we would secure the herd for the night. Most of the ranch boys had walked behind the herd, for nine to ten miles, fighting the dust and tired cattle all the way.

I expected that it would be a quiet group of exhausted ranch boys on the nine-mile bus ride back to the home ranch. Instead, I heard animated conversation about their varied experiences. They spoke of the merits or lack thereof for each horse they rode. Of course, they spoke of the pretty girls that smiled at them from the highway. One of the ranch boys said, "My left particular really hurts from all the riding." I said, "Your what hurts?" He replied, "My left particular. You know, pointing to the afflicted area. I've been trying to clean up my language." The entire group burst into laughter. This was one of those times when you would have to have been there to appreciate his comment and his discomfort. As I left the boys for the evening, I heard them begging for an extra hour or two of sleep, after their 16-hour workday.



The boys did get to sleep in a bit longer than usual, as they were not needed until the afternoon of day two of the drive. During the night, the herd had unexpectedly spread far and wide. As a result, the cowboys spent much of the morning rounding them up again. Shortly after noon, the boys arrived and we began moving the herd over the final nine-mile leg of the journey.

Some of the more tired calves would try to hide in the thick brush along the trail. A few just could go no further and had to be loaded on to the stock trailer. Regrettably, we lost one heifer calf from exhaustion because we did not find her soon enough to get her on the stock trailer, and we lost a cow who broke her leg and had to be put down.

The rest of the trail drive was relatively uneventful. The herd slowly meandered north. The ranch boys walked many of last nine miles, again eating dust, and were tired and relieved when the last of the herd entered the gate to the lush green pasture awaiting them.

For the cattle, the end of the drive must have seemed like heaven. For the cowboys, it was just another day on the ranch. For the Beartooth men, ranch boys and me it was the end of an adventure we will always remember.

I spoke to the ranch boys a couple of days after the drive and their only "complaint" was that the drive did not last long enough. They "cowboyed up", got the job done and had every reason to be proud of themselves. Each of them had their own stories to tell and will have much to write home about.

The Mt. Carmel Youth Ranch is a Catholic, Therapeutic Residential School and a non-profit organization, operated on a family owned ranch. At Mt Carmel Youth Ranch we utilizes authentic "cowboy" experiences as a means to heal the troubled and wounded youth with a truly Christian love that will exist within them. We hope that our family environment will help build the moral conscience of the boy and enable them to allow the light of Christ to thrive within them, as both a source of strength and of illumination in an age of such frightening confusion and depravation. We believe that the ranch activities that are included in our troubled teen program will educate the mind, strengthen the body, and elevate the spirit of your child. For more information, contact Mt. Carmel at 866-971-3322 or www.mtcyrprograms.com/index.php.

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Trails Carolina is thrilled to welcome Jeff Johnson to the team as Admissions Director. With nearly 25 years of experience, Jeff brings exceptional leadership and parent support to the admissions process. 828-885-5920

Paige Deffert has joined the Admissions Team at **Legacy Outdoor Adventures**. Paige served as Admissions Director for Passages To Recovery up until its closure in the summer of 2011. She recently moved back to Loa to join the Legacy team. 435-836-2272

Saving Teens In Crisis Collaborative posted their Annual Appeal to help raise funds to include long term placements for at least 10 more children. Your generous donation helps kids and their families get help and stay healthy and safe. 978-852-2144

Trails Carolina continues to pioneer the use of intentional family work with a recent addition to our program, called Family Graduation Camp. 828-885-5920

Rock Point School was recently highlighted in Vermont Magazine. 802-863-1104, x12

Northwest Academy's Brandi Elliott presented before an audience of addiction professionals who had gathered from around the country for a conference in Florida recently. 208-267-7522 x 4024

Equine Journeys (EJ) announced recently that they have made it to their one year mark and are still going strong. Equine Journeys is a licensed Residential Treatment Center for teens aged 13-18 as well as a licensed Residential Support program for young adults aged 18-30 located in Loa, Utah. 435-836-2535

Montcalm School is introducing many exciting additions to its programming and new staff include **Dr. Marcia Kent** and **Kevin Wing**. Montcalm is also expanding the boys' portion of Outside In, responding to a growing need for these services by increasing the capacity for boys with autism spectrum disorders. 269-339-2084

Saving Teens in Crisis Collaborative - STICC - posted the video for the 2012 Golf Outing. To view the outing, visit youtu.be/JFqy-eau4Cg. 978-852-2144

Shortridge Academy has forged a relationship with **OutcomeTools**, a new service that integrates with BestNotes and other electronic health record systems, to begin the implementation of a comprehensive, web-based, program evaluation. 877-903-8968

Four Circles Recovery Center was the featured treatment center on an episode of A&E's Intervention television show. 828-891-2221

Alicia Goldman, LCSW is pleased and excited to announce the opening of her private Educational Consulting practice based out of San Francisco, **ASG Consulting**. 415-680-7508

Solstice East welcomes **Kristina Urquhart**. As a trauma and loss trained board-certified art therapist, licensed professional counselor, certified level-1 yoga instructor and experienced horseman, Kristina brings a wealth of experience to our team. 828-484-9928

KW Legacy Ranch, a "therapeutic retreat" for families and an adolescent program for teens, celebrated their Grand Opening. 775-725-3900

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