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#### **Hotel Reservation Deadline Near**

Come and join us for our 2007 conference and show, scheduled for Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28. We will be headquartering at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, located

just off I-90, exit 59 in Rapid City.

When you are making hotel reservations, please ask for the room block for Dakota Territory Buffalo Association. They have put together a special price of \$79 per night for our group and a block of rooms has been set aside. The hotel phone number is (605) 343-8550. Call today and make your reservations now. Once the roomblock has been released, the Ramkota will continue to honor our room price for DTBA guests, but only as rooms are available. They do fill up on the weekends of the stock show, so call right away. Last year they were completely sold out on Saturday night, so it's important to make your reservations in advance.

## 2007 Conference Offers Full Slate!

The 2007 Dakota Territory Buffalo Association Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale will begin on Friday, January 26 and end with the live animal auction on Sunday, January 28. The conference will take place at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center located just off I-90 at the north edge of Rapid City, South Dakota.

The weekend's activities begin on Friday afternoon with the Ladies Spa Day, as well as various meetings. Friday evening, everyone is invited to attend the social at Prairie Edge Trading Co. and Galleries, also in downtown Rapid City. This 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. The rest of the morning will be devoted to learning about Low Stress Livestock Handling, presented by Dr. Tom Noffsinger who was a student of Bud Williams. Over the lunch hour, South Dakota State Veterinarian, Dr. Sam Holland, will lead the group through updates on health and disease issues facing the buffalo industry, both in state and across the country.

The afternoon session will be devoted to learning about buffalo feeding and nutrition. Presenters will include producers who feed out buffalo as well as Robert Carr, a nutrition manager with East-Man Feeds. Following those presentations, the business meeting will wrap up with the election of new officers for the association.

While conference attendees are being educated and entertained, some serious competition will be taking place. The 2007 Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale is promising to be one of the best industry events of the year. When the judging is finished, the award winners will be announced during the Saturday evening banquet. Winners of the Reality Based Carcass Class will also be announced during the banquet.

The Saturday evening banquet will feature a delicious buffalo ribeye and all the trimmings. Right after the meal, the show animal awards will be presented, followed by a presentation by the 2007 International Bison Conference committee, Bison Bingo and rounding out the evening with the Fun Auction.

On Sunday, the morning gets underway with judge's comments and animal viewing at the pens, located immediately north of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center arena. The Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale begins at 9 a.m. in the arena of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. We hope you will make plans to join us in Rapid City for the 2007 Winter Conference and Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale.

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## Time To Pay 2007 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your DTBA dues for 2007, 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 "2006", 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.

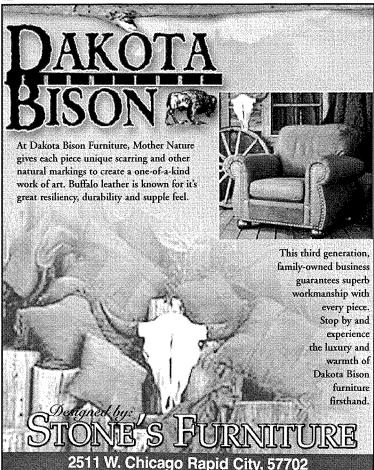
In this issue, you will find a DTBA Winter Conference Registration form that has a spot indicated on it for 2007 DTBA dues. If you are including that money in with your conference registration, please check the appropriate box on the form so the

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 2007 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 on the DTBA website and is also included in the membership directory.

Some of you have already paid your dues for 2007. Thank you! If you have any new changes or updates to your information, please fill out and return the membership registration sheet. You may indicate that your dues are already paid. Thanks!

# MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS TODAY! Call the Ramkota Hotel at (605) 343-8550 Ask for the DTBA Room Rate of \$79 (+ tax)



#### **New Board Members Needed**

There will be two positions available for the Board of Directors and they will be for three year terms. The election will be held during the DTBA Winter Conference.

If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please contact a current board member or the DTBA office.

#### Welcome New DTBA Members!

Rick DeLoughery, Sitting Bull College, McLaughlin, SD Chance Wooden Knife, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Natural Resources, Rosebud, SD

Mike Faith, Standing Rock Buffalo Ranch, Fort Yates, ND

Shannon Stormo, Tatanka Hills, Lake Norden, SD Scott Williams, SM Williams Bison Ranch, Littleton, CO

Lee Odenbach, Taylor, NE

#### **Members In The News!**

Congratulations to Lance and Tahma Kuck, Laughing Water Ranch, Bassett, NE on the newest addition to their family! Gavin James Kuck was born on November 29, 2006 at 10:56 p.m. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches long. He joins big sisters Jordan and Chandler; Jim Rothstein of Tall Grass Buffalo in Custer, SD got a mention on the Cabela's website. Jim was mentioned in a Field Guide Story for helping get writer Dan Carlson in touch with another DTBA member, Travis Mickelson, Mickelson Ranch, Mud Butte, SD, to line up a buffalo bull hunt. Carlson went into great

er DTBA member, Travis Mickelson, Mickelson Ranch, Mud Butte, SD, to line up a buffalo bull hunt. Carlson went into great detail about the horseback hunt, which was actually a performance test for a new rifle. Great press for the buffalo industry and buffalo hunts in general. Way to go, guys! Many of you have been keeping up with Courtney Limpert's progress on the DTBA member email. Courtney suffered a stroke during brain surgery to remove an aneurism. Courtney, along with her parents, Sandy and Jacki, were in Boston for the surgery in late October, but due to the complications, ended up in Boston for a month, then on to Denver for another month and finally got back to the hospital in Rapid City just before Christmas. Courtney is now doing inpatient rehab at Rapid City Regional Hospital and doing better. Hopefully she will be able to go home in the next few weeks and continue her rehab as an outpatient. Your continued thoughts and prayers during her long recovery are much appreciated by Courtney and her family.

#### Calendar Of Buffalo Events

Thursday, January 18 through Saturday, January 20: National Bison Assn. Winter Conference and Gold Trophy Show and Sale. Denver, CO. 303-292-2833.

Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28: Dakota Territory Buffalo Assn Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale and Winter Conference. Rapid City, SD. 605-923-6383.

**Friday, February 16:** North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Annual Meeting. Seven Seas, Mandan, ND. 701-252-1122.

Saturday, February 17: North Dakota Buffalo Assn. Spring Auction. KIST Livestock, Mandan, ND. 701-252-1122.

During the Winter Conference Banquet, there will be babysitting service available at the hotel. You will be responsible for paying the sitters for your own children. Sitters are high school juniors and are very responsible. Please contact Karen at the office if you would like to use this service.



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## **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.

Once again, with our 2007 event looming around the corner, Show Chairman, Zane Holcomb and Sale Chairman, Steve Sutton, would like to have some volunteers step forward and assist with the buffalo. Since the dates are in place, they are looking for people willing to be on hand Friday, January 26 to help unload and pen animals, beginning at 10 a.m. They also some extra hands to water and feed the animals as they are penned throughout the course of the day. This will take a number of people, and Steve and Zane encourage consignors to pitch in and help, especially getting water to the animals as soon as possible after they are unloaded.

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 the DTBA office, 605-923-6383 or e-mail info@dakotabuffalo.com. You can also contact Zane Holcomb at (605) 375-3478 or ndabuff@sdplains.com. THANK YOU!!

## **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 Western Buffalo Company, will be hosting the welcoming reception and social. The activities will be held at 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 26 and last until 7:00 p.m. 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.

## Not A Member? No Problem!

If you are reading this newsletter but are not a current member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, not to worry. If you would like to attend our conference and show/sale, you do not need to be a member to attend these events and your conference costs will be the same.

Our hope is that once you join in on our activities, you'll find our members to be helpful and friendly and the information you'll learn to be important.

We hope that you will join us for the conference and better yet, like what you see and become a member of the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, The Producer's Association.

If you are interested in entering animals in our show and sale, you will need to join the association to do so. However, that's a simple fix and for only \$50 for the year, you will enjoy all the benefits of membership.

Please contact the DTBA office for more information on becoming a member or about our events.

## **Sponsorships Needed For 2007**

With our 2007 events right around the corner, we are still in need of sponsorships. There are a few trophy sponsorships available at this time. 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. 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.

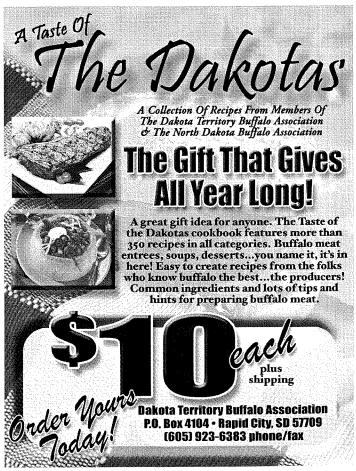
#### **Fun Auction To Benefit DTBA**

Don't forget to bring your Fun Auction items with you to the DTBA Winter Conference. The Fun Auction is slated to begin after the IBC presentation on Saturday evening, January 27. Be creative and dare to be different!

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.

Last year we had a phenomenal Fun Auction, raising over \$21,000 for YOUR association. Can we top that this year? You

bet we can!





## **Information About Mycoplasma Bovis**

#### Press Release From the National Bison Association

There was extensive coverage in late November of 2006 on the incidence of Mycoplasma Bovis in the bison herd at Maxwell Game Refuge in McPherson County, Kansas.

The National Bison Association has visited with veterinarians and state officials in Kansas, and offers the following points of information about the outbreak and the disease.

#### What is Mycoplasma Bovis?

Mycoplasma Bovis is a relatively common respiratory bacterium in cattle, and particularly in dairy herds. It is frequently found in the nose and upper throat of cattle of all ages and in the reproductive tracts of both females and bulls. Mycoplasma Bovis likes to inhabit the cells of the lower respiratory tract. In normal, healthy cattle, they are able to fight off infection by most organisms invading lung tissue, but if the opportunity arises during times of stress or concurrent illness, Mycoplasma Bovis will move from the upper airways to the lungs and create pneumonia.

#### Why is Mycoplasma particularly serious for bison?

Bison historically did not encounter Mycoplasma Bovis, and therefore many native bison herds carry less natural immunity than do cattle. However, bison can carry the bacteria in its upper respiratory tract with no ill effects.

At times of stress, such as drought, dust, other disease processes or handling, the bacteria can move into the lower respiratory tract, where it causes pneumonia and lameness. Kansas has been in the midst of drought conditions throughout the year which has placed abnormal stress on these bison.

#### Is there any danger to humans?

No. This is a disease that is relegated to bovine animals.

#### Is there a danger that bison will spread Mycoplasma Bovis to cattle?

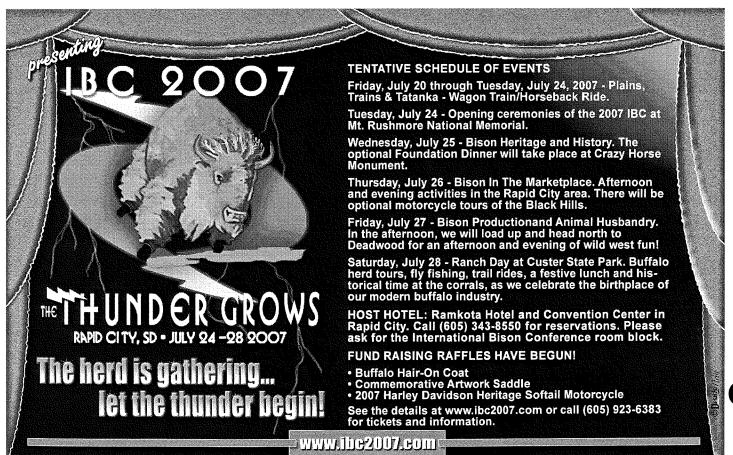
The bacterium spreads from contact between bovine animals. However, because Mycoplasma Bovis is relatively common in cattle, bison are an unlikely source of any new introduction.

#### Is there quarantine in place because of this outbreak?

No. The Maxwell Game Refuge voluntarily cancelled its live animal auction in November because park officials did not want to sell any potentially unhealthy animals to the ranching community. This was a voluntary cancellation, and does not constitute quarantine.

#### What is the current status of the Maxwell herd?

The Refuge lost 41 animals immediately after diagnosing the situation. Refuge officials then began a regimen of vaccination with the remainder of the herd. Vaccinations were administered on October 18 and November 15. No additional symptoms have been detected in the herd since the vaccinations were administered.





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## NBA Presents "Risk Management 101"







Please join the National Bison Association (NBA), in conjunction with the Dakota Territory Buffalo Association, on Friday, January 26 for the "Risk Management 101" workshop and learn what opportunities you are eligible for through the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA).

This one hour presentation will cover the basics of risk management and detail what services are offered to South Dakota farmers and ranchers by the Billings RMA regional office.

An overview of the National Bison Association and a report on the state of the industry will also be included in the presentation.

Please contact the NBA with any questions by email at info@bisoncentral.com, or by calling (303) 292-2833.

The workshop will take place at the Ramkota Hotel from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. You do not have to be registered for the DTBA conference to attend this session. The workshop is free of charge for anyone wishing to attend.

## Spa Day for the Ladies: Reserve Now

It's back by popular demand! For you gals that need a little pampering during your "vacation" in Rapid City, rest easy. Susan Peterson has once again put together a Spa Day for the ladies attending our conference. Everyone who went last year had an awesome time with a lot of laughs and plenty of "me" time.

On Friday, January 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., The Mystique Edge at 509 7th Street in Rapid City will be catering to our buffalo gals. This will be a first-come, first-serve type of event. There will be a variety of treatments available, but you don't even have to have one. You are welcome to just join the group for some socializing, beverages, cheeses and sweets.

There are a variety of services and price ranges available. Check out their web site for details: www.mystiqueedge.com. You will need to reserve your service by Friday, January 19 and a credit card is required to do so.

If you think you might be interested in participating, please contact Susan at (605) 892-4466 or (605) 641-4466. For information on the services offered, call Susan or visit the web site shown above.

#### **TURN YOUR RECIPES INTO CASH!!**

We need your recipes for the new DTBA cookbook. Recipe forms have been included in this newsletter. Please fill them out and return to the DTBA office, email your recipes or bring them to the Winter Conference. For every recipe turned in between now and January 28, you will receive one entry into a drawing for a cash prize! We will draw at the Winter Conference. Need not be present to win!

More recipes = more chances to win!

## Meet Our 2007 Winter Conference Speakers

Dr. Tom Noffsinger

Dr. Tom Noffsinger, DVM of Benkelman, Neb. has earned an international reputation and respect with his livestock handling methods. He is in demand for instruction from South America to Canada. His focus is a common sense and low stress handling and environment for the animal as well as for the hands working the animals. Dr. Noffsinger was a student of Bud Williams, who is widely recognized as the founder of low stress livestock handling. Dr. Noffsinger's presentation incorporates livestock behavior and psychology in an effort to improve both health and performance of livestock in a ranch or feedyard environment.

#### Robert Carr - East-Man Feeds

Robert Carr was born and raised on a dairy and sheep farm in Lancashire, England. He immigrated to Manitoba, Canada in 1982 and worked on the family dairy farm. Robert graduated from the University of Manitoba with an Ag diploma in 1992 and has spent the past 15 years in the feed industry. Prior to joining East-Man Feeds in the spring of 2000, Robert worked as an independent dairy nutrition consultant. Robert is currently the reminant sales and nutrition manager for East-Man Feeds.

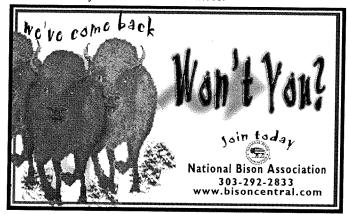
#### Dr. Sam Holland - SD State Veterinarian

Dr. Sam D. Holland, State Veterinarian, is a 1971 graduate of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and spent his entire practice life in South Dakota, limiting his practice to beef cattle and horses. In 1986 he was appointed Assistant State Veterinarian for the Board (known then as the Livestock Sanitary Board). In March of 1995, Dr. Holland was named State Veterinarian by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board.

The Board, under Dr. Holland's direction, has broad responsibilities over the multitude of animal industries in the state, including animal health, marketing and dealer regulation, state meat inspection, importation of animals, non-domestic animal regulation, inhumane treatment laws, and a laboratory for surveillance for disease in slaughtered animals.

As State Veterinarian, Dr. Holland is responsible for preventing, eradicating, and controlling as well as maintaining awareness of disease threats to the animal industry of South Dakota. Through participation in numerous national animal health groups and cooperative programs with various Federal agencies, Dr. Holland stays in touch with all segments of the livestock industry. Contact with such organizations as well as industry groups, public health groups, and other state agencies allows the Board to respond to the changing needs of the animal industry.

Dr. Holland serves as Executive Secretary for the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Examining Board and is current Chair of the Brucellosis Committee of the United States Animal Health Association, and also serves on numerous other state and national advisory boards and committees.



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## TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 2007 DTBA WINTER CONFERENCE

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show and Sale entries arrive and unload, west side of Rushmore Plaza Civic Center arena.
- 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting. Open to the membership. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Executive Lounge.
- 12 noon until finished Trade show displays can be set up in the foyer outside Convention Center II. (optional)
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ladies Spa Day at Mystique Edge, 509 7th St. in Rapid City. Have a treatment or just join the group for refreshments and fun.
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trade show displays open for business (optional).
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. National Bison Association & DTBA present a Risk Management 101 workshop.
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Consignor's Meeting. For 2007 show/sale/carcass class consignors only. Will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in the Executive Lounge.
- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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 Western Buffalo Company.
- 7:30 p.m. ??????? Black Hills Stock Show PRCA Extreme Bulls, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena. On your own. The hospitality room will be open in the Executive Lounge at the Ramkota Hotel.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. Registration Foyer area of Convention Center II.
- 7:00 a.m. Trade show booths open. Foyer area of Convention Center II.
- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast available in Sylvan I & II. Assorted muffins, rolls, fruit and beverages.
- 8:00 a.m. DTBA Business Meeting begins in Sylvan I & II. Call to order, introductions, secretary's report, treasurer's report, old business, nominations of directors and new business. Call for election of new officers.
- 8:45 a.m. Coffee Break.
- 9:00 a.m. Dr. Tom Noffsinger presents a workshop on Low Stress Livestock Handling. Sylvan I & II.
- 12:00 p.m. Buffalo Burger Lunch Sheridan Room. Speaker: Dr. Sam Holland, South Dakota State Veterinarian Update on animal health issues affecting the buffalo industry.
- 1:15 p.m. Producer's Feeder Panel. Sylvan I & II. Moderated by Bruce Anderson, Western Buffalo Company. Panel includes Sandy Limpert, Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch; Boyd Meyer, Cold Creek Buffalo Company; Jim Lutter, Buffalo County Buffalo; Peterson, Jumpoff Buffalo Ranch and Heath Peterson, Prairie Rose Buffalo Ranch.
  - 2:30 p.m. Coffee Break.
  - 2:45 p.m. Ruminant Nutrition, presented by Robert Carr, East-Man Feeds, Manitoba, Canada.
  - 3:30 p.m. Election of new DTBA board members and conclusion of business meeting.
  - 5:00 p.m. Social with cash bar, held in the foyer area of Convention Center II.
  - 5:45 p.m. Doors open to banquet hall.
  - 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Ribeye Steak banquet. Babysitting service will be available at the hotel. Call the DTBA office for details.
  - 6:45 p.m. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Show awards presented.
  - 7:15 p.m. Presentation by the 2007 International Bison Conference committee, followed by the Fun Auction.
  - 10:30 p.m. Hospitality Room open in the Executive Lounge immediately after the Fun Auction.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007

- Breakfast on your own.
- 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Animal viewing in the pens on the north side of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena. Judges will be avail able to discuss any comments or questions you may have. Written Judge's Comments will be available after the awards are presented Saturday evening or at the pens on Sunday morning.
- 9:00 a.m. Black Hills Buffalo Classic Sale gets underway, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

Throughout the weekend, the Ramkota Hotel offers a free, hourly shuttle service running between the hotel and the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. You can leave your vehicles parked at the hotel and ride the shuttle back and forth and avoid the parking hassles. They will also be offering shuttle service to and from the Ladies Spa Day event, our reception at Prairie Edge and again on Sunday morning for the auction.