one day to see the incredible treasures housed there from our state's storied history, and the painstaking restoration work that brought this national landmark back to its full majesty.

Texas truly is a state like no other. We are so blessed. The greatest riches grow here, not from the bounty of our land, but from the hearts and hands of hardworking pioneers – past, present and future – all across this great state. Pioneers like the ones being honored today, who make us all proud to be Texans.

As Texans, we are all one family, and we take care of family. We always have, and we always will. I know the Governor looks forward to working beside you to give every Texan an opportunity to succeed in life. That means better schools, better roads, safer communities, and even more good paying jobs. As a mother, and as a former teacher and principal, I know that the path to success begins with education. We must ignite in our children a love of learning, and share with them the joy of serving others, just like all the Texas pioneers before us have done.

Thank you for all that you are already doing to ensure that even the future is bigger in Texas. I hope you enjoy your day, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cecilia Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cecilia Abbott



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015  
CELEBRATION-FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

State of Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Wallace Coffey and The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki met at the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by State Senator Troy Fraser to participate in "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" to celebrate the 169th birthday of the State of Texas on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015 in partnership with delegations from schools and other organizations featuring a school band and school choir presentations.

The STAR DAY Foundation dedicated the event to honor and remember the sacrifices of the American service men and women who participated in the World War II "Two Jima Campaign" from February 19, 1945 through March 26, 1945 and to honor and recognize the living service men and women in Texas who are survivors on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "TWO JIMA DAY." Governor Greg Abbott at the request of partnering schools issued "THE TWO JIMA DAY PROCLAMATION" designating February 19, 2015 as "TWO JIMA DAY" in Texas. Governor Abbott also issued "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 School Address" dedicated to challenging and inspiring students to explore and discover the founding and founders of the State of Texas.

The event featured "THE TWO JIMA DAY" Posting of the Colors Ceremony which was performed by The Wilson County Floresville High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Color Guard under the direction of Lt. Col. Steven Rakel and

SGT. Walter Cook. The Air Force Junior ROTC CADET Choir presented a patriotic music program including the song "God Bless America." The Color Guard marched the US and State Flags around the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to the Podium to the stirring march "The National Emblem March" composed by E. E. Bagley and performed by the Gillespie County Fredericksburg High School Band.

The Invocation was presented by the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Wallace Coffey in the Comanche language. Chairman Coffey lead a delegation of tribal leaders, Comanche Nation College administrators, teachers and students to witness the induction nominated by students of the Comanche leaders who pioneered and led the signing on May 9, 1847 in Fredericksburg of "The Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty." Representative Doug Miller authored "The John O. Meusebach Day" and "The Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty Day" House Resolutions for the event.

The Wilson County Floresville High School Junior Historians Club students sponsored by Tambria Read nominated and inducted several inductees into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor." The STAR DAY Foundation inducted twenty (20) Texas including First Lady Abbott who was noted as the "First Hispanic First Lady of the State of Texas."

The Gillespie County Fredericksburg High School Band and Choir also presented an outstanding STAR DAY music program. The Jefferson County Beaumont Charlton-Pollard Elementary School Choir performance was dedicated to their two (2) first Beaumont school principals who were also inducted during the event.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Lauren Clay of the Office of First Lady Cecilia Abbott. The event was planned, developed and conducted by The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The PALS of Texas Volunteers were organized in 2000 by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead the effort to help and assist The STAR DAY Foundation in its Mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup>) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the founding and founders of the State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers manage the activities of "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and Library" established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000 to induct Texas men and woman who are noted for a "first" achievement and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas.

**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION**

<http://www.thestardayfoundation.org>

**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 31)**

**THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION-FEBRUARY 19, 2015 STORY BOOKMARK**



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**TEXAS FIRST LADY CECILIA ABBOTT**

Cecilia Abbott has devoted her life to serving others. She has been a teacher, vice-principal and then principal at several schools across Texas. Most recently she served as the principal of the Cathedral School of Saint Mary in Austin from 1996 to 2001. Cecilia was appointed to the State Board of Educator Certification by Governor Rick Perry, where she served from 2001 to 2008.

Cecilia has also devoted much of her career to health care for seniors. From 2004 to 2013, she served as the managing director of community relations at Harden Healthcare, a network of senior adult health care facilities and services.

Cecilia is a product of the American Dream. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators. They instilled in Cecilia, her sister and two brothers the power of education. Cecilia took that lesson to heart and went on to study for two years at the University of Texas in Austin and subsequently earned three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Theology.

Cecilia believes strongly in giving back to the community that has given her so much. She serves on the University of St. Thomas Board of Directors and the Huston-Tillotson Board of Directors, as well as the advisory boards for the Holy Trinity Seminary, and the Austin Diocesan School. She is

also a member of the Women's Symphony League, the National Charity League, and the Dell Children's Women's Trust. She is a former member of the advisory board for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Ballet Austin and the Principals' Center at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

A prolific animal lover, Cecilia has nurtured numerous dogs into their late teens. She has raised a variety of pets, including a Nubian goat named Petunia and the Abbott family dog, Oreo.

Cecilia is a classical music devotee, having begun playing the piano at the age of six. Her piano training came in handy when she moved into the Castilian Dorm at UT where she serenaded her future husband from behind the keyboard with music, the likes of which he had never heard.

Cecilia is a proud wife and mother, and made history when her husband Greg became Governor by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas in the history of the state. She and Greg have been married for 33 years, and they live in Austin with their daughter, Audrey.

NOTE: The photograph and text have been drawn from the website of Texas Governor Greg Abbott (<http://www.governor.state.tx.us>). Texas First Lady Abbott was nominated for induction by The Travis County POST (Point of Service in Texas) of The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The PALS of Texas Volunteers were organized in 2000 by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead the effort to help and assist The STAR DAY Foundation in its Mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup>) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the founding and founders of the State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers manage the activities of "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and Library" established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000 to induct Texas men and woman who are noted for a "first" achievement and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation is a Texas non-profit 501(c)3 IRS tax-exempt organization established in 1998. Texas First Lady Abbott shall be inducted during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015, beginning at 12 noon in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by Texas State Senator Troy Fraser to celebrate the 169th birthday of the State of Texas in partnership with three (3) attending Texas school delegations.

**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION**

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 32)  
FIRST LADY CECILIA P. ABBOTT  
LIVING INDUCTEE STORY BOOKMARK**



**STAR DAY-FEBRUARY 19, 1996-170<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY  
HARLINGEN**



**PHOTOGRAPH 23:** Ten (10) survivors of the “Iwo Jima Campaign” attended the “IWO JIMA DAY PARADE” on February 19, 2016.

**NOTE:** The above photograph was drawn from “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2016 CELEBRATION REPORT” issued by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Iwo Jima Monument is pictured in the background. Corporal Harlan Henry Block (1924-1945) died during the Iwo Jima Campaign which was launched on February 19, 1945. Corporal Block is buried adjacent to The Iwo Jima Monument.

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**OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**HALL OF HONOR**



**CORPORAL HARLON HENRY BLOCK**  
**(1924-1945)**

The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Foundation in celebrating the achievements of the late Corporal Harlon Henry Block.

Corporal Block was a native of Yorktown, Texas, and a graduate of Weslaco High School. He joined the United States Marine Corps in San Antonio, on February 18, 1943.

After completing his basic training, he was assigned to the First Marine Parachute Regiment and deployed to the Pacific theater, where he took part in the Bougainville campaign.

He was transferred to the 28<sup>th</sup> Marines, 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division. On February 19, 1945, his unit landed on the island of Iwo Jima, the site of some of the war's fiercest fighting, and on February 23, the 28<sup>th</sup> Marines overcame stiff Japanese resistance and captured Mount Suribachi.

Corporal Block subsequently appeared in one of the most famous combat photographs in the history of warfare, the Pulitzer Prize-winning shot taken by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal that captured the United States Marines raising the American flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi.

Corporal Block gave his last full measure of devotion to his country the next month when he was killed in action on March 1, 1945, but the iconic image in which he appeared has inspired generations of Americans. Today, he is buried beside the Iwo Jima Memorial at the Marine Military Academy in

Harlingen. It is truly fitting that Corporal Block's contribution to the American victory in World War II receive special recognition.

The Senate of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Marine Corporal Harlon Henry Block.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Russ Dodge, a Senior Grave Curator and Administrator of The Find-A-Grave website. The text was drawn from Senate Proclamation NO. 251 authored by State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. Corporal Harlon Henry Block was nominated for induction into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation by Wilson County Floresville High School Senior Cody De Lamm who is a member of the Texas Junior Historians Club sponsored by Tambria Read, Visual Fine Arts Educator. He is also a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC Program under the direction of Lt. Col. Steven Rakel. The STAR DAY Foundation organized "The Texas Military History Student Study Group (The Group)" on "Veterans Day" November 11, 2014 to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover topics in Military History and to pioneer and lead in supporting service achievement of merit activities to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. "The Iwo Jima Day Project" of The Group is hosted by Floresville High School. The STAR DAY Foundation invited the Floresville High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets to plan, develop and conduct "The Iwo Jima Day Posting of the Colors Ceremony" at "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, February 19, 2015, in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by State Senator Troy Fraser to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas. The Group invited Texas Governor Greg Abbott to issue "The Iwo Jima Day Proclamation" to designate February 19, 2015 as "Iwo Jima Day" in Texas on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Iwo Jima Day." The Group invited State Senator Jose Rodriguez to author a Senate Bill to designate February 19 as "Iwo Jima Day" in Texas forever! On April 8, 2015 Cody De Lamm testified before the Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee for Senate Bill 961 "The Iwo Jima Day" legislative initiative proposed by The Group and authored by Senator Rodriguez. It was passed and signed into law by Governor Abbott. Cody De Lamm has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and shall begin basic training in September 2015. Corporal Block shall be formally inducted on November 6, 2015 during a ceremony at the Marine Military Academy. November 6<sup>th</sup> has been designated by The STAR DAY Foundation as "The Corporal Harlon Henry Block Day" in Texas.

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**CORPORAL HARLON HENRY BLOCK (1924-1945) STORY BOOKMARK**





**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

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At this time, I encourage all Texans to celebrate our rich heritage and our good fortune as residents of the greatest state in the greatest nation. Together, we will work together to ensure even the future is bigger and brighter in Texas.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2016, to be

**State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
Governor of Texas



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

On this day in 1945, members of our nation's armed forces launched the successful assault against the Japanese military entrenched on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. However, victory did not come without consequence. The fighting lasted for more than a month and was among the bloodiest battles of World War II. All told, almost 7,000 Americans paid the ultimate sacrifice on that island.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to those who have committed themselves to the fight for freedom, and this is particularly true of our World War II veterans. Passed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session of the Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 961 recognizes February 19 as Iwo Jima Day, and I was proud to sign this legislation. Ensuring our veterans and their brave actions are never forgotten will always be the priority of the Lone Star State.

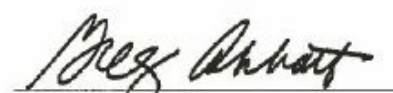
At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about this iconic battle and honor the brave members of our armed forces — especially those that gave their lives — that secured America's victory at Iwo Jima.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim  
February 19, 2016, to be

**Iwo Jima Day**

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recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
Governor of Texas







CECILIA ABBOTT  
FIRST LADY OF TEXAS

February 19, 2016

Mr. Dennis Kulvicki  
The STAR DAY Foundation  
P.O. Box 640010  
El Paso, Texas 79904-0010

Dear Mr. Kulvicki and All Attendees of the Spirit of STAR DAY 2016 Celebration:

I am so pleased that you all have gathered in Harlingen today to celebrate the extraordinary history and heritage of Texas and the United States.

Each year, we commemorate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19, which is officially known as "The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day." Today, the Lone Star State is celebrating her 170<sup>th</sup> birthday. That is 170 years of perseverance, character, grit, determination, and courage – what a legacy!

On this day we also observe "Iwo Jima Day" in remembrance of our nation's armed forces who fought valiantly during World War II at the Battle of Iwo Jima. As a nation, we are forever grateful for their service and sacrifice. It is because of the service of the Americans who wore the uniform that the United States is the strongest and greatest nation the world has ever known.

We must never forget that it is our pioneers who have helped make the Lone Star State and the United States of America such a remarkable place to call home. I encourage more Texans to do what you are doing today, which is celebrating our rich heritage, and recognizing our good fortune as residents of the greatest state in the greatest nation. It is my hope that we can work together to ensure that future generations will always remember the pioneers who contributed to the excellence and splendor of our state and nation.

I would like to share a special thank you with all of the parents, educators, mentors and volunteers who have invested so much time in their students' success. Thank you also to Dennis Kulvicki for your tireless work through The STAR DAY Foundation and The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State of Texas Volunteers.

To all who are gathered today: thank you for all that you are doing to ensure that even the future is bigger in Texas. And remember: the only thing bigger than Texas today, is Texas tomorrow.

I hope you enjoy your day, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecilia Abbott".

Cecilia Abbott  
First Lady of Texas

## THE STAR DAY 2016 SAM AWARD



**PHOTOGRAPH 14:** The President of The STAR DAY Foundation Dennis M. Kulvicki presented “**THE OFFICIAL SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2016 SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT (SAM) AWARD**” to Wilson County Floresville High School Junior Historian Club Sponsor Tambria Read. Ms. Read pioneered and lead an effort in partnership with her students organized as a “Texas Military Student Study Group” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to propose and support the passage of The “TWO JIMA DAY” bill (Senate Bill 961) authored by State Senator Jose Rodriguez during the 84<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislative Session in 2015 which designated February 19 as “Two Jima Day” in Texas forever! Ms. Read pioneered and led her students to Austin to formally testify before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in favor of the passage of SB 961 providing her students with the unique opportunity to engage in experiencing expanded learning opportunities beyond the normal school curriculum.

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**NOTE:** The above photograph was drawn from “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2016 CELEBRATION REPORT” issued by The STAR DAY Foundation.





## The Senate of The State of Texas

**DAN PATRICK**  
**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

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January 26, 2016

Dear Friends,

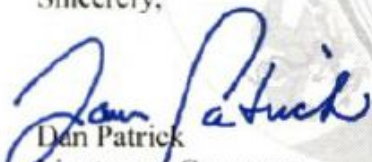
I would like to offer my congratulations to the members of the STAR DAY Foundation and to the students of its' "The Texas Military History Student Study Group" for their service and dedication to their Texas communities. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has helped the STAR DAY Foundation impact so many people.

As we walk in the footsteps of our founding fathers of Texas, we need to be reminded of their sacrifices and heroic actions. We can take courage that our founding fathers have a record of tearing down oppression and setting future Texans on the path to freedom. If we fail to walk in the footstep of our founding fathers we run the risk of losing the foundation of our great state.

As Lieutenant Governor, it's organizations like yours I count on every day to help Texans reach their full potential and in turn, give back to their communities. The state of Texas is strong and vibrant thanks in no small part to the contributions of the STAR DAY Foundation and its members.

Thank you for all you do to help, not only to your local communities, but to the great state of Texas.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor

# **STAR DAY-FEBRUARY 19, 2021-175<sup>TH</sup>**

“**The State of Texas 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Commission**” was established on STAR DAY 170, February 19, 2016 by The STAR DAY Foundation to plan, develop and conduct the 175<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas on STAR DAY, February 19, 2021, beginning at 12 noon on the grounds of the State of Texas Capitol in partnership with Texas Counties, Texas schools, Texas families and their school-age children and other organizations.

“**The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Project**” is a collective and collaborative “**STAR DAY 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gift**” for the State of Texas from Texas school-age children in partnership with their parents, grandparents and other relatives. “**The State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Savings Coin Collection Project**” shall be formally announced at The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon Seminar to be conducted on Saturday, September 10, 2010 at the City of Quitaque Hope Center hosted by The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers of The STAR DAY Foundation. The PALS of Texas Volunteers was organized in 2000 as an opportunity for Texans to volunteer their time as their schedules permit to support the mission and activities of The STAR DAY Foundation as their annual Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) birthday gift for the State of Texas. APPENDIX 1 reviews the Library Luncheon Seminar Program.

The reader may also be interested in reviewing “**The First Women Pioneers and Leaders of State (PALS) of Texas Project (The Project)**” as posted in the “News Update” section on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The Project shall seek to recommend, nominate and induct an additional “175” women into “The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor on or before “**STAR DAY 175**” in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations. The Project is an activity of “The State of Texas 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Commission” and was launched on July 21, 2016, the birthday of the original First Lady of the State of Texas, Frances Cox Henderson (1820-1897). “The Frances Cox Henderson Day” was formally designated by the San Augustine Commissioners’ Court on January 10, 2005 to celebrate her life and legacy as a founder of the State of Texas on July 21 each year in San Augustine County as proposed by “The Texas First PALS Student Study Group” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The San Augustine High School Band under the direction of School Band Director Craig Haynie shall present a School Band performance during “The Spirit of STAR DAY 2017 Celebration” to be conducted on STAR DAY, February 20, 2017 in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda. The Frances Cox Henderson Story Bookmark is enclosed in Appendix 3.

## **THE CLUB**

The STAR DAY Foundation shall launch a four (4) year effort to raise the first \$10,000,000 to support the goal and activities of “**The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)**” as a collective and collaborative 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas from the students and their families, businesses and non-profit organizations and “Friends of the



State of Texas” worldwide. **“The State of Texas 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Donations Savings Club (The Club)”** hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps of The STAR DAY Foundation shall be launched with an announcement at “The Spirit of STAR DAY 2017 Celebration” event to be conducted at on STAR DAY, February 20, 2017 to celebrate the anniversary of the 171<sup>st</sup> birthday of the State of Texas in the Texas Capitol Rotunda in partnership with Texas schools, businesses and other organizations featuring a School Band performance by the San Augustine High School Band under the direction of School Band Director Craig Haynie.

The STAR DAY Foundation invites Texans, Texas families and their school-age children, Texas businesses and Texas non-profit organizations as well as “Friends of the State of Texas” worldwide to join The Club and make a donation on “their” birthdays each year as a 175<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for the State of Texas in support of the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.”

Any donor who wishes to donate funds and see that **“100%”** of their donation is directly placed in “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” as their “State of Texas 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gift” may do so at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. Donors who wish to make a donation to The STAR DAY Foundation and receive a **“Donation Premium Gift”** for themselves or their children may simply visit “The PALS of Texas Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center)” at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation to review, select, make the specific donation requested and receive a unique commemorative State of Texas Treasure “My BisonStar” Donation Premium Gift for their service achievement of merit donation.

## **THE INVITATION**

The STAR DAY Foundation invites Texas families of school-age children in partnership with grandparents and other relatives to volunteer and join The Club in a collaborative and collective effort to challenge and encourage their children by offering them an additional birthday present on their birthday each year. The student accepting the family birthday gift then invites their parents to donate their birthday gift to The STAR DAY Foundation as a service achievement of merit birthday gift for the State of Texas to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.” One such approach considered by a partnering family may be to may agree to match money raised and saved by their child who pioneered and led a fundraising activity including working at home on projects proposed by his/her parents. The parent then donates the money to The STAR DAY Foundation. The student then receives in the mail their Donation Premium Gift associated with their donation giving level. In the case where the parent and student set a saving goal of \$36, the student then agrees to pioneer and lead fundraising initiatives to raise and save \$18 with their parent matching the student’s saving.

## **THE TEXAS STAR DAY STUDENT STUDY GROUP**

On the occasion of the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) anniversary of celebrating “STAR DAY” on February 20, 2017 in the State of Texas Capitol Rotunda as the birthday of the State of Texas, The STAR DAY Foundation shall announce **“The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration School**

**Program (The STAR DAY Program).**” The primary goal of The Program shall be to invite Texas schools to join a collective and collaborative statewide effort to plan, develop and conduct an annual “**Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration**” event at their school on STAR DAY February 19 as they see fit pioneered and led under the supervision of the School Principal and in partnership with teachers and their students and library and band staff as a Service Achievement of Merit (SAM) “**STAR DAY Birthday Gift**” for the State of Texas. If the February 19 falls on a Saturday, STAR DAY is observed on the previous Friday. If February 19 falls on a Sunday, STAR DAY is observed on the next Monday.

Over the last 20 years most Texas schools have posted STAR DAY on February 19 on their school calendars a “**State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day**” as suggested by the STAR DAY bill. A School principal, teachers, and their students along with library and school band staff of a Texas school that joins The Program shall be said to be organized as a “**Texas STAR DAY Student Study Group (The Group)**” with a goal and activities program to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover the life and legacy of the founders of the State of Texas and to creativity participate as interest and schedules permit in partnership with the support of their families in “**The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration**” event at their school as a possible all-school/community event featuring appropriate and patriotic program created by The Group. The time spent by each volunteer member of a “Texas STAR DAY Student Study Group” shall be considered a “**Service Achievement of Merit (Sam) STAR DAY Birthday Gift**” for the State of Texas. The planning and development activities of a “Texas STAR DAY Student Study Group” may be conducted as an after-school expanded learning opportunities program with meetings in their school library if appropriate. The STAR DAY Foundation has since 1996 planned, developed and conducted “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” on February 19 each year with the support of State of Texas Governor’s George W. Bush, Rick Perry and Greg Abbott with the mission to invite Texas schools to pioneer and lead an effort to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas at their respective schools and to offer their time to volunteer to make Service Achievements of Merit (SAM) as their annual birthday gifts for the State of Texas. During odd years The STAR DAY Foundation conducts “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” on STAR DAY February 19 in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda in partnership with sponsoring State Senators and State Representatives.

During the last five years, The STAR DAY Foundation has planned, developed and conducted “The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration” in partnership with the following Texas schools:

**STAR DAY 2016** (170<sup>th</sup>)-Marine Military Academy at Harlingen;  
**STAR DAY 2015** (169<sup>th</sup>)-Floresville High School at Austin in the State of Texas Capitol Rotunda;  
**STAR DAY 2014** (168<sup>th</sup>)-Charlton-Pollard Elementary School at Beaumont;  
**STAR DAY 2013** (167<sup>th</sup>)-Midland High School at Austin in the State of Texas Capitol Rotunda; and  
**STAR DAY 2012** (166<sup>th</sup>)-Alpine Middle School at Alpine

A Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration Report for each of the last five (5) years has been posted on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation at: <http://www.thestardayfoundation.org>.

Each Texas STAR DAY Student Study Group at a partnering Texas school supervised by



the School principal and under the guidance of sponsoring teachers, librarians, parents of students, advisors and volunteers may create supporting art and music activities including birthday celebration fixing (cookies etc.) for visitors to their library on STAR DAY. The event may also feature the use of the school's gym to support an all-school and community "Spirit of STAR DAY" program with a school band presentation if appropriate.

First Lady Cecilia P. Abbott wrote in her **"SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2016 LETTER"**:

**"The only bigger thing than Texas today is Texas tomorrow!"**



THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY FOUNDATION

# APPENDIX 1



**MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT  
(1839-1926)**

## **“THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT LIBRARY 2016 LUNCHEON SEMINAR”**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

**In**

**THE CITY OF QUITAQUE**

**Hosted by The Texas Bison Student Study Group of The PALS of Texas  
Volunteers Sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership  
with the Caprock Partners Foundation of Quitaque**







**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Greetings:**

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon Seminar.

Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight personifies the great Texas spirit of determination and is counted highly among the individuals who helped build a better and brighter future for the Lone Star State. Among her many accomplishments, she had the foresight to recognize the coming extinction of the bison and, along with her husband, Charles Goodnight, established what is now the official State Bison Herd of Texas. We should all be grateful for her hard work and dedication.

I applaud everyone that continues to keep up the important work of Molly's legacy. To those gathered here, I join all Texans in recognizing your invaluable efforts to preserve some of our most important natural resources. Your hard work is further proof that our state's greatest asset is the people who call it home.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing everyone an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Abbott" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Abbott  
Governor



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September 10, 2016

Mr. Dennis M. Kulvicki  
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RE: Mary Ann Goodnight Luncheon Statement

Charles Goodnight is a name as synonymous with Texas as the Alamo or Sam Houston. His legacy spans throughout the ages, and his purchase of the "Lazy F" Ranch in 1880 is responsible for the city of Quitaque where you celebrate today. But as the saying goes, "behind every great man there is a great woman," and Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight is no exception. Thanks to her urging of Charles, a small herd of Southern Plains bison was rounded up and preserved on the JA Ranch, allowing this population to survive for generations. This includes direct descendants of that original herd which now serve as the "Official Texas State Bison Herd" at Caprock Canyons State Park.

We are fortunate to live in an area so steeped in the history of Texas and the United States. I am honored to represent our area in the Texas Senate, and was proud to have authored Senate Concurrent Resolution 22 in the 84th Legislative Session, designating Quitaque as the official Bison Capital of Texas. It is a designation well deserved by this city, and I believe that both Mary and Charles Goodnight would be proud to see how their legacy of conservation is continued to this day.

Sincerely,

*Kel Seliger*  
Kel Seliger





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August 31, 2016

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Mr. Dennis M. Kulvicki  
President  
The Star Day Foundation  
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Dear President Kulvicki, the STAR DAY Foundation, and the Texas Bison Study Group,

Thank you for your kind letter inviting me to attend your luncheon and requesting to recognize me for the work I've done for the bison species. It's been a privilege to witness this animal prosper over the years and to watch their numbers grow from near extinction to over 500,000 in North America, as more and more people have come to appreciate just how incredible bison really are.

As someone who has always possessed a love for bison and worked to restore and conserve this animal for many years, I can't begin to put into words the joy it gives me to know that these terrific students are developing a deeper knowledge and appreciation for this species as well.

I regret that I am unable to join you at today's luncheon. I wish you all the very best, and know that together, we can continue to ensure success for this outstanding species!

Sincerely,

# **“THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT 2016 LUNCHEON SEMINAR”**

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation announced on March 5, 2016, “The Charles Goodnight Day” in Texas, that **“The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon Seminar”** shall be conducted on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the City of Quitaque Hope Center beginning at 12:00pm. The Luncheon Seminar shall feature **“The Great Texas BisonBurger Luncheon Plate Special”** with fixings, desert and drinks and Luncheon Seminar speakers. In addition, **“The Molly’s Texas Honey Cookies”** proposed by The Group and created by Lisa Reagan of Quitaque shall be a featured desert!

The 2016 Luncheon Seminar shall feature invited speakers presenting updates to include:

**“THE STATE OF THE PARK”** by Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard;  
**“THE STATE OF THE HERD”** by Caprock Canyons State Park Bison Herdsman C. L. Hawkins;  
**“THE STATE OF THE RANGERS”** by Caprock Canyons State Park Interpretive Ranger Le’Ann Pigg;  
**“THE STATE OF THE FOUNDATION”** by Caprock Partners Foundation President Emily Teegardin; and  
**“THE STATE OF THE FUND”** by The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki.

The Luncheon Seminar shall also feature guest speaker West Texas A&M University Professor of English at the Department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages, Dr. Alexander Hunt. Dr. Hunt is also the Haley Professor of Western Studies and the Editor of Panhandle-Plains Historical Review. Dr. Hunt shall present an overview about his new book. His new book shall be presented at the Luncheon Seminar for purchase and signing. His Luncheon Seminar presentation is entitled:

## **“A Book and a Buffalo: \_Our Indian Summer\_ and Molly Goodnight”**

The STAR DAY Foundation shall conduct a brief Induction Service Event during The Luncheon to induct persons into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor established on February 19, 2000, the birthday of the State of Texas.

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### **THE FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES**

**C. L. HAWKINS (Living Inductee)**  
**ROBERT EDWARD (TED) TURNER III (Honorary Inductee)**  
**MARY JANE ALEXANDER (1840-1929)**  
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**C. L. HAWKINS**

Chester Losey Hawkins was born August 19, 1966 to W.E. and Shirley Hawkins in Plainview, Texas. He is the third of four children with two sisters and one brother. C.L. grew up in Quitaque, Texas and graduated from Valley High School.

After graduating from high school, he began farming and ranching on the family farm. C.L. learned early on how to take care of livestock from his Dad and his ranching background. Later, he began working at Caprock Canyons State Park with the force account on July 1, 1993 reconstructing the bridges along the Caprock Canyons Trailway as a park ranger. After working out at the park for a few years, he acquired another title, the bison herdsman in 1998.

C.L. was on the "capture team" during the relocation of the Goodnight Herd off of the JA Ranch in 1997. Soon, this herd would come to be known as the Texas State Bison Herd, the official bison herd of the state of Texas. C.L. was transferred to the Wildlife Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife in order to stay with the herd as their caretaker in all the components needed to ensure their protection and preservation. In 2011, the Texas State Bison Herd was transferred over to be managed by the Parks division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and C.L. followed with them now titled as a Park Ranger V.

Today, C.L. carefully watches over the herd and continues to maintain his oath of protection for these animals. The bison know him as their overseer and will follow his pickup if they hear the tink of the hopper, signaling a meal of cattle cake. C.L. diligently watches the herd for any signs of distress

among them and oversees their annual well check.

As part of the Caprock Canyons State Park staff, C.L. works with many different organizations and experts in managing other aspects of the park as they relate to the bison herd as well. The current project being undertaken by park staff is the Caprock Canyons Restoration Project. The first phase of the project was to bring the bison herd back into their native habitat on the prairies of Caprock Canyons State Park and C.L. played a major role in their return to the prairie areas of the park. C.L. ensures that fencing for the bison herd is well maintained and his input on the availability of forage for the bison is always acknowledged.

C.L. wears many hats in Caprock Canyons State Park. He not only maintains the fencing for the bison herd, but also the facilities, signs, and equipment in the park. He also helps in the restorations efforts by keeping a handle on the invasive species that encroach on the prairie ecosystem within the park. C.L. knows many of the wildlife and plant species that live in Caprock Canyons State Park and is frequently the ranger asked if there is a question on wildlife or plant species identity.

C.L. hopes that his 20 + years of service with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has instilled an appreciation for the Texas State Bison Herd and Caprock Canyons State Park in Texas children so that they can go forth to continue to preserve the cultural and natural resources of Texas.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Caprock Canyons State Park Interpretive Ranger Le'Ann Pigg who also serves as the Advisor of The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Group was initially organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2010. The Group is composed of Texas teachers, librarians, students (5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade), community volunteers including parents and advisors. The Group has pioneered and led various student study group research initiatives including "The Founding and Founders of Caprock Canyons State Park Project", various Texas legislative initiatives to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas and has proposed the establishment of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" as an "Endowment Fund" whose annual interest would support conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives at the park. The Group nominated C. L. Hawkings to be inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor as the "First Bison Herdsman" of Caprock Canyons State Park which is just a few miles north of the Briscoe County City of Quitaque, now known by state law as "The Official State Bison Capital of Texas" as proposed by The Group.

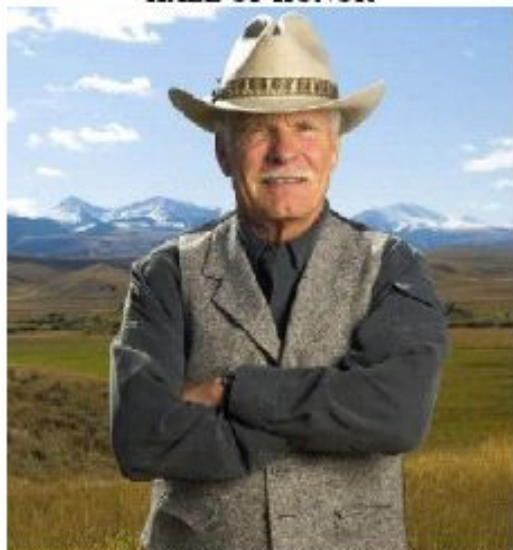
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**ROBERT EDWARD "TED" TURNER III**

Turner began his career as an account executive with Turner Advertising Company and entered the television business in 1970 when he acquired Atlanta independent UHF station channel 17. In 1976, Turner purchased Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves and launched TBS Superstation, originating the "Superstation" concept. The following year, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. acquired the National Basketball Association's Atlanta Hawks, and in 1980 Turner launched CNN, the world's first live, 24-hour global news network.

With approximately two million acres of personal and ranch land, Ted Turner is the second largest individual landholder in North America. Turner lands are innovatively managed to unite economic viability with ecological sustainability. Turner ranches operate as working businesses, relying on bison and hunting/fishing/nature tourism as principal enterprises. In addition, Turner ranches support many progressive environmental projects including water resource and timber management, and the reintroduction of native species to the land. Turner Enterprises also manages over 51,000 bison across the various Turner ranches.

Turner has also made his mark as one of the most influential philanthropists in the U.S. He is the chairman of the Turner Foundation, founded in 1990, which supports efforts for improving air and water quality, developing a sustainable energy future to protect our climate, safeguarding environmental health, maintaining wildlife habitat protection, and developing practices and policies to curb population growth rates. Since its inception, the Turner Foundation has given more than \$380 million to hundreds of organizations.

The Turner Endangered Species Fund,

launched in June 1997, is a core grantee of the Turner Foundation, which works to conserve biodiversity by emphasizing restoration efforts of endangered or imperiled species on the Turner properties.

In January 2002, Turner opened the first Ted's Montana Grill, in Columbus, Ohio, with his partner, George W. McKerrow Jr., founder of the Longhorn Steakhouse chain. Ted's Montana Grill offers classic American comfort food, including bison or beef burgers, in an authentic Montana bar and grill atmosphere. To date, Ted's Montana Grill operates 46 restaurants nationwide. In keeping with Turner's commitment to eco-friendly practices, Ted's Montana Grill utilizes innovative ways to reduce waste and energy consumption.

Turner is also chairman of Turner Enterprises, Inc., a private company, which manages his business interests, land holdings and investments, including the oversight of two million acres in 12 states and in Argentina. Through Turner Enterprises, Turner also manages the largest commercial bison herd (51,000) in North America on 15 ranches in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

Over the past several years, Turner has devoted his time and energy toward promoting the use of clean energy sources. While urging others to make the switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, he has already done so in a very large way. In addition, Turner has added solar panels on his numerous properties and recently installed 25 solar canopies in the employee parking lots adjacent to his Atlanta offices.

Throughout his career, Ted Turner has won recognition for his entrepreneurial acumen; sharp business skills; a vision that transformed television; leadership qualities that won sports championships; and his unprecedented philanthropy.

NOTE: The photograph was copied from the website of the bozemandailychronicle.com. The text was drawn from tedturner.com. Ted Turner was nominated for "Honorary Induction" by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Turner shall be formally inducted during "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon" hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Luncheon shall be conducted on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in Quitaque, Texas, now known as "The Official State Bison Capital of Texas." Ted Turner has pioneered and led a conservation, preservation and restoration effort to donate bison bulls from his bison herds to Caprock Canyons State Park just north of Quitaque to enhance the genetic diversity of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at the park.

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**ROBERT EDWARD "TED" TURNER III INDUCTION STORY BOOKMARK**



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**MARY JANE MATHES ALEXANDER  
(1840-1929)**

Mary Jane Mathes Alexander is noted today as having the distinction of being the "First Woman" rancher in the Texas Panhandle.

Mary Jane Mathes was born on September 3, 1840 in Washington County, Tennessee to Archibald Alexander Mathes (1812-1891) and Christinna Gray Cowan (1812-1883). She was the third child of eight children. Her great grandfather Alexander Mathes (1749-1806) has been noted by the Daughters of the American Revolutionary War (DAR) as an American Revolutionary War veteran.

Mary Jane Mathes was a graduate of Lindenwood Seminary in St. Charles, Missouri. On September 25, 1868 Mary Jane married Clifton Wrenshaw (C. W.) Alexander. C. W. was a neighbor and young pastor.

In 1884, C. W. and Mary Jane came to the Texas Panhandle from Sherman to Old Mobeetie. C. W. was possibly the first Presbyterian Minister in the Texas Panhandle. They had seven children: Erastus, Lucy, Nona, Hugh Payson, Maude, Robert Theodore (R. T.) and John Bunyan. Five children survived. But C. W. died in 1886 of pneumonia in returning by horseback from his circuit riding visitations when he was trapped in freezing rain near a swollen river. He left Mary Jane and their five children, who ranged in age from 4-7. The money from C. W.'s insurance was less than \$400. Mary Jane's father offered a quarter-section (160 acres) of land in Iowa. But they chose to stay in the Panhandle.

Hugh, 17, came home from Austin College in Sherman where he was a freshman, and was sent out to find some land with three necessities-wood, water and game. He found land on the Washita River some 25 miles northeast of Mobeetie. Mary Jane bought a section of railroad land (\$3 an acre) and a half section of government land (\$2 an acre at 5% interest). Mary Jane with the help of a hired hand built a two-room frame house with a half-dugout

that served as a kitchen and dining room. It was the first frame house on the Washita River. On November 10, 1886 the family loaded their household goods onto a wagon drawn by two mules, Jack and Prince, took their red milk cow, Old Beut and her calf and started out for their new home.

They more or less lived off the land, which was overflowing with wildlife. In 1887 Hugh left the ranch to become a minister. Mary Jane and R. T., then 14, ran the ranch operation. R. T. was away at school in California in 1889-90, so May Jane was the rancher. In 1894, R. T. gave up his ambitions to become a doctor and decided to stay on the ranch, and was soon to be married. He married a Mae Palmer in January 1895.

These five children became five stalwart citizens. Hugh became a minister, Erastus was a doctor, and Lucy and her husband were missionaries in China. Nona married Dr. Edward Snyder and spent her days in Canadian, where she was a leading citizen. R. T. and his wife Mae developed and enlarged the original ranch with more land and a fine, prize-winning herd of registered Herefords.

Mary Jane Alexander was a loyal member of the Presbyterian Church and was a familiar figure in the congregation in Canadian, where in her later years she lived with Nona and her family. The faithful wife, loving mother, kind friend and successful entrepreneur died on April 12, 1929, at the age of 88. Mary Jane Alexander is buried in the Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery in Canadian, Hemphill County, Texas.

NOTE: The photograph was provided by Kay Laird, a Director of The White Deer Land Museum in Pampa, Texas. The text was drawn from notes and a paper presented by Nancy Alexander Coffee, a great granddaughter of Mary Jane Alexander (1840-1929), at the Texas Hemphill County Canadian Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolutionary War (DAR) in April 2000 entitled: "*Mary Jane Mathes Alexander-The Texas Panhandle's First Woman Rancher.*" Continued historical interest in the life and legacy of Mary Jane Alexander (1840-1929) is illustrated in a paper delivered by West Texas A&M University History Professor Jean A. Stuntz, JD, PhD entitled "*Mary Jane Alexander: The Panhandle's First Woman Rancher*" presented on February 9, 2016 at the East Texas Historical Association Meeting in Beaumont, Texas. Mary Jane Alexander (1840-1929) was nominated to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. She shall be formally inducted along with others during "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon Seminar" conducted on September 10, 2016 in Quitaque, Texas.

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**EDWARD DOW HARRELL**  
**(1868-1932)**

Edward Dow Harrell, Panhandle rancher and livestock breeder, was born on February 16, 1868, in Forsythe County, Georgia. In July 1890 he and his brother Charles arrived in the Panhandle. They first settled in Floyd County, but a few months later they filed on two sections of land ten miles east of Happy in southern Randall County. There they built a dugout and attempted to raise and breed horses for the next four years.

Business was mediocre, however, and in 1894 the Harrell's sold out. Charlie moved to Amarillo and became that city's first resident dentist. Ed re-filed on four choice sections on Palo Duro Creek seven miles northwest of Canyon City and then went to Canada and bought registered Herefords, which became the foundation for his herd. Subsequently he built one of the largest ranches in the area by leasing grazing land.

On December 22, 1898, he married fifteen-year-old Samuella (Sammie) Barks, who had moved with her mother to Canyon from Missouri in 1891. They spent their first years together at the ranch, where their only child, a son, was born.

In 1909 Harrell sold his registered herd and went into the commercial cattle business. In 1917 he bought 35,000 acres in Armstrong County from the JA Ranch. This acreage included the Old Rush Creek Division, Charles Goodnight's original headquarters.

Over the next few years Harrell continued to lease land in Randall County, including the 15,000 acres now encompassing Palo Duro Canyon State Scenic Park and another 10,000 acres around Buffalo Lake. Sammie Harrell worked the ranch with her husband and the cowhands and often accompanied the herds to the shipping pens in Amarillo. Harrell's son Newton assumed management of the family's cattle operations in 1924.

Harrell was a major stockholder and director of the First State Bank and the Canyon Supply Company. He also was instrumental in organizing the Old Cowboys Association, which held annual reunions for many years at the Old T Anchor Ranch headquarters site.

Harrell became a charter member of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and gave liberally of his time and money to help build its museum. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church in Canyon. Harrell's health was poor during the last three years of his life; he died on September 14, 1932, and was interred in Dreamland Cemetery south of Canyon.

The Harrell Ranch, occupied and managed in the late 1980s by Ed C. Harrell and his family, continued to operate as a commercial Hereford cow and calf venture.

NOTE: The picture has been drawn from "A Collection of Memories: A History of Armstrong County, 1876-1965" published by the Armstrong County Historical Association. The biographical sketch is the text authored by H. Allen Anderson from his article "Edward Dow Harrell (1868-1932)" published in the Handbook of Texas Online. Edward Dow Harrell (1868-1932) was nominated for Induction by The Texas Bison Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Edward Dow Harrell (1868-1932) shall be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor during "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon" conducted on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the City of Quitaque Hope Center in partnership with the Quitaque Caprock Partners Foundation. "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library" in Quitaque is the document archive and historical research center of The STAR DAY Foundation. The annual Library Luncheon is hosted during "The PALS of Texas Volunteers Roundup", an annual three (3) day event sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Event participants conduct business and enjoy visiting Caprock Canyon State Park to explore and discover the majestic park land and "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." In addition, the event participants shall have the opportunity to enjoy "The BisonStar Party" to explore and discover the wonders of the dark night sky at the park supervised by area amateur and professional astronomers especially studying "The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation" created by The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group in 2011 to help illustrate the legend of the "Texas Spirit Bison" of "The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd" that once roamed free over the land that is now the State of Texas. "BisonStar" is the "Official Bison Mascot" of The Texas Bison Student Study Group born at the park during May 2103.

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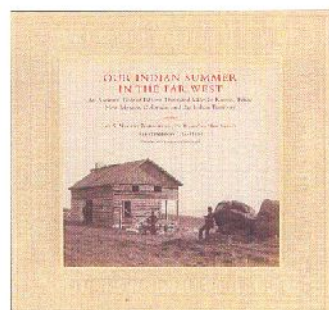
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## **APPENDIX 2**

# **“THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP STORY BOOKMARK COLLECTION”**

**(A PARTIAL LIST WITH SUPPORTING NOTES)**

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## THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP



### EXPEDITION TO THE CIBOLO CREEK RANCH-MAY 7, 2011

Students from Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) in Presidio County gathered on a high bluff to explore and study a herd of bison located in a valley below as the bison migrated toward a watering hole located close by at a natural spring shaded by cottonwood and grey oak trees on the 30,000 acre Cibolo Creek Ranch established by Don Meliton (Milton) Faver (ca 1822-1899) in 1857 and owned today by Dr. John B. Poindexter. The expedition to the Cibolo Creek Ranch was supervised by Science Teachers Cynthia Obrero (Photographer) and Jasper Valeriano (Back Row-Right). The Expedition school bus driver was Manuel Aguilar.

The Ranch expedition was guided by Ranch Manager Robert Cavness (Back Row-3<sup>rd</sup> left), and Ranch Activities Director Mike "Sugar" Dorris (Back Row-2<sup>nd</sup> Left). "The Texas Bison Student Study Group" was organized on September 12, 2010, the birthday of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926), under the supervision of Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso under the direction of President Dennis M. Kulvicki (Back Row-Left) as an expanded learning opportunities after-school student enrichment program.

The Group is engaged in studies to explore and discover ancient Texas Bison, "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe and Floyd counties, and to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover the benefits of the use of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with school cafeteria staff and family volunteers to enhance the school year lunch menu program with a lower fat and calorie content meat. The Group shall also explore and propose ways and means to raise needed funds to support the work of the management team whose mission is save the herd from extinction in these very difficult economic times and engage in activities to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas.

After a lunch at a beautiful tree shaded natural

spring, the students returned from the field to explore and discover the history of "EL FORTIN DEL CIBOLO (The Fort)", one of three forts established by Faver protecting natural range springs. A tour of The Fort was led by ranch employee Cindy Hernandez. Dr. Poindexter pioneered and led a decade-long conservation, preservation and restoration effort to historically recreate the three forts established by Faver as ranch guest accommodations featuring an internationally known restaurant. The Cibolo Creek Ranch is located on the frontier of the Great State of Texas at <http://www.cibolocreekranch.com>.

NOTE: The Texas Bison Student Study Group proposed a bill in 2010 to designate "The Texas State Bison Herd" at Caprock Canyons State Park (The Park) as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" as a service achievement of merit "STAR DAY 2011" birthday gift for the State of Texas. State Representative Pete P. Gallego was the initial author of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 86). State Representative Warren Chisum at the request of Rep. Gallego volunteered to be the primary author of HCR 86. State Representative Jim Landtroop and State Representative Pete P. Gallego volunteered to be joint authors of HCR 86. The Park is located in the House Districts of Rep. Chisum and Rep. Landtroop. HCR 86 was sponsored by State Senator Robert Duncan with the support of Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter to honor and recognize LRFMS teachers and students for their service achievement of merit in proposing HCR 86. The Group has proposed in 2012 the creation of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)" to be established and maintained by The STAR DAY Foundation as an endowment fund whose annual interest shall be presented as a grant to The Park Superintendent to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of The Herd management team. The Group has partnered in 2011 with The Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland under the direction of Planetarium Curator Dr. Andrew Kerr and with the support of The West Texas Astronomy Club to create "The Great Texas Blue Bison Constellation" rising in the southern Texas sky in the month of September. The Constellation is composed of 254 stars, one star for each Texas County. Each star that trails behind The Constellation as it races across the Texas night sky represents the "Spirit" of a Texas Plains Bison that once roamed free on the land that is now known as the Great State of Texas. The Fund was formally launched on September 12, 2013 at The Park with a 15 year goal of raising at least \$100 million dollars with the help of Texas students and their families and others.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 1) THE FIRST TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP



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### **CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK AND TRAILWAY (A View from Haynes Ridge)**

Caprock Canyons State Park, located in Briscoe, Floyd, and Hall Counties three miles north of Quitaque, was acquired from the estate of Theodore Geisler in May 1975 and is approximately 100 miles (160 km) southeast of Amarillo. The state park opened in 1982 and is 15,313.6 acres (6,197.2 ha) in size, making it the third-largest state park in Texas and its terrain is the roughest. In 1993, a hiking, biking, and equestrian rail trail opened that stretches through the park through Floyd, Briscoe, and Hall counties. The trailway was created after the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acquired 64.25 miles (103 km) of right-of-way from the abandoned Fort Worth and Denver Railroad's lines between Estelline and the South Plains.

The park is located in West Texas and has a semi-arid climate. The average January minimum temperature is 19 °F (-7 °C) and the average July maximum is 91 °F (33 °C). The park receives 20.4 inches (520 mm) of precipitation annually. The area contains badlands with mesquite, cacti and junipers with tall grasses, plums, hackberries and cottonwoods in the canyons. The park features spectacular landscapes carved by erosion at the edge of the Caprock, colorful cliffs and canyons, and abundant wildlife African aoudad sheep (barbary sheep), mule deer, white-tailed deer, coyotes, opossums, raccoons, bobcats, foxes, porcupines, numerous species of snakes and lizards, and over 175 species of birds including Golden Eagles are found within the park. Lake Theo contains bass and catfish.

The Park hosts "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." At the urging of his wife, Charles Goodnight preserved several plains bison from those that were being slaughtered. This herd became one of the genetic sources from which current bison herds descend. The state herd only contains plains bison which have no cattle DNA. One of the park's most interesting features is the Folsom site near Lake Theo, one of five such sites in the nation. Among the artifacts first excavated there in 1974 were several Folsom points and remains of an extinct Ice Age bison. This bison-kill site gives substantial evidence that Folsom man manufactured and made use of his weapons here about 10,000 years ago. Springs in Holmes Canyon probably contributed to making this area a favorite campsite

for pre-Columbian man. Activities available at the park include camping, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, picnicking, swimming, mountain bike riding, rock climbing and sightseeing.

NOTE: The photograph and text was drawn from the Wikipedia website. Additional text was drawn from an article written by H. Allen Anderson and published in the Handbook of Texas Online website. "The Texas Student Bison Study Group (The Group)" was organized on September 12, 2010 under the supervision of Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as an after-school student enrichment program. The Group is engaged in studies to explore and discover ancient Texas Bison, to study The Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park, to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover the benefits of the use of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with school cafeteria staff and family volunteers to enhance the school year lunch menu program with a lower fat and calorie content meat and to plan, develop and conduct expeditions to regional Texas ranches maintaining bison herds. The Group shall also explore and propose ways and means to support the work of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team whose mission is to save the last remaining genetically pure Texas Southern Plains Bison initially saved by Molly and Charles Goodnight in the late 1800's from extinction in these very difficult economic times of greatly reduced state funding. The students and adults participating in The Group are known as "The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers (The Volunteers)", the official support organization of The STAR DAY Foundation established in 2001. The Volunteers support organization was founded to challenge and encourage young people to volunteer and enlist in a statewide collective and collaborative effort to pioneer and lead with the advice and supervision of volunteer adults to help raise needed funds to support Texas conservation, preservation and restorations initiatives as their service achievements of merit birthday gifts for our state. The Group partnering with their state legislators proposed a bill during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Legislature in 2011 that successfully designated the Goodnight Bison Herd at the park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter honoring and recognizing The Group for their service achievement of merit. The Caprock Partners Foundation has established a volunteer program to invite the public to help insure the future of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway and may be visited at <http://caprockpartnersfoundation.com>.

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## **STORY BOOKMARK (SB 2)**

## **THE CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK STORY BOOKMARK**



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**"BISONSTAR"**

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was initially organized by The STAR DAY Foundation at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in the Presidio ISD under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras with the volunteer support of school teachers, staff and community members on September 12, 2010, the anniversary of the birthday of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926), known as "The Woman Who Saved the Texas Plains Bison." The primary objectives of The Group are: to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover the origin of the Texas Plains Bison and the native Americans who hunted them; to understand and appreciate the conservation, preservation and restoration efforts being pioneered and led by the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas dedicated to saving "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" from extinction; to honor and remember the life and achievements of Molly and Charles Goodnight as the first Texas bison ranch family; to plan, develop and conduct school history and science field trips to partnering Texas bison ranches; to encourage Texas families and other to plan, develop and conduct an expedition to Caprock Canyons State Park and to study and evaluate school lunch menu applications of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with student families and school cafeteria staff. The Group shall also seek ways and means to help raise needed funds to support additional conservation, preservation and restoration work of the park land and the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. The primary activities of The Group have included pioneering and leading successful legislative efforts to designate the Texas State Bison Herd at Caprock Canyons State Park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas", to designate the 12<sup>th</sup> of September as "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas, the 5<sup>th</sup> of March as "The

Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas in partnership with the Texas State Legislature and to designate the City of Quitaque as "The Official State Bison Capital of Texas." Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued Commendation Letters to honor, recognize The Group for their proposed legislative service achievements of merit. On September 12, 2013, The Group formally launched "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" to plan, develop and conduct activities over the next fifteen (15) years to raise \$100 million dollars as an endowment fund managed by The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with a leading Texas bank whose annual interest shall support a Texas conservation, preservation and restoration grant presented to the Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent to support the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team to help conserve, preserve and restore "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas-a State of Texas Treasure" for the people of Texas and friends of Texas worldwide. Caprock Canyons State Park Interpretive Ranger, Volunteer Coordinator and Advisor of The Group Le'Ann Pigg proposed a female bison born during May 2013 to be designated by The Group as an "Official Mascot" of The Group. The Group named this new born calf "BisonStar."

NOTE: The Group is pioneering and leading a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project initiative called: "The Great Arc of Bison Migration Project (The Project)." The Group proposed a research hypothesis that the great, great,....great grandparents of "BisonStar" are in fact the ancient bison of China that possibly migrated along a great arc from China to Mongolia, to Siberia then across the Bering Land Bridge to Alaska down through the western Canadian provinces to the upper states then eventually to Texas! The Group has invited teachers, librarians, students and their families to organize a China Bison Student Study Group in China to help prove their research hypothesis with the help of scientists at universities and museums in China. The Group also has established a "Student Exchange Program" of The Project to invite a delegation from a China Bison Student Study Group to visit Caprock Canyons State Park hosted by The Group to explore and discover the majestic park land and "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." In addition, The Group is planning to organize a delegation to visit a Great Panda Research Station in China to explore and discover conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives hosted by a China Bison Student Study Group. Each Group shall pioneer and led the effort to raise funds to support the Student Exchange Program and seek the help of scientists to prove their research hypothesis.

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### STORY BOOKMARK (SB 3)

### BISONSTAR-OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP STORY BOOKMARK



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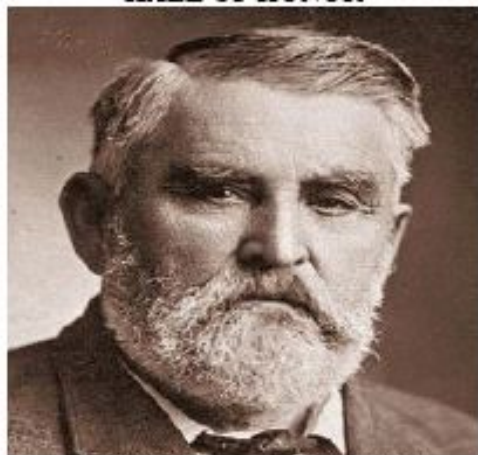
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**THE MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT (1839-1926) STORY BOOKMARK**



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**CHARLES GOODNIGHT**  
**(1836-1929)**

The names of certain individuals stand out boldly in the history of the Lone Star State, and for more than a century, the life of famed rancher Charles Goodnight has inspired generations of Texans.

Born on March 5, 1836, to Charles and Charlotte Goodnight in Macoupin County, Illinois, young Charles Goodnight joined his family in 1845 on the 800-mile journey to Milam County, Texas, where the boy arrived riding bareback on a white-faced mare named Blaze; from an early age, he learned the virtue of hard work, laboring as a farmhand, racing as a jockey, and hauling freight with teams of oxen.

Mr. Goodnight entered into a partnership with his stepbrother, John Wesley Sheek, in 1856 to raise 400 head of cattle in the Brazos Valley; in the late 1850s, he met Oliver Loving, and together the two young men drove a herd to the gold rush camps in Colorado before the Civil War; during the 1860s, he worked as a scout for the Texas Rangers, taking part in the Comanche wars and fighting outlaws along the Colorado and Brazos River.

After his service with the Rangers, Mr. Goodnight returned to the cattle business, and in 1866, he, Mr. Loving, and 18 cowhands drove a herd from Fort Belknap, Texas, to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and the route they forged became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail, one of the most heavily trafficked cattle trails in the Southwest; Charles Goodnight is also credited with inventing the chuck wagon during that legendary drive.

In 1870, he married Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer, a schoolteacher, and the couple settled in Colorado for several years before returning to Texas; in 1876, he entered into a partnership with John G. Adair to set up the JA Ranch along Palo Duro Canyon, with Mr. Goodnight serving as resident manager and part

owner of the operation; over the next 11 years, he increased the ranch's herd and expanded its range and helped establish law and order in the Panhandle; he pioneered the use of many new techniques and inventions, including artificial watering facilities, barbed wire fences, and the development of Hereford bulls through crossbreeding; he also created one of the first western sidesaddles, for use by his wife.

From 1887 to 1926, Charles and Molly Goodnight lived in a spacious, two-story ranch house on the Goodnight Ranch near the Salt Fork of the Red River; when his wife became distressed at the decline of the southern herd of native bison, Mr. Goodnight took up their cause, breeding them on his ranch and shipping buffalo to Yellowstone National Park and to zoos on the East Coast and in Europe; he also raised other animals and performed agricultural experiments with the encouragement of botanist Luther Burbank.

Molly Goodnight died in 1926, and Charles Goodnight followed her three years later at the age of 93, and they are buried together in the Goodnight Cemetery, not far from the ranch they called home for nearly 40 years; the descendants of the Goodnights' buffalo live on as the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park, and the legacy of Charles Goodnight, pioneer, cattleman, and naturalist, will endure as long as the Lone Star shines bright over Texas.

NOTE: The picture has been drawn from the Texas Co-op Power Magazine. The above text is the text of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 51 authored by State Representative Ken King and sponsored by State Senator Kel Seliger during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature. HCR 51 designated March 5<sup>th</sup> as "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas to honor and remember his life and achievements. He is truly deserving of this signal honor for his pioneering work alongside his wife and his visionary leadership efforts of saving a herd of Texas Southern Plains bison that is now "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at Caprock Canyons State Park for the people of Texas. The bill was proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, Texas as an after-school student enrichment program as an expanded learning opportunities program hosted by Texas schools. The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texas Junior High and Middle School history teachers, Texas home schooling families and others to plan, develop and conduct an annual "Charles Goodnight Day" classroom student studies activity to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover his life and achievements as an outstanding conservation, preservation and restoration historical role model.

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## Caprock Canyons State Park



### Home of the "Official State Bison Herd of Texas"

The State of Texas has customarily recognized a variety of official symbols as tangible representations of the state's historical and cultural heritage; figuring prominently in that distinctive list are animals that played a central role in the rich Western heritage of Texas, including the longhorn and the American quarter horse.

Another deserving candidate for recognition is the bison, popularly known as the buffalo; after arriving in North America some 25,000 years ago, the bison adapted particularly well to the environment of the Great Plains; by the 1700s, as many as 60 million buffalo were living on the continent, and the lands that were to become Texas were among the areas roamed by the vast herds.

The animals were central to the livelihood of the Native Americans of the Great Plains, providing not only their main diet but also materials for shelter, clothing, and many other staples; the ample supply of bison and the hunting culture of the Plains tribes were not to last, however; with the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, it became possible to profitably ship bison hides and meat to eastern markets by rail, and in the next 15 years, buffalo hunters almost completely exterminated the herds; by 1885, fewer than 1,000 animals remained.

Fortunately, some Texans had the foresight to try and save this noble creature; Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight, the wife of legendary Texas rancher Charles Goodnight, was so distressed by the rapid disappearance of the bison that she convinced her husband to begin capturing and protecting bison calves from the small number of wild animals that remained on the Southern Plains; he began to round up young bison in the 1870s in the northern Texas Panhandle, and the herd at Goodnight's JA Ranch eventually grew to about 250 head by the time Mr. Goodnight passed away in 1929.

The Goodnight bison herd became one of the five foundation herds in the United States from which the majority of surviving buffalo have developed; a number of animals directly descended from the Goodnight stock were donated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1996, and a subset of that group was determined to be a pure strain that had not been crossbred with bison from other areas;

given a home at Caprock Canyons State Park, those buffalo and their offspring are today known as the Texas State Bison Herd and are notable for their strong genetic link to the original Southern Plains buffalo and because they continue to live in the area where their ancestors were first caught.

NOTE: The picture was taken at Caprock Canyons State Park on May 21, 2013 by Dan Baeza, a Student Intern of The STAR DAY Foundation. The text above is the exact text of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 86) filed on March 7, 2011. The bill designates the "Texas State Bison Herd" at Caprock Canyons State Park as the "Official State Bison Herd of Texas." State Representative Pete Gallego was the initial author of HCR 86. State Representative Warren Chisum at the request of Rep. Gallego volunteered to be the primary author of HCR 86. State Representative Jim Landroop and State Representative Pete Gallego volunteered to be joint authors of HCR 86. Caprock Canyons State Park, home of the Goodnight Bison Herd, is located in the Districts of Rep. Chisum and Rep. Landroop. HCR 86 was sponsored by State Senator Robert Duncan. The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was organized on September 12, 2010, the birthday of Molly Goodnight (1839-1926), at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) as an after-school student enrichment program under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The primary objectives of The Group are: to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover Texas ancient bison; to understand and appreciate the conservation, preservation and restoration applications being pioneered and led by the Texas State Bison Herd Management Team dedicated to helping save "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" from extinction; to honor and remember the life and achievements of Molly and Charles Goodnight as the first Texas bison ranch family; to plan, develop and conduct school history and science field trips to partnering Texas bison ranches; to encourage Texas family to plan, develop and conduct an expedition to visit Caprock Canyons State Park and to study and evaluate school lunch menu applications of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with student families and school cafeteria staff. The Group shall also seek ways and means to help raise needed funds to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas Management Team as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter to honor, recognize LRFMS teachers and students for their service achievement of merit in proposing HCR 86.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 6)

## THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS STORY BOOKMARK



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is  
presented to the:*

### Texas Bison Student Study Group

*Congratulations on your efforts to establish the Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund. Texas is renowned for its rich agricultural and ranching traditions, and bison are an important part of our heritage. Though nearly hunted to extinction in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bison are making a comeback thanks to conservation efforts by Texans of all ages. Your hard work has played a key role in preserving our native bison population.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes.*

*In testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State of  
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.*



*Rick Perry*  
Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas





## **QUITAQUE**

### **"THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS"**

In 1876, Charles Goodnight became the manager of the JA Ranch in the Caprock Canyonlands of the Texas Panhandle. The once-great bison herds of the area had been slaughtered almost to the point of extinction. At the urging of his wife, Mary Ann, Goodnight rounded up enough of the creatures to form a small herd, which allowed the Southern Plains Bison population to survive.

In 1880, Goodnight acquired the Lazy F Ranch and renamed it "Quitaque," which he believed was an Indian word for "end of the trail." Quitaque is located on State Highway 86 in southeastern Briscoe County. When the county was organized in 1892, the townsites of Quitaque was surveyed and platted.

Caprock Canyons State Park, located approximately three miles north of Quitaque, was acquired from the estate of Theodore Geisler in May 1975. The park opened in 1982 and is the third-largest state park in Texas.

The park is home to the "Official State Bison Herd of Texas." These bison are direct descendants of the last free-range Southern Plains Bison that the Goodnights saved from extinction. The herd was donated to the park in 1996 by the JA Ranch, which is the oldest privately owned ranch in the Texas Panhandle.

For many years, the citizens of Quitaque encouraged the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish a state park in the Quitaque area and encouraged the donation of the JA Ranch Bison Herd to the state park.

O. R. Stark Jr., born in Quitaque, understood the need for a friends group for Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. He was instrumental in forming Caprock Partners Foundation in 1996 and served as foundation president until his death. The foundation has supported the park and its historic bison habitat as environmental and recreational treasures.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Caprock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg. The photograph illustrates a bison herd sculpture as a element of the "Welcome to Quitaque" monument. Park Ranger Pigg serves as an Advisor of "The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group)" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. State Senator Kel Seliger at the request of The Group authored State Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 22 to designate Quitaque as "The Official State Bison Capital of Texas" during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session. SCR 22 was sponsored by State Representative Ken King. SCR 22 was filed on March 5, 2015, "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas. The text of this story bookmark is the exact text of SCR 22. State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Ken King at the request of The Group authored and sponsored "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" (September 12) and "The Charles Goodnight Day" (March 5) as Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 10 and House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 51 respectively during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislative Session in 2013. During the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislative Session in 2011, The Group proposed a successful legislative initiative to designate the bison herd at Caprock Canyons State Park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." State Representatives Warren Chisum, Pete Gallego and Jim Landtroop authored House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 86 and State Senator Robert Duncan sponsored HCR 86. The Group was organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2009 at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio County under the supervision School Principal Teresa Porras as an after-school student expanded learning opportunities enrichment program. The Group is engaged in studies to explore and discover the origin of "The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd" and the Texas Native-Americans who hunted the bison; to study The Official State Bison Herd of Texas at The Park; to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover the benefits of the use of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with school cafeteria staff and family volunteers to enhance the school year lunch menu program with a lower fat and calorie content meat; and to plan, develop and conduct "Expeditions" to regional Texas ranches maintaining commercial bison herds. The Group shall also explore and propose ways and means to raise funds to support the work of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team whose mission is to save the last remaining Great Texas Southern Plains Bison initially saved by Molly and Charles Goodnight in the late 1800's from extinction in these very difficult economic times of greatly reduced state funding. The service work of The Group may be explored and discovered at The STAR DAY Foundation website.

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### **STORY BOOKMARK (SB 7)**

### **THE CITY OF QUITAQUE-THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS STORY BOOKMARK**





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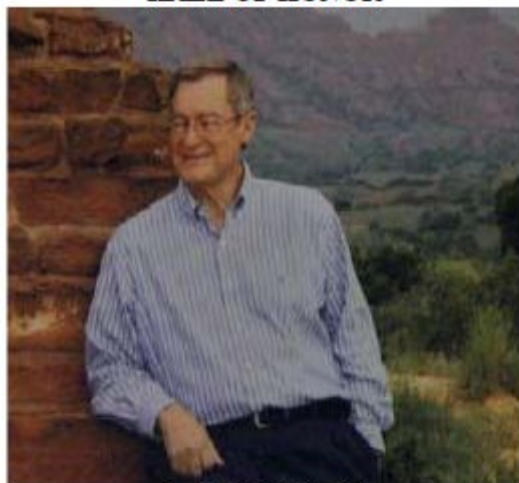


**PHOTOGRAPH:** The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki (Right) presents to City of Quitaque Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Barefield (Center) an official signed and sealed parchment copy of Senate Resolution (SCR) 22 which designated the City of Quitaque as “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS” passed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislature on behalf of State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Ken King as proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation with the support of Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent (left) acting as an Advisor of The Texas Bison Student Group.

**NOTE:** The photograph above was drawn from “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight 2015 Luncheon Seminar Report” issued by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 22 was presented during The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight 2015 Luncheon Seminar conducted on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Tri-County Center in the City of Quitaque to honor and remember the life and legacy of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) and honor and recognized the first pioneers and leaders of Caprock Canyons State Park who were inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor.



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**O. R. STARK, JR.  
(1927-2000)**

O. R. Stark, Jr., a founder of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway and the Texas State Bison Herd, was nominated for induction by Caprock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg as an activity of "The Founding and Founders of Caprock Canyons State Park Project" proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as an initiative supporting the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of TPWD. Park Ranger Pigg is the Park Interpreter and Volunteer Coordinator. Park Ranger Pigg has volunteered to act as an eAdvisor for The Group. The Park is today the home of the Texas State Bison Herd now known as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" designated by state law by the Texas State Legislature in 2011 and proposed by The Group.

O. R. Stark, Jr. was a visionary man. He had a lifetime love affair with the beautiful canyons and prairies of the Quitaque area and wanted to find a way to share it with others. When he discovered that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was looking for new state park land in the Panhandle, he began working to draw their attention to Quitaque. Eventually, his hard work paid off when TPWD purchased the Theo Geisler ranch to make up most of what is now Caprock Canyons State Park.

O. R. Stark, Jr. was also instrumental in the Rails-to-Trails conversion of 64 miles of railroad into what is now Caprock Canyons Trailway. Over the years he had ridden the train many times up the Caprock through the tunnels and knew what spectacular views the Trailway had to offer.

When he learned that the JA Ranch was donating the historic Charles Goodnight bison herd to TPWD, he became a driving force for the local lobbying effort to make Caprock Canyons State Park

the new home for the bison herd. His efforts once again became reality when the first bison were brought to the park in 1997.

O. R. understood the need for a friends group for Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. He led Quitaque citizens in forming Caprock Partners Foundation in 1996. He served as president until his death in 2000.

Roots run deep for the Stark family in Quitaque dating back to 1919 when O. R.'s dad, Orlin Stark, first came to Quitaque and was involved in the formation of the First National Bank in 1920.

O. R. Stark, Jr. was born May 4, 1927 to Orlin and Madeline (Whiteley) Stark in Quitaque, Texas. He was the eldest of two children having a younger sister, Patsy Stark Herrington. He started school in Quitaque Elementary and continued his education through the Quitaque schools to graduate in 1944. He attended Texas Tech University for one year and volunteered for the Navy, where he served two years during World War II. After his discharge he entered Texas Tech again, where he majored in Finance and graduated in 1949. He married Mary Hartgraves of Sweetwater, Texas August 21, 1949.

O. R. and Mary began their married life in Quitaque where O. R. went to work at First National Bank as assistant cashier. Over the years they raised their three children, Sherry, Scotty and Randy Stark in Quitaque. O. R. served as president of First National Bank for over thirty years and Chairman of the Board from 1983 until his passing on January 24, 2000.

O. R. was very active in church and civic activities on both the state and local levels and was always a booster of anything positive in the Quitaque area. He published *Comings, Goings & Doings* an informative monthly bank newsletter for customers and other interested readers for over 47 years, and in 1995 it was named "the longest continuously published monthly newsletter in the history of the banking industry in the United States".

O. R. Stark, Jr.'s leadership, foresight, positive outlook, boundless energy, and persistence are permanently etched on the Quitaque area and Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway.

NOTE: The photograph and biographical sketch were contributed by First National Bank of Quitaque Executive Vice President Randy Stark, a son of O. R. Stark, Jr., with the assistance of Assistant Vice President Jana Carpenter. On February 10, 2014 at the request of The Group, the City of Quitaque approved a Memorial Resolution designating May 4, 2014 as "THE O. R. STARK, JR. DAY" in the City of Quitaque to honor and remember the life and achievements of O. R. Stark, Jr. as a Founder of The Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway and the Texas State Bison Herd.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 8)**

**THE O. R. STARK, JR. (1927-2000) STORY BOOKMARK  
A FOUNDER OF CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**





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### **MAY 4, 2014-THE O. R. STARK, JR. DAY-QUITAQUE, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Quitaque Mayor Janice Henson (right) presents a City of Quitaque Resolution to First National Bank of Quitaque Executive Vice President Randy Stark designating May 4, 2014 as "The O. R. Stark, Jr. Day" in Quitaque to honor and remember the life and achievements of O. R. Stark, Jr. (1927-2000) on the anniversary of his birthday as a founder of Caprock Rock Canyons State Park and the Texas State Bison Herd. O. R. Stark, Jr. (1927-2000), the father of Randy Stark, was formally inducted on STAR DAY, February 19, 2014 during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2014 CELEBRATION" conducted at Charlton-Pollard Elementary School in Beaumont, Jefferson County into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor" founded by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. O. R. Stark, Jr. (1927) was nominated for induction by Caprock Rock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg. Photographed by Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg



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**MARQUIS ROBERTSON**

Marquis Robertson was formally inducted on September 12, 2013, "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day", into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as the "First Superintendent" of Caprock Canyons State Park on November 2, 1976. Marquis was nominated for induction by Caprock Rock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg. Park Ranger Pigg is the Park Interpreter and Volunteer Coordinator. Park Ranger Pigg has volunteered to act as an eAdvisor for "The Texas Bison Student Study Group" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

Marquis Roberson was born of December 26, 1941 to Marquis de Lafayette and Virgie May (Riggs) Robertson in Shreveport, Louisiana. Marquis is the youngest of three children. He has two sisters. Marquis's family moved to Galveston, Texas in 1955 where he continued his elementary education at Steven F. Austin Junior High School. His family moved to Houston, Texas where he graduated in the first graduating class of South Houston High School in Pasadena, Texas in 1960. He initially studied at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. He elected in 1966 to join the AFL-CIO as a Pipefitter Apprentice and eventually became a Journeyman Pipefitter. He worked on the Houston Ship Channel.

In 1973 Marquis applied and was accepted as an entry level Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Park Ranger and served at Lockhart State Park in Lockhart, Texas for a year and a half. He was then assigned to serve as "Assistant Superintendent" at Bastrop State Park in Bastrop County, Texas in 1974. While at Bastrop State Park, he attended Texas Law Enforcement Academy at South West State University in San Marcos, Texas and was

graduated and commissioned as a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Police Officer on October 31, 1976.

Marquis was offered and accepted the opportunity to be the "First Superintendent" of Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas in 1976. Marquis and his family began their opportunity on November 2, 1976 living initially in a state trailer at the Park. At that time Caprock Canyons State Park was the largest State Park in Texas with an area of approximately 15,000 acres. Marquis with the help of his colleagues at the Park refurbished a cabin in the park as his family living quarters. The "First Park Ranger" at Caprock Canyons State Park was Park Ranger John Garbutt. Marquis and John pioneered and led a variety of park conservation, preservation and restoration improvements during his tenure. In 1981, Marquis accepted the position of "Superintendent" of Abilene State Park in Taylor County, Texas.

Marquis left the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1983 to take the position as the "Outside Security Director" of the Texas Youth Commissions' Brownwood State School in Brownwood, Texas. In 1985, Marquis pioneered and led an effort to enter private business in Brownwood by founding and opening "The Video Junction" offering video movie rentals. The competition in this field was intense with the entry of national video rental chains. Marquis decided in 1995 to leave private business and accepted a position of "Program Director" at the New Horizons Children's Ranch in Brownwood until his retirement in 2006.

Marquis decided to reenter the work force in 2009 by accepting a staff position at the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization in Brownwood as a "Volunteer Recruiter and Trainer" which position he holds today.

He met and married a Johanna George in 1971 and they have a family of two girls. His wife passed away in 2003. With his daughters grown, married and pioneering and leading professional lives, Marquis now spends and enjoys summer vacations in Colorado with colleagues who are Four-Wheel (ATV) trail vehicle enthusiasts exploring and discovering forest trails in the high country. His most enjoyable pastime in his life today is spending quality time with his grandchildren and great grandchild.

NOTE: "The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group)" was initially organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2010. The work of The Group is illustrated at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 9)**

**THE MARQUIS ROBERTSON STORY BOOKMARK  
FIRST SUPERINTENDENT OF CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**



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**JOHN R. GARBUTT, III**

John R. Garbutt, III was formally inducted on March 5, 2014, "The Charles Goodnight Day", into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as the "First Park Ranger" of Caprock Canyons State Park in August 1975. John R. Garbutt, III was nominated for induction by Caprock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg. Park Ranger Pigg is the Park Interpreter and Volunteer Coordinator. Park Ranger Pigg has volunteered to act as an eAdvisor for "The Texas Bison Student Study Group" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Park is today the home of the Texas State Bison Herd.

John R. Garbutt, III was born on September 16, 1948 to John R. and Jeanne (Trevethan) Garbutt in Amarillo, Texas. He is the older of two children with a younger sister. His father and mother worked for the United States Air Force so the family moved away and back to Amarillo several times during his early childhood and school years.

John graduated from Tascosa High School in 1967, attended Amarillo Junior College and then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin in the fall of 1969 to finish his undergraduate work. He graduated in 1971 with a BA in Anthropology and minor in Philosophy. He remained in Austin after graduation working with the hope of one day realizing his dream of being hired as a park ranger for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He stayed persistent in his quest by submitting a new application for employment each year and visiting with key personnel at the department's headquarters in Austin on a regular basis until he received the call he always hoped would come and was offered the "Park Ranger" position at Caprock Canyons State Park in August 1975.

The only problem was John left his sweetheart, Janet Meziere, behind but that situation was remedied in October of that year and he brought his

bride to the park at Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas. They both fell in love with the community, its people and the land. When Marquis Robertson (the first park superintendent) and his family arrived they quickly formed a lasting friendship and they worked happily together to give birth to a new state park. The community of Quitaque fully supported them and the state park.

During John's tenure Marquis and John worked on refurbishing an old bait store into the park headquarters, an old barn for park equipment and the old Theo Geisler home as a residence for Marquis and his family. John also did an archeological survey for the department on one of the sections in the park and worked closely with the Panhandle High Plains Museum on the important Lake Theo Folsom archeological site. Marquis and John worked on a variety of park conservation, preservation and restoration projects. They will always have fond memories of their life and times at Caprock Canyons State Park.

After two and a half wonderful years at Caprock Canyons State Park and the community of Quitaque John was promoted as "Assistant Superintendent" at Lake Whitney State Park in March of 1978. It was with mixed feelings John left but it was time. John was then promoted to "Superintendent" at Jim Hogg State Historical Park in Rusk, Texas in September of 1980 where he was superintendent until March 2002. At that time the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department decided to give the park to the City of Rusk.

By this time John and Janet had four children. The City of Rusk was their hometown and he did not want to up root them to continue his career and was fortunate to have the department honor his request to be transferred to the Texas State Railroad State Park as "Assistant Superintendent." John retired from the department in December 2005 but could not stay away from the venerable railroad so he returned in March of 2006 as "Special Projects Administrator" for the railroad wearing several hats. In August of 2007 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ceased to manage the railroad and with it came a new company to operate the facility. John and many others simply separated from the department and went to work for the new company.

John is still with the Texas State Railroad (2013) working in the "Marketing Department" and enjoys being able to continue to help with the preservation and promotion of this "True Texas Treasure."

NOTE: The work and service of The Texas Bison Student Group is illustrated at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 10)**

**THE JOHN R. GARBUTT III STORY BOOKMARK  
FIRST PARK RANGER (MALE) OF CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**



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**KARLA MEYER HELMS**

Karla M. Helms (right) visits with Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg on a beautiful day at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County, Texas

Karla M. Helms was formally inducted on February 19, 2014, "The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day", into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation as the "First Woman Ranger" of Caprock Canyons State Park. Karla was nominated for induction by Caprock Canyons State Park Ranger Le'Ann Pigg. Park Ranger Pigg is the Park Interpreter and Volunteer Coordinator. Park Ranger Pigg has volunteered to act as an eAdvisor for "The Texas Bison Student Study Group" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.

Karla Meyer Helms was born on October 31, 1960 to Opal and Willie Meyer in Quanah, Texas. She is the third of six children, with three brothers and two sisters. Karla grew up in Flomot, Texas, and graduated from Valley High School in 1979.

After graduating high school, Karla attended Clarendon College where she became a licensed cosmetologist. She took her first cosmetology job in Pampa, Texas, where she resided and worked for the next several years.

Karla returned to her hometown of Flomot, Texas, to marry her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Helms. Shortly after returning she began employment in November 1983 at Caprock Canyons State Park, where she worked on the Force Account for one year. The Force account was created out of a need to complete one-time projects at the park, and it necessitated the hiring of more employees without a guarantee of employment after the projects had been completed.

While working on the Force Account, she diligently worked at miscellaneous park maintenance jobs, the most important being the pouring of the sidewalks in all the camping areas.

After her first year on the Force Account, she was hired as park ranger, where she became the first female park ranger of Caprock Canyons State Park. This job was a great fit for Karla because she loved working outdoors with nature. While working as a park ranger, Karla became licensed to run the water treatment plant when the park still treated lake water from Lake Theo for drinking water. She also cleared trails, maintained vehicles, and supervised summer employment.

After one year as park ranger, Karla left her position to move on to other personal endeavors. Over the next several years, she went on to open an irrigation business with her husband, and they raised their two daughters. Karla and her husband, Kenneth still reside in the area, and her latest passion is volunteering for disaster relief efforts through the Texas Baptist Men since both of her daughters have left for college.

NOTE: The photograph was provided by Callie Helms, daughter of Karla. The biographical sketch above was authored by Callie. The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was organized on September 12, 2010, the birthday of Molly Goodnight (1839-1926), at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School as an expanded learning opportunities after-school student enrichment program under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras and sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The primary goals of The Group are to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover the origin of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas; to honor and remember the life and achievements of Molly and Charles Goodnight as the first Texas bison ranch family; to plan, develop and conduct school history and science field trips to partnering Texas Plains bison ranches and Caprock Canyons State Park; to study and evaluate school lunch menu applications of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with student families and school cafeteria staff; to seek ways and means to help raise needed funds to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. The Founding and Founders of the Caprock Canyons State Park Project Initiative was proposed by The Group and is composed of a collection of inductee and story bookmarks to be published in The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal. The work and The Journal of The Group is illustrated at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 11)**

**THE KARLA MEYERS HELMS STORY BOOKMARK**

**FIRST PARK RANGER (FEMALE) OF CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**



## THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY FOUNDATION



### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2015-QUITAUQUE, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS**

The STAR DAY Foundation is sponsoring “The Texas Bison Capital 2015 Luncheon (The Luncheon)” in partnership with Caprock Canyons State Park and the Quitaque Caprock Partners Foundation on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at The Quitaque Hope Community Center to honor, recognize and remember citizens of Quitaque for their many year efforts to “conserve” Caprock Canyons lands as a State Park; to encourage the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to accept and “preserve” a donated JA Ranch bison herd and to establish and maintain the Caprock Partners Foundation to raise need funds to “restore” the park and herd. The Luncheon shall provide an opportunity for State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Ken King to formally present to City of Quitaque Mayor Janice Henson an official signed and sealed parchment copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 22 which designated the City of Quitaque as “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS.” SCR 22 provided Governor Greg Abbott and the 84<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature the opportunity to honor and recognize the citizens of the City of Quitaque for their unique conservation, preservation and restoration service achievements of merit to help and save “THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS” for the people of Texas as a “State Treasure!” SCR 22 was proposed by “The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group)” with advice from Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard and State Park Interpretive and Volunteer Coordinator Ranger Le’Ann Pigg acting as Advisors of The Group. The Luncheon shall feature presentations and guest speakers and feature The Great Texas BisonBurger Luncheon Plate with all the fixings hosted by a Texas commercial bison rancher. The STAR DAY Foundation shall formally induct during The Luncheon the First Park Superintendent Marquis Robertson from Brownwood, the First Park (male) Ranger John R. Garbutt of Rusk, the First Park (female) Ranger Karla M. Helms of Quitaque and Quitaque Caprock Partners Foundation founder O. R. Stark, Jr. (1927-2000) into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. The Luncheon is held in conjunction with “THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS BISON MUSIC FESTIVAL” which immediately follows The Luncheon activities. The photograph was contributed by State Park Ranger Le’Ann Pigg and features a bison sculpture greeting visitors to Quitaque.



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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015-CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK-**Park Interpretive Ranger Le'Ann Pigg (Front Row 4<sup>th</sup> from the Left) organized a "special historic tour" of the park for visiting STAR DAY Foundation First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor Inductees and guests. First Park Superintendent Marquis Robertson from Brownwood (Back Row 3<sup>rd</sup> from the Left), First Park Ranger John Garbutt from Rusk (Front Row 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Left) and First Park Ranger Karla Helms from Quitaque (Back Row 2<sup>nd</sup> from the Left) had the opportunity to see all the improvements to the park that have taken place since their service at the park. Each Inductee shared with Park Interpretive Ranger Le'Ann Pigg stories about their pioneering efforts to establish and maintain the new park. Guests attending the "Special



Historic Tour” included Kenneth Helms (Back Row 1<sup>st</sup> from the Left) husband of Karla Helms, Janet Garbutt (Front Row 1<sup>st</sup> from the Left) wife of John Garbutt) and Jeanne Sherrod (Front Row 3<sup>rd</sup> from the Left) sister of John Garbutt. In addition Dr. Lauren Dobson (Front Row 5<sup>th</sup> from the Left), a DNA genetic scientist, from Texas A&M University at College Station attended the “Special Historic Tour.” It was her first visit to the park. Dr. Dobson presented “The State of the Herd” speech at The Luncheon. The photograph was contributed by Dennis M. Kulvicki



# **SEPTEMBER 19, 2015-QUITAQUE-THE TEXAS BISON CAPITAL 2015 LUNCHEON-**

First Ranger John Garbutt inspects his Induction Story Bookmark with First Superintendent Marquis Roberson and First Park Ranger Karla Helms looking on. The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation nominated each of the three (3) Inductees for Induction into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor as “Living Inductees.” The first person to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor as a “Living Inductee” was First Lady Cecilia Abbott who was formally inducted during “The Spirit of STAR DAY 2015 Celebration” event conducted on STAR DAY, February 19, 2015, in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas. First Lady Abbott was nominated for induction by The First PALS Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso. The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor was established by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000 to induct Texas men and women who are past and noted for a “First” in a walk-of-life and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas. First Lady Cecilia Abbott is the first Hispanic woman to be the First Lady of the State of Texas. Robertson, Garbutt and Helms were formally inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor on September 19, 2015 during The Texas Bison Capital 2015 Luncheon (The Luncheon) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with Caprock Canyons State Park



conducted in The Tri-County Meals Center in Quitaque. The Group also nominated O. R. Stark, Jr. (1927-2000) of Quitaque for Induction. Amarillo Amateur Astronomer and Caprock Canyons State Park Star Party Host Art Schneider nominated internationally known amateur astronomer John L. Dobson (1915-2014), a Founder of Sidewalk Astronomers, for Induction as a “Honorary Inductee.” Each Inductee was presented with an Induction Story Bookmark featuring a photograph and a biographical sketch with a supporting note. The digital version of the Induction Story Bookmarks shall be placed on the website of The STAR DAY Foundation and available for free downloading by teachers, librarians, students and community volunteers including parents and advisors of The Group at partnering schools across Texas. Randy Stark of Quitaque accepted the Induction Story Bookmark of his father at The Luncheon. The photograph was contributed by Le’Ann Pigg

## **THE JOHN ADAIR (JA) RANCH STORY BOOKMARK SERIES**



**NOTE:** The above photograph entitled “A Lonely Home in Texas (Grande Vista)” was captured by London photographer John George Hyde in 1879 as he and his colleague London’s *The Field Newspaper* Correspondent Samuel Nugent Townsend visited The John Adair (JA) Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle. The albumen print is drawn from the University of Texas in Austin Dolph Briscoe Center for American History photographs collection and identified as di\_04356. The photograph illustrated the book: “*Our Indian Summer in the Far West*” authored by Nugent and Hyde in 1880, a copy of which is archived at Center. The Nugent and Hyde book was republished in 2016 by the Oklahoma University Press at Norman edited by University of West Texas A&M University Dr. Alexander Hunt and University of Oklahoma Press Kristin Loyd. The Texas Bison Student Study Group has proposed a Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library project as an activity of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund” to support the conservation, preservation and restoration of the “Our Indian Summer in the Far West” book at the Center. The next five (5) Story Bookmarks illustrates an overview of the history of founding and initial founders of The John Adair (JA) Ranch.

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**THE JA RANCH BRAND**

**PART 1-3:** The JA Ranch is the oldest privately owned cattle operation in the Panhandle. Its beginning may be traced back to the summer and fall of 1876, when Charles Goodnight drove 1,600 longhorn cattle from Pueblo, Colorado, to the Palo Duro Canyon, where he established his "Home Ranch" near the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in southwestern Armstrong County. After getting his men and cattle settled in for the winter, Goodnight returned to Colorado to make arrangements to bring his wife, Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight, to the new homestead. In Denver he met John G. Adair, an English aristocrat who was interested in going into the cattle business himself. As a result of their meeting, Adair agreed to furnish the capital Goodnight needed to build up the ranch. In May 1877 the Goodnights and Adair, along with four cowboys, arrived at the Home Ranch with 100 Durham bulls and four wagons loaded with provisions. On June 18, before the Adairs left for Ireland, the partners drew up a five-year contract under which two-thirds of the property and profits were to go to Adair and one-third to Goodnight. There were to be as many as 1,500 cattle and 2,500 acres of land. Goodnight, who borrowed his third of the investment from Adair at 10 percent interest, was to receive an annual salary of \$2,500. At Goodnight's suggestion the ranch was named Adair's initials. The letters of the JA brand at first were separated; three years later the present connected design was adopted.

After the money was made available, Goodnight bought the first 12,000 acres from Jot Gunter and William B. Munson, Sr., who agreed that he could pick the land wherever he pleased. Over the next two years he continued buying choice pieces of property crazy-quilt fashion in and around a seventy-five-mile stretch of Palo Duro Canyon, carefully selecting areas with good grazing land and water, until the ranch was solidified. In 1878 he drove the first JA trail herd, led by his famous bell ox Old

Blue, north to Dodge City, Kansas, then the nearest railhead. In 1879, desiring a more central location for the ranch headquarters, Goodnight moved it to a choice site at the foot of the Caprock, twenty-five miles east of the old Home Ranch. There he built a new four-room house of cedar logs and supervised the construction of several other buildings, including a bunkhouse, a bookkeeper's house, a wagon boss's house, a blacksmith shop, a wagonyard, and an ingenious milk and meat cooler. Later on, the two-story, nineteen-room main house was added. The old Home Ranch house was used as a line camp until it burned down on Christmas Eve, 1904.

**NOTE:** The educational use of The JA Ranch Brand graphic has been granted by The JA Ranch of Amarillo. The PART 1-3 text has been drawn from the "JA Ranch" article written by H. Allen Anderson and published in the Handbook of Texas Online. The reader may wish to visit a website featuring an expanded and illustrated history of The JA Ranch at <http://www.ranches.org>. A story of The JA Ranch is illustrated in a series of three (3) Story Bookmarks in support of the educational objectives of "The Founding and Founders of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Project", a STEMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Service) Project initiative of The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Project initiative also includes honoring and remembering the life and achievements of the men and women that pioneered and led the founding of The JA Ranch. Cornelia Wadsworth Ritchie Adair (1837-1921), a founder of The JA Ranch, was nominated for induction into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor by The Texas Bison Student Study Group organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2010, "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas, to explore and discover the history and science of the Texas Plains Bison, the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County Texas, the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park and the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at the Park and to pioneer and lead efforts to raise funds to support the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" formally launched in Quitaque on September 12, 2013 by The STAR DAY Foundation with the "first dollar" donated by Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard. Cornelia Wadsworth Ritchie Adair (1837-1921) shall be formally inducted during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015, beginning at 12 noon in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great State of Texas.

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**CHARLES GOODNIGHT  
(1836-1929)**

PART 2-3-As manager of the JA, Goodnight allowed no gambling, whiskey, or fighting, and would not take anyone who had been fired elsewhere for drunkenness or theft. Even so, he usually was able to hire the men he needed. Cape (Caleb B.) Willingham, Wint Bairfield, Jim (James T.) Christian, Frank Mitchell, J. W. Kent, George Doshier, Mitch Bell, and the brothers Judd, Jeff, and Lige Campbell were among the outstanding JA employees during its early years. Goodnight's brothers-in-law, Walter and Leigh R. Dyer, also worked off and on for the JA, particularly during traildrives and roundups. Almost from the start, Goodnight had sought to improve the quality of the JA cattle by bringing in blooded stock. In 1882 he built what is thought to have been the Panhandle's first barbed wire drift fence across a canyon bed above the Home Ranch to separate the purebred cattle, on which he used a JJ brand, from the main JA herd. He also kept a buffalo herd which he sought to cross with cattle to produce the "cattalo."

By the time their contract expired in 1882, Goodnight and Adair had bought 93,000 acres and were looking for more. In addition, Goodnight had purchased the Quitaque (Lazy F) range in Briscoe County for Cornelia Adair, and the Palo Duro post office had been established at the JA headquarters. To Adair's satisfaction, the enterprise had realized more than \$512,000 in profits; thus the partners opted to extend the contract for another five-year period. In 1883 Goodnight fenced the Quitaque properties and added the Tule Ranch in Swisher County, which he fenced in 1884-85, to the JA

properties. He also made other purchases from Gunter and Munson, the railroads, and the state that increased the ranch's size to 1,325,000 acres in parts of Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Hall, Briscoe, and Swisher counties.

After John Adair's death in 1885, following his third visit to the JA, his widow continued the partnership with Goodnight. By 1887, however, with the building of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, falling beef prices, the influx of settlers, and attempts by politicians to curb large-scale ranching, the colonel was ready to sell out and limit his ranching activities; thus their partnership was terminated on the expiration of the contract. Nevertheless, Goodnight, who acquired the Quitaque Ranch in the division of property, continued to act as manager until 1888, when he was succeeded by John C. Farrington, who served in that position for three years. James W. (Jack) Ritchie, Mrs. Adair's son by her first marriage, served briefly as foreman of the ranch's steer division in Tule Canyon before returning to New York City to handle the purchase of JA horses for the New York police department. Arthur Tisdale managed the JA in 1891 and was succeeded the following year by Richard Walsh, an Irish immigrant who had been with the ranch since 1885. Under his leadership, improvements continued to be made through crossbreeding with blooded Hereford and Angus stock in the JA herd, which had increased to 101,023 head by 1889. Walsh soon built up one of the finest-quality herds of cattle in the nation.

NOTE: The picture has been drawn from the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas. The PART 2-3 text has been drawn from the "JA Ranch" article written by H. Allen Anderson and published in the Handbook of Texas Online. The reader may wish to visit a website featuring an expanded and illustrated history of The JA Ranch at <http://www.ranches.org>. This story of The JA Ranch is illustrated in a series of three (3) Story Bookmarks in support of the educational objectives of "The Founding and Founders of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Project", a STEMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Service) Project initiative of The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Project initiative also includes honoring and remembering the life and achievements of the men and women that pioneered and led the founding of The JA Ranch. John George Adair (1823-1885), a founder of The JA Ranch, shall be formally inducted during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015, beginning at 12 noon in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great State of Texas.

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**"THE JA RANCH"**

**Harold Bugbee (1900-1963)**

PART 3-3-As the railroads brought in more settlers, the JA began leasing and selling much of its excess pasture. When several nesters located on school lands within the JA boundaries, Walsh shrewdly purchased their claims or traded land outside the range for their holdings within, thus consolidating the JA properties. In 1891 a school was opened for the children of ranch employees and neighboring settlers, in the Palo Duro community near the ranch headquarters. Over the years the ranch was gradually reduced in size as longtime employees like George Doshier, Wint Bairfield, Mitch Bell, and Jim Christian began their own operations on former JA lands. In 1917 Edward D. Harrell purchased the acreage where the old Home Ranch was located, and the Mulberry Ranch, named for the creek that drains it, was formed out of the JA's Mulberry Division.

After Walsh resigned as a manager in 1910, John S. Summerfield served for a year in that capacity and then was succeeded by James W. Wadsworth, Jr., a nephew of Cornelia Adair. Wadsworth held that position until 1915, when he was elected to the United States Senate from his home state of New York. At that time, Timothy D. Hobart of Pampa was named to succeed him; he and Henry C. Coke, a Dallas attorney, were named executors of Cornelia Adair's estate after her death in December 1921. In her will she left the bulk of the JA properties to her son, Jack Ritchie, and his heirs. Clinton Henry came as the ranch bookkeeper in 1924 and assisted Hobart in the management. In 1935, after Hobart and Coke died, Montgomery H. W. (Monte) Ritchie took over as manager. J. W. Kent retired in 1940, after having worked for a record number of years (since 1883) for the JA. Not until 1948 was the Adair estate, with its accompanying debts and inheritances, entirely settled. By 1945 the JA's operations were confined to 335,000 acres in Armstrong, Briscoe, Donley, and Hall counties. Subsequently, a tract of 130,000 acres was divided into eight leaseholds to decrease labor

and costs further. Watered by the Prairie Dog Town Fork and its tributaries plus several hundred natural lakes, dirt tanks, and fifty-eight wells, the ranch had twelve winter branch camps and five farms that raised feed for the livestock. The winter range in Palo Duro Canyon afforded maximum protection, and the summer range was singularly free from land waste. Nearly two-thirds of the extant JA properties was rolling pastureland; even the land north and west of the headquarters was relatively flat. As of 1990 the ranch was substantially fenced and cross-fenced and noted for its purebred Herefords and Angus bulls. Quarter horses were raised primarily for ranch use, and a small buffalo herd was maintained; some commercial hunting of buffalo and deer was allowed. Tillable land continued to be leased. The Ritchie family also owned ranchland at Larkspur, Colorado, near Colorado Springs.

In 1988 the JA headquarters comprised several ranch outbuildings, including a supply store and garage, and was dominated by the "Big House," whose grounds were well manicured. A herd of longhorns, courtesy of the JA, roamed in Palo Duro Canyon State Scenic Park. In 1960 the house was designated a national historic landmark. Two of the JA's historic buildings, the old milk house and an oat bin, were given by Monte Ritchie to the Ranching Heritage Center at Lubbock in 1971 and 1988, respectively.

NOTE: The oil-on-canvas painting by Harold Bugbee (1900-1963) features a chuck wagon, an invention credited to Goodnight to keep his drovers fed during the cattle drives. The painting is owned by Dr. Gianfranco Spellman, of Austin and has been on display at the Bullock Museum in Austin. The Charles Goodnight "Chuck Wagon" has been designated by the Texas State Legislatures as the "Official Vehicle of Texas." The PART 3-3 text has been drawn from the "JA Ranch" article written by H. Allen Anderson and published in the Handbook of Texas Online. The reader may wish to visit a website featuring an expanded and illustrated history of The JA Ranch at <http://www.ranches.org>. This story of The JA Ranch is illustrated in a series of three (3) Story Bookmarks in support of the educational objectives of "The Founding and Founders of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Project", a STEMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Service) Project initiative of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. The Project initiative also includes honoring and remembering the life and achievements of the men and women that pioneered and led the founding of The JA Ranch. This three-part Story Bookmark Series featuring the history of The JA Ranch published by The STAR DAY Foundation was proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group.

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**CORNELIA WADSWORTH RITCHIE ADAIR  
(1837-1921)**

Cornelia Wadsworth Adair, diarist and rancher, the second of the six children of Gen. James Samuel and Mary Craig (Wharton) Wadsworth, was born on April 6, 1837, in Philadelphia. She spent her early years at Hartford House, her father's country estate near Geneseo, New York. In 1855 the family left for a two-year sojourn in France and England. Soon after their return in 1857 Cornelia married Montgomery Ritchie, a grandson of Harrison Otis of Boston. Two sons were born to them. Her father and her husband died in 1864. The widowed Cornelia took her two small sons to Paris, where the older son died a few years later.

In 1867, while attending a ball in New York City given in honor of Congressman J. C. Hughes, Cornelia Ritchie met broker John G. Adair of Ireland. They were married in 1869 and afterward divided their time between America and their estates in England and Ireland. In the fall of 1874 they left Ireland to see the American West and to experience a buffalo hunt along the South Platte River in Nebraska and northeastern Colorado. Her brother had served as an aide to Philip H. Sheridan, and Cornelia Adair probably used the general's influence to obtain a military escort under Col. Richard Irving Dodge to accompany the party, which departed from Sydney Barracks in Nebraska Territory. She kept a detailed diary of the two-month journey, which included attending a council of cavalry officers and Oglala Sioux, near the South Platte. In 1918 she had it published.

In the summer of 1877, when her husband and Charles Goodnight formed a partnership to found the JA Ranch, Cornelia accompanied the party from Pueblo, Colorado, to the new ranch headquarters

Goodnight had established in Armstrong County, Texas. Because the Adairs lived at the ranch only sporadically, Goodnight became its manager and, under orders from Cornelia Adair, paid high salaries for experienced, law-abiding ranchhands.

After Adair died in 1885, Cornelia became Goodnight's partner. In 1887 she traded a second ranch for his one-third interest in the JA, a share that comprised 336,000 acres, 48,000 cattle, assorted mules, horses, and equipment, and rights to the JA brand. Although she was a naturalized British subject and spent most of her time in Ireland, Cornelia Adair also maintained a home in Clarendon and contributed generously to various civic projects in the vicinity of the JA Ranch, which by 1917 covered half a million acres. She provided funds to build the Adair Hospital and the first YMCA building in Clarendon and strongly supported that community's Episcopal church. She also vigorously promoted the Boy Scout movement since she knew Lord Baden-Powell and many other of its British organizers. She died on September 22, 1921, and was buried next to her husband in Ireland. In 1984 the Adairs' Glenveagh Castle, which sheltered Belgian refugees during World War I, became an Irish national park.

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**JOHN GEORGE ADAIR  
(1823-1885)**

John George Adair, Panhandle cattleman, was an English aristocrat of Scots-Irish descent who owned vast estates in England and Ireland. He was educated and trained for the diplomatic service but entered the world of finance instead. In 1866 he made his first visit to the United States and established a brokerage firm in New York City for the purpose of placing British loans in America at higher interest rates than those in Britain. The following year, at a ball given in honor of Congressman J. C. Hughes, he met Mrs. Cornelia Wadsworth Ritchie, whom he married in 1869.

Over the next several years the couple divided their time between Ireland and America. In the fall of 1874 they went on a buffalo hunt along the South Platte River in Nebraska and northeastern Colorado, accompanied by a military escort from Sydney Barracks under Col. Richard Irving Dodge. Adair killed no buffalo but accidentally shot his horse and almost killed himself. Nevertheless, he liked the opportunities the West had to offer and in 1875 moved his brokerage business to Denver, Colorado. The firm made a loan to Charles Goodnight in March 1876, and Adair sought him out when he decided to enter the cattle business. They entered into a partnership on June 18, 1877, in which Adair furnished the money and Goodnight the herd for the JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon. The Adairs accompanied the Goodnight party from Pueblo, Colorado, to the ranch headquarters in Armstrong County and stayed just long enough to inspect the range, help tally the cattle, and hunt game before departing for their estate near Rathdair. Adair's

conventional, and sometimes arrogant, British mannerisms were received poorly by the cowboys; even Goodnight later admitted that his partner's overbearing attitude was irritating. However, when the original agreement expired in 1882, the ranch showed a profit of \$512,000, and the owners renewed the partnership for five more years.

In the spring of 1885 Adair made his third and final trip to the JA, accompanied by his personal valet. He died on his return trip at St. Louis, on May 14, 1885. His body was shipped to Rathdair for burial on his estate. His wife maintained the partnership with Goodnight until 1887 and her family still owns the JA today.

NOTE: The educational use of the portrait photograph has been granted by The JA Ranch of Amarillo. The text has been adapted from the "John George Adair (?-1885)" article published in the Handbook of Texas Online authored by H. Allen Anderson. The STAR DAY Foundation is pioneering and leading a project initiative proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group called "The Founding and Founders of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Project." The herd is located in Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas. The herd was donated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by The JA Ranch in 1996, the oldest privately held ranch in Panhandle founded in 1876. The Project shall tell the story of The JA Ranch and its founders John George Adair (1823-1885), Cornelia Wadsworth Ritchie Adair (1837-1921) and Charles Goodnight (1836-1929). John George Adair (1823-1885) was nominated for induction into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor by The Texas Bison Student Study Group organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2010, "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas, to explore and discover the history and science of the Texas Plains Bison, the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County Texas, the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park and the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at the Park and to pioneer and lead efforts to raise funds to support the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" formally launched in Quitaque on September 12, 2013 by The STAR DAY Foundation with the "first dollar" donated by Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard. John George Adair (1823-1885) shall be formally inducted during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015, beginning at 12 noon in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to celebrate the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great State of Texas.

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# THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2013 SAM AWARD



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**FEBRUARY 19, 2013-STAR DAY-AUSTIN**-Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard (center) displays "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2013 SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT (SAM) AWARD" certificate presented by The STAR DAY Foundation at the STAR DAY celebration event celebrating the 167<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of the State of Texas in the Texas Capitol Rotunda. The celebration event was sponsored by State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Tom Craddick. Three Junior High Schools and nearly 300 students participated in the birthday celebration. The "SAM AWARD" was presented by The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki at the celebration event to honor and recognize the conservation, preservation and restoration work being pioneered and led by "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" management team under the supervision of Park Superintendent Beard at Caprock Canyons State Park. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Carter Smith (left) and State Parks Division Director Brent Leisure (right) participated in the STAR DAY celebration event to introduce and congratulate Park Superintendent Beard and his colleagues at Caprock Rock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County for their outstanding efforts to save "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" for the people of Texas in these very difficult economic times of greatly reduced TPWD state funding. Photograph contributed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Photographer Bryan Frazier.



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE  
STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS  
VOLUNTEERS**



**SUPERINTENDENT DONALD BEARD  
CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**

Donald graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He has worked for Texas Parks and Wildlife since 2006. Prior to his career with the department, he worked on private ranches in the North Texas area as both a ranch hand and as a wildlife manager. In addition, he worked in the private security industry as a business owner for several years.

He took over management of Caprock Canyons State Park in 2009. The Texas State Bison Herd was transferred from the Wildlife division to State Parks in 2010. Leadership within the department signed on to the restoration plan immediately and from that point on the design, development and implementation of restoring these indigenous animals to their native habitat has been one of the main focuses of park staff. Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Donald Beard is responsible for the management of this great herd. He has a passion for these animals and has been stricken with the "bison fever". His enthusiasm is evident in his delivery of the powerful journey of the "Official State Bison Herd of Texas."

When not talking about the "Official State Bison Herd of Texas" and Caprock Canyons State Park, Donald volunteers his time with other organizations to promote the mutual benefits of economics and conservation of the magnificent North American Bison worldwide. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Texas Bison

Association, the Chairman of the Conservation Committee for the National Bison Association as well as being a member of the Bison Specialist Group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

He has a wife who owns a business in the nearby town of Quitaque and together the Beard family considers themselves as locals with plans of calling the red bluffs of Caprock Canyons State Park home for many years to come.

NOTE: The photograph has been copied from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. The text has been drawn with permission from the website: [www.txbison.com](http://www.txbison.com). The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers was established by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000, to invite Texas teachers, students and others to help pioneer and lead an effort to support the Mission of The STAR DAY Foundation which is to carry out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999) to plan, develop and conduct expanded learning opportunity programs to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 each year and to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover the foundation and founders of the State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers are organized (2015) into twelve (12) Student Study Groups. The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was established on September 12, 2010 in partnership with Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras. The Group is dedicated to inspiring and motivating students in grades 6-9 to explore and discover the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park and the Official State Bison Herd of Texas and related topics, to plan, develop and conduct expeditions to area bison ranches and Caprock Canyons State Park to see, hear and smell bison, to explore and evaluate applications of Texas bison meat products for school lunch programs and to participate and help raise funds to support conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives hosted by "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" established by The STAR DAY Foundation on September 12, 2013. Superintendent Donald Beard has volunteered to visit schools several times a year to present expanded learning opportunity programs for students and continuing education programs for teachers, librarians and school administrators to share the story of the park and herd. For additional information about the mission, goals, programs, activities including chartering a POST (Point Of Service in Texas) of The Junior PALS of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation, please visit the website of The STAR DAY Foundation.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 17)**

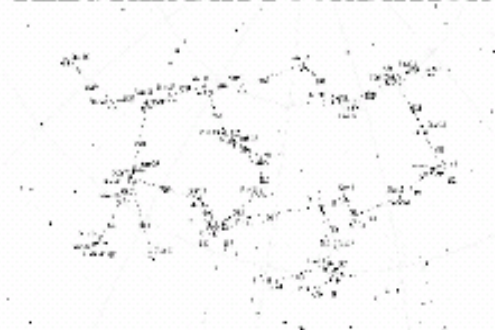
**THE DONALD BEARD STORY BOOKMARK**

**2016 SUPERINTENDENT CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK**

**A TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP ADVISOR**



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### THE GREAT TEXAS BISONSTAR SKY CONSTELLATION

The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, Texas is pioneering and leading a Texas Conservation, Preservation and Restoration STEMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Service) project to inspire and motivate students with the support of their parents, grandparents and other relatives to explore and discover the exciting history and science of the Texas Southern Plains Bison whose ancestors may have been the ancient bison of China who may have migrated to Mongolia to Siberia and then across the Bering Land Bridge to modern Alaska and Canada nearly 100,000 years ago then down to the upper states and finally arriving in the Texas Plains Panhandle approximately 25,000 years ago. From time to time its fun to add a bit of legend to help students visualize history and science as the ancient people did all over the world to tell their stories by creating land monuments geometrically linked to classical constellations in the night sky that we recognize today.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation was organized on September 12, 2010 in partnership with Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras with the volunteer support of science teachers, parents and students as an after-school student enrichment program. The Group pioneered and led a Texas legislative initiative in 2011 that successfully designated the Goodnight Bison Herd (The Herd) at Caprock Canyons State Park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas." Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a "Commendation Letter" to honor and recognize the students, teachers and advisors of The Group for their legislative service achievement of merit in enhancing the story of Texas.

Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) with the help of her husband Charles Goodnight (1836-1929) helped save the last free-roaming Texas Plains Bison calves from extermination and extinction in the late 1800's. The surviving 80 descendants today (2013) of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas (The Herd)" are now

maintained by the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County, Texas under the supervision of the Park Superintendent Donald Beard. Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) is known as "The Woman Who Saved The Texas Southern Plains Bison." Her birthday on September 12<sup>th</sup> has been designated by the Texas State Legislature in 2013 as proposed by The Group as "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" to honor and remember her life and achievements.

The Group designated a bison calf born in May 2013 at Caprock Canyons State Park as "BisonStar" with the guidance of Caprock Canyons State Park Interpretative Ranger and Volunteer Coordinator Le'Ann Pigg who has volunteered to serve as the Advisor for The Group. The Group proposed the project sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead an effort to create a legend based in history and science about the Texas Southern Plains Bison in partnership The Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland, Texas under the direction of Planetarium Director Dr. Andrew Kerr and in partnership with members of the West Texas Astronomy Club. "The Great Texas BisonStar Sky Constellation (The Sky Constellation)" Project"

The Sky Constellation created is composed of 254 stars, one for each Texas County in the State of Texas. The Constellation is illustrated by 38 generally visible framework stars high in the sky in the southern sky rising in September each year. The 38 framework stars form 39 constellation segments as depicted in the diagram. The Sky Constellation represents a Texas Southern Plains Bison named "BisonStar" roaming free across the night sky forever. Each star trailing "BisonStar" represents the historical spirit of each Texas Southern Plains Bison that once roamed free on the land that is now known as the State of Texas today over thousands and thousands of years. Each "Spirit Bison" is a member of "The Great Texas BisonStar Spirit Herd."

NOTE: The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers organized by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000 is an organization of student and adult volunteers that help carry out the Mission of The STAR DAY Foundation. The student volunteers of The Texas Bison Student Study Group who enlist in the effort to save and make donations to The STAR DAY Foundation with the help of their parents and other relatives to support the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" do so as a service achievement of merit STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. The Fund is dedicated to supporting additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives of park land and "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" for the people of Texas.

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### STORY BOOKMARK (SB 18)

## THE GREAT TEXAS BISONSTAR SKY CONSTELLATION STORY BOOKMARK THE TEXAS ASTRONOMY STUDENT STUDY GROUP



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**HARLAN JAMES SMITH  
(1924-1991)**

Born on August 25, 1924, Harlan J. Smith was the son of Paul and Anna McGregor Smith in West Virginia. He lived for the first eighteen years of his life in the same house on Wheeling Island—the only inhabited island on the Ohio River. His father was in the building supply business, which was not good during the depression.

Harlan attended Wheeling public schools, enhancing the moderate intellectual challenges presented by playing a game doing everything as nearly perfect as possible. He did this to such good effect that he won the prize for highest grades right through high school. His older brother Kenneth was determined to become a chemist (and did so), and Harlan was always convinced that he too would become some kind of scientist. Astronomy was singled out by the Buck Rogers radio serial, by the Boy Scout astronomy merit badge, and by using a 6-inch reflector telescope which had been built by a local Catholic priest and donated to the city. He graduated from Wheeling High School in 1942, the same year he was first runner-up in the first Westinghouse National Science Talent Search. After some college in Ohio, Smith joined the U. S. Army Air Corps in February 1943, and served until the end of World War II.

In summer 1946 he went to Harvard University where he earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in astronomy. During Harlan's first year in graduate school he met Joan Swift Greene, a Radcliffe student. They were married 18 months later, in December 1950. While writing his doctoral dissertation, he landed a teaching post at Yale University in 1953.

He remained at New Haven, Conn., until 1963 when he accepted the challenge of becoming both

the first Texas-based director of the University of Texas at Austin's McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains of west Texas and chairman of the university's small astronomy department. Under his leadership, the McDonald Observatory grew to become an international scientific attraction and he built the university's astronomy department into the largest in the nation.

In the area of pure scientific research, Smith made his mark by discovering the optical variability, and thus small size, of quasars; studying the influence of solar wind on radio emissions from Jupiter; and discovering the existence of a class of variable stars known as dwarf Cepheid's, or Delta Scuti stars. Harlan served on the National Academy of Sciences ad hoc Committee on the Large Space Telescope, a project that eventually resulted in the Hubble Space Telescope.

Among the first astronomers to realize the importance of ground-based observations in the planning and support of space missions, he convinced NASA to fund the McDonald Observatory's gigantic 107-inch reflector telescope for that purpose. NASA still supports planetary research on that telescope, which the University of Texas dedicated in July 1995 as the Harlan J. Smith Telescope. The University of Texas also established an endowment in Smith's name at the McDonald Observatory and honored him with the creation of a professorship in astronomy named for him.

Smith helped create "StarDate," a two-minute syndicated daily radio broadcast about planetary happenings, heard weekly by 10 million people in the United States and Canada. During his years teaching at Yale, he also wrote and produced the award-winning "Story of the Universe" educational film series and became active in national astronomical affairs as the co-editor of *Astronomical Journal* and as acting secretary of the American Astronomical Society.

He retired from the McDonald Observatory in 1989, focusing his remaining years on teaching and on space. Smith died at age 67 on Oct. 17, 1991, after a battle with cancer.

NOTE: The text above was in part extracted from an American Astronomical Society article published in 1992 featuring Harlan J. Smith's life and achievements and the Wheeling Hall of Honor induction biographical sketch. Dr. Smith was nominated by Dr. Andrew Kerr, Curator of the Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland, Texas. Dr. Smith shall be inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor during THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2013 CELEBRATION beginning at 12 noon in the State Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, the 167<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Great State of Texas.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 19)  
THE HARLAN JAMES SMITH (1924-1991) STORY BOOKMARK  
THE TEXAS ASTRONOMY STUDENT STUDY GROUP**



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**CHARLIE MARY NOBLE  
(1877-1959)**

Charlie Mary Noble, teacher of mathematics and astronomy, was born to a pioneer family at Giddings, Texas, in 1877. She attended Warren Institute in Fort Worth, Sam Houston State College, the University of Texas (B.S.), and Texas Christian University (M.S.). She taught in the Fort Worth public schools for forty-six years, beginning in 1897; for twenty-five of these years she was head of the mathematics department of Paschal High School. She retired from the school system in 1943.

Because of her knowledge of astronomy she was asked to teach mathematics, astronomy, and celestial navigation at Texas Christian University as part of the United States Navy's V-12 officer training course during World War II. After the war, she taught astronomy at the institution.

In 1947 Noble organized the Junior Astronomy Club at the Fort Worth Children's Museum (now the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History). This group met once a week and stressed individual observation and reports. Through this club, and her efforts to establish other astronomy clubs in Texas and elsewhere, young people were encouraged to study the universe. Charlie Noble developed a telescope rental library and, during the country's early experiments with satellites, organized a group for the purpose of visual tracking.

In 1951 she aided Henry M. Neely, lecturer and teacher at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City, by having her classes try a method that he thought would aid instructors in navigation. In 1956 Neely paid tribute to Noble in *The Stars by Clock and Fist*. Her friendship with Neely also brought about the publication of "The Texas Sky," a monthly folder sent to over 1,000 Texas school children. The procedures developed by Noble for junior astronomers were so successful that her methods

were adopted nationally by the Junior Division of the Astronomical League.

Charlie Noble was a member of the Woman's Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Delta Kappa Gamma, the Lecture Foundation, the Faculty Women's Club of Texas Christian University, the Texas Academy of Science, and the Tarrant County Historical Society. In 1950 she was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Texas Christian University for her wartime teaching activities and her outstanding work in astronomy. In 1954 she was given the Altrusa Civic Award as "First Lady of Fort Worth" for her work in stimulating interest in astronomy among young people.

In 1955 the Fort Worth Children's Museum dedicated and named their planetarium in her honor. She was the regional director of the Southwestern Division, Astronomical League of America, and in 1956 was the first woman to win that league's annual award for outstanding achievements in astronomy. Miss Noble died on November 30, 1959, in Fort Worth and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. She was an Episcopalian. A Charlie Mary Noble Memorial Astronomy Fund was established to further her work.

**NOTE:** The text above was extracted from an article published in the Handbook of Texas Online written by Carol E. William featuring Charlie Mary Noble's life and achievements. The photograph was extracted from the Fort Worth Independent School District website. The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor was established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. A person may be nominated and accepted for induction if formally recommended by The Texas First PALS Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor for approval. A First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor Bookmark shall be created in partnership with the nominator to honor and remember the life and achievements of the inductee. The nominator shall plan, develop and conduct an "Induction Service Event." The bookmark shall be placed in The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor Library at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The bookmark may be downloaded and printed free by librarians, teachers, students and other interested parties. Charlie Mary Noble was nominated by Dr. Andrew Kerr, Curator of the Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland, Texas. Charlie Mary Noble shall be inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2013 CELEBRATION" beginning at 12 noon in the State Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, the 167<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Great State of Texas.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 20)**

**THE CHARLIE MARY NOBLE (1877-1959) STORY BOOKMARK  
THE TEXAS ASTRONOMY STUDENT STUDY GROUP**



**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION  
FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS  
HALL OF HONOR**



**JOHN LOWRY DOBSON  
(1915-2014)**

John Lowry Dobson (September 14, 1915 – January 15, 2014) was an amateur astronomer and is best known for the Dobsonian telescope, a portable, low-cost Newtonian reflector telescope. His design is considered revolutionary since it allowed amateur astronomers to build fairly large telescopes (Light Buckets). He was less known for his efforts to promote awareness of astronomy (and his unorthodox views of cosmology) through public lectures including his performances of "sidewalk astronomy." John Dobson was also the co-founder of the amateur astronomical group, the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers.

John Dobson was born in Beijing, China where his parents were Methodist missionaries. His maternal grandfather founded Peking University, his mother was a musician, and his father taught zoology at the University. As a child, he said, he lay on his back, gazed upward and imagined the sky as a vast ocean. He and his parents moved to San Francisco, California in 1927. His father accepted a teaching position at Lowell High School and taught there until the 1950s.

Dobson spent 23 years in a monastery, after which he became more active in promoting astronomy. Dobson's interest in telescope building was in part to better understand the universe, and in part to inspire in others a curiosity about the cosmos. To this end, he often offered assistance and corresponded about his work with those outside the monastery. Having left the order in 1967, Dobson in 1968 co-founded the San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers, an amateur astronomy organization that aims to popularize astronomy among people on the street, along with Bruce Sams and Jeffery Roloff. Sams had built a large telescope but because he was only 12 at the time he was not eligible for membership in the only local club, the San Francisco Amateur Astronomers, thus the "San Francisco Sidewalk Astronomers" was born. It was also at this time that Dobson's simple form of telescope, which came to be known as the Dobsonian, became well known after he started

teaching classes to the public on how to make your own telescope.

John Dobson was most notable for being the originator and promoter of a design for a large, portable, low-cost reflecting telescope, the "Dobsonian telescope".<sup>[2]</sup> The design is a very simple, low cost alt-azimuth mounted Newtonian telescope that employs common materials such as plywood, formica, PVC closet flanges, cardboard construction tubes, recycled porthole glass, and indoor-outdoor carpet. Using this construction method makes the typical Dobsonian telescope large, portable, inexpensive, very stable, and easy to manufacture.

One of his favorite sayings is "If you figure something out for yourself, it doesn't make no never-mind who figured it out first, it's yours." His life of enthusiastic, selfless public service and his genuine love and concern for this planet and those that live on it are the foundation and guiding principle of The Sidewalk Astronomers Association.

Dobson died in Burbank, California on January 15, 2014. He passed away at age 98 and was active teaching, traveling, and doing sidewalk astronomy until 6 years before his death. In his 90's he would probably be the oldest sidewalk astronomer on the planet. Dobson had a son, Loren, with Ruth Ballard, a professor of genetics at Sacramento State University. They both survive him.

NOTE: The photograph was copied from Wikipedia. The supporting text was adapted from Wikipedia, a New York Times obituary and from The Sidewalk Astronomers website. Dobson was nominated by Arthur Schneider, Professor Emeritus of Amarillo College, as an "Honorary Inductee" of "The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor." Art is an avid astronomer, and uses both solar telescopes and large optical reflectors to bring the wonders of the universe to students and adults of all ages in the Dobson tradition. Dobson shall be formally inducted on September 19, 2015 into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor" during "The 2015 Great Texas Bison Star Party." Art shall pioneer and lead a program using his "Light Bucket" telescope at Caprock Canyons State Park, home of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas", near Quitaque, Briscoe County, recently designated by the Texas State Legislature as "The Official Bison Capital of Texas." Art's program shall also introduce to attendees "The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation" created by "The Texas Astronomy Student Study Group" sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to honor "BisonStar" the "Official Mascot" of "The Texas Bison Student Study Group." BisonStar was born at the park during May 2013 and is one of the last descendants of "The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd."

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 21)  
THE JOHN LOWRY DOBSON (1915-2014) STORY BOOKMARK  
THE TEXAS ASTRONOMY STUDENT STUDY GROUP**



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### October 23, 2010-An Expedition to The Shafter Silver Mine

The State of Texas has customarily recognized a variety of official symbols as tangible representations of the state's culture and history.

The precious metal silver has played a prominent role in the story of the Lone Star State, and it continues to be a visible part of Texas culture, reflecting the enduring influence of Spanish colonial design and the western heritage that is so much a part of the state's lore.

Silver has been mined in Texas for more than three centuries, beginning shortly after the Spanish established their first permanent settlements in the area in the late 1600s; the first mines were founded by Franciscan friars who dug for silver deposits near El Paso, and these same sites were worked periodically for the next 200 years.

In the late 1800s, prospectors began exploring other parts of West Texas, with figures such as John W. Spencer, Samuel B. Buckley, Lieutenant John L. Bullis, and Colonel William R. Shafter focusing their efforts on Presidio County; this led to the opening of the Shafter Mining District, which was the site of the famous Presidio Mine; operated between 1884 and 1947, it produced more than 90 percent of all the silver that has ever been mined in Texas and became a prominent business that spurred development in the Big Bend region.

Other mining districts in the state also yielded silver; Hudspeth and Culberson Counties were home to the Van Horn-Allamore and the Plata Verde Districts, and Hudspeth County also contained the Quitman Mountains District; in addition, Brewster County was the site of the Altuda Mountain District, and mining took place at locations in Llano, Mason, and Gillespie Counties in the Hill Country; in total, Texas mines yielded more than 33 million fine ounces of silver, which had a value of nearly \$23.5 million, between 1885 and 1952; the manual labor of carving these riches from the rocks fell to a hardy group of miners who, in true Texan fashion, used their skill and determination to complete a difficult and dangerous job.

Most mining came to an end in the 1950s, but interest in harvesting the state's silver deposits

continues; 20 million troy ounces of the metal are believed to still remain in the Shafter Mining District, and resources of this kind may prove profitable given silver's widespread use in commercial and industrial applications, where it plays a role in everything from photography to coin making, x-rays, water treatment, and electronics.

Jewelry makers and other artisans also rely on this precious metal, and the stately sheen of silver is a key element in beautiful stylistic designs, both rustic and refined, that can be seen throughout Texas; in belt buckles, tie clasps, and boot decorations, it is a staple of the western-wear fashions that harkens back to the state's pioneer past; moreover, silver's rich, pure luster also makes it a favorite material for religious jewelry and other devotional objects, as well as any item or decoration that may benefit from its luxurious, glittering hues.

In both its historical and economic significance and its enduring connections to Texas imagery and culture, silver is a fitting symbol for the state and its people, and it is indeed appropriate that this metal receive special legislative recognition.

NOTE: The text above is the actual text of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR 102) filed on February 19, 2007, STAR DAY, by State Representative Pete P. Gallego, Jr. at the request of The Texas Silver Student Study Group (The Group). The bill designates "Silver" as the "Official State Precious Metal of Texas." State Senator Carlos Uresti volunteered to act as the bill's sponsor. The Group was organized on October 16, 2006, the birthday of Major General William Rufus Shafter (1835-1906), at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School (LRFMS) as an Expanded Learning Opportunity Network (ELON) after-school student enrichment program under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation and guided by volunteer teachers, parents and advisors. The primary goals of The Group are: to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover the history, heritage and uses of silver; to study and learn about the silver mining and ore processing technologies being pioneered and led by the Aurcana Corp. of Vancouver, British Columbia, owner of the Shafter Silver Mine in Presidio County; to honor and remember the life and achievements of the mine founders and early pioneers and leaders of the Shafter community; to evaluate and recommendation donation premium gift applications of Texas silver and to plan, develop and conduct expeditions to explore and discover the mine in partnership with area schools. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued a Commendation Letter to honor and recognize the LRFMS principal, teachers and students for their service achievement of merit in proposing HCR 102.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 22)

## SILVER-THE OFFICIAL PRECIOUS METAL OF TEXAS STORY BOOKMARK



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye, that this certificate is presented in  
recognition of:*

**Presidio County Franco Middle School  
Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS)  
Texas Junior Legislator Program**

*in honor of your contributions to*

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 102**

*I am pleased to congratulate all of The STAR DAY Foundation honorees: Presidio County Franco Middle School students, history teacher Michael Vogel, and school principal Teresa Porras, for their contributions during the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the Texas legislature in passing House Concurrent Resolution No. 102 by Pete Gallego designating silver as the official precious metal of Texas.*

*Students, your participation in this legislation played an important role in commemorating the history, culture and economics of silver in Texas. Educators, by encouraging leadership through the PALS of Texas Junior Legislator Program, you encouraged our young Texans to follow through with their dreams to achieve a future of excellence. I commend your efforts to add to the story of Texas.*

*First Lady Anita Perry joins me in extending best wishes.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State of  
Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin,  
this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.*

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas



# **THE FOUNDING AND FOUNDERS OF THE SHAFTER SILVER MINE IN PRESIDIO COUNTY**



## **THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE DAY FOUNDATION**

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**JANUARY 28, 2010 –CITY OF PRESIDIO**–The City of Presidio Council approved a City of Presidio student proposed resolution to designate June 24<sup>th</sup> each year as “THE JOHN WILLIAM SPENCER DAY” in the City of Presidio to honor and remember the life and achievements of John William Spencer (1818-1898), an early Presidio settler and a founder of the Shafter Silver Mine (1883-1942). Spencer family members and City Council members gathered to celebrate the adoption of the Spencer resolution. The City of Presidio also approved a student proposed resolution to designate October 16<sup>th</sup> each year as “THE WILLIAM RUFUS SHAFTER DAY” in the City of Presidio to honor and remember the life and achievements of Major General William Rufus Shafter (1835-1906), a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient and a founder of the Shafter Silver Mine. Spencer and Shafter pioneered and led an effort as business partners to open up the mine in 1883. The Spenser and Shafter City of Presidio resolutions were proposed by “THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP (THE GROUP)” at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation. City of Presidio Councilman John Ferguson (High School Band Director) sponsored the resolutions at the request of THE GROUP. The Aurcana Company of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the current owner of the mine, is pioneering and leading an effort to reopen the mine. The Aurcana Company in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation is sponsoring a “School History and Science Field Trip” to mine on October 23, 2010 for LRFMS students. Mr. Michael Vogel, a LRFMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas History Teacher and member of THE GROUP, and his students pioneered and led a successful legislative effort in partnership with their State Representative Pete Gallego and State Senator Carlos Uresti in 2007 to designate “SILVER” as the “Official Precious Metal of Texas” while participating in “The PALS of Texas Junior Legislators 2007 Program” sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation.



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**JOHN WILLIAM SPENCER  
(1818-1898)**

The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas has paid tribute during the 80<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature by passing Senate Resolution (SR) 1158 and House Resolution (HR) 434 to remember the life and achievements of John William Spencer (1818-1898) and has recognized his descendants on the grand occasion of their 2007 family reunion.

The first expedition to the Presidio territory was led by the Spaniard Cabeza de Vaca in 1536; the founding of the Mexican Presidio settlement for Spain in 1581 by Fray Juan Dominguez de Mendoza and Padre Fray Nicholas Lopez led to the establishment of the present City of Presidio, which is located at the confluence of Cibolo Creek, the Concho River, and the Rio Grande. In 1746, the Spanish explorers were the first to build, administer, and control the Presidio; they stationed a garrison of men at Presidio de Belen in 1760.

John William Spencer was born on June 24, 1818 and passed away on September 18, 1898 and is buried in Presidio County. In the spring of 1848 John William Spencer entered Texas at Indianola; he traveled throughout South Texas and Mexico, and upon settling in Presidio, he became one of the first settlers and entrepreneurs of the Presidio Valley.

John William Spencer and Ben Leaton contributed to the development of local and regional commerce by opening a retail business in Presidio that served the settlers arriving in the Presidio Valley. In 1860, John William Spencer established the Spencer Brothers General Store, from which he sold dry goods and provisions to the communities of the Presidio Valley and Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, thus serving the border region of the United States and Mexico.

On April 5, 1861, the Honorable Edward

Clark, governor of the State of Texas, appointed John William Spencer to the Office of Notary Public in and for the County of El Paso. John William Spencer was a man of strong character, generosity, and integrity who instilled these traits in his children and grandchildren; he was known for his charitable deeds on behalf of those families of few resources who resided in the border region.

In 1883, John William Spencer discovered areas rich with silver ore in the Chinati Mountains, samples of which he took to General William R. Shafter, who was garrisoned at Shafter, Texas.

In 1885, the Presidio Mining Company was organized by John William Spencer and General Shafter; the company continued to operate until the early 1900s, contributing significantly to the economy of Texas and regions of Mexico.

Over the years, John William Spencer's descendants have generously contributed to their respective communities, the State of Texas, and our country through their military service and their hard work as attorneys, health professionals, educators, civil servants, law enforcement officials, and entrepreneurs.

NOTE: On January 28, 2010, the Presidio City Council approved a resolution at the request of students designating the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June each year in the City of Presidio as "THE JOHN WILLIAM SPENCER DAY" to observe the birthday of John William Spencer and to share with students his life and achievements as a first pioneer and leader of Presidio County and a founder of the Shafter Silver Mine (1883-1942). The text of this bookmark was drawn from SR 1158 and HR 434. The STAR DAY Foundation formally inducted John William Spencer into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) Hall of Honor on October 24, 2007, at a commemoration event conducted at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio to honor Franco Middle School Texas History Teacher Michael Vogel and his participating students in The PALS of Texas Junior Legislators Program for their service achievement of merit for proposing and supporting the introduction of House Concurrent Bill (HCR 102) designating SILVER as the "Official Precious Medal of Texas." The bill was authored by State Representative Pete Gallego and sponsored by State Senator Carlos Uresti. State Representative Gallego filed HCR 102 on STAR DAY, February 19, 2007, the birthday of the Great State of Texas. Mr. Vogel nominated John William Spencer to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor. The John William Spencer Post of The Junior PALS of Texas has been formally organized in Presidio on June 24, 2010.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 23)  
THE JOHN WILLIAM SPENCER (1818-1898) STORY BOOKMARK  
TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP**



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**WILLIAM RUFUS SHAFTER  
(1835-1906)**

William R. (Pecos Bill) Shafter, United States Army officer, son of Hugh Morris and Eliza (Sumner) Shafter, was born on October 16, 1835, near Galesburg, Michigan. He had two brothers and one sister. After completing an elementary school education, Shafter worked on his father's farm and taught school at Galesburg, Mendon, and Athens, Michigan.

In 1861 he enrolled in Prairie Seminary, but when the Civil War broke out he left school to join a local volunteer regiment. During the war he took part in several campaigns, including the battle of Ball's Bluff and the Peninsular campaign. He was captured at Thompson's Station, Tennessee, in March 1863 and spent several months in a Confederate prison. After his release he was transferred to the regular army and served as an officer in the Seventeenth United States Colored Infantry, a regiment of black troops, in the battle of Nashville in December 1864.

Shafter was commissioned a lieutenant colonel after the war and went to Louisiana briefly before a transfer in 1867 took him to Texas. He served as lieutenant colonel of the all-black Twenty-fourth United States Infantry along the Rio Grande until 1868, when he moved to Fort Clark in West Texas. After 1870 Shafter served primarily as a field commander. He executed his assignments with vigor despite his physical bulk, which would have slowed most men. Working under Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, Shafter commanded scouting expeditions and campaigns against hostile Indians. He led several excursions into the Llano Estacado and Big Bend areas, thus proving these regions accessible to the military despite their barrenness. His expeditions also deprived hostile forces of the psychological and military advantage of safe refuge. Shafter's most renowned feat in West Texas was the Llano Estacado campaign of 1875.

Combining two companies of his Twenty-fourth Infantry with parts of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry and Tenth United States Cavalry and a company of Seminole Indian scouts, Shafter drove his men more than 2,500 miles from June to December. Often exhausted and short of water, the troops made three crossings of the Llano Estacado and swept the plains clear of Indians. Shafter's campaign also proved the plains habitable and paved the way for white settlement of the region.

Between 1876 and the end of 1878 Shafter led three separate campaigns into Mexico against Indians. He became colonel of the First Infantry in 1879 and the following year participated in the war against Victorio, the great Apache leader.

In 1883, John William Spencer (1818-1898) discovered areas rich with silver ore in the Chinati Mountains of Presidio County, Texas, samples of which he took to Lt. Col. William R. Shafter, who was then garrisoned at Shafter, Texas. In 1885, the Presidio Mining Company was organized by John William Spencer and Lt. Col. Shafter; the company continued to operate until the early 1900s, contributing significantly to the economy of Texas and regions of Mexico.

After leaving Texas, Shafter served in Arizona before a transfer in 1886 took him to California. In 1890-91 he was in South Dakota helping to return Indians to Pine Ridge after the Wounded Knee massacre. He was promoted in 1897 to brigadier general and in 1898 led American troops to Cuba during the Spanish-American War, in which he commanded the largest force of United States troops that had left American soil up to that time. Shafter was a Republican and a Protestant. He married Harriet Grimes in 1862, and they had one child, Mary. In 1895 Shafter received the Medal of Honor for meritorious service in the Civil War. Shortly after his promotion to major general in 1901, he retired to his sixty-acre farm adjoining his daughter's ranch near Bakersfield, California. On November 12, 1906, Shafter, terribly overweight, died at his daughter's home from an intestinal obstruction complicated by pneumonia. He was buried next to his wife at the Presidio in San Francisco, California.

NOTE: The text was primarily drawn from The Handbook of Texas Online (tshonline.org). Major General Shafter was nominated to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor by Presidio County Lucy Rede Franco Middle School Texas History Teacher Michael Vogel. On January 28, 2010, the Presidio City Council approved a resolution proposed by students designating the 16<sup>th</sup> of October each year as "THE WILLIAM RUFUS SHAFTER DAY" in Presidio.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 24)**

**THE WILLIAM RUFUS SHAFTER (1835-1906) STORY BOOKMARK  
THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP**



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**BRIG GENERAL JOHN L. BULLIS  
(1841-1911)**

May 26, 2011, marks the centennial of the death of United States Army Brigadier General John Lapham Bullis, commander of the famed Black Seminole Scouts and a hero of the Texas frontier.

Born in Macedon, New York, in 1841, John Bullis enlisted in the 126th New York Volunteer Infantry in 1862 and was wounded and captured twice during the Civil War, in the battles of Harpers Ferry and Gettysburg; following 10 months in the notorious Libby Prison, he was released in an exchange of combatants and was commissioned as a captain in the 118th Infantry, U. S. Colored Troops, a volunteer regiment composed entirely of African American enlisted men and white officers.

General Bullis briefly ran a business on the Mississippi River after the war and was commissioned in the Regular Army as a second lieutenant in 1867; although many other white officers scorned African American regiments, he served with the 41st Infantry and then requested a transfer to the new 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry, a consolidation of three Colored Infantry regiments; he was stationed at Fort Clark in the borderlands, where property raids and attacks on settlers were a regular occurrence, and assumed command of a remarkable group of scouts, skillful trackers descended from escaped slaves who had intermarried with members of the Seminole tribe and eventually settled in the Santa Rosa Mountains of northern Mexico.

Resolute and resourceful, General Bullis earned the nickname "the Whirlwind," leading the Black Seminole Scouts during the Red River War and on numerous missions to track raiders from the Comanche and Apache tribes; in one celebrated battle, he and three scouts took on more than two dozen Lipan Apaches before they ran low on ammunition and were forced to retreat; General Bullis's horse was lost, but his comrades returned for

him under fire and he was able to leap up behind his sergeant and escape on his steed; the scouts were awarded Congressional Medals of Honor.

The stoicism, valor, and fairness General Bullis demonstrated won the complete loyalty of his men; he lived off the land and suffered severe privations alongside them, and they gladly followed him even on a pursuit all the way to New Mexico Territory, which kept them in the saddle for 80 days and more than 1,200 miles; over the course of 8 years, he led his scouts in 26 battles, yet not one was killed or seriously injured; he received brevet citations for his gallant service, as well as recognition from the Texas Legislature, and the people of West Texas and residents of Kinney County showed their gratitude by presenting him with engraved swords.

Once the area had become comparatively calm, General Bullis was transferred to Indian Territory, and he was later appointed the paymaster at Fort Sam Houston, with the rank of major; he served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War and in the Philippines during the Philippine Insurrection; the day before his retirement in 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt promoted him to brigadier general in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

John Bullis settled in San Antonio and established himself as a successful businessman, investing in real estate and the Shafter silver mines, and he helped to promote the settlement of West Texas; in addition, he remained a stalwart advocate for the Black Seminole Scouts, trying in vain to obtain for them the military benefits and land grants that the federal government had promised; he died in San Antonio on May 26, 1911, and is buried in the San Antonio National Cemetery; a military camp just north of San Antonio was named Camp Bullis in his honor in 1917.

NOTE: The text was drawn from Texas House Resolution 1007 authored by Representative Ruth Jones McClendon. HR 1007 designated May 26, 2011 as "The Brig General John L. Bullis Day" in Texas. The photograph is from the National Park Service collection. Brig General John L. Bullis was nominated to be inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor by the Texas Silver Student Study Group at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio, Texas as a Founder of the Shafter Silver Mine. The Induction took place during "The Spirit of STAR DAY 2011 Celebration" event conducted on February 18, 2011 in the State Capitol Rotunda to observe the 165th anniversary of the birthday of the Great State of Texas. The Shafter Silver Mine Museum John L. Bullis Library shall be named in his honor on May 26, 2011.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 25)**

**THE BRIG GENERAL JOHN L. BULLIS STORY BOOKMARK  
THE TEXAS SILVER STUDENT STUDY GROUP**





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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### **FEBRUARY 21, 2014-THE SHAFTER SILVER MINE-PRESIDIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Presidio High School Metal Trades Department Leader Randall Cater (second from the left) acting as an eAdvisor of The Texas Silver Student Study Group organized on October 16, 2006 by The STAR DAY Foundation and hosted by Presidio ISD planned, developed and conducted the third "Expedition" to the Shafter Silver Mine to explore and discover the complex science, technology, engineering and mathematics principles of silver ore mining and processing resulting in the creation of "silver dore bars" weighing 50-60 pounds each and containing up to 95% pure silver that are then sent to a silver refinery to yield 99.9% fine silver bars that are sold in the international silver commodities marketplace. Pictured above from left to right are: The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki and Randall Cater. Pictured above from right to left are: State Senator Jose E. Rodriguez's Marfa Office Manager Daniel Hernandez and Presidio ISD Transportation Manager Jesus Edsar Sotoe. The attending students (not in picture order) are: Enrique Garcia, Hernan Meza, Emilio Lujan, Andres Juarez, Jose Holguin, Sergio Baeza, Alexis Armendariz, Jose Angel Sanchez and Emmanuel Melendez. The Expedition Guides were Rio Grande Mining Company (RPMC) employees Bill Woods and Donald Rose. RPMC is a subsidiary of the Aurcana Corporation, the mine owner. Photographed by Bill Woods





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### **FEBRUARY 21, 2014-PRESIDIO HIGH SCHOOL-PRESIDIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

The STAR DAY Foundation awarded "THE JUNIOR PIONEERS AND LEADERS OF THE STATE (PALS) OF TEXAS YOUNG WRITERS SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT OF MERIT (SAM) AWARD (The Award)" to Presidio High School Students Sergio Baeza and Emilio Lujan for co-authoring the article "*SHAFTER SILVER MINE HISTORY*" which shall appear in Volume 2 of The Texas Bison Student Study Group Journal published by The STAR DAY Foundation at its website. Emilio Lujan and Sergio Baeza are seniors and are engaged in the Metal Trades Study Program pioneered and led by twenty-year veteran Presidio High School Teacher Randall Cater. Randall Cater nominated the students for the award. The award presentation ceremony was conducted in the Metal Trades Department Shop and witnessed (from left to right) by: School Board Member Carlos Nieto, School Principal Dr. Dale Morris, Assistant School Principal Arturo Alferez, Award Recipient Sergio Baeza, Award Recipient Emilio Lujan, Metal Trades Department Leader Randall Cater, School Counselor and City of Presidio Mayor John Ferguson, The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki and City of Presidio Development Corporation Executive Director Brad Newton. Randall Cater serves today as an eAdvisor of The Texas Silver Student Study Group organized by The STAR DAY Foundation on October 16, 2006 and initially hosted by Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras as an expanded learning opportunities student enrichment program. The STAR DAY Foundation made arrangements for an afternoon "Expedition" to the Shafter Silver Mine for students of the Metal Trades Program supervised by Randall Cater to explore and discover the complex science, technology, engineering and mathematics silver ore mining and processing principles hosted by the Rio Grande Mining Company, a subsidiary of the Aurcana Corporation, the mine owner, as a activity of The Texas Silver Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Aurcana Corporation is a 2014 Sponsor of The Award. Photographed by Presidio High School Student Photographer Karen Manriquez



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### THE SEAL OF THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND

Every Texan knows that these are difficult economic times for Texas families, businesses, and all levels of community, county and state government. The State of Texas had to recently pioneer and lead a special effort to balance its budget with the result that state agencies and their programs had to consolidate and in some cases eliminate or greatly reduce support for important programs. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department budget was reduced with the result that park programs and other sites had to maintain services with less funding. The Caprock Canyons State Park located near Quitaque in Briscoe County is home to descendants of The Great Texas Southern Plains Bison Herd. Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1826) with the help of her husband, Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), are responsible for saving a small herd of thirty six (36) Texas Southern Plains' bison found on The JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon and donated to the park in 1996 by The JA Ranch where Charles Goodnight was the first JA Ranch Manager in 1876. The herd today is known as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas, a State of Texas Treasure!" Numbering approximately 120 bison today (2016), the herd is one of the very last genetically pure Texas Southern Plains Bison Herds in the nation! The STAR DAY Foundation has pioneered and led an effort to organize and maintain The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) since 2010 composed of volunteer adults and students at partnering Texas schools and home schooling families to provide an opportunity for students to explore and discover the story of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" and with the help of their parents and others raise donations each year as a STAR DAY service achievement of merit birthday gift for the State of Texas to enhance the conservation, preservation and restoration of park land and support the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team under the supervision of the Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent. The Motto of The Group is-"WORK HARD, HAVE FUN AND MAKE HISTORY!" The STAR DAY Foundation proposed on September 12,

2013 "THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND (The Fund)" with the primary goal of raising \$100 million over the next fifteen (15) years as a collective and collaborative donation fundraising effort whose annual interest shall be presented as a STAR DAY Foundation grant on September 12<sup>th</sup> on Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day to the Park Superintendent to support enhanced conservation, preservation and restoration work of the park land and the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park. The Group has pioneered and led four (4) legislative initiatives to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas by the students of Texas: THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS initiative (HCR 86-82(R)), The MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT DAY initiative (SCR 10-83(R)), THE CHARLES GOODNIGHT DAY initiative (HCR 51-83(R)) and QUTAUQUE-THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON CAPITAL OF TEXAS initiative (SCR-22-84(R)).

NOTE: The STAR DAY Foundation invites each Texan and Friends of Texas worldwide to pioneer and lead with us to help enhance the conservation, preservation and restoration of park land and "THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS-A STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE!" The STAR DAY Foundation especially invites the young people of Texas with the help of their parents, grandparents and other relatives to volunteer to save and make a donation in the amount of their "AGE IN DOLLARS (AID)" each year as a service achievement merit STAR DAY birthday gift for the State of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation shall pioneer and lead an effort to create a collection of "Donation Premium Gifts" to offer as thank-you gifts to donors who support the goal and activities of The Fund. "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund Donation Premium Gift Center (The Center)" at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation shall illustrate each "Donation Premium Gift" and provide the opportunity for donors to make donations at the website. The Seal of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)" was illustrated by Thomas S. Cleveland, a well known United States Mint coin designer/illustrator. Cleveland is owner of "The Artist Within School" in Cypress, Texas. He is the designer/illustrator of The Fund's Donation Coin Premium Gift Series. The STAR DAY Foundation is a Tax Exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit Texas corporation established in 1998 to carry out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate bill 1656-76(R)) to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas each year with appropriate and patriotic programs on February 19<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to inspire a greater appreciation for the history of the state.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 26)

## THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND STORY BOOKMARK



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2013-MARY ANN (MOLLY) GOODNIGHT DAY, QUITAQUE, TEXAS**-Dennis M. Kulvicki, President of The STAR DAY Foundation of El Paso, rounds up the “First Donation Donor” to launch **“THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND (The Fund).”** Donald K. Beard, Superintendent of Caprock Canyons State Park, volunteered and donated the “first dollar” on Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day during a “Caprock Area Tourism Seminar” conducted at the Quitaque Hope Center. Governor Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, El Paso State Senator Rodriguez, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director Smith and others sent congratulatory messages to The STAR DAY Foundation. Pictured from left to right are: Dennis M. Kulvicki, Rebecca Miller, Freda Hughes, Brenda Price, Donald Beard, Laramy Estel, Jake Gass, James Orciz and Le’Ann Pigg.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall plan, develop and conduct activities to support the formal launching of The Fund. These activities include the founding of **“The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation (The Mint)”** as a Texas for-profit corporation with headquarters in the City of Quitaque. The Mint shall be contracted by The STAR DAY Foundation to design, develop and manufacture a collection of “Donation Premium Gifts” that shall be offered to persons making various donations to The Fund as thank-you gifts. The Mint shall inventory the collection and provide distribution of Donation Premium Gifts to donors who make donations at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The Mint shall also be contracted to upgrade and maintain the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The Mint shall feature several divisions including “The Texas BisonStar Press” “The Texas BisonStar Bakery” and “The Texas BisonStar Farms.” Each of the divisions of The Mint shall be home-based in the City of Quitaque whose products and services shall contribute to the generation of donation proceeds to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The Press shall publish a collection of Story Bookmarks, Story Books, Story Videos and Story Games under contract of The STAR DAY Foundation for The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library. The Bakery shall create, bake, package and ship “The Molly’s Texas Honey Cookie Packages” to partnering Texas schools and homeschooling families to help raise funds to launch student study group science expeditions to travel on “The Quitaque Trail” to visit Caprock Canyons State Park and to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The Farms shall pioneer and lead an effort to establish and maintain “The Camp Goodnight Texas Honey Bee Farm and Research Station.” The Mint shall pioneer and lead an effort to manufacture a collection of “Donation Premium Coins and Ingots” with supporting commemoratives. The **“Texas Silver Bison”** shall be manufactured by The Mint in various weights of fine silver (99.9% pure), The Official Precious Metal of Texas, and feature the use of the “Official Seal of the State of Texas” whose use was granted by Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group.



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### A TEXAS SILVER BISONSTAR DONATION COIN-OBVERSE SIDE

The STAR DAY Foundation has organized The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation to plan, develop and manufacture "Donation Premium Gifts" as thank-you gifts for persons making donations to The STAR DAY Foundation in support of goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)." "Donation Premium Gifts" are illustrated at "The Donation Premium Gifts Center (The Center)" at The STAR DAY Foundation's website. A "Donation Coin Premium Gift" shall be composed of one or more "Donation Coins" and additional commemorative educational items. A 1 Gram .999 Fine Silver ("Official Precious Metal of Texas") Donation Coin with a diameter of 15mm and 1mm thick shall be manufactured as the "first" Texas Silver Bisonstar Donation Coin. An initial series of three (3) Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Coins featuring .999 Fine Silver content with 1 gram, 20 gram and 40 gram weights shall be offered at different donation giving levels. The three (3) different weights shall represent three (3) stages of growth (calf, yearling, adult) of "BisonStar", the "Official Mascot" of The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) who was born in May 2013 at Caprock Canyons State Park in Texas. The Group was organized as an after-school Expanded Learning Opportunities Network (ELON) student enrichment program to provide Texas 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students expanded learning opportunities under the supervision of a school principal in partnership with volunteer teachers, librarians, parents and others. The "first" Group was organized at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Texas on September 12, 2010 under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras. The story of The Group's objectives and activities may be explored and discovered at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. A primary objective of The Group is to pioneer and lead an long term effort to raise funds in a collective and collaborative permanent endowment savings account who annual interest shall support additional conservation, preservation and restoration of the park land and the work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team under the supervision of the Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent.

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### A TEXAS SILVER BISONSTAR DONATION COIN-REVERSE SIDE

The interest generated by The Fund each year shall support an annual grant from The STAR DAY Foundation to the Superintendent of Caprock Canyons State Park to pioneer and lead additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives to help enhance the park land and "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas-A State of Texas Treasure!" for the people of Texas. The reverse side of each Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Coin shall feature the "Official Seal" of the State of Texas. The Texas Bison Student Study Group invited Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, to authorize the use of the "Official Seal" of the State of Texas to support the manufacturing of a "Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Coin Series" to help raise funds to support the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund." The Texas Department of State issued a license to use the "Official Seal" of The State of Texas to The Texas BisonStar Mint Corporation.

NOTE: Each Texas Silver BisonStar Donation Coin shall represent the "Spirit" of a Texas Southern Plains Bison that once roamed free on the land that is now the State of Texas. The "Spirits" of Texas Southern Plains Bison now roam free across the night sky in "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Monument Sky Valley" a Texas Flag shaped patch a sky just east behind "The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation" which rises in the month of September in the southern sky. The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation features 254 stars with a star representing each Texas County. The Constellation design and fantasy legend are illustrated at the website of The STAR DAY Foundation. The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texans and friends of Texas worldwide to volunteer to challenge and encourage their school children to pioneer and lead an effort to explore and discover "The Great Bison of Texas" and to save and donate to support the goals and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund" as their annual STAR DAY service achievement of merit STAR DAY birthday gift for Texas.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 27)

### A TEXAS SILVER BISONSTAR DONATION COIN STORY BOOKMARK





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## THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS FUND DONATION COIN



Obverse: Depiction of William D. Berry's Illustration from his book *Buffalo Land*.

Reverse: Depiction of Seal of the State of Texas  
Coin QBV/REV Designer/Illustrator: Thomas S. Cleveland

Prepared for: Dennis M. Kulvicki President of THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION

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**FEBRUARY 19, 2013-STAR DAY-AUSTIN, TEXAS-**The STAR DAY Foundation announced the proposed design of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund Donation Coin" as a "Donation Premium Series" to offer donors a unique thank you gift for supporting the goals of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)." The Fund was formally announced in Midland, Texas on Friday, August 31, 2012, during the unveiling ceremony of "The Great Texas Blue Bison Asterism (Constellation)" by Marian Blakemore Planetarium Curator Dr. Andrew Kerr and West Texas Amateur Club Member Les Blaylock. The Constellation represents the "Spirit" a Goodnight Texas Plains Bison of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at Caprock Canyons State Park. The Constellation rises in the southern sky during the month of September each year. The Constellation is composed of 254 stars, one star for each Texas County. The Constellation research and development program in 2011 was proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group). The Group is sponsored each year at one or more schools by The STAR DAY Foundation as an after-school student enrichment program supervised by a school principal and guided by volunteer teachers, librarians, parents and community members.





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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



**MARCH 5, 2016-EL PASO, TEXAS-**The STAR DAY President Dennis M. Kulvicki sports his new PALS of Texas Volunteers Corp of The STAR DAY Foundation “Texas Silver Bison Donation Savings Coin Hatband” on “The Charles Goodnight Day” in Texas. The Hatband features ten (10) equally spaced Texas Silver Bison Donation Savings Coins on bison leather. Each Texas Silver Bison Donation Savings Coin is a 15mm diameter pure silver (99.9%) coin 1mm in thickness. The obverse side of the donation coin features the image of “BisonStar” the “Official Mascot” of The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group). The Group was founded six (6) years ago by The STAR DAY Foundation to provide students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade the opportunity to explore and discover the founding and founders of Caprock Canyons State Park home of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas” and to help pioneer and lead an annual effort to save and donate money to support the goal and activities of “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund).” The Fund was proposed by The Group to help establish and maintain an “Endowment Fund” whose annual interest would be offered as an annual service achievement of merit grant to support additional conservation, preservation and restoration initiatives for the park and the herd. “The Texas Silver Bison Donation Savings Coin Hatband” shall be offered as a “Donation Premium Gift” by The STAR DAY Foundation to an individual making a specific donation (to be announced) to The STAR DAY Foundation at its website to support the goal and activities of The Fund. The primary activity of The Fund is to support the development and growth of The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library and its educational programs in the City of Quitaque, now known as “The Official State Bison Capital of Texas.” The PALS of Texas Volunteers Corps of The STAR DAY Foundation meets annually during “The Mary Ann Molly Goodnight Celebration Days” in Quitaque sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation to honor and remember the life and legacy of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926) concluding with The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Luncheon Seminar and evening PALS of Texas Volunteers STAR PARY at the park.

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**VOLUNTEERS**



**DENNIS MICHAEL KULVICKI**

Mr. Kulvicki has been the President of The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation for the last 18 years. The STAR DAY Foundation is headquartered in El Paso. Mr. Kulvicki also acts the lead Storyteller and Story Bookmark author of The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor and Library sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Mr. Kulvicki has a Masters of Arts degree earned from the University of Texas at Austin in Mathematics. He completed his undergraduate mathematics studies at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales, New Mexico. He has served as a faculty member of the Department of Mathematics at the College of the Mainland in Galveston County for 5 years. He had been a pioneer and lead Consultant and Workshop developer and presenter for the Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT) Foundation of Warrenton, Virginia for 10 years. Mr. Kulvicki was a member of the Galveston County Historical Commission for 4 years and served as a member of the El Paso County Historical Commission for 3 years.

Mr. Kulvicki was born on Good Friday morning, March 22, 1940 in Hudson County, Jersey City, New Jersey at Saint Francis Hospital. He is the oldest of the 14 children of Edward and Marion Buckley Kulvicki. He attended and graduated from Sacred Heart School and Saint Peters Preparatory High School in Jersey City.

Mr. Kulvicki arrived in Texas on August 14, 1958 at Lackland Air Force Base as an Air Force volunteer. After basic training, he trained at the Missile Guidance and Electronics School at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver Colorado. His first duty assignment was with the USAF 51 A&E Squadron at Naha Air Force Base on Okinawa. After serving 18 months overseas, he was assigned as a Missile Guidance System Research and Development technician with the rank of Airman First Class at

Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, New Mexico for the remained of his four year tour of duty which ended on August 12, 1962.

After his military service, Mr. Kulvicki entered Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales, New Mexico as a freshman in January 1963 majoring in mathematics and physics. Mr. Kulvicki founded the first Veterans Club and German Club at ENMU in partnership with faculty and students. Mr. Kulvicki also pioneered and led and effort with faculty, student and community volunteers to establish and maintain *The Blue Tree Coffee House* in Portales in 1967 to serve as an off-campus social club for students featuring music and classical movies. Mr. Kulvicki had the opportunity to work as a part-time physics laboratory assistant and taught the first freshman astronomy course at ENMU. Mr. Kulvicki built the first telescope and astro-camera at ENMU. Mr. Kulvicki is an avid Amateur Astronomer in El Paso today.

Mr. Kulvicki is a proud father of three children: Alayne D., Michael M. and Daniel B. Alayne graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown and the University of North Texas Health Sciences Medical School in Fort Worth. Alayne is now a University Assistant Professor in Medicine and a Gerontology and Geriatrics Researcher. Michael and Daniel both graduated from Texas A&M University at College Station majoring in Computer Software Engineering and both are currently employed as software engineers.

When Daniel was a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Galveston County Dickinson High School, he proposed the concept of STAR DAY in his U. S. history class paper to honor and remember the life and achievements of his ancestor, Lorenzo Van Cleve (1806-1858) who was the first furniture maker in Austin in 1839 and to commemorate the birthday of the State of Texas. On February 19, 1846, James Pinckney Henderson (1808-1858), was inaugurated as the first governor of the State of Texas in Austin. Van Cleve built the platform used at the inaugural event. Lorenzo and Margaret Smith Van Cleve attended the event. Their first child has been noted as the first girl of record born in Austin in 1841.

Daniel with the help of Dickinson Mayor Mitchiner, Galveston County Judge Yarbrough, State Rep. Eiland, and State Sen. Jackson along with all 253 remaining County Judges were able to encourage the 76<sup>th</sup> State Legislature in 1999 to pass Daniel's STAR DAY bill. The STAR DAY bill states that all Texas public schools and other organizations shall celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the history of the state.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 28)**

**DENNIS M. KULVICKI-A FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION STORY BOOKMARK**



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HALL OF HONOR**



**WILLIAM ELMO MERREM  
(1897-1982)**

Accomplished Texans who serve as positive role models for today's youth are deserving of special recognition, and one such individual is Shiner native William Elmo Merrem, the first person in the Lone Star State to become an Eagle Scout.

Born on May 22, 1897, Mr. Merrem was the son of Edgar Jacob Merrem and Willie Crane Merrem and grew up in Shiner alongside his three siblings; he joined the town's first Boy Scout troop as a charter member, and on July 3, 1913, he was awarded the Eagle Badge; not only was he the first Texan to receive the highest rank that scouting offers, he also was the first person west of the Mississippi River to do so, and he joined that elite group when there were fewer than 50 Eagle Scouts in the entire United States.

The leadership and dedication that Mr. Merrem demonstrated as a Boy Scout served him well throughout his life; a 1914 graduate of Shiner High School, he served his nation during World War I as a pilot in the United States Marine Corps; after completing studies at Southwestern University, he went on to earn his law degree at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law and embarked on a distinguished career in business; he served as vice president of the Houston Oil Company, president of the Southwestern Settlement and Development Company, and founder and vice president of the East Texas Pulp and Paper Company, and he held prominent positions in the Texas and American Forestry Associations.

Mr. Merrem and his wife, the former Mary

Elizabeth Caldwell, were longtime residents of Houston and active members of the congregation at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church; through the years, he volunteered his time to assist various civic initiatives, and he was a 32nd-degree Mason who devoted more than 50 years to the charitable work of the Shriners; after a lifetime of service and achievement, he passed away on June 29, 1982, at the age of 85.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Mary Elizabeth Merrem Shaw of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas. Mrs. Shaw is the daughter of William Elmo Merrem. The text is drawn from State Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 11 (82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature) authored by State Senator Glenn Hegar and sponsored by State Representative Geanie Morrison. SCR 11 designates May 22<sup>nd</sup> each year as "THE WILLIAM ELMO MERREM DAY" in Texas. The City of Shiner and Lavaca County had previously approved similar resolutions. William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982) was nominated to be inducted into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor" by Brad Newton, City of Presidio, Texas Administrator, who is an Eagle Scout. William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982) has been formally inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2011 CELEBRATION" in the State Capitol Rotunda on February 18, 2011, to observe the 165th birthday of the State of Texas. The Shiner High School Band under the direction of Stephen Krupicka and Assistant Band Director Sara Brown performed a concert in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda as "THE OFFICIAL SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2011 SCHOOL BAND." The Shiner High School Band had dedicated their concert performance in tribute to William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982), the first Texas Eagle Scout and 1914 graduate of Shiner High School. Band Director Krupicka volunteered and organized the band students as "The William Elmo Merrem Student Study Group" in partnership with The STAR DAY Foundation to explore and discover the life and achievements of William Elmo Merrem and to pioneer and lead an effort to invite the City of Shiner, Lavaca County and the State of Texas Legislature to designate May 22<sup>nd</sup> each year as "THE WILLIAM ELMO MERREM DAY" as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 Texas corporation founded in 1999 to carry out the legislative intent of The STAR DAY bill (SB 1656 -76th State of Texas Legislative session) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to celebrate STAR DAY on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year with appropriate and patriotic programs.

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**WILLIAM ELMO MERREM (1897-1982) STORY BOOKMARK**





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**MARCH 14, 2011-TEXAS STATE CAPITOL-** In Front: Justin Albrecht. From Left to Right Back Row: Chase Schroeder, David Schroeder, Senator Glenn Hegar and Jonathon Albrecht. Senator Glenn Hegar visited with the William Elmo Merrem Student Study Group Team from Shiner, Lavaca County. The Team visited the Texas State Capitol to testify before the Senate Administration Committee in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 11 authored by Senator Glenn Hegar at the request of the William Elmo Merrem Student Study Group composed of Shiner High School Band Students. SCR 11 was passed and sent on to the House. SCR 11 designates May 22<sup>nd</sup> each year from 2011 to 2020 as "THE WILLIAM ELMO MERREM DAY" in Texas. William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982) was the First Eagle Scout in Texas and a Shiner High School graduate in 1914. The City of Shiner and the County of Lavaca passed similar resolutions at the request of The Group. The Shiner High School Band under the direction of Band Director Stephen Krupicka and Assistant Band Director Sarah Rose performed a concert in the State Capitol Rotunda on February 18, 2011 to observe the anniversary of the 165<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Great State of Texas. The event was sponsored by Senator Glenn Hegar and Representative Geanie Morrison. David is a City of Shiner Council Member and Texas Eagle Scout. Justin, Chase, and Jonathon are David's children. Photograph was taken by Rene Gertson, legal aide to Sen. Glenn Hegar.





**PHOTOGRAPH 5:** (From left to right) Shiner City Council Member Mark Jalufka, Texas Eagle Scout Joey Gamez, Texas Eagle Scout Dalton Petru, Texas Eagle Scout Jake Jalufka, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Merrem Shaw, and Shiner City Council Member David Schroeder attended the event. The Texas Eagle Scouts volunteered to be THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2011 CELEBRATION COLOR GUARD.



**PHOTOGRAPH 6:** Merrem Family members from around the state attended the event. From left to

**NOTE:** The above page was drawn from “THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2011 CELEBATION” Report issued by The STAR DAY Foundation. Family and friends gathered during “The Spirit of STAR DAY 2011 Celebration” to honor and remember the life and legacy William Elmo Merrem (1897-1982), The First Eagle Scout of the State of Texas, and to witness his induction into “The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor.” Mary Elizabeth Merrem Shaw in Photograph 5 is the daughter of Merrem. The event was conducted on STAR DAY, February 18, 2011 in the State of Texas Capitol Rotunda beginning at 12 noon to celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Texas featuring a Shiner High School Band performance under the direction of School Band Director Stephen Krupicka and Assistant Band Director Sara Brown.



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



### AUSTIN-FEBRUARY 19, 1846

On Thursday, February 19, 1846, two great Texas politicians met in front of the wood-planked Capitol building of the Republic of Texas in the City of Austin, Travis County to conduct one of the most important peace time flag services in the history of the United States. Dr. Anson Jones (1798-1858), the last President of the Republic of Texas, lowered the Lone Star flag of the Republic of Texas for the last official time at 12 noon and witnessed the flag of the United States being raised over the State of Texas, the 28th state of the Union, as James Pinckney Henderson (1808-1858) was sworn in as the first governor of the State of Texas to the cheers of a few thousand Austin residents and visitors.

The entry of Texas as the 28<sup>th</sup> state of the United States was a leading factor in the Republic of Mexico declaring war against the United States in 1846. Governor James Pinckney Henderson was formally invited by the first State of Texas Legislature to take a leave of absence from his duties as Governor and lead the State of Texas volunteers into battle which he did as an outstanding leader of men. Governor Henderson was formally honored by the United States Congress with commemorative sword for his feats of valor during the Mexican War.

The concept of "THE STATE OF TEXAS ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE (STAR) DAY" was pioneered and led by Daniel B. Kulvicki, as a 9<sup>th</sup> grade United States History class paper at Dickinson High School in Galveston County. As part of his paper, Kulvicki invited City of Dickinson Mayor John Mitchiner to issue the first STAR DAY Proclamation on October 24, 1995 designating February 19, 1996 as STAR DAY in Dickinson.

The State of Texas was planning to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Texas statehood on February 19, 1996 as a birthday celebration with a huge cake in the shape of Texas in front of the Texas Capitol draped with a huge Texas flag. Kulvicki was invited to attend the event and participate in a gathering in the Texas Capitol hosted by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock before the birthday party event. Kulvicki brought with him copies of an "EXTRA" edition of "The North Galveston County Weekly News," his hometown newspaper. Editor Timothy Paulissen presented Kulvicki with a press credential letter designating Kulvicki as the official reporter of the newspaper to cover the birthday

party. Copies of the "EXTRA" edition were passed out to guests. In the "EXTRA" edition, Kulvicki included a copy of a broadsheet published in Austin on February 20, 1846 which told the story of the inauguration and featured the Valedictory Address presented by Dr. Anson Jones and the Inaugural Address presented by James Pinckney Henderson after being sworn in as the first governor on a wooden platform constructed by Lorenzo Vancleve (1806-1858), Kulvicki's ancestor. Vancleve is known as the first Texas furniture maker in Austin. Vancleve's oldest child, Eleanor Vancleve (1841-1900), has been recognized as the first girl of record born in the City of Austin.

Kulvicki invited State Representative Craig Eiland and State Senator Mike Jackson to pioneer and lead an effort to designate February 19<sup>th</sup> each year as STAR DAY during the 75<sup>th</sup> State legislative session convened in January 1997. The bill was introduced but failed to be passed. State Representative Craig Eiland again introduced the bill and State Senator Mike Jackson sponsored the bill during the 76<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislature at the request of Lt. Governor Rick Perry. The bill was signed into law by Governor George W. Bush on June 18, 1999. In order to show support for the bill, Kulvicki invited and received Memorial Resolutions from all 254 Texas County Judges, a first in Texas history in support of a legislative initiative. The support of all 254 Texas Counties for the passage of The STAR DAY Bill was pioneered and led by Galveston County Judge James D. Yarbrough and Loving County Judge Donald C. Creager.

The STAR DAY bill states that all Texas public schools and other organizations shall celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year with appropriate and patriotic program to inspire a greater appreciation for the history of the state. During odd-years The STAR DAY Foundation pioneers and leads an effort to organize "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY CELEBRATION" in the Texas Capitol Rotunda featuring a school band concert, featured speakers and presentations. Since 2001, "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY SCHOOL ADDRESS" issued by the governor is share with Texas SCHOOLS and is read at the event by a student. The event is sponsored by Texas legislators representing the school band.

The STAR DAY Foundation was organized in 1998 and established in 1999 as a Texas nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax exempt organization with the MISSION to carry out the legislative intent of the STAR DAY Bill in partnership with all Texas public schools and the people of the Great State of Texas.

NOTE: The drawing "The Final Act" by Norman Price is from the University of Texas American History Collection at Austin.

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## STORY BOOKMARK (SB 30)

## THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY STORY BOOKMARK



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**THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015  
CELEBRATION-FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

State of Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Wallace Coffey and The STAR DAY Foundation President Dennis M. Kulvicki met at the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by State Senator Troy Fraser to participate in "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" to celebrate the 169th birthday of the State of Texas on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015 in partnership with delegations from schools and other organizations featuring a school band and school choir presentations.

The STAR DAY Foundation dedicated the event to honor and remember the sacrifices of the American service men and women who participated in the World War II "Two Jima Campaign" from February 19, 1945 through March 26, 1945 and to honor and recognize the living service men and women in Texas who are survivors on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "TWO JIMA DAY." Governor Greg Abbott at the request of partnering schools issued "THE TWO JIMA DAY PROCLAMATION" designating February 19, 2015 as "TWO JIMA DAY" in Texas. Governor Abbott also issued "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 School Address" dedicated to challenging and inspiring students to explore and discover the founding and founders of the State of Texas.

The event featured "THE TWO JIMA DAY" Posting of the Colors Ceremony which was performed by The Wilson County Floresville High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Color Guard under the direction of Lt. Col. Steven Rakel and

SGT. Walter Cook. The Air Force Junior ROTC CADET Choir presented a patriotic music program including the song "God Bless America." The Color Guard marched the US and State Flags around the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to the Podium to the stirring march "The National Emblem March" composed by E. E. Bagley and performed by the Gillespie County Fredericksburg High School Band.

The Invocation was presented by the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Wallace Coffey in the Comanche language. Chairman Coffey lead a delegation of tribal leaders, Comanche Nation College administrators, teachers and students to witness the induction nominated by students of the Comanche leaders who pioneered and led the signing on May 9, 1847 in Fredericksburg of "The Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty." Representative Doug Miller authored "The John O. Meusebach Day" and "The Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty Day" House Resolutions for the event.

The Wilson County Floresville High School Junior Historians Club students sponsored by Tambria Read nominated and inducted several inductees into "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor." The STAR DAY Foundation inducted twenty (20) Texas including First Lady Abbott who was noted as the "First Hispanic First Lady of the State of Texas."

The Gillespie County Fredericksburg High School Band and Choir also presented an outstanding STAR DAY music program. The Jefferson County Beaumont Charlton-Pollard Elementary School Choir performance was dedicated to their two (2) first Beaumont school principals who were also inducted during the event.

NOTE: The photograph was contributed by Lauren Clay of the Office of First Lady Cecilia Abbott. The event was planned, developed and conducted by The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The PALS of Texas Volunteers were organized in 2000 by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead the effort to help and assist The STAR DAY Foundation in its Mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup>) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the founding and founders of the State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers manage the activities of "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and Library" established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000 to induct Texas men and woman who are noted for a "first" achievement and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 31)**

**THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION-FEBRUARY 19, 2015 STORY BOOKMARK**



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HALL OF HONOR**



**TEXAS FIRST LADY CECILIA ABBOTT**

Cecilia Abbott has devoted her life to serving others. She has been a teacher, vice-principal and then principal at several schools across Texas. Most recently she served as the principal of the Cathedral School of Saint Mary in Austin from 1996 to 2001. Cecilia was appointed to the State Board of Educator Certification by Governor Rick Perry, where she served from 2001 to 2008.

Cecilia has also devoted much of her career to health care for seniors. From 2004 to 2013, she served as the managing director of community relations at Harden Healthcare, a network of senior adult health care facilities and services.

Cecilia is a product of the American Dream. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators. They instilled in Cecilia, her sister and two brothers the power of education. Cecilia took that lesson to heart and went on to study for two years at the University of Texas in Austin and subsequently earned three degrees from the University of St. Thomas in Houston: a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Theology.

Cecilia believes strongly in giving back to the community that has given her so much. She serves on the University of St. Thomas Board of Directors and the Huston-Tillotson Board of Directors, as well as the advisory boards for the Holy Trinity Seminary, and the Austin Diocesan School. She is

also a member of the Women's Symphony League, the National Charity League, and the Dell Children's Women's Trust. She is a former member of the advisory board for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Ballet Austin and the Principals' Center at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

A prolific animal lover, Cecilia has nurtured numerous dogs into their late teens. She has raised a variety of pets, including a Nubian goat named Petunia and the Abbott family dog, Oreo.

Cecilia is a classical music devotee, having begun playing the piano at the age of six. Her piano training came in handy when she moved into the Castilian Dorm at UT where she serenaded her future husband from behind the keyboard with music, the likes of which he had never heard.

Cecilia is a proud wife and mother, and made history when her husband Greg became Governor by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas in the history of the state. She and Greg have been married for 33 years, and they live in Austin with their daughter, Audrey.

NOTE: The photograph and text have been drawn from the website of Texas Governor Greg Abbott (<http://www.governor.state.tx.us>). Texas First Lady Abbott was nominated for induction by The Travis County POST (Point of Service in Texas) of The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The PALS of Texas Volunteers were organized in 2000 by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead the effort to help and assist The STAR DAY Foundation in its Mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill (Senate Bill 1656-76<sup>th</sup>) in partnership with Texas schools and other organizations to celebrate the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19 each year with appropriate and patriotic programs to inspire a greater appreciation of the founding and founders of the State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers manage the activities of "The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor and Library" established by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000 to induct Texas men and woman who are noted for a "first" achievement and who have made service achievements of merit for the State of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation is a Texas non-profit 501(c)3 IRS tax-exempt organization established in 1998. Texas First Lady Abbott shall be inducted during "THE SPIRIT OF STAR DAY 2015 CELEBRATION" conducted on STAR DAY, Thursday, February 19, 2015, beginning at 12 noon in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda sponsored by Texas State Senator Troy Fraser to celebrate the 169th birthday of the State of Texas in partnership with three (3) attending Texas school delegations.

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**STORY BOOKMARK (SB 32)  
FIRST LADY CECILIA P. ABBOTT  
LIVING INDUCTEE STORY BOOKMARK**



## THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION



The Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers was organized and announced by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2001 at "The Spirit of STAR DAY Celebration" conducted in the Texas State Capitol Rotunda to observe the anniversary of 155<sup>th</sup> birthday of the great State of Texas. The PALS of Texas Volunteers was organized with the primary goals to pioneer and lead the effort to plan, develop and conduct the anniversary of the birthday of the great State of Texas on STAR DAY, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February each year, in partnership with Texas schools and the people of Texas; to pioneer and lead the effort to nominate and support the induction of Texans who are noted as being "First" in a walk-of-life in Texas into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State of Texas Hall of Honor" established by The STAR DAY Foundation on STAR DAY, February 19, 2000; and to pioneer and lead the effort to organize and support Texas Student Study Groups sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with Texas schools as after-school expanded learning opportunity student enrichment programs under the supervision of school principals.

The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group) was first organized at Lucy Rede Franco Middle School in Presidio, Texas under the supervision of School Principal Teresa Porras on September 12, 2010, the birthday of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926), with the volunteer support of school science teachers and staff. The primary objectives of The Group are to provide students with the opportunity to explore and discover Texas ancient bison and the early people who hunted the bison in the Texas Plains over the years; to understand and appreciate the conservation, preservation and restoration work being pioneered and led by The Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque, Briscoe County, Texas dedicated to helping save the "Goodnight Bison Herd" for the people of Texas; to honor and remember the life and achievements of Molly and Charles Goodnight as the first Texas bison ranch family; to plan, develop and conduct school history and science field trips to partnering Texas bison ranches; and to study and evaluate school lunch menu applications of Texas bison ground meat in partnership with student families and school cafeteria staff. The Group shall also seek ways and means to help raise needed funds

to support the work of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team as a service achievement of merit to enhance the story of Texas for the people of Texas. Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, issued Commendation Letters to honor, recognize teachers and students of The Group for their service achievements of merit in proposing successful Texas legislative initiatives to designate the bison herd at Caprock Canyons State Park as "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas"; to designate September 12<sup>th</sup> on the State Calendar as "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas; and to designate March 5<sup>th</sup> on the State Calendar as "The Charles Goodnight Day" in Texas. Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight has been inducted into The First PALS of Texas Hall of Honor being noted as "The Woman Who Saved the Texas Plains Bison."

The STAR DAY Foundation and The PALS of Texas Volunteers with the help of teachers and students of The Group at partnering schools launched on September 12, 2013 at an event in Quitaque hosted by The Caprock Partners Foundation, "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund (The Fund)" created by The STAR DAY Foundation to pioneer and lead the effort to establish and maintain an "endowment fund" whose annual interest shall be presented to the Caprock Canyons State Park Superintended as a Texas Conservation, Preservation and Restoration Grant to support the work of The Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team to save and enhance "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas-a State of Texas Treasure!"

The Group invited Texas Governor Rick Perry, a 1999 STAR DAY Founder, to support a Partnership in Education Proposal Initiative that would authorize the use of the "Official Seal" of the great State of Texas as one side of a "Donation Coin" series that would be offered to students, Texas families and friends of Texas worldwide as a thank-you gift for making a donation to The STAR DAY Foundation to help pioneer and lead the goal and activities of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund." The Texas State Department issued a license to use the "Official Seal" to The Texas BisonStar Mint (TBM) Corporation organized by The STAR DAY Foundation to mint a series of "Donations Coins." The first donation coin is called "My BisonStar" and shall be introduced on September 12, 2014, "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day" in Texas and the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birthday. "My BisonStar" shall weigh 1 gram and shall contain .999 pure silver with a diameter of 15mm. "My BisonStar" shall represent a newborn Texas Plains Bison "spirit" calf also of small weight and size saved by the donor that now roams free in "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley" just east of "The Great Texas BisonStar Constellation."

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