from the U. of NC, has attended the Substance Abuse Treatment Training Institute; the North Carolina Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies and holds a BA in Spanish.

Aspen Achievement Parenting Class
(July 19, 2007) Kristen L. Hayes, Communications Manager for Aspen Education Group, Cerritos, CA, 562-467-5531, announced Aspen Achievement Academy now offers live online parenting classes that teach parent's skills they can apply to their child enrolled in the Aspen program.

Family Foundation School Graduates 41
(July 19, 2007) Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist for the Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that 41 seniors graduated from the school on June 23, 2007. Each of the students received two diplomas: one from New York State for successful completion of the high school curriculum, and a second from The Family Foundation School for successful completion of the school's character education program. Each graduate has been accepted to a community college, four-year college, or university.

Natsap Principles Of Good Practice Summit
(July 20, 2007) Jan Moss, Executive Director of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), 928-443-9505, announced NATSAP will hold a Principles of Good Practice Summit, in September 2007, to review the Principles of Good Practice, the Supplemental Principles of Good Practice and the recently developed Principles of Good Practice for Small Residential Programs. The existing Principles will be reviewed to ensure they continue to clearly address the best practices set forth by NATSAP.

North Idaho And Montana Tours Offered
(July 20, 2007) Kay C. Ford, Owner of CKC Consultant Tour Services, Crozier, VA, 804-784-3037, announced CKC Tours has put together a three-day tour of programs in the North Idaho/ Montana area the 10-12 of September. If you want more information or are interested in joining Judge Mason on this tour, please call Kay. Optional touring on Thursday the 13th may be arranged as schedules allow.

Brehm Preparatory School Celebrates 25 Years
(July 20, 2007) Donna Collins, Director of Admissions for Brehm Preparatory School, Carbondale, IL, 618-457-0371, announced Brehm Preparatory School will celebrate 25 years of success with several activities including an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, August 14, 2007. For more information about all the activities, contact the Admissions Department.

AMATS Executive Committee Formed Standards Adopted
(July 20, 2007) Jeff Johnson, Executive Director of the Association of Mediation and Transport Services (AMATS), 435-491-0398, announced AMATS elected an Executive Committee from the nine provisional members of the recently formed organization. Committee members are Cathy Villines of Center for Safe Youth, Bill Lane of Bill Lane and Associates, and Brian Shepherd of Right Directions. In addition to the executive committee, the nine provisional members include Adolescent Guidance Services, Journeys Adolescent Services, Safeguard Adolescent Services, Traverse Youth Transport, Youth Transportation Services, and Westshield Adolescent Services. In addition, Jeff announced AMATS has created and approved their "Outline of AMATS Standards".

New Stone Mountain Executive Director
(July 20, 2007) Paige Thomas, Admissions at Stone Mountain School, Black Mountain, NC, 888-631-5994, announced the new Executive Director of Stone Mountain School is Susan Hardy. Susan was formerly the Executive Director of Adirondack Leadership Expeditions, a therapeutic wilderness program New York. She has worked in the therapeutic education industry for over 17 years.

KGS Seeks New Admissions/ Marketing Director
(July 20, 2007) Karen Fitzhugh, PhD, Head of School for King George School, Sutton, VT, 800-218-5122, announced King George School is searching for a seasoned professional with private, therapeutic industry experience to direct admissions and marketing activities.

I get the feeling that most media in the country are on a search to show the unconventional is the norm and have unlimited capacity to find experts somewhere who will say just about anything, especially if it seems to make no common sense.

~ Michael Levine