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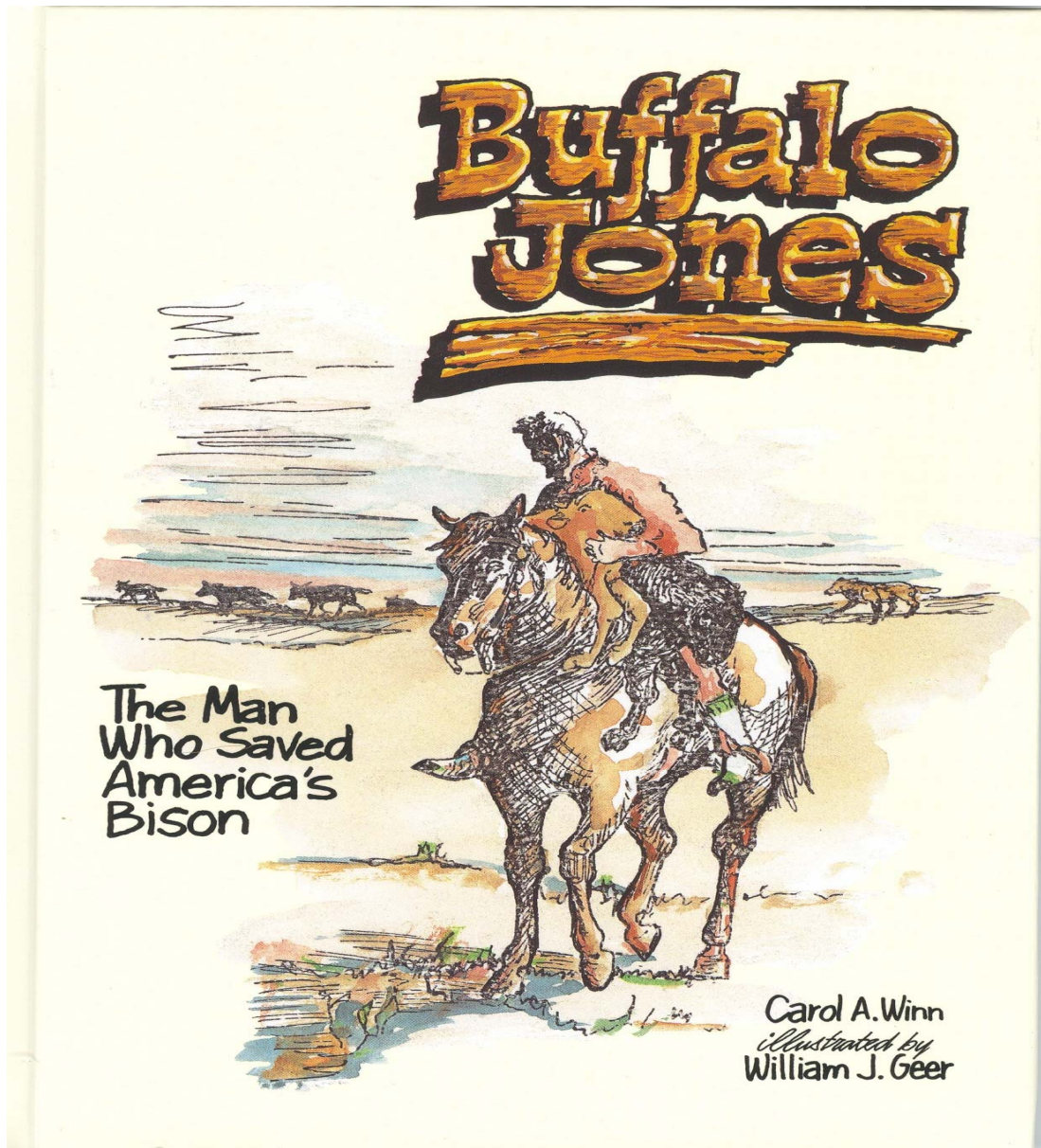
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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2013-CAPROCK ROCK CANYONS STATE PARK, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS-**

While visiting Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County, Texas on September 12, 2013, The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Day, President of The STAR DAY Foundation Dennis M. Kulvicki announced the "Second Book Title" to be adopted for The Texas Bison Student Study Group's "School Readers

Are Leaders POST Library” by The STAR DAY Foundation to support “The Junior Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) Readers Are Leaders Program”, an activity of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. The author of the 58 page book is a first time author Carol A. Winn. The book was illustrated by William J. Geer. Carol A. Winn is the School Librarian at the Humphrey’s Highland Elementary School and the South Lawn Elementary School in Amarillo, Texas. Ms. Winn has volunteered to act as an eAdvisor to The Texas Bison Student Study Group. She is pioneering and leading an effort to organize a Texas Bison Student Study Group in Amarillo with plans to conduct an “Expedition” to visit Caprock Canyons State Park to explore and discover the Official State Bison Herd of Texas. The STAR DAY Foundation shall seek to republish the book both in printed book form and electronic book form to support the expanded learning opportunity goals of The Texas Bison Student Study Group in partnership with Texas Junior High and Middle Schools with the donation support of parents and others. The STAR DAY Foundation shall offer the printed form of the book as a Donation Premium from its website so that parents, grandparents and other relatives may insure that every student in Texas Junior High and Middle Schools shall have the extended learning opportunity to explore and discover the epic story of the origin and history of the Texas Plains Bison and have the opportunity to volunteer to pioneer and lead the effort to help “SAVE THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS---A STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE!” for the people of Texas by the students of Texas. “*Buffalo Jones*” is one of five (5) book titles to be adopted by The STAR DAY Foundation in support of the extended learning opportunity programs and activities of The Texas Bison Student Study Group at partnering Texas Junior High and Middle Schools and homeschooling families

Charles Jesse Jones (1844-1919), The Man Who Saved America’s Bison, was inducted into The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor as an “honorary inductee.” Ms. Winn nominated Charles Jesse Jones (1844-1919) for induction and acted as an Induction Historian to support the creation of the supporting Induction Bookmark illustrated in the Appendix.

## **THE TEXAS BISON STUDENT STUDY GROUP**

“The Texas Bison Student Study Group (The Group)” initially organized at Presidio ISD Lucy Rede Franco Middle School by The STAR DAY Foundation and supervised by School Principal Teresa Porras with the volunteer help of science teachers, parents and community members as an after-school student enrichment program. The Group was organized on September 12, 2010, the birthday of Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight (1839-1926).

The Group was organized with the following student studies and expedition goals:

**GROUP GOAL 1:** to provide students with the expanded learning opportunity to explore and discover the history and origin of the Texas Plains bison especially the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park in Briscoe County;

**GROUP GOAL 2:** to research and study the culture, heritage and history of Native American people who hunted bison;

**GROUP GOAL 3:** to study and evaluate the feasibility of the use of Texas bison ground meat as a component of school lunch programs;

**GROUP GOAL 4:** to investigate and propose ways and means to raise needed funds by students in partnership with their families and others to support the conservation, preservation and restoration work of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas management team at Caprock Canyons State Park (The Park) under the supervision of the Park Superintendent; and

**GROUP GOAL 5:** to plan, develop and conduct “Expeditions” to visit local/regional partnering Texas bison ranches to see bison and experience bison ranching first hand and where possible at The Park.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall pioneer and lead an effort to create The Texas Bison Student Study Group’s “School Readers Are Leaders POST Library Initiative” in partnership with teachers, librarians and parents. The Library shall be composed of a set of core books, collection of articles, website studies and audio/video media that shall be used by students under guidance to explore and discover the expanded learning opportunity goals of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. Some books, articles and audio/video media shall be in digital form and available free from The STAR DAY Foundation emerging website. A set of books recommended by partnering teachers, librarians and parents shall be made available at partnering schools for use by students. The STAR DAY Foundation plans to republish several titles already recommended by partnering teachers, librarians, parents and others.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall pioneer and lead an effort to raise funds to purchase books and print supporting bookmarks in partnership with partnering schools and others to support this activity of The Group.

## **THE JUNIOR PALS OF TEXAS READERS ARE LEADERS SCHOOL POST LIBRARY PROGRAM**

The STAR DAY Foundation shall invite Texas Junior High and Middle Schools to charter a SCHOOL READERS ARE LEADERS LIBRARY POST (Point Of Service in Texas) of The

Junior Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Volunteers to support The Texas Bison Student Study Group after-school extended learning opportunity student study group enrichment programs and activities sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. A school teacher or school librarian may wish to volunteer and charter a SCHOOL LIBRARY POST of The Texas Bison Student Study Group for his/her students to participate in Texas Bison Student Study Group programs and activities as illustrated on The STAR DAY Foundation's website. The STAR DAY Foundation shall also encourage homeschooling families to volunteer and enlist to support a Homeschooling SCHOOL LIBRARY POST for their child to participate in Texas Bison Student Study Group programs and activities during the school year.

The STAR DAY Foundation in partnership with families of Texas Junior High and Middle School students shall raise funds initially to donate printed books to a partnering Texas Junior High or Middle School to insure that sufficient copies of each book are available at their SCHOOL READERS ARE LEADERS LIBRARY POST during the school year so that all students may engage in Texas Bison Student Study Group programs and activities.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall adopt an eBook publishing format and eReader Pad as soon as feasible. The eReader Pad development initiative has been designated as a "SAM" eReader PAD. The printed book format shall be replaced by an adopted electronic book format within the next five (5) years. Using printed books to support the goals of various Texas Student Study Group programs and activities sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation is very expensive since multiple books are required at a School POST Library to insure that all students interested shall have timely access to reading materials during the school year.



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## **APPENDIX**



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



**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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