



In 1878, at twenty-one, John Mangold, Sr. came from Germany and in 1892 settled near Slades Corners on Highway 50. His son, James Mangold, born in 1904, was the youngest of thirteen children and moved to Burlington in 1922. He and his wife, Marna, built their new home in 1936. He started at Burlington National Bank, now First Banking Center, at age 18 and rose to become president and chairman of the board. His main thrust was developing loans to help farmers recover from the depression. He also took pride in a small top quality flock of Suffolk sheep. The insurance business he started was purchased by his son Jim and Barb Mangold in 1959.

Serendipitously, Jim received a call on Friday night from a friend suggesting he invest in two bred cows, so Jim requested information. Instead he received a BIG BILL

and was in the buffalo business in 1982 with two bred cows and a bull. His herd, located near Burlington and other sites, has been built up to 100 bison with the Federal Government selecting two bulls for their herd in Batavia, Illinois. Presently Lake Geneva Country Meats handles the marketing of the buffalo meat, preferred by consumers for its taste, low fat and low cholesterol. Nationally, 250,000 buffalo roam with approximately 10,000 in Wisconsin. Buffalo and elk are the two animals appropriate for the rebuilding of prairies and restoring our soil's fertility because the animals break up the thatch, force seeds in the soil, fertilize naturally and can handle the climate. Jim co-founded the Wisconsin Bison Association and has served on the State of Wisconsin, Department of Agriculture Animal Health Advisor Board.



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