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June 2021

Black Hills Rally

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## Tatanka

This is the Lakota word for:

- Bison ?
- Silly people falling off bikes and paddle boats ?
- Whiskey with a splash of nothing ?

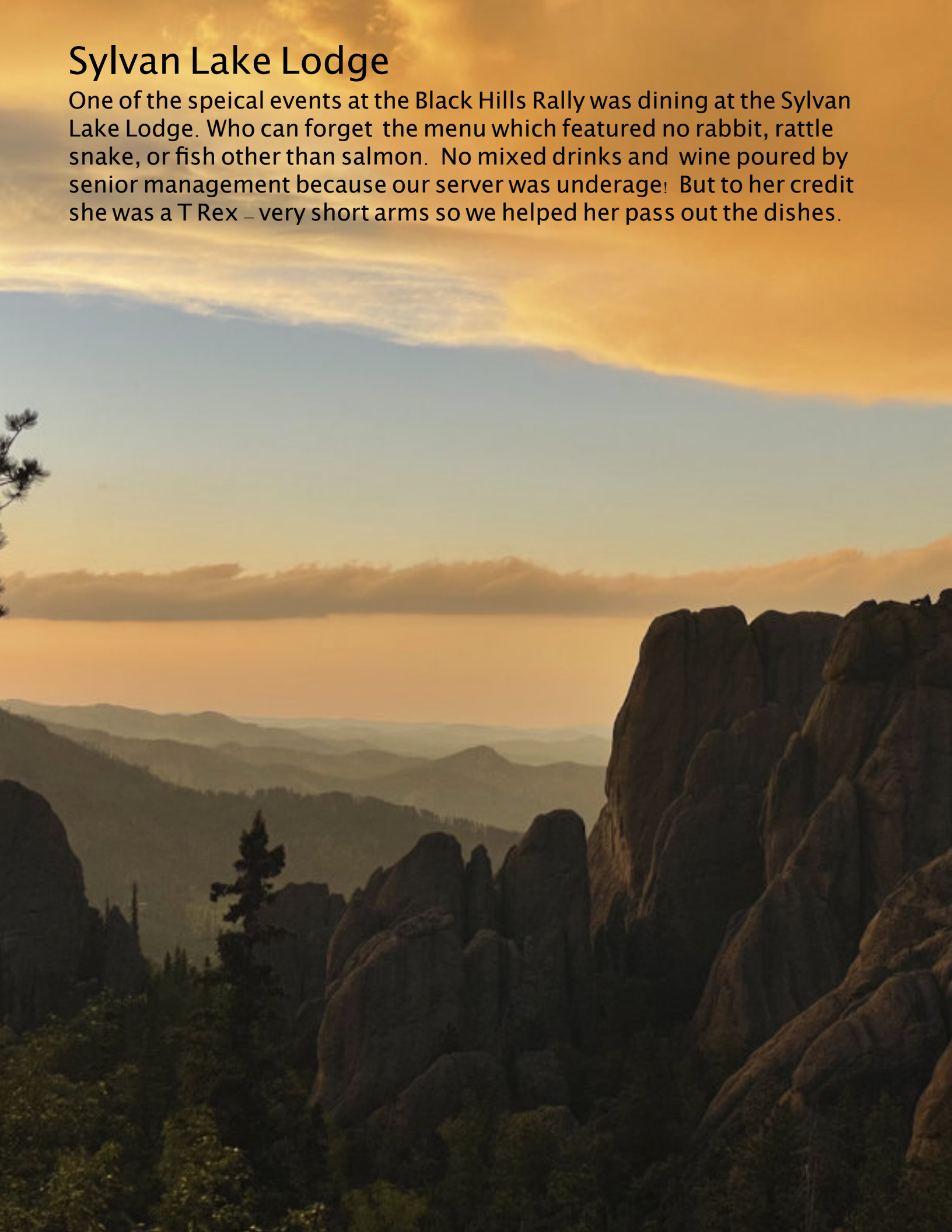
Finish reading this PDF to learn the correct answer



We wish to thank our wonderful hosts, Rob and Brenda Hughey and Tom and Peggy Silvers and Dave Czenkusch and Nancy Campbell for this grand rally. There were a lot of details that they handled behind the scenes which we appreciate. If you didn't have fun, it means you were already dead.

# Sylvan Lake Lodge

One of the special events at the Black Hills Rally was dining at the Sylvan Lake Lodge. Who can forget the menu which featured no rabbit, rattle snake, or fish other than salmon. No mixed drinks and wine poured by senior management because our server was underage! But to her credit she was a T Rex – very short arms so we helped her pass out the dishes.





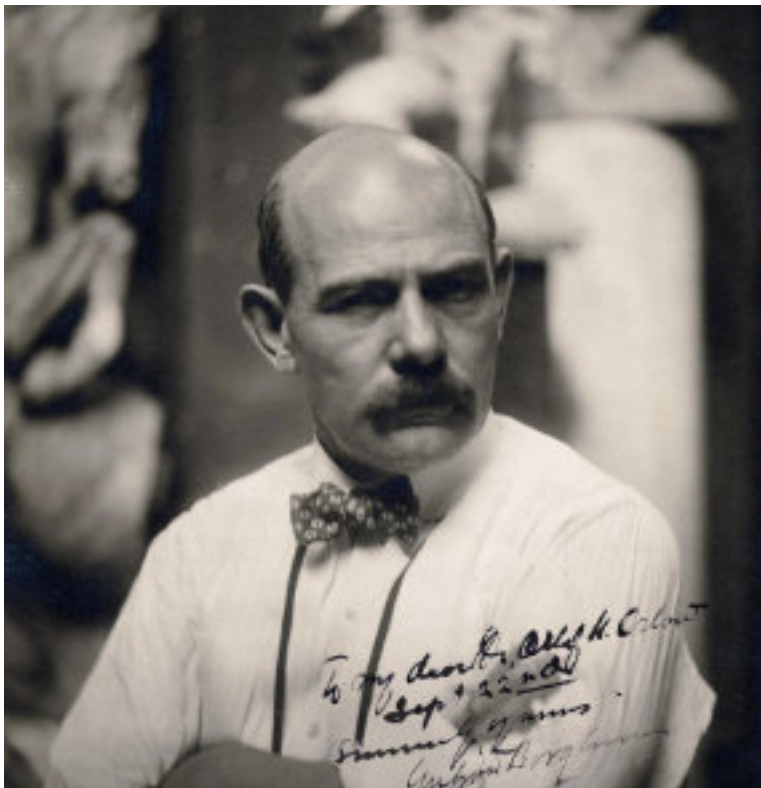
Sylvan Lake Sunset. Thanks Tom Silvers for taking us on this wonderful tour. {Click Pic for Video}



Seen during the week – Men without brains and T Rex eating your stick figure family.

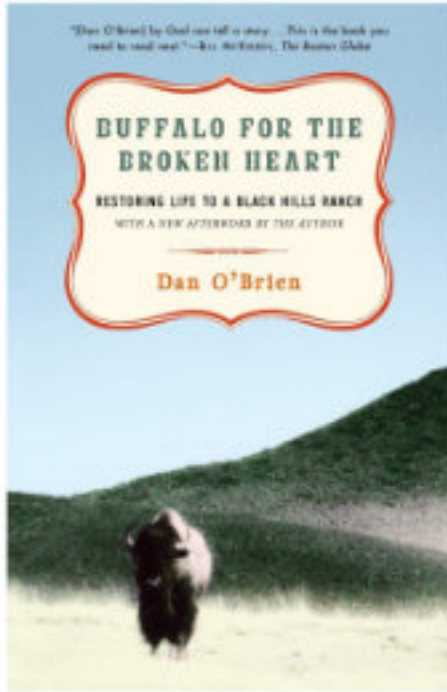


# Mt. Rushmore



While it has been claimed that Borglum was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, an article in the Smithsonian Magazine denies that there is proof that he officially joined the KKK. That said, he became "deeply involved in Klan politics", attending Klan rallies and serving on Klan committees. In 1925, having only completed the head of Robert E. Lee, Borglum was dismissed from the Stone Mountain project, with some holding that it came about due to infighting within the KKK

# Buffalo for the Broken Heart



You can only look forward  
to a South Dakota winter  
if, as with childbirth,  
remodeling a house, or  
writing a novel, you're  
able to forget how bad it  
was the last time.

-Dan O'Brien, *Buffalo for  
the Broken Heart:  
Restoring Life to a Black  
Hills Ranch*

*For twenty years Dan O'Brien struggled to make ends meet on his cattle ranch in South Dakota. But when a neighbor invited him to lend a hand at the annual buffalo roundup, O'Brien was inspired to convert his own ranch, the Broken Heart, to buffalo. Starting with thirteen calves, "short-necked, golden balls of wool," O'Brien embarked on a journey that returned buffalo to his land for the first time in more than a century and a half.*

*Buffalo for the Broken Heart is at once a tender account of the buffaloes' first seasons on the ranch and an engaging lesson in wildlife ecology. Whether he's describing the grazing pattern of the buffalo, the thrill of watching a falcon home in on its prey, or the comical spectacle of a buffalo bull wallowing in the mud, O'Brien combines a novelist's eye for detail with a naturalist's understanding to create an enriching, entertaining narrative.*

*One of the best books I have yet to finish - E. Nitka*

Seriously folks this is one of the best books I've read in a long time. And while I haven't finished it you know immediately that this is a book that you want to savor and not rush through.



# Book Club Experience like none other – Meet the Author and Tour his Bison Ranch



Jill and Dan Obrien



Our Prairie Group with Dan



{Click on the Small Pics for Video}



A special thanks goes out to Dave Czenkusch and Nany Campbell for arranging this tour. And if you ever need to know about grasses on the prairie, Nancy is your go to person.



## The George S. Mickelson Trail....

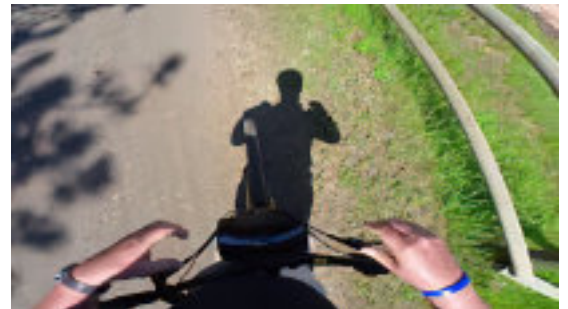
...is a rail trail in the Black Hills region of South Dakota. The main trail route extends 108.8 miles, from Edgemont to Deadwood, with approximately nine miles of additional branch trails, including a three-mile paved link from Custer to the Custer State Park completed in 2007



The Bike group minus Ernie Nitka as he punked out as he always does!



Tom and Peggy Silvers



{Click the picture above for video }- be warned that they are long and tend to induce drowsiness .

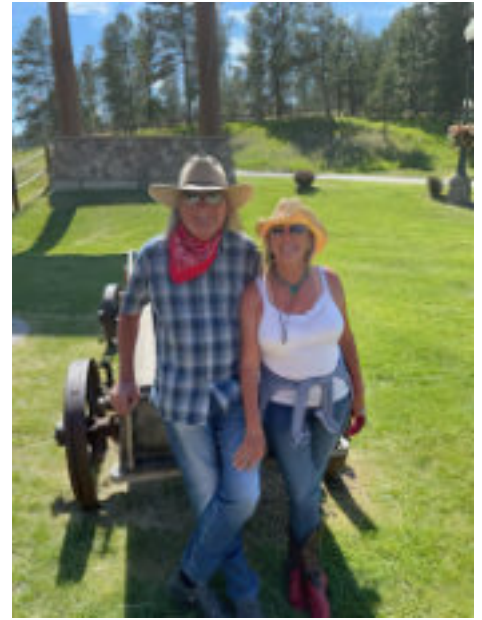


# Palmer Gulch Chuck Wagon



Rob Hughey saddling up

I'm pretty sure Rob Hughey stayed on the horse unlike the paddle board. Next time you see him ask – I'm sure he won't mind!



Rob and Brenda Hughey



{Click on Paul Larson Cowboy singer to the left}

[Paul's Web Page Here](#)







Peg Silvers, Mike Zimmerman, and some other cow pokes



Tom Silvers



Peg Silvers, Kelly Richie, Barbara Heffington and Brenda Hughey



Greg Heffington



The Hugheys



# The Badlands



Considering all that this park has to offer, you might be wondering — what's so “**bad**” about the **Badlands**? long ago the Lakota people dubbed this region “mako sica,” or “**bad lands**,” because its rocky terrain, lack of water and extreme temperatures made it difficult to traverse.







# Miscellaneous Activities



Tom and Judy Bowers



Left: Mike Zimmerman and Peg Silvers

Right: Tom Silvers and Rob Hughey



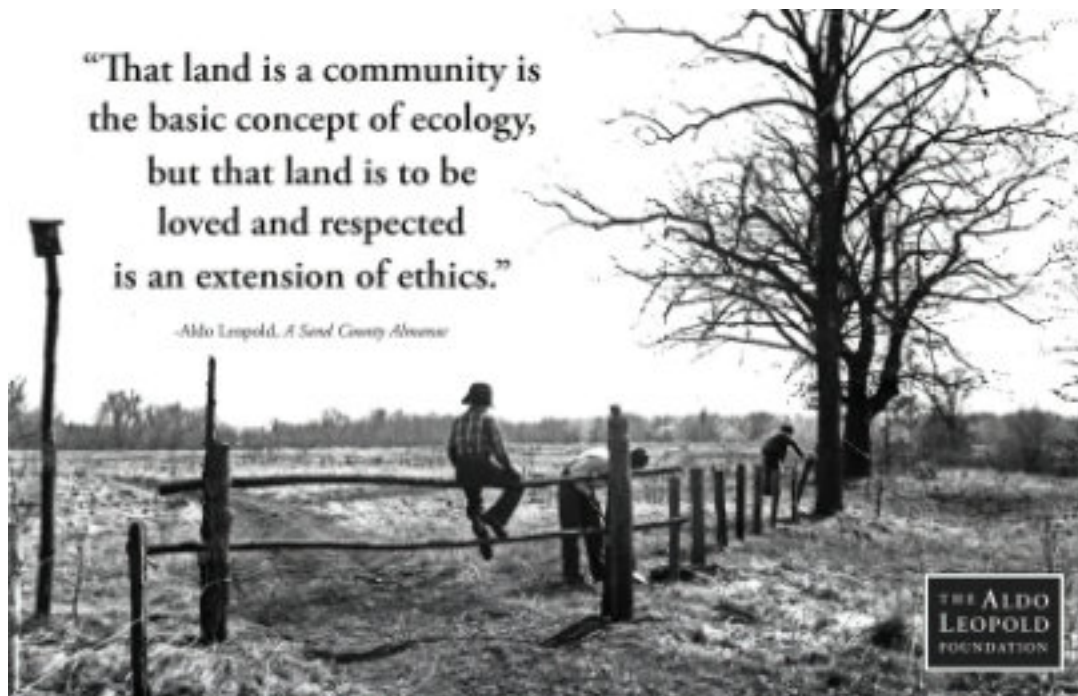




Peggy Silvers otherwise known as hiking fool – we love ya'







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