has been with Turn-About Ranch for 15 years, and is a licensed school counselor and earned his Master's degree at Utah State University. He also has an Administrative Endorsement from Southern Utah University. Chris first started at Turn-About in 1997 as a Primary Counselor and worked in that capacity until Turn-About started a school program in 2004. Chris developed the school program and worked arduously to ensure it became accredited. The academic program at Turn-About has since earned a reputation for producing excellent results as they assist students in meeting the requirements for high school graduation. Chris also assumed the role of Program Director during his early years at Turn-About and was able to oversee the day-to-day operations of the ranch while simultaneously performing his other duties. Becky has been employed with Aspen for 16. Becky Brown spent several years with the Wayne County School District Special Education Department before joining Aspen Ranch in 1996. While at Aspen Ranch, she worked closely with referring professionals, fostering lasting relationships. Becky earned recognition for her hard work including Aspen's Customer Service Award and Employee of the Year Award. She also developed successful marketing plans, and assisted in securing special funding and SEVIS accreditation through the Department of Homeland Security to host international students. In addition to her admissions and marketing responsibilities, she was responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations of Aspen Ranch as part of the management team. 800-842-1165

Chapel Haven Celebrates 40 Years: Chapel Haven is very proud to announce that 2012 marks their 40th year helping adults with cognitive disabilities, Asperger Syndrome and those on the autism spectrum with three distinct programs: REACH (New Haven), the Asperger Syndrome Adult Transition Program (New Haven) and Chapel Haven West (Tucson, AZ). 203-397-1714 x 148

Spectrum College Offers Summer Sample: Spectrum College Transition Program is offering a Summer Social Program for students, age 17-24 years old who present with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, Executive Function deficits or High Functioning Autism. The focus of this summer program is to give students a two-week snap shot at how it feels to live away from home; experience social activities that they may not normally attempt; and tour various college campuses. 480-443-7331

Parent Choices Hosts Seymour: Kristi Seymour, a certified Clinical and EAGALA therapist, was recently a guest on Parent Choices. Lon asked Kristi - Do horses really know what you are thinking? Her immediate answer was yes. They (the horses) read our body language and are very intuitive.

Moriarty Joins Sober College: Sober College has always worked to bridge the gap between addictive behaviors and addiction in the brain. We are excited to announce that Dr. Therese Moriarty, Neuropsychologist, has joined the Sober College Clinical Team. As part of the development of each student's individualized treatment plan, Dr. Moriarty will conduct the intake neuropsychological assessments with all Sober College students. Her experience in the field of Neuropsychology and Addiction makes her an integral part of Sober College's dual-diagnosis treatment model. 818-274-0304 x 107

Dennison Announced Head Master of Greenbrier: Dr. Mark Dennison was announced as the new Headmaster of Greenbrier Academy. He has earned PhDs in both Counseling and Clinical Psychology and has many years of experience in school leadership and administration in both public and private schools. For the past year Dr. Dennison has been deeply involved in both the therapeutic department of Greenbrier Academy as a therapist and later in the academic department as Academic Director. Under his direction the academic department has expanded to encompass college credit courses, a wider variety of subject matter, a more rigorous curriculum and higher scores on achievement tests. 877-788-8422

O'Connor Professional Group Opens: O'Connor Professional Group is a new private pay consulting business that opened in New England, dedicated to serving families with behavioral health issues, including addiction, mental illness and eating disorders. 617-910-3040 x 301

E. Gordon Associates Relocate: Liz Gordon, founder and director of E. Gordon Associates, Inc, is pleased to announce that she and her husband, Jim, have re-located their educational consulting business to Wisconsin. Liz is well known for her educational consulting expertise for many years in Michigan and Florida, specializing in clients with emotional and behavioral disorders. 248-762-8679

Ashcreek Ranch Academy To Open: Ashcreek Ranch Academy, a Residential Treatment Center for adolescent boys, specializing in Substance Abuse and other Addictive Problems, opens March 2012. Drawing on their vast experience in operating highly successful residential treatment programs in the past, Tammy Behrmann and Darren Prince have created a unique treatment environment, integrating clinical milieu, academic, horsemanship, spiritual and recreational/ activity program components. 435-215-0500

Message From John Dewey Academy: As 2012 begins, Ken Steiner, Head of School at the John Dewey Academy shared news from the Castle. In 2011, the first priority was to increase our census while maintaining high standards and high expectations for our students. Despite challenges, census of students increased by 50%. In addition, Dr. R. Joseph Hoffman has joined JDA as history teacher and chair of the Social Sciences Department, replacing Michael Sletcher who left for a position at Stanford University. Joe has a BA and MA from Florida State, two Master's degrees from Harvard, and a PhD from the University of Oxford. 413-528-9800

White Publishes History Of Wilderness: Dr. Will White, Co-founder of Summit Achievement in Stow, ME, has completed a four year research study on the history of wilderness/ adventure therapy. White's doctoral dissertation is titled, "Stories from the Elders: Chronicles and Narratives of the Early Years of Wilderness Therapy." The completed doctoral dissertation will be available for download on Proquest and other academic research websites in March. He will be speaking on the evolution of wilderness therapy on Parent Choices in April. 207-697-2020

Condolences To Spires Family: It is with deep sadness that we send our hearts and prayers to Jeanette Spires (and family) for the loss of her husband James.

Family Foundation Introduces The Bridge Program: The Family Foundation School opened an on-campus fifth-year program in January for students age 18-20 in need of social and/ or academic support in transitioning to college. "The Bridge" is an integrated program consisting of the 12-Steps, individual and family counseling, and an extensive academic component that includes accredited college courses on and/ or off campus through Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY; independent living off campus or in a collegiate wing on the FFS campus; work-study employment opportunities; and access to many FFS extracurricular offerings including music, art and outdoor programs. 845-887-5213 x 465

Little Keswick Welcomes Barter To Staff: At Little Keswick School, teaching is not just what happens in the classroom. Sometimes boys need to learn outside the box. Little Keswick School is honored ot announce the newest staff member, Barter, a facility assistance dog! After over a year of applications and interviews, the school has been awarded the opportunity to receive a facility dog for the school through a nonprofit organization, Canine Companions for Independence. This organization enhances the lives of people by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. These dogs are specifically trained to work with people with attachment issues, difficulty with verbal interactions, and a variety of other issues the students at Little Keswick School work on. 424-295-0457

Monroe Joins Discovery Ranch: Clinton Dorny, Executive Director of Discovery Ranch announced Lexi Monroe has joined the therapy team at Discovery Ranch. Lexi's expertise working with girls who are victims of trauma and abuse adds a new depth to the clinical team. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and LSAC trained. In addition to abuse and trauma, Lexi has experience treating issues of attachment, adoption, identity and substance abuse. 801-489-3311

Parent Choices Hosts Elaine Williams: "The number of grandparents raising their grandchildren in this country today has more than doubled in the last ten years," shared Elaine Williams, guest on Parent Choices, "and grandparents sacrifice so much, to be able to give their grandchildren a stable home, often giving up their dreams and struggling with a lack of resources and support." Elaine Williams has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and has spent her career working with children, adolescents, and older adults. She is the author of the book The Sacred Work of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren published in 2011. 248-396-5735

Tomes Executive Director of Asheville Academy: Asheville Academy for Girls, a therapeutic boarding school for girls' ages 10 to 14 located outside of Asheville, NC, is excited to announce Bryan Tomes as Executive Director. Tomes, who has been serving as Head of School since the Academy's opening in early December, will continue to provide oversight, guidance, and mentoring to Asheville's team, while further growing and developing a comprehensive curriculum that provides the highest quality services to girls and their families. Bryan received formal training from the University of South Carolina Columbia in the area of secondary education. He also received training in secondary education from Mars Hill College. Recently, he has been studying with Western Carolina University on program leadership with an emphasis on alternative education. 828-484-9946

Levin Joins Prakash Ellenhorn Mental Health Program: Ed Levin, who for 28 years handled outreach and referrals at Spruce Mountain Inn (VT) residential mental health facility, is using his marketing expertise to raise the profile of Prakash Ellenhorn, a private, primarily non-residential treatment program offering clients a multidisciplinary, highly individualized team approach as a proven-effective alternative to residential or hospital programs. 802-922-3048

Rosecrance Celebrates Role of Art Therapy in Treatment: Patients receiving inpatient treatment at Rosecrance's adult campus on Harrison Avenue worked on their own recovery while reaching out to thank veterans who otherwise might be forgotten on Valentine's Day. Students and staff worked hard to produce over 120 hand-made cards. 815-387-5605

Parent Choices Hosts Krehbiel: Lon interviewed James Krehbiel, author of "Troubled Childhood, Triumphant Life: Healing from the Battle Scars of Youth." After working in schools as a guidance counselor and teacher for over 30 years, James changed direction of his course, became a therapist and soon noticed that his adult clients "felt stuck and were haunted by past behaviors, whereas old patterns and scripts from childhood were coming into play in their own parenting strategies." 480-664-6665

Next Step for Success Changes Name To Parent Coach Professionals: Barbara Cass and Vicki Jones, owners of Next Step for Success, are excited to announce a new name for their parent coaching business - Parent Coach Professionals. 530-836-1980

Shortridge Academy Welcomes Langevin To Clinical Team: The Shortridge Academy Counseling Services team is pleased to announce the addition of Cara Langevin to the professional staff of the school. Cara has a B.A. in Social Work from the University of New Hampshire and a dual M.A. in Expressive Therapies and Mental Health Counseling, Art Therapy Specialization from Lesley University, Cambridge MA. Cara is close to completing the requirements for Master's level LADC license as well. 877-903-8968

InnerRoads Wilderness Program Expands: InnerRoads Wilderness Program, a program of the Youth Homes, has released dates for their upcoming expeditions. Expeditions will run April 6 - May 18 for the Spring Expedition, June 15 - July 27 for Summer Expedition, and October 5 - November 16 for the Fall Expedition. A new Adventure Trip is currently scheduled for August 8 - August 18. For more information, contact Amy Schaer. 406-541-1652

Little Keswick School Honored by VAISEF: Little Keswick School is proud to announce they have been honored for their commitment to the high quality of service they provide with an inaugural 'Partlow Insurance Best Practice Award', which is given by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Facilities (VAISEF). 434-295-0457

Expedition Therapy Welcomes Peyton As Primary Therapist: R. Michael Peyton has joined Expedition Therapy as Primary Therapist. Mike received a B.S. Degree in Psychology, followed by a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, both from Michigan State University. He has been designated as an Approved Supervisor for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, training new therapists in their profession. Mike's clinical foundation includes strategic family therapy formulated by Jay Haley and Cloe Madanes. He draws from twenty years of working with parents and their children, in addition to his twenty-seven years of experience as a husband and co-parent of five children, to bring relief to his clients, identifying the core values and needs of family members. 435-899-9115

Venable Named Head of New Family Center: Cherokee Creek Boys School is pleased to announce launch of the Cherokee Creek Family Center. This new department will be headed by Beth Venable. Beth was selected because of her excellent experiential education and program development background and deep interest in family-centered healing. She was the founder of our weekend CCBS Treks program for students and the Family Treks program for our parents and siblings. She will continue to manage marketing and communications duties during the startup of the department. Once the Center is fully up and running, marketing and communications will be assigned elsewhere within the organization. 864-647-1885

Smithson Joins Summit Prep: Summit Prep is pleased to announce the welcome addition of Sara Smithson, LMSW to the Summit Prep clinical team. Sara received her LMSW in Social Work from the state of Georgia, her MSW from Smith College School for Social Work and a BA in English from Vassar College. 406-261-9437

Conference Calendar ~ April 2012

April 12-15: AEE Northeast Region Conference, Woodstock, CT, www.aee.org

April 13-15: AEE Northwest Region Conference, Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, www.aee.org

April 12-14: Level 1 Equine Training, Orange, CA, www.newport-academy.com

April 16-19: Therapeutic Business Administrators' Conference, Snowbird, UT, www.tba-services.com

April 19-21: 10th National Conference on Adolescents and Young Adults, Las Vegas, NV, www.usjt.com

April 19-22: 4th Adventure Therapy Best Practices Conference, Mayer, AZ, www.aee.org

April 20-22: AEE Southeast Region Conference, Hendersonville, NC, www.aee.org

April 30-May 3: 26th National Conference on The Self & The Family, Santa Fe, NM, www.usjt.com