

Buffalo Escape

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There I was driving my car down I-94 not thinking anything of the night. It was a gloomy day with a slight breeze. While I'm driving by the Dunn County Historical Society, I look over to see 2 huge buffalo running along the road with red and blue lights behind them. I start to slow down just in case something happens. I turn on the radio to hear

"Anyone driving on I-94 heading west Should get off the road as soon as possible because of an emergency." I pulled off over by Walmart in Menomonie that sits on the Red Cedar River. I had no idea what was going on so I left the radio on and waited for more information.

As some time went on I got bored and looked where two huge buffalo could have come from. As I'm looking I come across the Lion's Club Game Park, which is right next to Lake Menomin and I-94. On their website it says that they have buffalo, elk, deer, and a pond full of wild geese. The buffalo they have can weigh anywhere from 1,500 lbs to 2,500 lbs. After a while I called my wife to tell her I would be home a little later. She asked why and I said

"I was driving home from work and alongside the road there were two huge buffalo and police chasing them." She asked

"where did two buffalo come from in Wisconsin." I had to explain to her that there was a game park that had all kinds of animals that aren't normally around here. She understood and I hung up the phone because the radio was back on. It said

"there will be more updates in a while." So I decided to get some work done since I was going to be in Menomonie for a while.

As the time went on the radio came back on and started to say

"The buffalo have made their way into a corn field along Wilson St. Sgt. Clarence Bryan and Officer Robert Zebro attempted to corral the buffalo but they were unsuccessful. Make sure to stay off the road in case of another encounter with them." I just "sigh" and keep waiting.

While I'm in Menomonie I figured I would drive around and check it out. So I start driving down 25 and I get to see all of the cool stores and places they have here. I'm thinking to myself and I say in my head

"I should come here more often. We could go out to eat at a shop and do all kinds of other things." While I'm driving I go past this place that looks really old, so I pull over to take a look at it. On the front door it says "The Mable Tainter." I think it's pretty cool so I looked it up. I found out that the theater was named after a girl called "Mable Tainter."

While I'm looking around Menomonie, I come across The Red Cedar River. Because of how interesting the Mable Tainter was, I tell myself "I'm going to find out why this is such a well

known river.” After looking I found this use to be one of the top lumber towns in Dunn county, it was called Knapp, Stout & Co. When the logging took place it was the #1 job in Menomonie.

I get so lost in my big exploration that I forget about getting home. So I turn the radio back on to hear that the buffalo have been taken care of. My wife calls me and asks where the heck I am. I say

“I got a little carried away with looking in Menomonie and that I was waiting for the ok from the police.” She just sighs and says “get home safe” and hangs up.

I get back on I-94 and start to head home. The next day I had a day off of work and I was thinking to myself

“What happened to the buffalo.” I ask my wife if she has heard anything and she says “no” and tells me “to forget about it.”

I really wanna find out what happened so I go back over to Menomonie to the local police station and tell them I am from Knapp and I just wanted to know what happened with the buffalo. They give me the whole run down of what had to happen with them. They first started out by telling me

“we got the call around 3:00 am and nobody knew what was happening. Then we get another update from the radio that two buffalo are suspected to be from Lion’s Club Game Park and they are starting to head for I-94 so we had to get are butts moving.”

When the police got to I-94, they made the radio call to all the cars to get off the road, the same call I got on the radio. After a while the cops got the buffalo to a corn field and that’s where they shot them. They said that

“all of the meat from the buffalo went to a local food bank for people who need it.” I thank them for all of the information they gave me and I headed home. When I got home I made a page saying what all happened and lots of people appreciated it.

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