Monarch Transitions Now Open: Michelle and Patrick McKenna, founders of Monarch School and Monarch Transitions, are really excited to share that Monarch Transitions is now open. Monarch transitions offers additional support for graduates from Monarch, other programs or young adults transitioning from home to college to practice skills they've learned to live independently in a larger community. 406-847-5095

Ashcreek Ranch Recommended For Full Accreditation: Ashcreek Ranch Academy was recently recommended to the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) as a candidate for accreditation, the first hurdle in the process toward full accreditation. Mr. Rob Stillwell, a representative of the Utah State Office of Education accreditation committee, announced his positive findings to the staff at ARA after determining the school's accreditation readiness. 435-215-0500

Rainer Admissions and Marketing Coordinator At Shortridge: Shortridge Academy owner and co-founder, Katie Rainer has recently moved into admissions and marketing position. Since Shortridge opened its doors in November of 2002, Katie has been working within the milieu as a residential staff, overseeing off-campus activities and special programming for female students. Starting this month, Katie will be supporting the admissions and marketing functions assisting Don Vardell with parent and referral source tours, marketing events and communications support. 877-903-8968

Redemption Christian Academy Expands To Linden Hill Campus: Redemption Christian Academy has been in search of a rural campus for expansion of our successful boarding program. We are excited to announce that Redemption Christian Academy is presently contracted to purchase the former Linden Hill School, recently closed in June. 518-272-6679

Chaddock Featured On Illinois Stories: Chaddock was featured on the Emmy award winning series Illinois Stories on Thursday, December 6, 2012. Host Mark McDonald was on campus and conducted several interviews with Chaddock staff and parents including President/CEO Debbie Reed. 217-222-0034 ext 324

CooperRiis Welcomes Dr. Caston To Clinical Team: CooperRiis Healing Community welcomes new Psychiatrist J. Christopher Caston, MD - Expert and Dedicated Member of our Clinical Services Team. Dr. Caston is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and is licensed in both North and South Carolina. He has an extensive knowledge and background in bio-chemistry, including presenting papers at international research conferences. 800-957-5155

Whetstone Academy Names Advisory Board Chair: As Whetstone continues to march through its second year of operation, it is pleased to announce the formation of an Advisory Board.This Board will be chaired by Mr. Todd W. Singer, father of Whetstone Academy's first graduate. 864-638-6005

Mlinarik Leads Trek With Treehouse Learning Community: Kim Mlinarik and Eric Fulgenzi in conjunction with Treehouse Learning Community, took a group of young adults to Costa Rica. 208-352-2242

Youth Care Welcomes Falatea As Admissions Director: Youth Care is excited to announce the appointment of Charles Falatea as the new Admissions Director. Charlie has been working in the mental health field for over nine years. He has held various positions in his career ranging from Residential Counselor, Shift leader, Positive Control Systems Trainer and Residential Supervisor. He has been employed with Youth Care since 2005 and has emerged as a phenomenal trainer, communicator and ultimate team player. 800-786-4924

Academy At Trails Carolina Welcomes Stang: Trails Carolina is pleased to welcome Jon Stang to the Academy. Jon is excited to jump in, meet the boys and integrate his clinical expertise in outdoor adventure and leadership to further enhance programming at the Academy. 828-885-5920

Family School Updates: Paul Geer, musical director at The Family Foundation School, conducted a choir of 100 high school singers, including 18 from FFS, on stage at Carnegie Hall in December. The event was the world premiere of The Christmas Rose by composer Tim Janis. Geer has brought The Family Singers to the national stage in the past through his collaborations with Janis, including performances of Celebrate America in 2009, America Christmas Carol in 2010 and Night of the Shepherds in 2011. In addition, a group of mail FFS students were among the scores of volunteers who pitched in with relief efforts last month following Hurricane Sandy. Led by four FFS staff, the group spent a day in Queens and Long Island, New York helping devastated residents clear out debris from the storm. The school also contributed blankets, fire logs, coats, jackets, socks and Home Depot gift cards as part of a larger relief effort. Finally, Dr. Gerald Janauer, Academic Dean at The Family Foundation School, announced that 11 students received high school diplomas at graduation ceremonies on December 22. The Family School graduates earn their diplomas by completing a character education curriculum as well as meeting standard academic requirements.

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