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Conference Time Is Almost Here!

Welcome to the 2003 Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale. The events will take place beginning on Friday, January 31 and ending with the sale on Sunday, February 2. The conference will take place in the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn and the show and sale will be held in the adjacent Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City, SD.

The weekend's activities begin on Friday afternoon with a Buffalo Producer's Forum at the Holiday Inn. This open forum will offer a chance to discuss ideas with fellow producers and also offers an opportunity for anyone interested in the industry to come and learn from the experts. That same evening, everyone is invited to attend the social at Prairie Edge Trading Co. and Galleries in downtown Rapid City, just minutes from the host hotel. The Friday evening social offers attendees the opportunity to not only sample great food and visit with other producers, but to do some shopping as well. The Prairie Edge store is open for shopping during the social and the atmosphere of the entire evening has made this a very popular event.

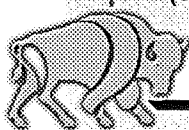
On Saturday, the conference gets underway with a general membership meeting in the morning and an update on buffalo health from SD State Veterinarian Dr. Sam Holland; an update on the National Bison Association from Executive Director, David Carter and State/Regional Representative, Gail Griffin; an overview of the 2002 Census of Agriculture from South Dakota State Statistician, Carter Anderson. Following a lunch of buffalo meatballs from Diamond Tail Foods, Inc., Mike Duncan will talk about his company's new venture into pre-cooked buffalo meat products, including our luncheon meatballs! Later on, buffalo meat will take center stage as we watch two meat industry experts break down a buffalo carcass and explain, in detail, how to identify meat cuts and the proper methods for handling and preparing buffalo meat. This informative and entertaining presentation is a must for anyone working with buffalo meat or selling meat products.

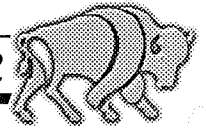
Following the afternoon presentation, the association will elect new officers for the 2003 year. After a short break in the activities, the evening's banquet and awards ceremony will get underway with a fun auction to follow.

While conference attendees are being educated and entertained, some serious competition will be taking place just a few hundred yards away. The 2003 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale is promising to be one of the best industry events of the year. This year's event will feature approximately 140 head of buffalo from nearly 30 consignors across the nation. The judges will have their work cut out for them as many of the consignors are top names in the industry. When the judging is finished, the award winners will be announced during the Saturday evening banquet.

On Sunday, the morning gets underway with judge's comments and the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale begins at 11 a.m. in the arena of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The sale is open to the public with no admission fee charged.

Another event that will occur prior to the late January events is the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Carcass Class. The class is in the third year and will feature both bulls and heifers. Consignors from South Dakota, North Dakota and Colorado will bring their entries to Rapid City in early January and the competition will take place in subsequent days. The winners, who are vying for a \$4,000 first place cash prize in each category, will be announced during the Saturday evening banquet. Photos and carcass judging data will be displayed throughout the weekend as part of a teaching display to help educate producers on feeding, carcass grading and yield. Organizers are excited about this event and hope to spotlight the meat industry while showcasing area producers.





Remarks From The President: Scott Peterson



Well, it's just about conference time. I hope you will all be able to join us in Rapid City for our winter event. We have tried to create a lineup that has something for everyone and the costs have been kept at the same level as in past years to allow as many of our members the opportunity to participate.

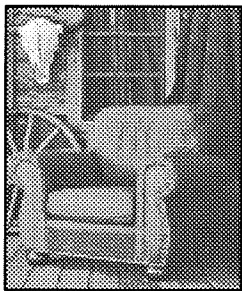
It's been a tough summer for everyone and this fall has offered little relief for those affected by drought. We can only hope as winter wears on, the snow will fly and the spring rains will come.

This issue of our newsletter is filled with information about our fall activities as well as the upcoming conference. Take the time to read through and I think you'll see that your association has been busy throughout the summer and fall months.

The DTBA continues to hold its own, despite the fluctuating buffalo industry. As the new year rolls around, don't forget to renew your membership dues for 2003. We are working on a number of fundraisers and budget boosters that will help get us through the tough times. However, we need your support and guidance to continue forging a path.

So, why should you belong to the DTBA? What are your dues being used for? Promotion, education and taking a stand for our producers. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is information about where the DTBA has had a presence this summer and fall. We are striving to promote our producers, their products and our industry as a whole. You can't do that all at home, so the DTBA

Buffalo Leather Chair Raffle



As a fund raiser, the DTBA board recently gave approval to a Buffalo Leather Chair raffle. The raffle began at the Custer State Park auction and to date, just about 100 tickets have been sold.

The raffle cost is \$5 per ticket. The winner will receive their choice of a pillowback lounge chair or an office chair, up to a \$2,000 retail value. The chair will be purchased through Dakota Bison Furniture in Rapid City, SD. Our thanks to the Stone family for working with us

on this fundraiser. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Black Hills Stock Show, on February 10, 2003. The winner will be notified at that time.

Some of our board members are selling tickets and I also have them available at the DTBA office and at the regional show/sales. We will sell them at the winter conference as well as in our Black Hills Stock Show booth.

If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets in your area, I can give you books of tickets (10 in a book) and provide you with flyers/posters that show the furniture and tell about the raffle. There is an insert about the raffle in this newsletter and you are welcome to copy it and use it to promote the raffle.

If every member would sell one book of tickets, the DTBA would be a huge winner. As you all know, times are tough, so the assn. is working to promote buffalo, buffalo meat and by products and this raffle will generate income from OUTSIDE our industry as well as give us some publicity. That's important and I hope you will all take a book of tickets to sell. Thanks in advance for your help with this important project.

To obtain books of tickets or for more information, contact Karen at 605-923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

has been out and about at various events.

Another important milestone for our association was the drought this summer. At the request of the National Bison Association, the DTBA sent letters on behalf of buffalo producers to our legislators. Thanks to the combined efforts of many organizations and producers, the buffalo industry was included in the latest livestock relief legislation. Prior to this action, only cattle were being benefitted by any of the relief efforts.

We continue to think ahead and plan for the next wave of buffalo producers. At our winter conference, we are offering a Buffalo Producer's Forum. This is for anyone interested in the buffalo industry, at any level. We will meet and open up the floor for discussions about all facets of the industry. I hope you will join us as we gather to educate ourselves, new producers and others about this industry. If you know of anyone interested in buffalo, please encourage them to attend this meeting or contact Karen and she can send them our conference information so they have the opportunity to educate themselves.

We will be electing two board members at our winter conference. If you have any desire to serve the DTBA, please consider volunteering for one of these positions. The organization continues to grow and we are always in search of new ideas, suggestions and a fresh look on things.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions for the board, the phone is always on and the computers stand ready to receive your e-mails. As I said before, it has been a tough year, but there are signs pointing to brighter times ahead and I hope you can join us as we work together to reach those times.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and New Year!

Time To Pay 2003 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your DTBA dues for 2003, please include the \$50 membership fee with your conference registration fees. Check on the front mailing label of this newsletter. The year your dues have been paid through is highlighted on the mailing label. If it says "2002", you need to renew your dues at this time. If it is beyond that, your dues are current through the end of the year indicated. It's much easier to take care of this now than to wait until the conference or after.

In this issue, you will find a DTBA Winter Conference Registration form that has a spot indicated on it for 2003 DTBA dues. If you are including that money in with your conference registration, please check the appropriate box on the form so the money can be allotted to the correct area. If you will not be attending the Winter Conference, please fill out the form and return it with your 2003 dues. I know everyone has filled out the form before, but address changes, email changes and other such information is difficult to update without those forms. Also, if you fill out the bottom half of the information sheet, your ranch information will be included in the DTBA Resource Guide that is distributed to other buffalo producers, the general public and is also included in our membership directory.

Welcome New DTBA Members!

Eric Titus, BBT Corp., Holdrege, NE

Jesse Foster, Foster Bison, Rapid City, SD

Ralph & Judy Winegar, Winegar Farms, Wessington Springs, SD

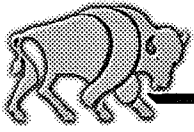
Daniel Huber, Elk Pass Ranch, Steamboat Springs, CO

John Painter, Painter Construction Co., Inc., Tres Piedras, NM

Brodie Limpert, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch, Buffalo, SD

Vince Hayes, Sage Creek Bison, Alder, MT

Randy & Michelle Bacon, B Half Moon Bison, Aberdeen, SD



Winter Conference Costs Set

The cost for the 2003 DTBA Winter Conference has been set at \$90 per person. This fee includes all conference activities, one breakfast, one lunch and the Friday evening banquet. All meals will have tickets and you will be required to present your ticket for each meal or you will not be admitted to the room.

For each paid in full conference registration, you will have the option of purchasing one banquet only ticket at an additional cost of \$45. You must purchase one full conference fee to take advantage of this option. There will be NO banquet only tickets available at the door. Late registrations and walk-ins will be required to pay the full conference fee plus a late registration fee.

You must include full payment with your conference registration in order for it to be processed. All DTBA Winter Conference Registrations must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 22, 2003. Registrations postmarked after that date will be charged a \$30 late fee. There will be no exceptions! Pre-registration helps us to obtain an accurate count for the meals so that we are not paying for too many meals and to help ensure that we have adequate food for all attendees. Your help with this is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Prairie Edge Will Host Reception

Once again, Prairie Edge Trading Company and Galleries will open their doors to members attending the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference. The store, along with Triple Seven Ranch and Dakota Mill and Grain, will be hosting the welcoming reception and social. The activities will be located in the Prairie Edge store located on the corner of Sixth and Main Streets in downtown Rapid City.

The reception will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31 and last until 7 p.m. During this time, attendees will have the opportunity to register for the Winter Conference and pick up their registration materials. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served and the chance to visit with fellow buffalo enthusiasts while doing a little shopping will be the highlight of the evening. Please make plans to join us for a fun and entertaining evening sponsored by these gracious hosts.

Bull Riding Event Friday Night!

Friday evening, January 31, anyone who would like to attend the 7:30 p.m. performance of the PRCA Bullriding is encouraged to do so. Steve Sutton has again made arrangements for us, having secured a block of tickets so that buffalo friends may sit together to watch this top notch event. The cost of the tickets is to be paid by the attendee and Steve would like to know by Thursday evening (Jan. 30) if you plan to attend so any available tickets can be let out to the general public. To reserve your seat(s) at the rodeo, please mark the space on your conference registration form and tickets will be set aside for you. Your tickets can be picked up and paid for at the Civic Center Box Office window on Friday. If you have any questions regarding either of these events, please call the DTBA office at 605-923-6383.

New Board Members Needed

Wanted! Alive and kicking! New Board Members for the DTBA. There will be two positions available and they will be for three year terms. The election will be held during the DTBA Winter Conference.

What's needed? Fresh ideas. Enthusiasm. Time to donate to the organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact Rick Knobe at 605-728-1472 or Karen Conley at 605-923-7755 for more information.

Sponsorships Needed For 2003

With the 2003 Black Hills Buffalo Classic show and sale and the DTBA Winter Conference right around the corner, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are a few trophy sponsorships available at this time, as we added more trophies and some of our sponsors have switched classes and/or upgraded. We are also looking for cash sponsors for our Carcass Class, as the entry fees do not cover the entire amount of the awards.

Anyone interested in sponsoring other specific items, such as conference folders, signage for our sponsors, etc. is more than welcome to do so. Please contact Karen at the DTBA office to see what types of sponsorships, including trophies, are available and the costs associated with them. Thank you to those of you who have so graciously stepped forward to sponsor and/or donate up to this point. Your efforts help us to provide a full slate of activities for a reasonable price for our conference participants.

For more information on sponsorships, contact Karen at (605) 923-6383 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com. THANK YOU!!!

Early Registration Incentive!!

As an added incentive to pre-register for the 2003 Winter Conference, we will be offering a buffalo leather trimmed coat to one lucky winner!

DTBA members, Larry and Linda Rolfstad of Rapid City, have graciously agreed to donate a Duck Cloth Coat with bison leather collar, welt and yoke. The Rolfstads have a new business, Rocking R Bison Leather, and their products are fantastic and we are delighted to feature one of their coats as added incentive for our members to attend the conference.

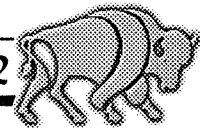
Here's how it will work. For every paid in full pre-registration (does not include banquet only registrations) postmarked by the January 22, 2003 deadline, you will get one entry into the drawing. So, if a couple registers, both of their names go in the drawing. During the awards banquet on Saturday night, we will draw a winner from the eligible names. The winner will meet with the Rolfstads to custom order the coat. If desired, the Rolfstads will arrange to embroider the winner's first name on the front of the coat and a clip art design with their ranch name on the back for no additional charge.

How's that for a little added incentive? Remember, to be eligible, you must have your registration paid in full and postmarked by January 22, 2003.

Our thanks to the Rolfstads for their generous donation to the DTBA. Good luck to everyone and get your registrations in NOW!

Fun Auction To Benefit DTBA

Don't forget to bring your Fun Auction items with you to the DTBA Winter Conference. The Fun Auction is slated to begin immediately following the Black Hills Buffalo Classic Awards presentation on Saturday, February 1. Be creative and dare to be different! Your Fun Auction items are donated to be auctioned off and the subsequent proceeds go back to the DTBA. This is a fun and creative way to do your Christmas shopping, redecorate or just help out the DTBA. Remember, it's YOUR association and you get out of it what you put into it. The Fun Auction has traditionally been one of the largest fund-raising events for this association and we are encouraging members to keep that in mind, not only when you bring items, but also as you participate in the auction. Through the generosity of our members, we are able to keep membership costs to a minimum and still accomplish many goals. Let's see who can bring the most creative or unique item to this year's Fun Auction!



Volunteers Needed For BHSS Booth

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association will again have a booth set up in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center during the 2003 Black Hills Stock Show. The booth has a display and literature about the association and we will also be selling DTBA/NDBA cookbooks and DTBA merchandise. The highlight of this year's booth will be selling raffle tickets for the Buffalo Leather Chair that will be drawn for after the Black Hills Stock Show is over. The dates for the Black Hills Stock Show are January 31 through February 9, 2002.

We are looking for people interested in volunteering to man the booth during this time. The trade show usually opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. each night. The exception is the Wednesday night (February 5) when it closes at 6 p.m. to allow people to attend the Stockman's Banquet and Ball.

If you would be interested in manning the booth, either for an entire day or part of the day, please call Karen at the DTBA office at (605) 923-6383 to sign up for times and for more information. This is an excellent opportunity for the association to get the message out about buffalo and buffalo meat and it's also lots of fun to visit with people passing through. Your help is needed to make this a successful venture and we appreciate any assistance with this.

There is also a need for people interested in selling DTBA items such as sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts and other items during the Winter Conference. We usually have a table set up in the foyer of the hotel and someone needs to man the area during the day of our conference. It would help to have several people taking turns, so no one would have to miss all the activities for the day. Again, if you're interested in volunteering for this, call Karen at (605) 923-6383 to sign up. Thanks in advance to all our wonderful volunteers!

Volunteers Needed For Animals

The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale (BHBC) is a huge event for the DTBA. It takes many hours and many volunteers to put all the events together and we can't begin to thank enough, those who step forward and help out. At the 2002 show, it was noted by Steve Sutton how much he appreciated everyone who pitched in to help feed, water and move animals.

Once again, with our 2003 event looming around the corner, Steve would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist him and his crew with the buffalo. Since the dates are in place, Steve is looking for people willing to be on hand Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31 to help unload and pen animals. There is also a need for some extra hands to water and feed the animals as they are penned throughout the course of the two days. This will take a number of people, and Steve encourages consignors to pitch in and help, especially getting water to the animals as soon as possible after they are unloaded and penned.

Throughout the weekend, we will need a core crew that can help with daily feeding, watering and also moving animals while the judges are selecting animals. On Sunday, sale day, volunteers are needed to help sort and pen the animals throughout the day and until loadout is completed for the day. Steve is also asking for a couple of people who could be available the following Monday for approximately half a day to help finish with loading out the sale animals.

It makes for a long weekend and it seems like the weather is too hot or too cold, but we all appreciate the volunteers who step forward to help care for the buffalo.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with this, please contact Karen at the DTBA office, 605-923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com. You can also contact Chad Kremer, our show chairman, at 605-255-5636.

Lower Price On DTBA Cookbooks

The DTBA/NDBA Cookbooks are in! The books are great, with over 350 recipes in all categories. They are a nice spiral bound book with a glossy cover to make for easy cleanup and reading.

At the recent DTBA board meeting, board members voted to lower the cookbook cost in an effort to get them out for use. For current DTBA members or for wholesale purposes, the cost will be \$7 per book, plus tax and shipping when applicable. For non-members, the cost will be \$10 plus tax and shipping.

On the front cover of the cookbook, you will notice a blank area towards the bottom. This area was designed for you to place your business card or labels if you are offering the books with meat orders or as gifts. This way, when more information or product is needed, your cookbook recipient will know who to contact!

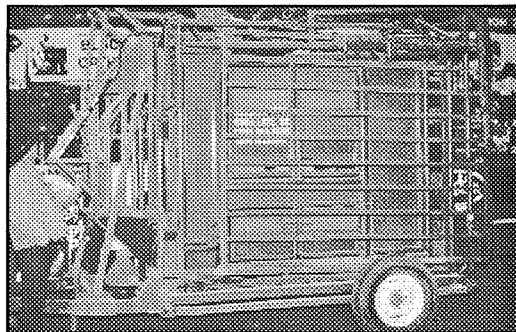
If you are interested in ordering cookbooks, contact Karen at the DTBA office, 605-923-6383 or e-mail to: info@dakotabuffalo.com. An invoice will be included with your order and you can pay from that. Shipping charges will be included on your invoice. We will try and carry a supply of cookbooks to as many events as possible to ensure that members all have access to purchasing them. These would make excellent gifts, so don't hesitate to order some extras! We will be selling the books at our Winter Conference, too.

Berlinic Chute Offered For Sale

The DTBA Board of Directors has recently made a decision concerning the Berlinic portable chute that has been available for members to rent the past couple of years.

As many of you well know, rental equipment is not easy

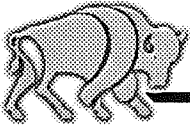
to maintain and keep on the road. We have found that to be true with the chute, as well. Although many of our members have made use of the



chute and rented it at one time or another, the logistics of upkeep and maintenance on the equipment is becoming a burden to the association.

In light of that, the board made a decision to offer the chute for sale, as is. It is manufactured by Berlinic Mfg. out of Saskatchewan. This hydraulic chute comes with wheels, removable hitch, power pac and built in scale with monitor.

With over \$12,500 invested in the chute, the board has put an asking price of \$8,000 on it as a sale item. If you are interested in the chute, please contact Scott Peterson at (605) 892-4466 or (605) 641-7268 or Karen Conley at (605) 923-6383 for more information. The chute will be on display at our Winter Conference in January.



Participate In 2002 Ag Census

Some of you may have already received a 2002 Census of Agriculture Form and if not, you should be receiving one any day. For the first time in South Dakota, buffalo are to be included in the census.

The DTBA has been working with Carter Anderson, the South Dakota State Statistician, to ensure that all our producers, in and out of state, will be included in the 2002 census. When you receive the form, please fill it out accurately and completely and return them by February 3, 2003. If you receive a form, you are required by law to fill it out and return it. Over two million farms and ranches across the nation are expected to be counted in the census.

Individual information is kept confidential and the information is used only for statistical purposes and is published only in tabulated totals. Farm and ranch organizations use the data to evaluate and propose policies and programs to help agricultural producers. Farm and ranch cooperatives, commodity and trade associations and agribusinesses use the data to develop market strategies and to determine locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers. Federal government policymakers use the Census data in drafting legislation to help resolve agricultural problems. State and local governments use the data for planning rural development, agricultural research and extension programs.

We have invited Carter Anderson to attend our Winter Conference and give our members information on the census. Although this will be just prior to the forms being returned, Anderson will be able to answer any questions and offer information on why the census is important to our industry.

Information on the 2002 census will be released in the spring of 2004 and will be available through electronic and print media. It will have individual reports for all counties, states and the nation.

DTBA Shopping For Web Service

The DTBA web site, www.dakotabuffalo.com, has been largely unchanged as of late. The site has been running since June of 1999 and has featured information on the association and a member's directory. This past summer, we were working to update the site and offer more information to our visitors and offer more services to our members.

This is a time consuming process and little progress has been made to date. At the direction of the DTBA board of directors, we are looking for a new service provider and hope to be online with a fresh look in short order.

The membership directory will be updated to reflect our current members as well as web site member links and information links. We are also ready to go online with a resource directory. Remember those information sheets that many of you filled out regarding what your bison operation consisted of? Well, the information has been compiled and we will be featuring pages on the web site that tell who is selling meat products, who is selling breeding stock and so on. This will allow people who access our site to find exactly what they are looking for and will give our members another promotional/advertising source for their operation.

Keeping the web site current has become crucial to our members and rest assured, with a new service provider on board, it will be updated regularly.

If you have any suggestions for information or news to add to our website, contact Karen at the DTBA office, (605) 923-7755 or email to: info@dakotabuffalo.com.

DTBA Booth Out On The Road

The Dakota Territory Buffalo Association has been busy this year promoting our new cookbooks, buffalo meat, the association and our members. It has been interesting to see the interest in our industry and our products and some of these new ventures have been very educational as well!

We operated the DTBA booth at the Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City in January. This is an excellent venue for us to get the word out to a large group of people who might not otherwise hear about us. We will be operating our booth again in 2003 and for the first time, we will be selling merchandise.

In February, we were invited to the Watertown Winter Farm Show as the featured commodity group for the day. Several of our members offered information during an informal "Buffalo Informational Seminar" and also helped serve food samples throughout the day. Plans are to be present at the show again in 2003.

In August, a group of volunteers fired up the roasters and grills and headed for Mitchell, SD and the DakotaFest show. For the first time ever, the DTBA operated a food concession booth and by all accounts, it was a success! Despite none of us knowing what to expect and fighting rain, hail, wind and tornadoes, the three day event went on.

The DakotaFest was educational for all involved. Not only did we operate a food concession, we also manned an informational booth in another tent. Attendance at the event this year was down considerably, no doubt due to the weather and our nation's slow economy, but everyone who made their way to our food booth enjoyed the roast sandwiches and buffalo hot dogs that were offered. Much information about buffalo meat and our members who offer it was handed out.

For those of you who enjoy a good adventure, dust off your aprons. We are planning to operate the food concession at the 2003 DakotaFest. The dates will be August 19, 20 and 21. Any and all help is welcome...no experience necessary! We will have more details on this as they become available.

In September, Karen took the DTBA booth to the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup. The weekend was spent selling cookbooks and other DTBA merchandise and of course, promoting buffalo and buffalo meat. We had an excellent response for our first visit to this event and plan to attend the 2003 event as well.

In November, we headed back to Custer State Park for the buffalo auction. Again, cookbooks and other merchandise were sold, as well as the new raffle tickets. We experience a very good response to our booth at this event as well.

In December, Karen took the DTBA booth WAY out on the road and set up in Ogden, Utah at the Western Bison Association show and sale. Merchandise and information was available and of course, we dealt with many people who have never even heard of our association before. This was a very successful venture for the DTBA. Our thanks to the WBA for inviting us to their event.

Also in December, we took the DTBA to The High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish, SD for a Christmas shopping event. Although the turnout for this event was not what organizers had hoped for, we are working with this wonderful group to make our presence known in this circle, as they have many visitors who are interested in buffalo and buffalo products. Look for us at this venue again in the future!

If you have events in your community where you think the DTBA would be of interest, please let Karen know so we can look into doing more of these "on the road" adventures. Personal contact is an excellent way to get our message out and the above events were all done to promote our organization, our members, our message and to raise funds for the DTBA. Thanks to all the volunteers who have made these events a success. It would not be possible to do all these events without YOU!

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TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 2003 DTBA WINTER CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Buffalo Producer's Forum. Open discussion about buffalo, the industry and other topics as needed. This is an open forum for anyone interested...current producers, new or interested producers or anyone seeking information related to buffalo. Will be held at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Room location TBA.

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Registration and Welcoming Party at Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, 606 Main St., Rapid City, SD. Sponsored by Prairie Edge Trading Co. & Galleries, Triple Seven Ranch and Dakota Mill and Grain.

7:30 p.m. - Black Hills Stock Show Rodeo performance, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena. Block of seats being reserved through Sutton Rodeos for any conference participants who would like to attend. See inside this newsletter for more information.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2003

7:30 a.m. - Registration - Foyer of Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn meeting rooms.

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast, on your own.

9:00 a.m. - DTBA Business Meeting begins with call to order, introductions, secretary's report, treasurer's report, old business, nominations of directors and new business.

10:30 a.m. - Coffee Break.

10:45 a.m. - 12 noon - Industry speakers to include SD State Veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland; National Bison Assn. Executive Director, David Carter; National Bison Assn. State/Regional Liason, Gail Griffin; SD State Statistician, Carter Anderson.

12:00 noon - Buffet lunch.

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 Mike Duncan - Diamond Tail Meats, LLC.

Buffalo Carcass Breakdown Demonstration and Retailer/Consumer Carcass & Meat Information. Presented by Jim Ferguson of the Saskatchewan Meat Processors Assn. and Larry Erber, SIAST.

3:00 p.m. - Coffee Break, sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.

3:15 p.m. - Election of new DTBA board members and conclusion of business meeting.

5:30 p.m. - Social with cash bar, held in the atrium.

6:30 p.m. - Prime Rib banquet.

7:00 p.m. - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.

8:00 p.m. - Fun Auction.

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7:30 a.m. - Breakfast Buffet, Salon A.

8:00 a.m. - Judge's Comments begin, Salon A. Breakfast will be available through the Judge's Comments.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Animal viewing in the pens on the north side of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

11:00 a.m. - - Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale gets underway, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

The judging of the animals for the Black Hills Buffalo Classic will begin on Friday, January 31 at 12 noon.

There is a block of rooms reserved at the host hotel, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. You are encouraged to make your room reservations NOW, as there are a limited number of rooms available. The demand for rooms at the hotel is high due to the Black Hills Stock Show being held at the same time as the DTBA events. The block of rooms for DTBA will be released on January 1, 2003, so please make reservations prior to that date.

To make your reservations, call (605) 348-4000 and tell them you are with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association and you will receive a discount on your room. If you have any problems making reservations or they tell you the rooms are full, please contact Jacki Limpert at (605) 866-4846, as we have had problems with this in the past and want to make sure anyone seeking reservations is taken care of.