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## *Holiday Greetings and Ranch News*

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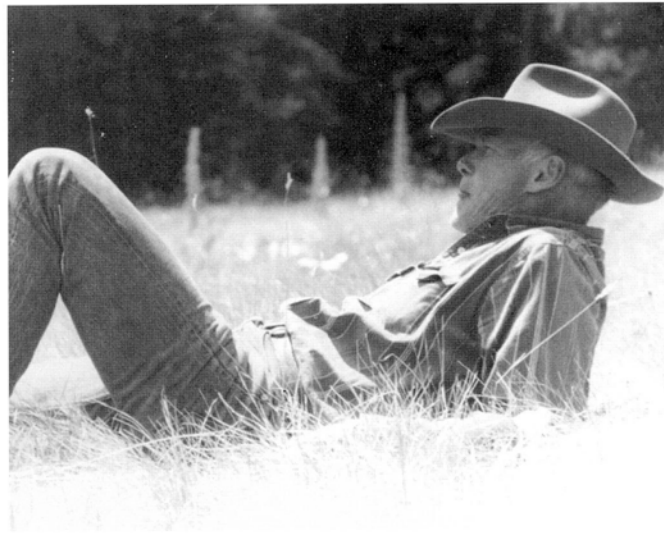


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*From Elk Creek Ranch  
and the  
Ridgway Family*





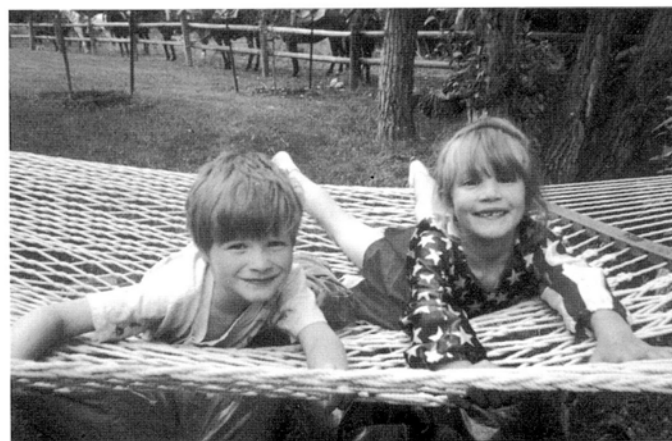
## *From the Family*

Harkening back to the 1960's and the family packtrips with Bob Adams, the clan organized an end-of-summer trip to Dead Indian Meadows. The horses, just back from Damnation Basin almost went on strike, but sixteen of us managed to make the trek. And we had the best of times. Betsy and Susan made sure that we enjoyed a bit richer diet than the normal packtrip—yes, we even took some wine! The fourth generation, Keenan and Sean, shared the adventure and offer the promise that the tradition, will continue long. Rob gave some fishing seminars, and Paul led a hike at a pace far slower than his usual mountain gait.

The education of the clan continues. Emily started her residency (in neurosurgery!) at NYU after graduating from Columbia Medical School last spring. Kyle is in her second year at Connecticut College and is continuing her three-sport tradition. In fact, Susan and Hap traveled south to Cambridge several Sundays ago to see Kyle in the Head of the Charles crew races. Rob is pursuing his masters degree at the University of Montana. Eli is in his second year at the San Francisco Art Institute. His crew of friends lived on a houseboat last year; some

say they had way too much fun. Abby is starting her first year at Dartmouth, following Chip and Eli. Melissa is gearing up for college, but is also having a great senior year at Berwick. Alyson is managing her three-season, two-hockey-team, athletic schedule and still staying ahead of her studies. Grant is having a great Eighth Grade year as he readies himself for the Upper School at Berwick.

The oldtimers are. . . getting old, but having a bit of fun along the way. Cliff and Betsy spent a month touring in France this fall. We understand they came back wine connoisseurs. Chip is having a batch of knee and shoulder problems, not unrelated to his football and tennis careers, but Francine and he are still developing the best flower gardens in all of Denver. Susan and Hap continue to hold down the fort at Berwick, but look forward to the time when changing pipes in the upper pasture will be their most pressing responsibility. Tina and Debbie, who sometimes think of themselves as oldtimers, continue to run the ranch so that the real oldtimers can have our fun.



*Sean and Keenan take a swing*

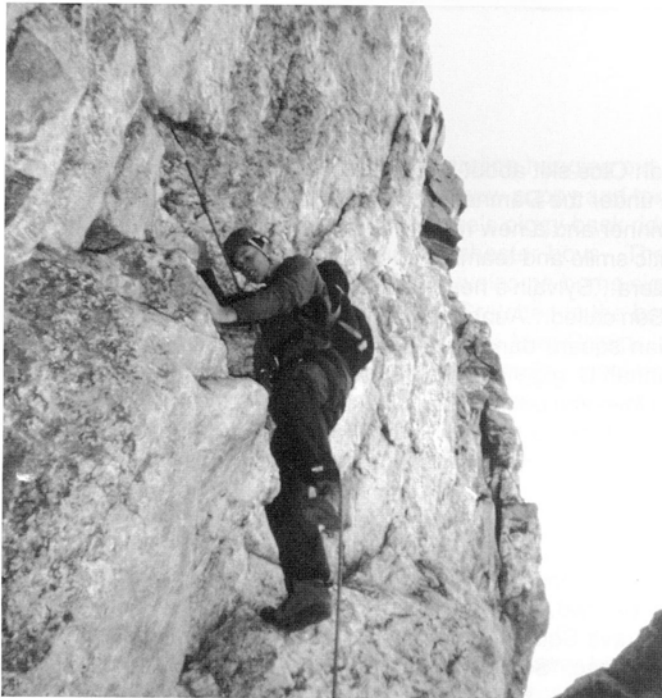


*Aly hopes rusty doesn't swing*



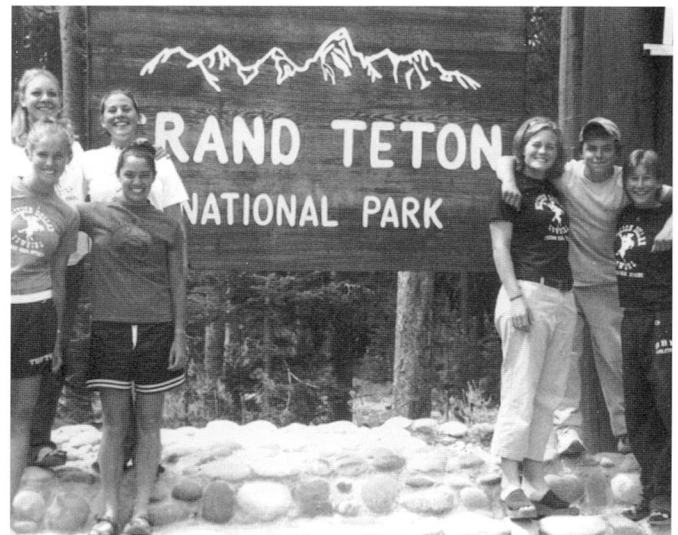
# Absaroka Trek 2001

- Day 1:** Leader of the Day-Carley. Starting from the North Fork. A hike up Moron Creek.
  - Day 2:** L.O.D.-Harry. To the top of Sleeping Giant. Tracking a bear along the way. Kate glicades head first into a stream.
  - Day 3:** L.O.D.-Kate. Up "Gosh darn it, we should not have come up here" Peak. Quick turn around back down to Moron Creek.
  - Day 4:** L.O.D.- Rob. Ravine traversing to Grinnel Meadows. Harry gets bucked off Thunder and gets his lightning scar. Hiking until past dark.
  - Day 5:** L.O.D.-Aly. Up Grinnel Meadows to "Cool Place". Lots of fresh bear scat. Hair washing and cookie dough. Rob goes blind. "Daddy, chopper now."
  - Day 6:** L.O.D.-Kate. On to Silvertip Basin. A little rest. "Kate...Kate." Kates failed ambush on Harry. Aly turns ill. Cornice jumping.
  - Day 7:** L.O.D.-Harry. Harry and his shovel lead us up to Stinking Water Peak. Mud glicading to Copper Lakes. Kate unveils her trick. Swimming with ice in Copper Lakes. A hike through a midget forest.
  - Day 8:** L.O.D.-Eli. RESUPPLY. Running down from Copper Lakes to meet the van. Greer must pay. Steak and Veggies. Yum!
  - Day 9:** L.O.D.-Rob. Up Gravelbar. All natural bug spray brings mosquitoes. Carley loses her chapstick. Slightly challenging down hill, all day hike to Dead Indian Peak.
  - Day 10:** L.O.D.-Kate. To the top of Dead Indian Peak. We befriend Mumford and the mountain sheep. On to Big Creek. Aly and Rob are under the weather.
  - Day 11:** L.O.D.-Harry. Big Creek to Damnation Basin. Kazoos are not edible. Carley gives Harry a well deserved fat lip. Swimming and Frizbee at the Damnation beach party.
  - Day 12:** SOLOS.
  - Day 13:** L.O.D.-Aly. Damnation to Trout Peak Basin. To the top of Trout Peak. Harry and Rob are unsuccessful in their attempts to get struck by lightning.
  - Day 14 & 15:** L.O.D. -Rob. Trout Peak Basin to Dead Indian Meadows and on to the ranch. Adventures in the creek bed. Hiking into the wee hours of the night.
- Last Leg: Beginners school. Harry finds one of his kind in Bryan Faughter.  
 Intermediate school: Waterfall on Aly's head.  
 The Grand Teton: Nature school on the way up. A baby bear sighting.

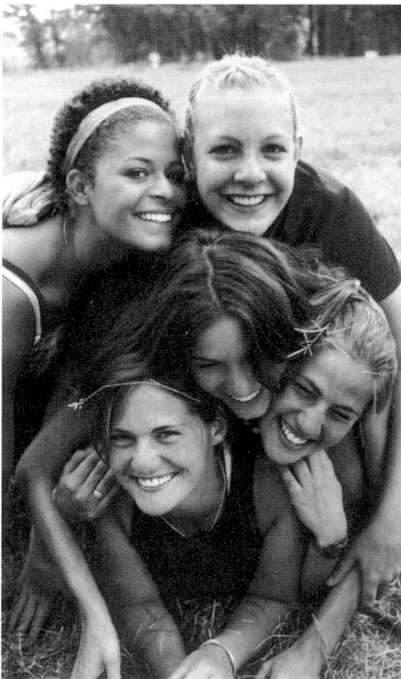


*Absaroka Trekkers: Carley Cassibry, Rob Loveland, Kate Skafidas, Eli Ridgway, Aly Ridgway, Harry Lodge*

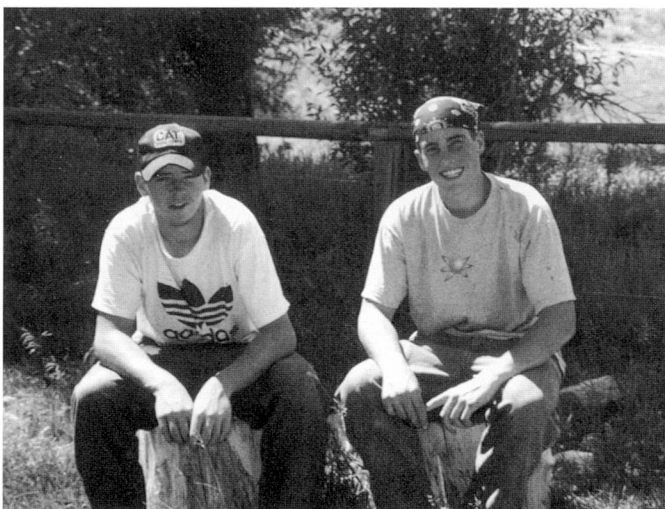




## *The Summer*



A ranch odyssey...Hannah Olds skit about Taj, "What is cooperation?"...Rebecca's snorting laughter...Dene under the Damnation Basin waterfall for twenty six seconds. A three-peat winner and a new record. Talk about a brain freeze!...Brittany's gigantic smile and teaming up with Emily P. for a pre-gymkhana cheer a la Christine Aguilera...Sylvain's head tucking technique...Gwen and the Skor bars...Liz Spence, Ben called...Aubry, do Ruffles really have Ridges?...Jamie's Russian square dancing...Pete as Destinys Child in the gymkhana...K.B. and Hannah B. giggling. Watch out for those pack trip puppies...Martin playing I love you baby, but I just can't smile...Lizzie playing telephone charades and cooking up some crazy dance moves...Jenna's square dance enthusiasm... William breaking the bucket and losing to Charlotte in rocket bucket...Emily N. and Amy as Chewbacca and Princess Leia...Rob L. memorizing the Spice Girls...Louis lip ailments and tall tales. Anandabearagozti...Rachel, cry baby and lashy Italian...Liam in leopard pants and doing the chicken dance...Gretchen, the burrito eating queen. Tell us about the waiter on the back pack...Rob B., diesel number two. Get em brum-brah...Capri chaps...Social irrigation and the Buffalo Brava Squad...Joanna's Harry Potter costume...Kate's dance in the Trekker skit...Isaac, "So how are you doing?"...Hannah Bogen, tell us about jello wrestling in Salt Lake...Jamie's day with spiked hair...Dress up dances and the outfits that go with them...Kate, monitor your thoughts...Kelly and the



*Liam and Louis solving the problems of the world*

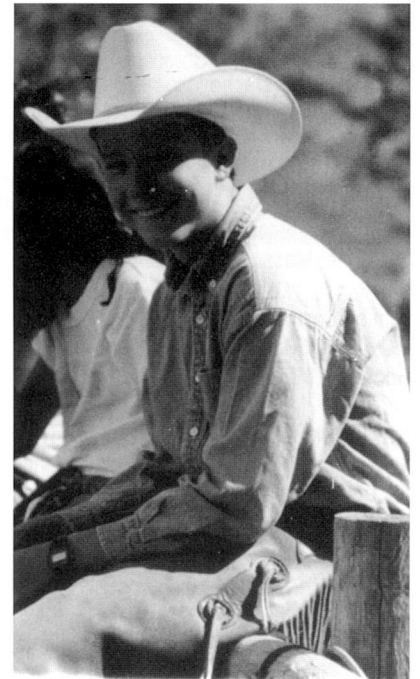


*Aly and Sarah bring some "Berwick Blue" to Elk Creek as Blue Girl Group*

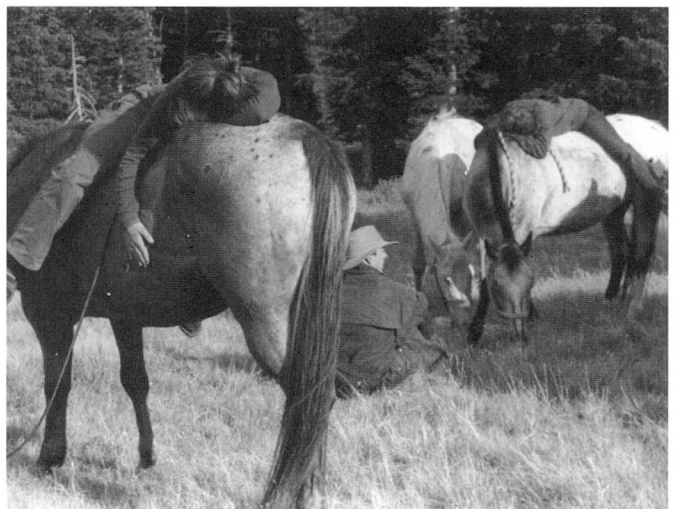


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brownie marathon...The black cloud...Caroline hanging out in the van during the caravan...Grant being everyones favorite new puppy and taking his first walk...Madam Lilly the fortune teller...Cece's piggy-back rides through the sprinklers...The gaseous stick...The Winchester boys...The clothesline hanging outside Kyle and Carley's cabin. What a welcome home sign...Linda Starr, the new kill the carrier queen...Dookie being Gretchen in the boys skit...Madi, tell us about Jackie's house...Sarah and Aly as Blue Man Group...Julie, the queen of spades and being Debbie's menace...The founding mothers of F.O.P.P.- Friends of the Picket Pens...Hannah Brennan, can you keep a secret...Weenessy...Spying and the duck commander...Harry's jet propulsion...Lala and Diana chasing the steer...Horse tails and horse hair hanging on the pack trip...Can you define jet puff?...Puney Bugni...The cricket invasion in Melissa's bed... Pinky swears...I'm tired Amarillo...Run, Steve, run...Quincy's haying outfits, flip-flops and tank tops...The summer of the super soaker...Wilderness first aid water ambush...The fire evacuation sign...Cheetah power...Katrina's new instrument, the mandillin...Bree-ha-ha...The missing saddles mystery...Sherri's eggs...Jeff's encounter with a grizzly bear...The golden garment...Eli and Carley, do we have to write another letter...Stand Up Eight...The sings will never be the same... You be illin and La Pasta...Josh, Tony and Mike...Would we call their names out loud?.....We suppose we would.



*Snooze time for Rob and Daisy*



*Sleep and eat time in Damnation Basin*

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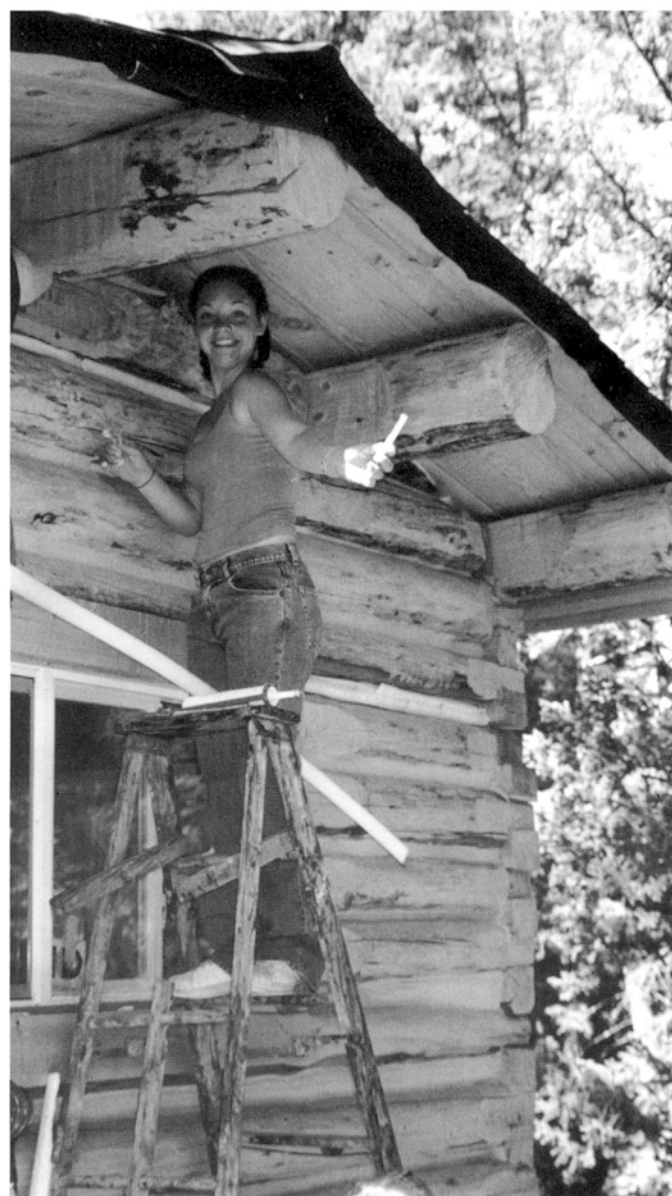
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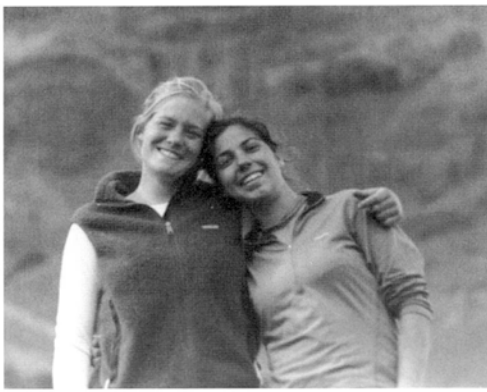
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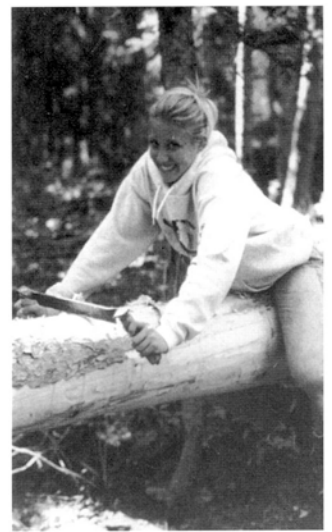
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God bless thy year  
 Thy coming in,  
 Thy going out,  
 Thy rest, thy traveling about.  
 The rough, the smooth,  
 The bright, and dread.  
 God bless thy year!



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