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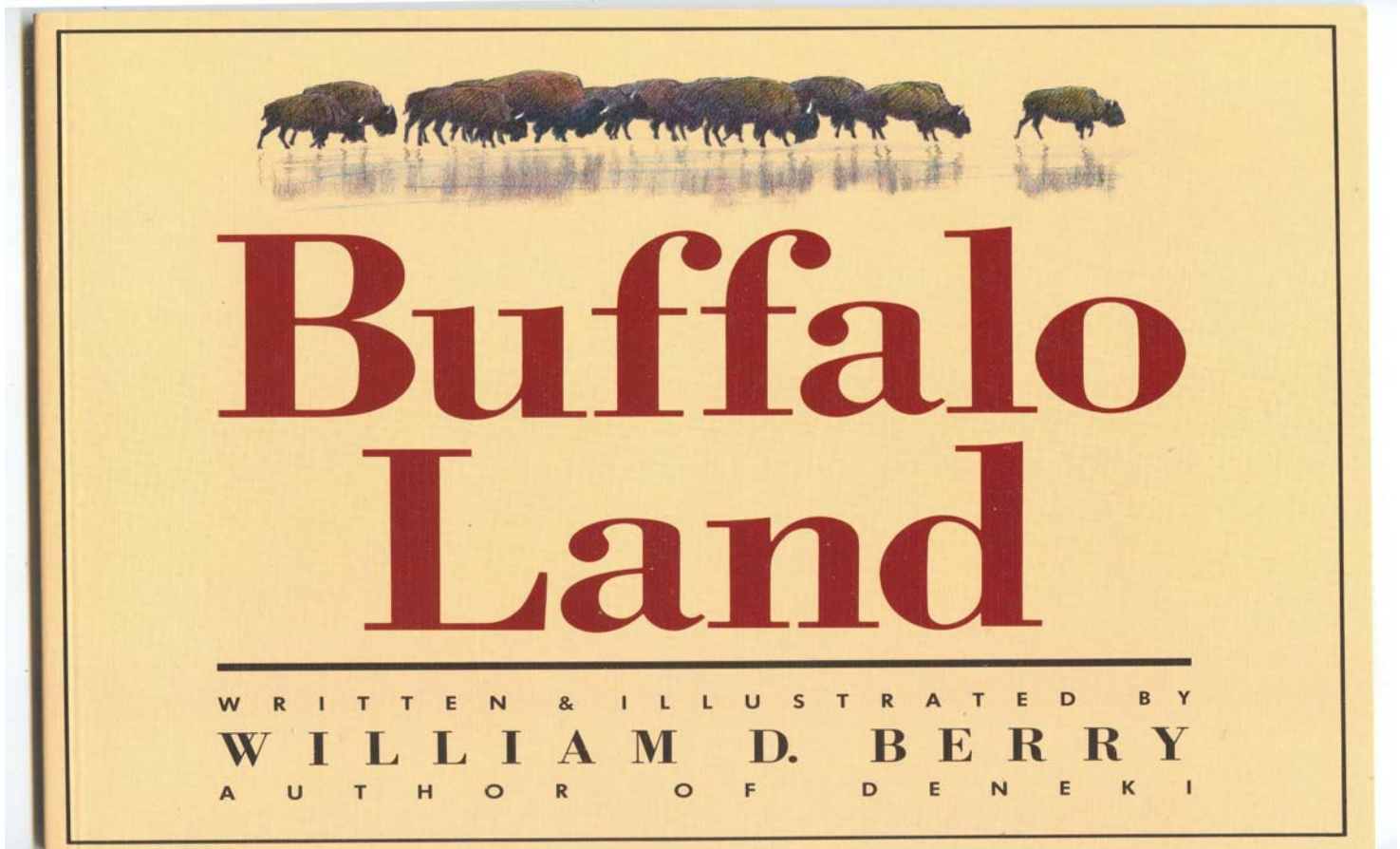
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SEPTEMBER 12, 2013-CAPROCK ROCK CANYONS STATE PARK, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS-

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 "First 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 beautifully illustrated 48 page book, William David Berry (1926-1997), has been inducted as an "honorary inductee" into "The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State (PALS) of Texas Hall of Honor" founded by The STAR DAY Foundation in 2000. An Induction eBookmark (See Appendix) has been created to honor and remember his life and achievements as noted Alaskan Nature Artist and Author. 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 Land 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.

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.

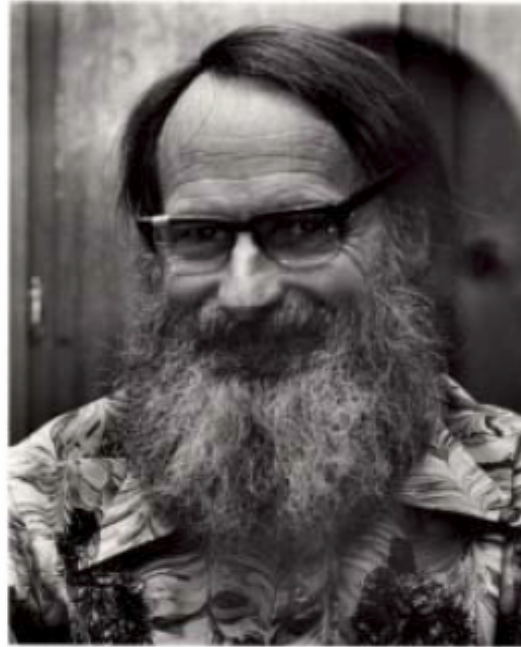


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APPENDIX



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



**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-12th 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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