

USA 29. MAY – 11. JUNE



Day 4, June 1, we drive first to [Badlands National Park](#).





I



Buffalo Child



The next stop is at [Red Cloud Indian School \(Homepage\)](#) in [Pine Ridge Indian Reservation](#).



Here is also [Red Cloud Heritage Center](#) located. Inside there is an exhibition and sale of crafts.



Statue on the wall of the main building.



Statues outside the building.



High School.

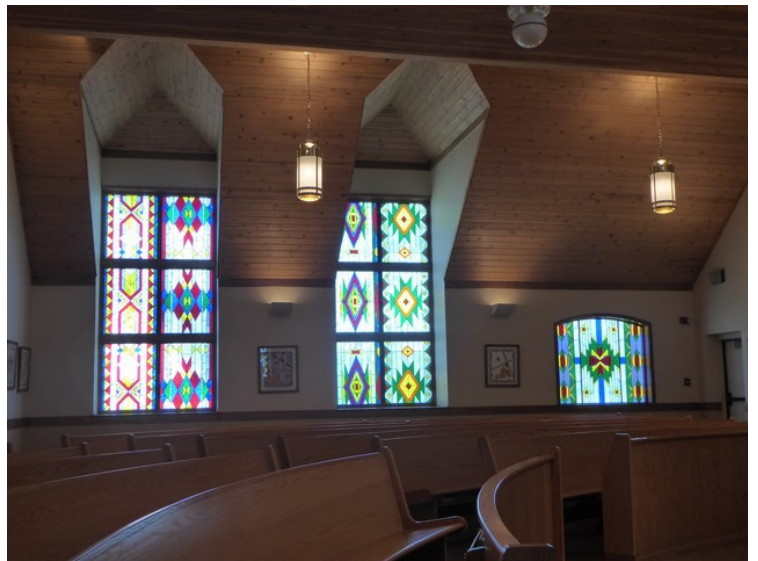


The church, Sacred Heart Church.

The church was founded in 1890. The first worship service was held in a warehouse. The first church was built in 1927. It burned in 1996. This one was built in 1972.



This guy is telling about the church.





This font was saved from the fire in the old church.



Finally we went up to the grave of [Red Cloud](#).



Here is the grave.



A picture of Red Cloud.



Then we ate lunch at a casino.



They had forgotten my food, so I had to ask for it many times. I did not get the food until everyone had eaten.



This is the casino. It is called [Prairie Wind Casino & Hotel](#).



After lunch we went to a place called [Wooded Knee](#).



On the way we drove past typical buildings in the reservation.



Then we are in [Wooded Knee](#), where there was a massacre in 1890. There is a graveyard on the hill. It was the last major skirmish between Indians and whites.



Where the bus stopped, there is a ruin of a building.



Buffalo Child wanted to carry out an Indian ceremony before we went up to the hill, but it was not everyone that would participate.



A memorial stands atop.



There is also a small church here on the hill.



There are also several other graves here.



Then we walk down again.



A sign for Wounded Knee.



These girls were curious about us.



Then the bus is ready to drive again.



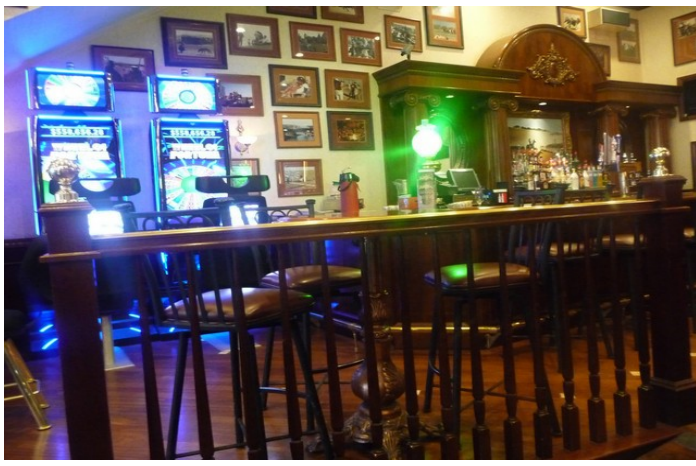
On the way back to Rapid City we drive through Badlands National Park.



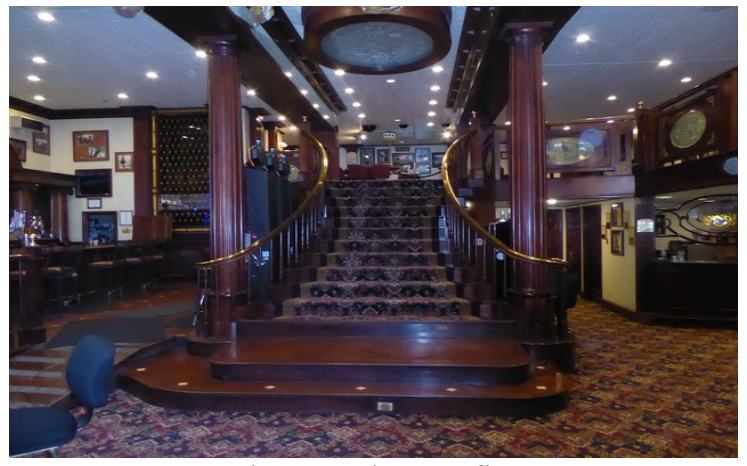
Day 5, June 2, we should have a long drive, with a few stops along the way. First stop is in [Deadwood](#). We were first recommended to go into [Midnight Star](#).



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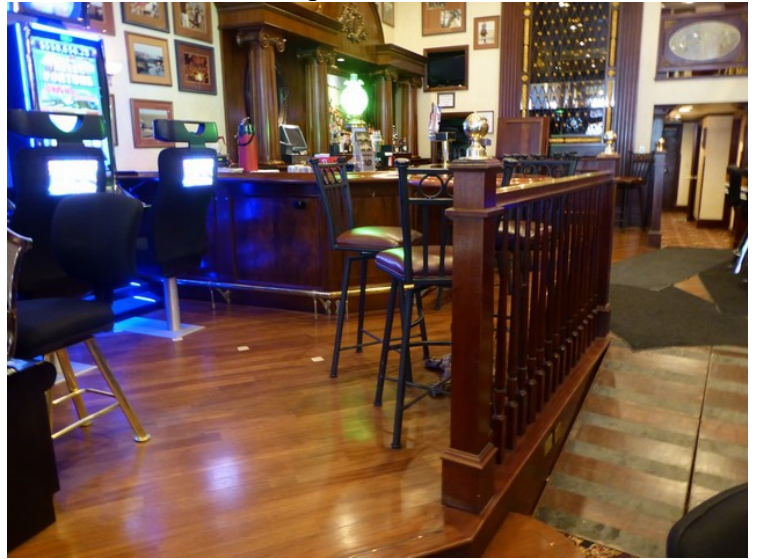
The bar downstairs.



Stairs up to the next floor.



Old pictures on the walls.



The bar upstairs.



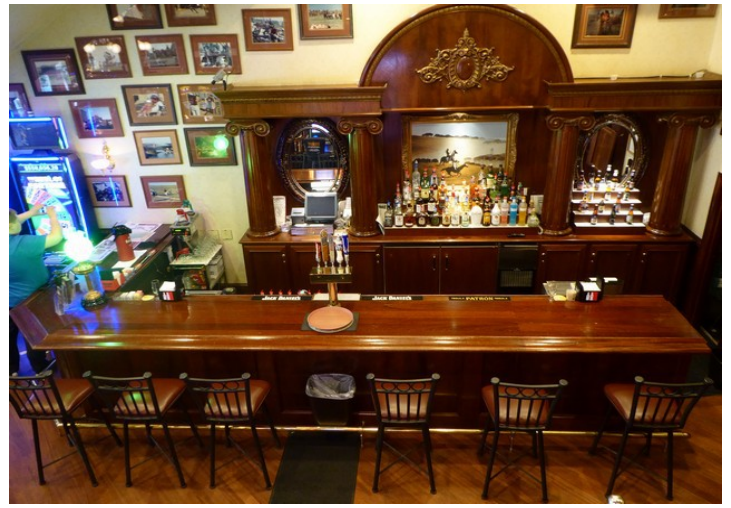
Kevin Kostner purchased this saloon, so I guess that is appropriate to have such posters on the wall.



I was there too.



Game tables.



Here we look down on the bar.



A close up of the bar.



Anne Berit was here too.



This is how it looked like on the outside.



Street picture.



Here we arrive at [Saloon no 10](#).



The bar.



I had a glass of local beer.



Sawdust on the floor.



Pictures of [Wild Bill Hickok](#), [Calamity Jane](#) og [Jack McCall](#).



This is the chair that Wild Bill Hickok sat in when he was [shot from behind](#) by Jack McCall.



The sign outside.



Next stop is at Devils Tower. This is a restaurant at the entrance to the area.





Some of the scenery as we drive upwards.



Here we see the mountain.



This is on the parking lot below the mountain.

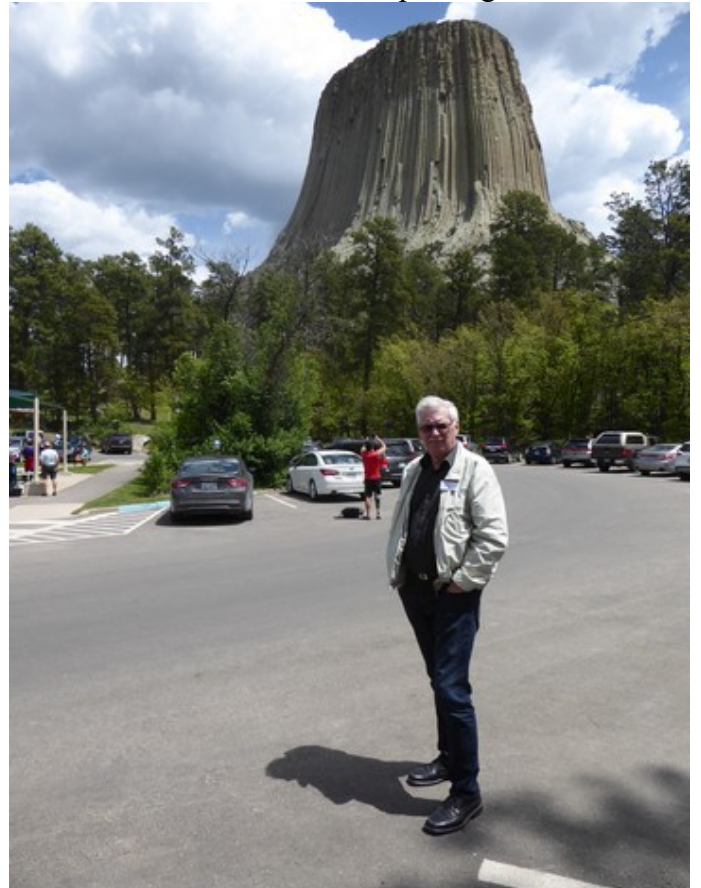


The view from the parking lot.



Devils Tower.

It is a lava column that came up to the surface 40 million years ago. Later, the looser materials surrounding the column eroded away so that the column is now standing alone. It was declared the first national monument in the United States in 1906. The mountain has been sacred to the Indians who have lived in the area, and there are many legends. Most of them involve a bear. One of the Indian names are bear tipi, and there are several similar names





A few more images of the mountain.



After we had been on the mountain, it was time for lunch. We ate at this outdoor garden. We got grilled chicken, potato salad and bread.



This is the main building.



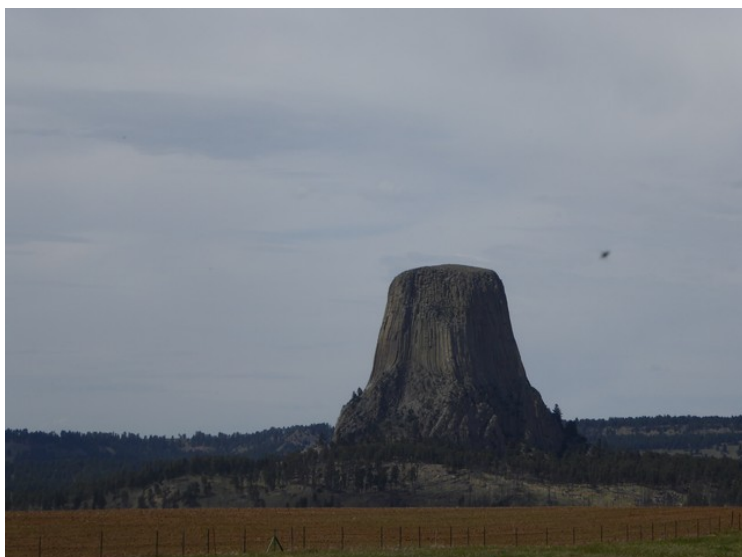
The view from where we ate.



The name of the restaurant and shop.



Wall decoration inside.



Distance picture of Devils Tower.



Buffalo Child talks of Devils Tower.



We continue driving past the oil wells of [Gillette](#), that call themselves the energy capital of the US. 35% of the coal consumption in the United States is provided from here.



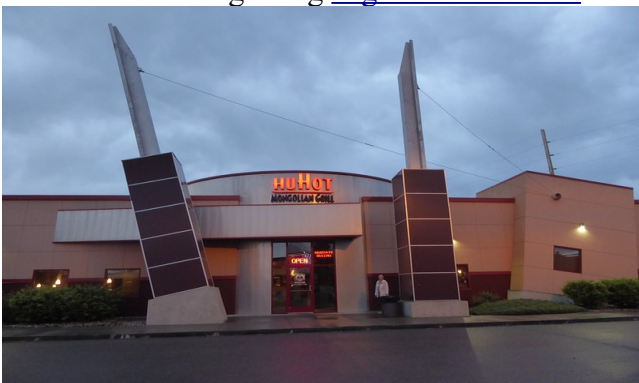
Here are also large coal deposits.



We are driving along [Bighorn Mountains](#).



We are going to stay in [Billings](#) for 3 nights. The hotel is called [SpringHill Suites](#).



There was an outing to a rodeo show. We did not want go. We went first and ate some on [HuHot](#), right next to the hotel, but was not happy with the place, so we went on.



We could choose food and have it cooked on HuHot.



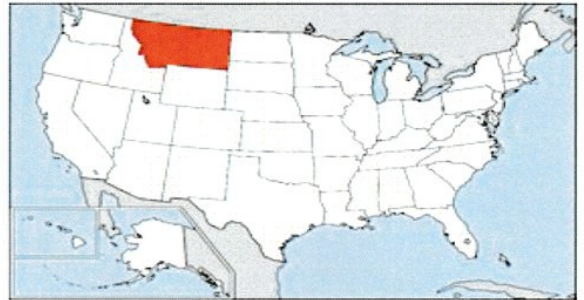
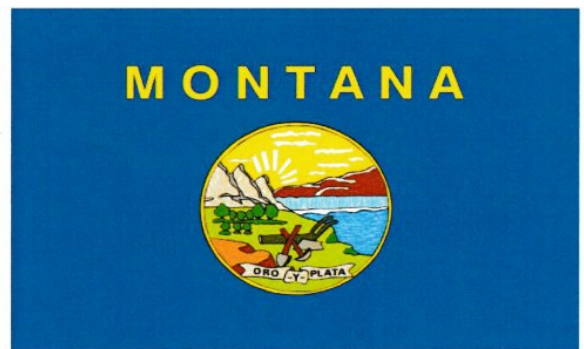
We walked a little further away in the street to [Outback Grillhouse](#). Here we got very good food.



I chose beef and Anne Berit a chicken soup.

Montana

Hovedstad: Helena
Største by: Billings
Areal: 380 838,07 km², nr 4
Befolkning: 989 415
Tetthet: 2,6 innb./km²
Kallenavn: The Treasure State
Tidssone: UTC -7/-6
Innlemmet: 1889, nr 41
Kjent for: Rocky Mountains
Forkortelse: MT



Montana er mest kjent for sin flotte natur, og den kjente fjellkjeden Rocky Mountains går igjennom den vestre delen av Montana. Høye og forholdsvis tørre sletter dominerer i østre Montana. Mye av Montanas landskap er preget av tidligere isbreer som har laget brede U-formede daler og forandret elveløpene. Både storfe og kornproduksjon er viktige næringer i Montana. Staten har store gårdsbruk, og er den tredje fremste hvete-staten, etter Nord-Dakota og Kansas.



 *Solgruppen* ★ amerikabussen

Kilde: Wikipedia

We are now in Montana.