National Forest. The experience involved experiential activities including studying the remains of a huge avalanche that the trainers had set off the day before the students' arrival. Students also gained skills in understanding and managing risk, using sound judgment, and rational decision-making. They also learned about snow stability factors, group self-rescue, terrain observations, operational decision-making, backcountry travel and route finding. 503-394-4394

Lead - Influence - Changes At Linden Hill School: Headmaster Jim McDaniel announced Dr. Mark Jackson as the new Assistant Headmaster. Dr. Jackson will oversee operations, assessment and curriculum revision, and partner with Mr. McDaniel and Mr. David J. Tuttle, Associate Headmaster to direct the most rigorous, creative and influential strategic plan ever seen by the LHS community. In addition, Stephanie Daniels joined LHS in April as Director of Admissions. Stephanie recently worked at the Glenholme School for 12 years in a variety of professional roles, most recently as Associate Director of Admissions. 413-498-2907

Bryan Lepinske Joins Elements Wilderness: Elements Wilderness Program is excited to announce the addition of Bryan Lepinske, LCSW to our clinical team. Bryan joins us with over eleven years of experience in working with at-risk adolescents and their families, having served for the past seven of those years as a clinician at such programs as Second Nature Uintas and Vista Treatment Centers. His unrelenting passion for wilderness therapy and his multidisciplinary approach to treating families in this context will surely be an asset to our program. 801-505-8481

New Additions to the Lake House Academy Team: Please join the Lake House staff in welcoming both Carl Cunningham and Gayle Oslund to the LHA Team. Carl's teaching experience includes work exclusively with "at-risk" students in a variety of educational settings, including Chicago Public Schools, the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. This experience has sharpened Carl's ability to connect with those who have learning differences, those, whose academics are compromised because of trauma and addictions in their families, those who have been marginalized at school and others who have lost their belief in their potential. Carl received his bachelor's degree (summa cum laude/Phi Beta Kappa) in the Teaching of English from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is now pursuing a master's degree in Instructional Technology from North Carolina State University. Gayle Oslund, RN has also joined the team at Lake House Academy. Gayle has over twenty-five years of professional work in pediatrics, neurology, orthopedics and even geriatrics who has the diagnostic instincts and care skills of a pro with the versatility of a veteran health care professional. 828-355-4595 ext. 8001

Shortridge Academy Announced Scholarship: Shortridge Academy announced the establishment of its inaugural Merit Scholarship Program for the Arts. Beginning in April 2012, the program is open to new female applicants who demonstrate excellence in, and passion for, artistic endeavors that can be supported by the Shortridge Academy Program. Awards will be offered in the form of reduced tuition for their stay at Shortridge, subject to maintaining a 3.0 GPA. 877-903-8968

Cashman Joins Stonegate at Rushford: Laura Cashman comes to Stonegate with a background in Admissions, working with referral sources and families. She will step in for Rhonda Papallo who was promoted to H3W Facilitator. 860-349-2043

New Integrated Website For Penrith Farms: Penrith Farms Young Adult Program launched their new website. The website has been modernized and made much more dynamic with an integrated Facebook feed so visitors can see what's new at Penrith on a daily basis. The site is also much more user friendly than before and easier to navigate. 509-447-0665

OSU-Cascades and Northwest Regional NATSAP Collaborate: The Northwest Regional NATSAP Conference in Bend, OR was a success, with the Conference Theme of "Collaboration." NW NATSAP Board Members partnered with Daniel Stroud, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Coordinator of the Oregon State University - Cascades Campus (OSU-Cascades) to enhance the experience of the attendees. Chesley Strowd: 800-910-0412 | Michael Griffin: 541-3822-1620

Fire Mountain Boys Learn to Serve: The boys at Fire Mountain recently volunteered to serve 100 men at the Mason's Lodge in Boulder, CO. In exchange for what turned out to be a stellar effort, the boys received copious complements and positive feedback from the men in attendance; and, perhaps something more valuable to them, a bit of job training. 303-443-3343

Dr. Foster Cline Presents "Love and Logic" to Boulder Creek Parents: Boulder Creek Academy welcomed Dr. Foster Cline, Co-Founder of the Love & Logic Institute, as keynote speaker for the school's Spring Parent Conference & Visit Weekend. This was part two of Dr. Cline's recent partnership with Boulder Creek, providing both staff and families with a common language for communicating with adolescents. Dr Cline's presentation, "Parenting With Love & Logic" examined ways of working with children in a manner that reduces conflict and rebellion. 208-946-0275

Cherokee Creek Receives Re-Accreditation With High Commendations: Cherokee Creek Boys School is proud to announce the full re-accreditation of its program for another five years. Three expert educators, members of the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Team of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), recommended another 5 years accreditation after visiting our campus at the end of February. During their visit the QAR Team spent 3 days reviewing over 1000 pages of documentation, observing classes, and interviewing our staff, students, parents, and board members. 864-647-1885

Vasquez-Guzman Assumes Education Role With IECA: The Independent Educational Consultant Association is thrilled to announce Valerie Vasquez-Guzman has joined the education department. Valerie has worked in the private business, government and non-profit sectors, including time as Global Learning Director for Entrepreneur's Organization (EO). Her complete bio will appear in the upcoming issue of Insights. 703-591-4850

Parent Choices Hosts Brownstein and Sklarow: "Professionals: A Matter of Public Trust" April 2, 2012 on "Parent Choices for Struggling Teens", guests included leaders from professional associations in the network of private, parent choice schools, programs and services. Cliff Brownstein, Executive Director of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools And Programs (NATSAP), and Mark Sklarow, Executive Director of the Independent Educational Consultant Association (IECA), joined Lon Woodbury to discuss the term "professionalism" in the network representing families with children struggling with emotional, behavioral and learning problems. The term "professional" has come into question recently, often due to those in the public eye who have acted unethically. So the first question asked for the guests' professional opinion of the definition of "a professional." Both Cliff and Mark agreed stated that a professional puts the needs of the client first. Cliff: 301-986-8770 | Mark: 703-591-4850 ext. 12

Parent Choices Hosts Corabi and Schrom: "Second Chance for Underachieving Boys" On Parent Choices for Struggling Teens, the guests included Sam Corabi, Director of Admissions for Grand River Academy in Ohio and John Schrom, Founder of Schrom Boy's Home in Idaho. Together they joined Lon Woodbury in discussing how today's young men are lacking direction, feeling unconnected, working below their potential in school and needing a second chance at success. Sam: 440-275-2811 | John: 208-267-6569

CONFERENCE CALENDAR ~ JUNE 2012

June 6-9: AFCC 49th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, www.afccnet.org

June 7-9: 6th Annual Eating Disorder Conference: Clinical Recipes for Success, Los Vegas, NV, www.BFIsummit.com

June 9-12: National CASA Conference, Washington, DC, www.casaforchildren.org

June 23-26: Annual Conference ASCA, Minneapolis, MN, www.schoolcounselor.org

June 27-30: NAMI Convention, Seattle, WA, www.nami.org

June 28-30: Level I Equine Training Workshop, Orange, CA, www.newport-academy.com