The BISON WATERING HOLE  
  
A new bison watering trough comes to Hart Park through the generous donations which Park visitors make at the FOHP Gift Store and the Book Store. Both facilities have a donation jar on the counter with a sign which notes that donations are “just for benefit of the Barnyard”. We find that many visitors really enjoy the animals and wish to do something “extra” for them, and the donation jars seem to be the answer. Loose change from a purchase, or an extra dollar bill or two, are commonly dropped in the jars, and at the end of the month these donations frequently will cover some unexpected cost. Frequent donations in the form of money or a generous check also come in from Barnyard volunteers, and we must acknowledge these people who support Hart Park not only with their time and energy but also with their wallets. “Thank you, volunteers!”  
The two animal pellet feed machines at the chicken pen also bring in quarters which have been deposited for a handful of feed. Together, the money from the donations and the feed machines goes into a special account at Fox Feed in Canyon Country to supply the Barnyard with needed supplies not normally available through L.A. County Parks and Rec.   
Recently, money from this fund was used to purchase a new “watering hole” for our famous herd of bison. Our HP Animal Keeper, Rachael, noted that the old tank was no longer holding up to the wear and tear of being used by the bison on a daily basis, and that a new tank was needed. Being proactive for her animals, Rachael contacted Becki at the Gift Store and explained what was needed, and the donation fund account at Fox Feed was tapped to make the purchase. The special-order tank has been delivered to the Park and installed by Rachael and fellow staff members…and just it time for the extremely hot weather which hit our valley. Thanks to all of our visitors who have contributed to the Barnyard and made this purchase possible!