

Hettinger BuffaloFest Cancelled

The BuffaloFest scheduled for May 30, 2020 in Hettinger, ND, has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus pandemic. The BuffaloFest aimed at celebrating the buffalo-rich history of the Hettinger, ND, and Lemmon, Bison and Buffalo, SD, area as the location of the last great buffalo hunts and helping save the buffalo from extinction.

Buffalo-related activities, similar to last year's event, were planned throughout the day. This was slated to begin with a 3K Buffalo Run and tour of a live buffalo herd or historic hunt sites, and end with a fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Adams County Fair Board, featuring five meats, including roast bison, a pie auction and entertainment.

"On our last tour we had 300 buffalo coming right up to the bus," said Ronda Fink, chair of the 2019 event. "People loved it!"

Afternoon speakers for the 2019 BuffaloFest featured Dr. Don Woerner, veterinarian from Laurel, MT, and Bob Mahoney, Bowman, "Handling Buffalo"; Clint Boyd and Becky Barnes, paleontologists from the ND Heritage Center, Bismarck, "Prehistoric Bison in North Dakota"; Francie Berg, Hettinger, "The Last Great Buffalo Hunts"; and "Question and Answer Time," a panel of local bison ranchers—Steve McFarland, Hettinger, Zane Holcomb, Buffalo, Connor Bucholz, Rhame, and Mortz Espy, Hermosa, SD.

Other events included Tara Bieber, New England, "Cooking with Bison," Buffalo Chili and Buffalo Wings contests, lunch-time concessions, vendors selling buffalo art and related-items in the Granary at the park and a Fishing Tournament for youth in Mirror Lake park.

For more information

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cutline: Bus tour took visitors to see a live buffalo herd. Photo by Ronda I. Fink.