

# nation New York buffalo raisers introduce East to Old West

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HEUVELTON, N.Y. — About the only Buffalo ever associated with New York is the city in the western end of the state.

A score of upstate farmers, however, have discovered another buffalo — the type usually associated with the Wild West, Buffalo Bill Cody and the like.

For Duane Storie, a dairy farmer in the North Country community of Heuvelton, raising a herd of buffalo has been an unexpected weight-reducing and harrowing venture.

Oliver and Evie Scott, on the other hand, owners of the Scott T-Ranch in the Finger Lakes community of West Bloomfield near Rochester, have been selling buffalo meat to a growing clientele for the last two years. For them, it's a money-making business.

The state Department of Agriculture and Markets does not keep statistics on farmers who raise buffalo commercially. "The number being raised commercially is minimal," said Louis van Dyck, the department's spokesman.

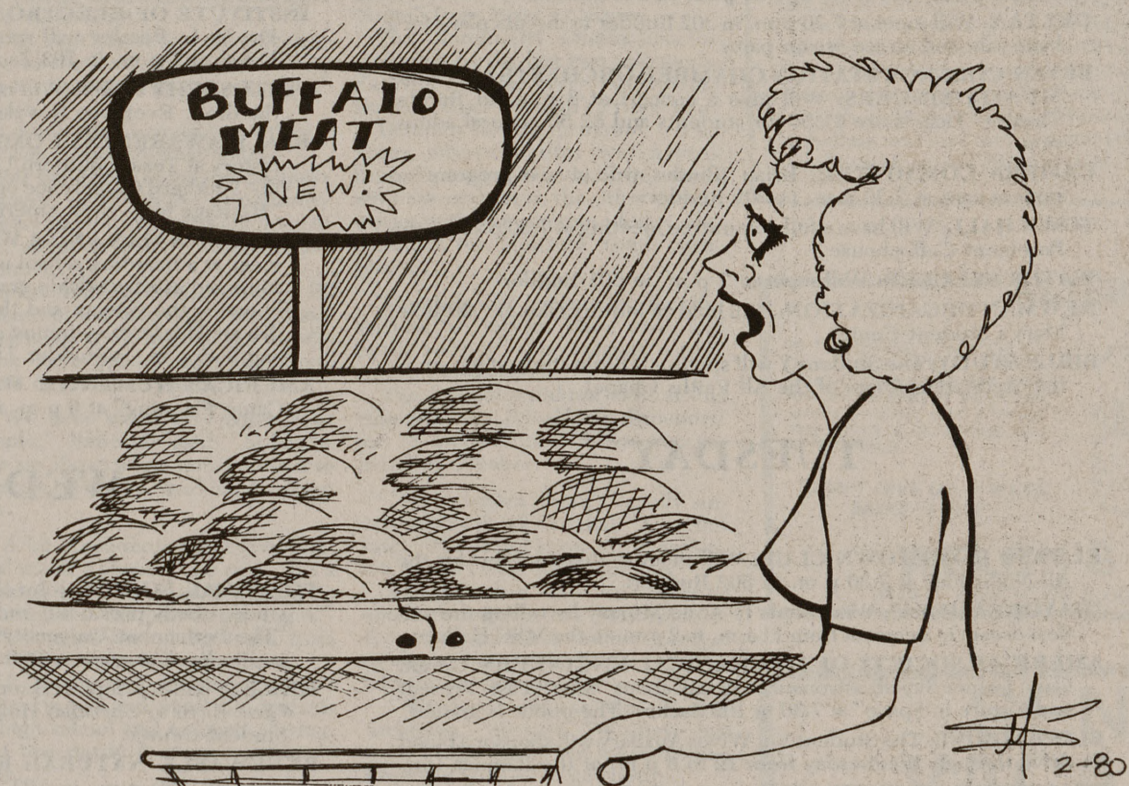
"They're a wild animal and they have kind of a foul disposition," van Dyck said. "The numbers in the industry are lean and getting thinner. There was a flurry three or four years ago, but it ended rather quickly."

According to the buffalo raisers, however, there is a future for the little industry. They say buffalo meat, although slightly higher in price, is higher in protein, lower in fat and generally a healthier cut than beef.

"All it takes is educating the public," said Mrs. Scott.

To the herders, buffalo raising is exciting, if precarious.

"Never trust a buffalo," Storie warned. "Never turn your back on



em. They're not friendly at all. But we find it exciting."

Storie, 36, a former tree surgeon and excavator turned dairyman, has found buffalo raising and breeding more exciting than he bargained for.

Storie and his wife, June, 33, have been raising 40 head of buffalo on their 500-acre farm since May 1977. They hope to start selling meat commercially in several months.

One morning last fall, Storie's buffalo herd rammed down two fences,

broke out of its pen — perhaps "spooked by a dog" — and stampeded to the banks of the Oswegatchie River, crossed it and drifted into a dense, swampy area.

About 50 of the Stories' neighbors joined in the hunt in a 5-mile area to round up the wandering herd. Some were on horseback. Others used road bikes, boats and walkie-talkies.

It took nearly a month-and-a-half to round up the herd.

# Tent's heating bill low

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STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. — Chris and Ron Nicodemus, tired of soaring rent and utility bills, have moved with their two daughters into a tent while saving money for their dream, a "utility-free" home.

"The rent just kept going up and up and the utility bill was costing us \$100 a month," said Chris in explaining why the family moved out of its condominium Aug. 15 with the cold-weather months rapidly approaching.

"With the rent and everything, we just couldn't save any money for the house," she continued. "I wanted to do it (move into the tent) last April so we could do it in the summertime. But he said, 'No, you're crazy.'"

"But as time went along, the idea kept sounding better and better. It was the cheapest thing I could think of without being out in the cold."

The "tent" actually consists of two 8-by-10-foot tents linked by a covered passageway that holds a wood-burning stove which heats both units. Chris and Ron have a double bed in one of the tents while their daughters, Meghan, 10, and Amber, 6, have beds in the other.

"We wanted the children close, but not that close," said Chris.

The tents, located in a campground near this Atlanta suburb, are set up on wooden floors covered with rugs. They are covered with insulation and heavy plastic and the stove provides a comfortable 75 degrees even on the coldest wintry days.

The campground has a bathroom

where the family gets its water and electricity to run a small lamp and 12-inch television set.

Chris, 30, got the idea for the tent when she saw a small camping stove and the woodburning stove. Ron has built small, dry sheds adjacent to the tents to house clothing and utensils and keep the firewood dry.

## International Meditation Society

There will be a free introductory lecture on the Transcendental Meditation Program on Monday the 25th of February at 7:30 P.M. in Room No. 204B of the Library. This lecture is for those just interested in the general knowledge, in learning the technique for expanding awareness and increasing enjoyment of all aspects of life, and/or releasing stress for the benefit of everyday living.

# Patients' sexual health ignored, doctor says

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DETROIT — Dr. F. Paul Pearsall says health care professionals take great pains to attend to patients' physical ailments but often neglect a vital aspect of their overall well-being — their sexual health.

Pearsall, a psychologist and director of the Problems of Daily Living Clinic at Sinai Hospital, says such neglect amounts to inadequate treatment.

Ignoring a patient's sexual health, he said, encompasses everything from a lack of personal privacy during a hospital stay to the failure to outline the sexual effects of a drug or medical procedure.

"It's time we took a more sensitive

look at this area, say, 'As your doctor, I'm concerned for your health care as a totality,'" said Pearsall, coauthor of a handbook called "Sex Education for the Health Professional."

"To separate sexual health from emotional health, everyone knows that's impossible, and to separate emotional health from physical health is, I think, unethical and incomplete health care," he said.

Pearsall's basic definition of sexual health is "the ability to relate intimately with the partner of one's choice." It is an area many doctors, nurses and other health workers have trouble dealing with.

"I think it's more our problem than the patient's problem," said

Pearsall, who also is director of educational programs at the Institute for Sex Research, the Bloomington, Ind., group that produced the famed Kinsey Report.

"Who's in a better position than a physician who knows the physical health of a patient to advise?" he said. "But right now many physicians are in the worst position. They're ill-advised and depending on their own sexuality."

Physicians and other health workers must take care not to impose their own sexual values on patients, Pearsall said. Rather, it is their job to "protect (the patient's) options," he said.

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