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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN BEEFALO ASSOCIATION



Election Issue

**A LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

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A letter from the President

by: Leonard Muehr

I know this is a fun time of year, your new calf crop is starting to show up and you're counting how many bulls and heifers you are getting. Has your next calf crop started to show up? I know that I am only weeks away from my cows starting to calve. I have ten cows that I artificially bred to some older bulls that have never been used, so it will be exciting to see what they are going to look like and how they will perform.

We are just weeks away from our National Beefalo Showcase which will be held at Hidden Trace Farms, in Franklin, Tennessee on March 18 and 19. I really enjoy going to this show and meeting old friends, and I also look forward to meeting new breeders and getting to know them.

A letter from the President cont.

It is nice to see what everyone has brought for the show and sale. It gives me a chance to get some new bloodlines and different genetics for my own herd. Last year we tried something new and added a pen sale, where you can bring animals that are not halter broke but still be offered up for sale. Not everyone has the ability to halter break an animal so most people feel they cannot participate. Well now you can! We have an entry form on the website you will need to fill out, mail in, and bring your animal to the show. I truly look forward to seeing you there.

In conjunction with the National Beefalo Showcase, we will have our annual meeting held at Hidden Trace Farm. The meeting will have dinner provided for a simple cost and we ask that you purchase your tickets in advance to make sure we have enough food. Please go to the ABA website to fill in your reservation you can pay on there or send a check in to Operations.

At this meeting we will have our annual election of officers. We have several candidates running for office. You can see their bios in this Corral, plus use the ballot that is attached to mail in your votes. If you are going to be at the annual meeting,

you can fill out your ballot there. Make sure your annual dues are paid or your ballot will not count. Your vote does matter, and I look forward to seeing the results!

As for the registration issues we have been having, the ABA board of directors voted to replace Marcia Kropf as registrar. Staci Miller will be filling in as registrar until we can find a more permanent solution to this issue. Marcia tried very hard to keep up with the registrations but due to her medical issues she was having trouble. As a Board we felt it was time to try something new. Marcia truly cares about the Beefalo Breed and wanted to help but medically it was too much. Please keep Marcia and her family in your prayers as she continues to improve and hopefully gets back to her old self. Marcia, I thank you for all that you tried to do to help this association.

Unfortunately, we are still having problems with 1-800-Beefalo. This is showing to be more of a challenge than originally thought. We are still moving forward with trying to get it functional but as of right now it is still a work in progress. As always if you have any questions on anything ABA feel free to give me a call or text (281)923-8549 (please leave a message if you call, I'll call you back) Thank you for your interest in Beefalo!



Dana Camerena

Board of Directors Bio



I was born and raised in Eastern Washington and am a third-generation rancher. In the late 80s my family sold all of our cattle but kept the land and the horses. I have spent more time in the saddle than any other activity in my life and am on a never-ending pursuit for higher understanding of horsemanship. I currently breed Quarter Horses and am a competitive mounted shooter. Growing up, I had dreams of becoming a veterinarian or working in some sector of agriculture but sometimes life doesn't go as planned and I ended up going to college majoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish.

I have spent the last nineteen years working in Education and I am the Director of Student Support for the Educational District #123. Over a decade ago, we decided to make our way back into the cattle industry, but with different approach than my grandfather and father originally took. We chose the beefalo breed due to a few specific characteristics, namely calving ease and the ability to finish out well on grass. The breed has definitely lived up to our standards and we have thoroughly enjoyed them and are working to continue growing our herd and fine-tuning our genetics.

I am currently secretary for the NW Beefalo Association and had the privilege of assisting many new breeders start their operations here on the West Coast by providing quality breeding stock. In our current operation, we run our herd on summer range close to the Canadian border, and in the late fall, we haul all our animals down to SE Washington to calve out where the weather is mild. We utilize 100% direct market sales and have created a loyal customer base that appreciates knowing their producer personally and supporting a product that was raised humanly and handled with great care. You can see more about our operation on our website www.crearanch.com



Amber Sapp

Board of Directors Bio

Together with my husband Cyle, and two daughters Mackenzie and Harper we own and operate Forty Creek Farms in rural southwest Georgia. Agriculture has always been a part of my life in once facet or another, from being an officer in our local FFA Chapter all through high school, to getting a degree in agri-business, to selling real estate for several years specializing in acreage and farm tracts, it has been a part of who I am.

When we moved to Georgia in 2010 from sunny central Florida, I knew I had to find somewhere to continue a career in ag. For the past ten years I have worked in the accounting department of a trucking company that



specializes in hauling agriculture products, from peanuts to milk to grape juice. This position has provided me the opportunity to continue to work in this industry that is so deeply engraved in my life.

Over the past three years we have been integrating Beefalo into our larger commercial cow/calf herd. Through the tremendous farm to table demand in our area, we are quickly growing into a meat production operation as well. I am excited to be active within the association as we continue to grow. I look forward to educating the public and producers in the southeast on what Beefalo to offer, not only from a business perspective, but that of consumer health and nutrition,

John Fowler *Missouri*

My name is John Fowler and along with my wife Karen we are Fowler Beefalo. The Fowlers were introduced to the breed at a presentation at the La Monte school gym. My dad, Jim Fowler, won some semen and bought more. We used our veterinarian to AI and had Beefalo calves on the ground

in 1969. Using the veterinarian to AI our cows got too expensive, so Dad was able to purchase a bull from the man whom he got the semen. The bull was 15/16th. In the early 1970s finding a full blood bull was rare. Dad heard of Don Grim, a Beefalo breeder in Iowa, and bought a full blood bull and some cows from him.

Dad learned, by word of mouth, of the ABA organization and became a member and began registering animals. I have had the privilege of serving on several Beefalo Association boards. I was the first elected president of the newly formed American Beefalo International (a merger of the International Beefalo Federation and the American Beefalo Association). I have served on the board and was elected president of the present ABA. With the help of Larry Hacker, we formed the Missouri Beefalo Association, which became the Mid-America Beefalo Association. MABA serves Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. This organization displayed Beefalo all eleven days of the Missouri State fair for 14 years, introducing the Beefalo breed to hundreds each year!



Dana Cameraena
Washington



Amber Sapp
Georgia



John Fowler
Missouri



Bret Green
Michigan



**MEMBER INFORMATION:
FARM NAME:**

MEMBER NUMBER: _____

DESIGNATED VOTER: _____

IT'S ALMOST SHOWTIME

By: Dan Stricker

March 18 and 19th are now right around the corner, and I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the ABA members that will be attending the National Spring Beefalo Show & Sale. For those that attended last year, much will be the same. Animals for the show and sale will be kept at the pavilion area like last year, with one

small change; if you have made a prearranged animal sale/swap, please DO NOT off load those animals at the pavilion. Instead, you may off load those animals at the cattle sorting area at the bottom of the hill. Members are welcome to arrive with their animals whenever they would like.

Last year, the pavilion was still partially in the construction phase, and this year, we will be better off in terms of lights, electricity, and water. We are also happy to offer five(5) RV plug-in sites, so if you are interested in reserving one, feel free to call or text me. Many members have made a hotel reservation, but also feel free to make a bonfire and camp on the farm!



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The Friday Evening banquet and meeting will be held in the barn again this year. The meal will be similar to last year with the addition of a fish option. Also like last year, we ask that you leave your vehicles at the pavilion area as there is not enough parking in front of the barn. We will have buggies and golf carts around that we can carpool people back and forth.

With most of the planning and hard work in the rear-view mirror, let me be the first to welcome you all to Hidden Trace Farm. Our members are the most valuable part of our association, and I look forward to seeing everyone! And always feel free to call me if you have any other questions.

The show will start around 10am on Saturday morning with the sale to follow. A food truck will be coming and provide some classic southern eats and drinks. We will also try to provide an endless supply of coffee throughout the weekend to help keep the energy up!





aba member incentive program

Part 1:

For every FIVE animals registered: receive a \$25 credit

- Cannot be refunded in Cash.

-Retroactively begins January 1, 2022 and ends December 31,2022.

-Meat tag registrations DO NOT apply to animal registrations.

-Credits can be applied toward Dues, registrations, Meat Tags, or Advertising

Part 2:

Refer a NEW LIFETIME MEMBER in 2022 (begins January 1, 2022). This member must list your name on their application for you to receive credit.

-1st referral earns member \$25 for 2022 annual dues.

-2nd referral earns member 1 free ANIMAL ad on the ABA website.

-For each additional referral earns member free Breeder or Meat Producer ad on the ABA website.

-Expires December 31, 2022

Part 3:

For every NINE (9) meat tags purchased, receive 10th FREE!

-Begins January 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2022

"Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful, and most noble employment of man"
-George Washington

Upon registration, the numbers will be added to the tally by the registrar. Breeder will not be responsible for keeping track of their numbers.

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"The farmer has to be an
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still be a farmer"
-Will Rogers