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August brings a mix of entertainment to KP

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

Forget driving to Puyallup and fighting traffic. The Key Peninsula Community Fair is the place to go. It has just about everything, and it benefits local community groups.

With three days packed with food, vendors, games, and entertainment, there are no excuses for not making it to the KP fair this year. There is something for everyone, from petting zoos and pony rides for the kids to a beer garden for adults.

The fair, bigger this year, has so much to offer that it would almost be easier to list what it doesn't have. But here it is anyway: kids workshops with Home Depot, a fitness corner with Kellogg's Special K (free samples too), a four-sided climbing wall, an oxen

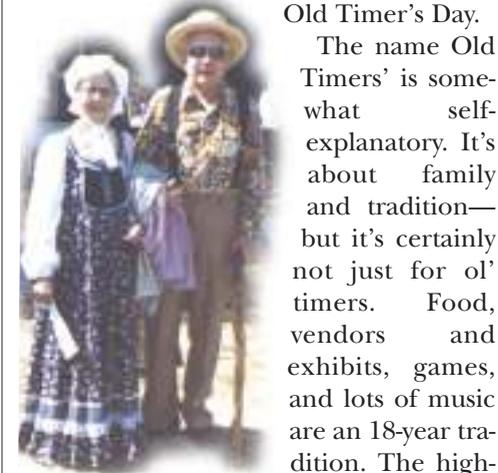
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Keeping the tradition alive

Those who don't like busy crowds and long for the good ol' days with some old-fashioned fun need not complain, but head to the Longbranch Improvement Club Aug. 16 for Old Timer's Day.



The name Old Timers' is somewhat self-explanatory. It's about family and tradition—but it's certainly not just for ol' timers. Food, vendors and exhibits, games, and lots of music are an 18-year tradition. The high-

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I.M.Pact's dream to become reality

By Irene Torres
KP News

Little did any of the members of the I.M.Pact Board suspect, when approached by a couple at the Livable Communities Fair in May, that they were to be honored with an incredible donation — one that would propel their long-awaited dream forward.

Former summer residents of the Key Peninsula for 35 years, now full-time resident retirees, John and Shirley Nederlee visited the fair with the purpose of researching the needs of this community. The Nederlees represent the Geneva Foundation, based in Edmonds, Wash. They recognized domestic violence is an issue that needs to be addressed every-

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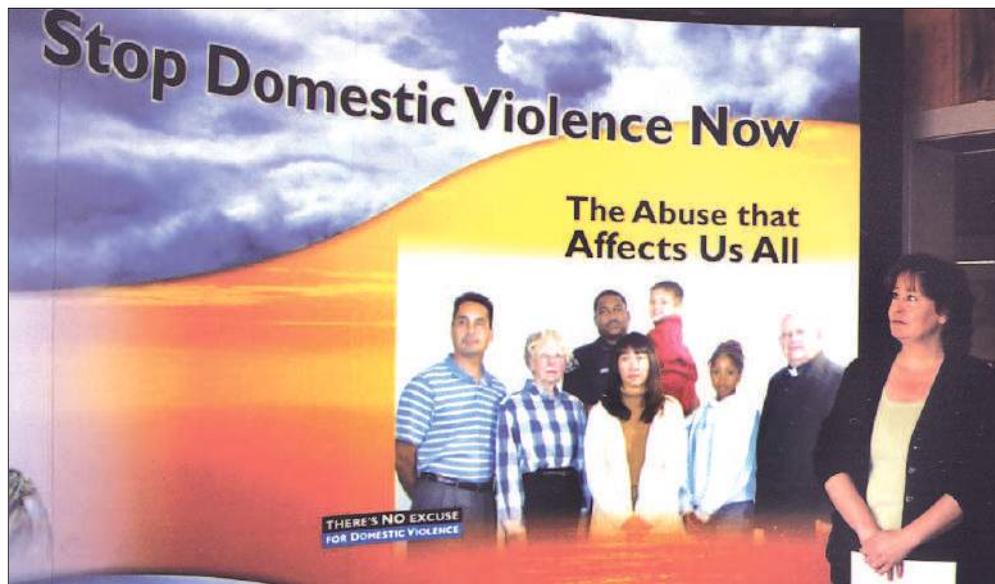


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I.M.Pact's Penny Gazabat with the group's domestic violence display at the May Livable Community Fair, where I.M.Pact's future benefactors learned about the group's needs.

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Tacoma Community House helps KP teens find work, school success

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

Finding a job as a young person is tough anywhere, but with the limited choices on the Key Peninsula and lack of transportation, local youth have very few options.

Like many local teens, Reanna LaCasse was trying to find work—but it wasn't easy. Wanting to help out her family with extra income as well as have some spending money, she thought of a summer job. "It's a way to get out of the house and do something during the summer," she said.

Thanks to a new program introduced on the Key Pen early this year, she could. Offering youth employment services, job training, tutoring and much more, the Tacoma Community House gives local youth the opportunity to be involved, make some money, and succeed at whatever they do, whether it is high school, college or work.

"It's very valuable in this community," said Edie Morgan, program manager at

the Children's Home Society's KP Family Resource Center, which has helped bring the service locally. "They filled such a big gap and a niche."

The niche was filled through the efforts of Bob Strobe, who has previously worked with TCH in urban areas. "Tacoma Community House was given a task to go out in the rural areas of the county and serve the local youth to give them employment and job-readiness skills," he said.

The Key Peninsula was the first such rural area where TCH expanded. Youth ages 14-21 from Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula can enroll, as long as they meet specific income criteria. They can have a summer job or a part-time job during the year, or they can get help with tutoring and even finding full-time permanent work. Strobe collaborates with local businesses to find placement, based on the youth's preferences and career goals. TCH subsidizes the pay, which is often higher than just minimum wage—and there is no limit to the type of jobs. Some young people manufacture parts or cook, others work in computers, clerical support, day-care, even auto repairs. Strobe keeps in touch with the employers to check on progress, create a schedule and a goals plan for each participant.

"It's not just a job service," Strobe said. "We provide much more in-depth support."

That includes money incentives for those who get good grades or improve them, help finding scholarships or buying books for college, vouchers for interview clothes, and even purchasing job tools.

"The program has made a tremendous difference for me and others,"



Photos by Rodika Tollefson

Above: Maria Joyce spends part of the time helping with the summer camp at Civic Center and the rest doing office work at the Children's Home Society office in Key Center. Left: Reanna LaCasse got a job at Camp Colman for the summer through the Youth Employment Program—an ideal place for her, since she loves working with kids, and lives just down the street.



LaCasse said.

LaCasse, who is working this summer at Camp Colman, lives down the street and bikes or catches short rides to work. But for many others, transportation is still a big hurdle, so Strobe tries to find creative ways to help some people get to work. Although funds are available for a special van, he said the costs are still very high, more than \$700 per month, and it's not feasible.

"Transportation really is a big problem," he said. "There aren't that many

jobs out here either."

Many companies and organizations he has approached for jobs have embraced the idea. It helps them get qualified employees and saves money because of the wage subsidy.

"It costs us a lot of money to hire people," said Morgan, who needs staff for the society's summer camps and other programs. "With the placement, they are paid through their program and we don't have to use our limited budget."

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Program details

Young people ages 14-21 who meet the income criteria and live in Gig Harbor or on the Key Peninsula are welcome to apply for the program. New participants will be accepted in September and must commit for at least a year. Tutoring, job readiness, employment placement and many other services are offered through the program.

Call Bob Strobe at Tacoma Community House at 383-3951, or learn about TCH at www.tchonline.org.

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Local shellfish areas listed as 'threatened'

By Irene Torres
KP News

Several beaches and important shellfish beds around the Key Peninsula were listed as "threatened" due to contamination in a July announcement from the Department of Health. Those areas include Filucy Bay, Rocky Bay, Henderson Bay, and Burley Lagoon. A classification of "threatened" is based on increasing bacteria levels monitored at marine water stations in shellfish growing areas.

"If conditions worsen, the growing area may be faced with a classification downgrade, which would either place restrictions or prohibit harvest," said Wayne Clifford with the Washington Department of Health.

Eleven shellfish companies harvest from Henderson Bay, threatened due to contamination from an undetermined source. Rocky Bay supports harvest from six companies. In 2001, a portion of this area was upgraded to "approved," though water quality is now marginal. Filucy Bay was downgraded from "conditionally approved" to "restricted" in 2001. Three companies harvest from Filucy Bay.

Ray Hanowell from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Dan Wrye, Pierce County Water Programs, say their departments "work as a team to identify and mitigate sources of pollution in the shellfish watersheds." Their work includes "beach evaluations, tributary sampling, stormwater sampling, sanitary surveys and educational efforts." Their efforts, in conjunction with Kitsap County and state agencies, were successful in upgrading a portion of Burley Lagoon, known for decades to have water quality problems. Only one company harvests shellfish from the Burley Lagoon, which has a "threatened" classification in the

Harvesting of shellfish on the Key Peninsula contributes to the regional economy. Washington state shellfish harvests total 85.5 million pounds of oysters, clams and mussels, and bring in \$73.48 million per year, according to the Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers.

southwest end. "Funding opportunities are being developed toward maintaining the constant vigilance needed to keep these areas open," Hanowell said.

"Surveys are coordinated with several organizations and agencies to protect and restore shellfish production areas," according to Stuart Glasoe and Mary Getchell of the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team. One study involves the effects of urbanization in the contamination of shellfish growing areas. The action team notes, "The project, scheduled for completion in 2004, was designed to determine whether shoreline conditions in Puget Sound can be correlated with development. If a correlation can be found, recommendations will be made for future building and key land-use decisions." Pierce County Planning and Land Services and the Pierce Conservation District are providing additional assistance.

In July, Pierce County Water Programs began a surface water management Basin Plan for Key Peninsula/Islands areas, the location of the area's most important shellfish beds. This plan includes a review of flooding, water quality and fish habitat issues, but representatives "anticipate shellfish protection actions and projects...will be part of that process," says Wrye, "as teams of biologists, planners and engineers will be doing stream surveys over the next several months."

Help protect the health of the shellfish

According to the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, residents can do much to protect shellfish growing areas from further contamination by:

- Regularly checking septic systems to ensure proper functioning
- Properly disposing of pet waste
- Keeping farm animals away from waterways
- Minimizing stormwater runoff from buildings and hard surfaces
- Paying attention to warnings posted by the Department of Health
- Protecting and restoring natural watershed systems, including native forest cover, soils, wetlands, and waterways, which serve to preserve healthy shorelines
- Building away from shorelines and streams, leaving or replacing trees that serve as buffers
- Knowing the basic principles of watershed management. Call Barbara Smolko of Pierce County Water Programs at 253-798-6156 to learn

more.

- Learning and following the rules for safe and legal shellfish harvesting. For information, call the Biototoxin Hotline at 1-800-562-5632.

- Helping to start a small-scale or community shellfish farm. Local and state health departments can provide information on current shoreline conditions. The Washington Sea Grant Program offers a booklet, "Small Scale Oyster Farming for Pleasure and Profit in Washington."

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- Volunteering and assisting with watershed planning issues and monitoring of non-native species
- Making investments in well-designed programs and capital improvements, establishing practices and an essential framework to protect the beach environment
- Sharing information about clean and healthy shellfish habitat with others in the community.

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Editorial

As the busy motorists zoomed by on State Route 302 on a hot July day, a group of four people endured the merciless heat while cleaning up junk on the side of the road. The drivers, probably in a hurry to get to a summer home or a cool, refreshing lake, probably would not have noticed the four if it weren't for their bright orange vests.

The group, from the Rocky Bay Equine, gives up a day of work — or maybe fun — four times a year to clean up trash that doesn't make it to the dump. If trees could talk, they'd probably be speechless nonetheless, with shame for their neighbors who conveniently forget that roads are there for walking and driving, not for their litter disposal.

Observing the crew at work, one wonders how such selfless people, and many others like them who can be spotted here and there regularly, live in the same beautiful paradise as the shameless offenders who leave anything from candy wrappers to old appliances on the side of the road. Out of sight, out of mind perhaps works for them, but not for the rest of us who pass by their left garbage every day — until someone like the Rocky Bay Equine comes along.

To all the unsung road cleanup crews, thank you from all your friends and neighbors.

Old cabin on Key Peninsula



If the things that were built in a time long ago
 Could speak of the dreams that those builders had known
 What a glimpse into history it would be for us all
 Of the place known as "home" with a beckoning call.

Photo and text by Karl Anderson

Letter to the Editor

Center thanks community

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association sold fireworks at Key Center this 4th of July season, as we have for the past many years. It is an important fund-raiser for the Civic Center and the income gained will help defray the ever-increasing expenses we are experiencing.

The KPCCA Executive Committee would like to thank all of the many volunteers who worked at the stand and all the good people of the Key Peninsula who purchased fireworks at Key Center and helped us to another successful year.

We also would like to thank Tracy Manning for allowing us to place the fireworks stand in the Key Center Tavern parking area. Not to overlook the electrical power obtained from Sunnycrest Nursery free of charge.

*KPCCA Executive Committee
 Vaughn*

County to involve Key Peninsula in planning efforts

By Terry Lee
Pierce County Council Member

For too long now, the Key Peninsula area has been isolated from Pierce County. As one of the more attractive places to live and work, it is time to extend the opportunities of good planning to preserve this beautiful area.

Within six months of taking office, I asked the county to set aside funding for improved planning on the Key Peninsula. Starting in 2004, citizens will have two opportunities for involvement in planning efforts. Both will allow local citizens to have a greater say over how the Key Peninsula area develops in the years ahead.

Now the county council has set aside over \$200,000 to develop a community plan beginning in 2004. Volunteers will be needed to staff a community advisory board. The board will direct county plan-

ning staff to review development trends and to decide changes in county design standards and regulations that would enhance the community's uniqueness.

Although the county's Comprehensive Land Use Plan provides a basic framework for growth management, the community planning process adapts this broad plan to the community's needs. By inventorying aspects of the community character, economy and natural environments, the appointed board then creates a vision for how future growth can occur that is compatible with these values.

Questions of how much strip development to allow along highways and which creeks and salmon streams need protection are examined as part of the planning process. Longbranch, Home, Key Center, Vaughn Bay, Wauna, and the rural areas in between are included in the scope of the Community Plan.

A series of public hearings will review the planning document as it develops. When the process is complete within a year or so, the plan will guide future growth and development. By directing

growth, we can avoid the problems with sprawl development and create more livable communities.

The County Council is also creating a Land Use Advisory Commission for the area. This panel needs volunteers to review building permits and amendments to the land-use plans. It makes recommendation to the county's Planning Commission and insures that the community plan continues to represent the community.

Community Plans are the second phase of Growth Management in the county. Here's a chance to look at highway improvements, parks and future infrastructure needs. This plan is the starting point that insures that the area grows and develops with a community vision. In other areas of the county these plans have brought people together to make sure that their neighborhoods retain those values that attracted them to the area.

Councilman Terry Lee represents Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula, and can be reached at 798-6654.



This is wildfire season

By Hugh McMillan
KP News

"I dug a hole to plant a shrub the other day," said Dee Dee Kerkes of the KP Fire Department. "You can't believe how dry the soil is. At a foot and a half deep, there was not a sign of moisture."

So what?

So, when a wildfire engulfs an area and firefighters — overheated, sweating, dehydrated, almost exhausted from the terrific strain of battling the blaze finally win the battle, on the surface — they must place the area under 24-hour watch because, given the extreme dry condition of the soil, the fire frequently goes underground smoldering midst the root structures of the plants it just burned out. It

can smolder undetected for days before sneaking back to the surface and igniting anything combustible within its reach.

Wildfires, particularly those moving up a hill or burning within a canyon-like area, generate their own blowtorch winds and can move at alarming speeds. Homes and other structures in their paths are at great peril.

All firefighters, not just those of the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor fire departments, ask that you handle fireworks and campfires with the utmost caution over the next few weeks — or even a couple of months. And, smokers, please use your ashtrays.

If you think you see a potential fire hazard, do not hesitate to dial 911.

For further information, call 884-2222.

Burn ban in effect

Hot and dry weather conditions have prompted fire officials to declare high fire dangers in several counties, including Pierce. Effective in July, only wood and charcoal fires are allowed, built in firepits or firestoves with concrete or

steel grades and located in approved campgrounds. All forest and land clearing fires, including yard debris burning, is prohibited.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, the largest cause of state's wildfires is residential-debris burns that ignite nearby brush and trees.

Marching on



Photo by Hugh McMillan

At the halfway point of the Key Peninsula Lions' Volkssport Club's 15th annual Volksmarch on July 12 and 13, Steve and Mona McCabe, owners of the historic Home School house where they now live, and Marita Heckart check in. Proceeds from the March go to the Lions Club's sight, hearing, diabetes awareness, and drug awareness programs on the Key Peninsula.

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KPFD seeks voter support for equipment

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

The Key Peninsula Fire Department will ask voter approval on Sept. 16 for a nearly \$2 million levy that would pay for four new fire engines, a water tender, a rescue truck and other equipment. The four-year levy will cost property owners approximately 39 cents per \$1,000 of assessed values in the first year (2004), or \$58.50 per year for a property valued at \$150,000. The amount would decrease in subsequent years.

Of the seven engines used by Fire District 16, two are more than 20 years old, and one is more than 30. Some of the trucks are in such desperate condition, they are constantly in for repairs, eating up the department's tight budget, district representatives say.

The old trucks don't conform to many new codes and regulations or have outdated technology, according to firefighters. Some engines are so loud, they nearly require firefighters to wear ear protection.

"Fire engines are not expected to last more than 25 years," said Capt. Guy

Levy details

What the levy will pay for:

Phase 1: two fire engines, rescue truck, miscellaneous equipment (radios, phones, rescue tools etc.)

Phase 2: two more fire engines, water tender, rescue boats, fire command rig and miscellaneous.

For details on the Fire District 16 levy, call Levy Committee Chair Robert Bosch at 858-5094, or email voteyesdlevy@aol.com.

Information will also be available online at www.keypeninsulafire.org and from the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

The district will hold community forums for the public Aug. 18, 25, 28 at the Key Center Library at 7 p.m.

Allen. "We've had to have engines towed several times, and fortunately only a couple of those times they were on service calls."

Steady population growth and the

rural conditions are also impacting the engines. Service calls in the area have increased by about 250 per year just since 1999.

"The area we serve and the increase in the volume of calls is accelerating the age of the equipment," said Commissioner James Bosch. The regular maintenance and operations (M&O) levy does not provide funds for equipment replacement.

The proposal is different than the one up for vote last year, which failed to pass by a very narrow margin. The previous levy would have only purchased two new engines and amortized over one year.

"It was a band-aid approach and it was a lot of money to ask voters for, considering the current economics," said Chief Eric Nelsen. "This is a much better package, and with a four-year levy we can lower the amount for the citizens and give them time to plan."

An amendment to the state Constitution in 2002 has enabled districts to amortize special levies over four years instead of the previous one-year limit.

News briefs

Park district receives matching grant

The Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District received a \$150,000 matching grant from the Pierce County several months ago and will soon start looking at fund-raising options. The money, from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds, was recommended by county Executive John Ladenburg, according to Commissioner Nancy Lind, who said KPPRD did not have to apply for the money. The district will, however, have to submit an official proposal that will outline how the money will be spent and how matching dollars will be funded.

The grant is for park-specific capital projects at KP Sports Center, and matching funds could include materials or labor donated by bonded companies. The county will include a \$15,000 land credit in the grant, so KPPRD would only have to raise \$135,000, Lind said. In the upcoming months, the district will begin planning how to bring in matching funds and what specific projects to undertake.

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District asks for operating funds, improvements

By Irene Torres
KP News

Two park levies on the ballot this September may cause confusion, as they are both for the same amount: 10 cents per \$1,000 (\$10 on a \$100,000 home) for three years. To distinguish between the two levies, residents should be advised that the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District (KPPRD) covers property from the Purdy Bridge to Devil's Head, and serves "hundreds of kids and adults for ball playing, tennis, trails, picnicking, fair grounds, pitching horseshoe tournaments, and many other leisure time activities," says Nancy Lind, KPPRD board chair. The Peninsula Parks and Recreation District (PPRD) serves the Gig Harbor area.

The KPPRD covers the Key Peninsula Sports Center (Volunteer Park), Rocky Creek Conservation Area on State Route 302 and 150th, and Home Park at Eight Ave. and the Key Peninsula Highway. Lind says, "Rocky Creek and Home Park have been built and maintained by volunteers," and hopes this levy will allocate "funds to these sites for more park amenities like picnic shelters, tables and bathrooms." The levy would also cover general funding, maintenance and operation, and general improvements.

Since the last levy four years ago, operation expenses for the Key Peninsula Sports Center (Volunteer Park) have been about \$67,000 a year. The park generates income from fees, etc., totaling about \$20,000 annually.

The KPPRD levy is intended to generate \$119,000 in year one, \$122,000 in year two, and \$127,000 in year three.

Many residents feel the parks are an

The basic budget for the KPPRD for 2004 covers:

General Parks	\$5,000
Wages & Benefits	30,000
Public Utilities	8,500
Supplies	7,500
Maintenance & Repairs	11,500
Insurance	3,000
Professional Services	3,000
Communication	500
Miscellaneous	1,000
Total	\$70,000

Essential upgrades and equipment needed:

Water line extensions	\$625
Foul ball netting	4,000
Remodel restroom	3,500
New water system	18,500
New tractor	13,500
New fence & repairs	6,000
Mower	2,000
Equipment repairs	2,200
Facility repairs	1,000
Infield attachment	1,445
Rocky Creek shelter	5,000
Home Park shelter	5,000

important aspect of the Peninsula and should be supported. "The concept of family fun — many members of the same family going places together — is a therapeutic prescription. Trips with the family don't have to be a major venture. Just go to a regional park playground," says business owner and Vaughn resident Ed Taylor. "The public benefit of the Key Peninsula Parks leads to a higher quality of life and a healthy lifestyle for the residents."



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Community Council Organizing Committee members at the monthly meeting on July 22. The group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Key Peninsula Middle School at 7 p.m. and welcomes interested community members to participate.

Community Council Organizing Committee moves ahead

The KP Community Council Organizing Committee is researching the best method of electing representatives to the future council. Organizers say the purpose of the council is "to maintain and improve the quality of life on the Key Peninsula through community processes," so it is essential that all residents be represented and be heard.

At its July meeting, the organizing committee approved a projected budget, noted that procedures for the establishment of the group as a 501-C-3 non-profit entity are underway, discussed involvement of youths in its proceedings, enlisted participation of those present in the third annual KP Fair, and approved a motion introduced at its June meeting that, "no member of the KP Community Council Organizing

Committee shall vote in more than one committee," and that "participation in more than one committee shall be at the discretion of the chair."

The group will have a booth at the Key Peninsula Community Fair on Aug. 15-17, with a detailed map of the area showing the four election tracts and additional information. A classic redwood bear will be raffled, and citizens will have the opportunity to join the Community Council process as founding members.

The organizing committee, open to participation of all interested citizens of the Key Peninsula, will meet again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Key Peninsula Middle School's library.

For information, call co-chairs Jeff Harris, 884-4697, or Joyce Tovey, 884-3878.

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Vital signs make address searching faster

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

When Fire District 16 Chief Eric Nelsen's wife called rescue crews to their house a couple of years ago, no one ever arrived. The problem was the address: The crews could not find the home.

Luckily, it was just a disaster drill and no one was in real danger. But the chief knew that in a true emergency, it could have cost lives.

"Trying to find houses and properties had been a topic of discussion for 10 years," he said.

After a lot of research, discussions with county officials, and looking at what other districts are doing, FD 16 came up with the concept of Vital Signs — bright, reflective and sturdy address signs they would put together for residents.

"They've been real effective," he said, citing many examples of people calling 911 and telling the dispatch their address has a "vital sign" for easy spotting. Visible from 300 feet away, the

Vital stats

- Vital signs are red and green, with reflective lettering.
- FD-16 can also install them.
- Signs cost \$12.50 and can be ordered at FD-16 headquarters in Key Center.

signs are making easier for the emergency crews to find people.

They even install the signs — which are priced hardly high enough to cover the costs — often on their own unpaid time.

Fire district staff buys a few hardware pieces and lettering, then put them together themselves. Many have been known to buy signs for the elderly who can't afford them, and now the department donates some to people who really need them but can't pay.

"It cuts the response time; it's not only beneficial for us, but helps police, delivery drivers, friends and family," Nelsen said. "And they'll last forever."



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Fire District 16 paramedics Justin Tanner and Wes Van Slyke install a Vital Sign, reflective address signs that make it easy for the rescue crews to spot day or night.

News briefs

Key Pen logo winner to be announced in August

The Key Peninsula Business Association received more than 70 entries for its Key Pen logo contest, including several dozen from KP Middle School students. Submissions came from as far as Denmark and Canada. The winner was selected by a panel of judges in June, and the name will be made public at the Key Peninsula Fair, Saturday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. The entries will be displayed at the KPBA booth and on the stage.

Sharing 62 years together

Three couples, lifelong friends, will celebrate their 62nd anniversaries together Aug. 10 with their combined families. In 1941, Harmon and Jane Van Slyke were married Feb. 8, Ralph and Hazel Kingsbury on Aug. 1, and Wesley and Pat Davidson on Aug. 16. The women were classmates at Vaughn Union High, and the men were all Vaughn Union graduates. The Van Slykes and Kingsburys live in Vaughn across the street from each other, and the Davidsons live in Alaska.

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LIC etched in history

Wednesday, July 16, about a hundred enthusiastically grateful members and guests of the Longbranch Improvement Club witnessed the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the naming of the building to the National Register of Historic Places. Master of Ceremonies, LIC President Rich Hildahl, recognized many of those present who had long sought this recognition for the structure.

Lisa Bryan, LIC's treasurer, unveiled the plaque made possible by donors Vicki and John Biggs, Paula and Scott Bowers, Fred Boyd, Daniel and Darlene Brown, Rick and Carolyn Carr, Barbara Copley, Jim and Dorothy Davis, Donna and David Delk, Theresa and Andy Gano, Bob and Jo Hamilton, Marilyn and Al Hazelquist, Linda LeBlanc and Wally Johnson, Tim Kezele, Pat and Dean Latshaw, Steve and Judy Mapel, Mary and Bob Mazur, Vernon and Barbara Merrill, Mark Michel, Martha Sharples, Kris and Scott Sherman, Dave and Betsy Somerville, Raimor and Lea Tossavainen, Marlies and Dick Van Cise, Ron and Alta VanSommeren, and Ron and Lois Ward.

Photos by Hugh McMillan

Corrections

- A June article indicated the Ebb Tide Gallery is located in Tacoma. The gallery is located in Gig Harbor, at 3106 Harborview Drive, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 851-5293.

- A July article about Communities in Schools of Peninsula stated that the new director, Colleen Speer, has worked for nonprofits for almost 30 years. The correct number is nearly 20 years, or 18 exactly. Ms. Speer's children still attend Peninsula schools.

- A July article written about a business that burned to the ground contained two errors. It stated that "the first to arrive on the scene was Division Chief Tracy Lyons" while the first to arrive on the scene was Lt. Hal Wolverton with Engine 1613. Tracy Lyons was the first Chief Officer to arrive on the scene shortly after. The article stated that the building was 50 percent destroyed by fire and the fire department tore down the remaining 50 percent. Another group or individuals tore down the remaining 50 percent, not the fire department.

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Flavor of Fall goes full throttle

By Hugh McMillan
KP News

The Flavor of Fall, judged by many to be the most elegant and enthusiastically awaited of social events ever staged at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, is being revived after a four-year hiatus, to the delight of its many supporters and devotees.

The first of these spectaculars was held 15 years ago, and annually drew a packed house and overwhelmingly high acclaim. Those who did not heed the admonition to purchase tickets early to the sellout events disappointedly learned there were simply no seats available and were turned away at the door. The last Flavor was staged in 1999.

Claudia Loy, one of the founding members of the group of volunteers who shared the monumental effort to bring off this event each of its successful years, explained the gap: "The major volunteers involved just had to take a break. It's an enormous amount of work. Frankly, I was hoping someone else would take it on."

Loy said she decided to do one this year, "because the Civic Center is really in need of financial support."

Themes for Flavor have included the Arabian Nights in which the Civic Center was turned into a scene out of the Casbah featuring dimmed lights, tantalizing music, and authentic Moroccan cuisine prepared by top flight chefs. Another was Asiatic and found the Center turned into a replica of Shanghai, Canton, and Malaysia all in one colorful pulsating scene dominated by a huge dragon hanging over the revelers, virtually adding flavor to the oriental dinner. Another one was Mardi Gras. "You really felt you were in these places," said one mesmerized guest.

Excitement at the festivities is punctuated by both silent and rapid-fire oral auctions of a vast supply of excellent offerings donated by supporters.

"This is really a class act," said former State Sen. Bill Smitherman. "I wouldn't dream of missing it."

This year's theme is "Cruising Into Fall," and is based on luxury ship cruises, "like the Love Boat." "We want to have it as if it were a formal dress dinner aboard a luxury liner and for everyone to imagine being seated as an honored guest at the captain's table," Loy said. But, she added, "tuxes are optional."

Joni Welsh of Executive Parties will be the guest chef. "She has been in the

catering business for years and is really excited about planning the menu for this year's gala," said Loy.

Flavor 2003 will be at the KP Civic Center, Saturday, Oct. 4. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction starting at the same time. There will be a full no-host bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres before dinner, which will be served at 7 p.m. Stokes Auctioneers will start the live auction at 8.

Tickets, \$50 per person, will be available in August at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. All proceeds go to support the KP Civic Center.

"Everyone is welcome but space is limited and past years have been completely sold out. So don't hesitate to get your name on the list soon. It's a fun night and a great way to support the Civic Center," Loy said.

It should be noted that the Civic Center does not receive a penny of tax support. It supports itself through fundraisers like its Friday evening skate parties, the Flavor, rentals of the facility to wedding groups, scouting events, Citizen of the Year, etc.

Loy said, "Letters have gone out to over 100 businesses and friends of the Center and responses are coming in. People are being very generous. Our committee members will be out visiting those businesses and others in the next month to collect donations."

Anyone wishing to contribute items, cash, services, etc., should contact Kristen Bottiger at 884-5420, Shirley Olson at 884-2481, or Claudia Loy at 884-4169. Loy adds: "Remember, everything is tax deductible."

Volunteers are still needed. Anyone wishing to help with dinner preparations, decorations, tending bar, helping with details of the auctions, etc. should contact Loy or Bottiger.

Auction goodies are a sample of generosity

By Irene Torres
KP News

"Cruise into the Fall" with a dinner and auction to benefit the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Oct. 4. The event will feature a professional auctioneer from Stokes Auction in Port Orchard.

Many participants will dress for the occasion, in the "Cruise" theme. Auction Chair Kristen Bottiger says, "This is the most important fund-raiser for the KPCC. The recent rise in insurance premiums has taken its toll." Many exciting and interesting items have been donated to the oral and silent auctions, and will make the event a success:

Imagine a bright, sunny day, a quick drive to Bremerton...boarding a small plane and taking a flight over peaceful inlets on the way to San Juan Island for a leisurely lunch. On the trip, there may be an opportunity for whale-watching from the air and possibly a stop at Friday Harbor, time permitting. Tom and Nancy Howard (a former American Airlines pilot and a flight attendant) will host their popular trip for two again this year.

"Just when you thought the butler did it..." a fun "whodunit dinner game...where participants dress the part and play the characters" will intrigue the mystery buffs on the Peninsula. Pat and Kristen Bottiger will host this year's Mystery Dinner for four couples.

Martha Applegate has moved to Port Angeles, but donated a beautiful handmade dollhouse that will appeal to all ages, in support of the Civic Center.

Phil and Kathy Bauer would like to share a great spot they discovered a few years ago — so they are donating a Wind

River wine tasting and dinner for 8-10 people. Gorgeous views of Mount Hood and Columbia River and outstanding service will make this a memorable trip.

Sylvia Haase and Virginia Liebergeselle will prepare a German dinner for six: Rouladen or Sauerbraten, Spätzle, red cabbage, salad, a German dessert and wine, to be served in their home (or on the deck) overlooking beautiful Case Inlet and the Olympic Mountains: "Truly a touch of paradise and a taste of the Old Country!"

Silent auction items include: cash (from the Key Center Trading Post, Inc. and Bob and Elsie Vezzani), two 10-yard loads of washed or crushed rock (Walt Smith of Active Construction, Inc.), and even four reserve-seat tickets to see the Tacoma Rainiers.

Personal care items include a one-hour massage by Rena Pagaduan (Shear Magic), Sonicare Elite (John D. Olsson, DDS), a chiropractic examination and one adjustment (Dr. David Krympec—Key Center Chiropractic), a haircut from Lee Fearnhaough and a cut and hairstyle from Mindy Brocenas (both of Cutter Bug).

And, not to forget those beloved pets: dog grooming (Ladine Duran of A Lot of Love Grooming), and five nights' boarding for dog or cat (by Sandy McFarlane of Almost Home Boarding Kennel). There will also be items for the garden, vehicle, and home.

You can help by volunteering assistance, funds, or items to include in the silent or oral auction packages, or better yet, by planning to attend and bid on the auction items (to keep or give as gifts). For details, contact Kristen Bottiger at 884-5420.

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where, especially after the Crystal Brame tragedy, and found the mission of the I.M.Pact's project well-suited to their interests, according to Penny Gazabat, I.M.Pact board member.

They asked I.M.Pact to submit a letter outlining their plans, with documentation of their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Within a week of their letter to the Geneva Foundation, I.M.Pact Board members were elated with a generous donation of \$5,000 to be used for the enhancement of the domestic violence educational program. That grant was used to purchase a new laptop computer, a data projector, and a digital video camera.

But Penny Gazabat and the other board members were "totally overwhelmed" when an additional \$70,000 was awarded by the foundation. That money will make it possible for the I.M.Pact Board to rent, furnish, staff, and support, for a year, a "safe house" to temporarily shelter victims of domestic violence.

I.M.Pact is an acronym for "Interdenominational Missions Pact." Its mission is to help victims of domestic violence gain a sense of self-worth, a goal for the future, a feeling of community and the confidence to support themselves and their children. Domestic violence is a crime, potentially affecting 8 million to 12 million people, according to the American Medical Association.

I.M.Pact plans to partner with the Pierce County Domestic Violence Hotline, the YWCA and the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Family Violence Project to open the shelter by Oct. 5. Plans are in the works for a "housewarming" reception, at which additional donations of goods, services and funds will be accepted. Because of the nature of the shelter and the need to protect those who will be housed there, the location of the "safe house" will not be disclosed.

"The board plans other activities, providing ways the community can make a connection with victims of domestic violence," Gazabat said. These include a booth at the Key Peninsula Fair in August and honoring victims of domestic violence during October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with a silent memorial service at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church.

Other I.M.Pact Board members are Deacon John Riccardi, Pam Gohrick, Charl Blackwood, Cathlee James, and June Seick. I.M.Pact can be reached by email at pennygazabat@aol.com or impactkp@integrity.com or by phone at 884-9944.

Growing pains

Through own tough times, KPCS helps those in need

Editor's note: This is part 1 in a series focusing on the Key Peninsula's community hubs that are the heart and soul of local residents. The Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club will be featured in the upcoming months.

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

From the lonely seniors and residents who have fallen on hard times to children and abused women, KP Community Services extends its reaching hand to those often forgotten or ignored.

Through its 21 years of existence, the center has gone through its own share of tough times, but has pulled itself by its bootstraps through the generous and selfless giving of supporters and volunteers, who never gave up believing the residents needed their Community House.

Originally started at the Civic Center, KPCS later found its own home, in a former school building where some of the

current volunteers used to learn their three R's. Not that the building was handed to them on a platter: With the basement ceiling nearly caving in, walls needing to be stripped down and floors recovered, volunteers toiled long hours to get the house ready. And once they did, word of mouth spread, donations started flowing in, and more volunteers jumped aboard.

Never mind that the food bank is split on two floors and the helpers, many of them elderly, have to take heavy loads up and down. Never mind that parts of the building don't have heat. Never mind that times got so bad that a former manager, Marge Adams, gave up half of her wages for several months once to keep the center open.

"The staff here work for peanuts, so Marge worked for half a peanut," said board member Bud Ulsh at a recent volunteer recognition brunch. "We would be nothing without our volunteers."

Through the good times and bad, they moved on.

"I couldn't see the place go away,"

explained Adams her decision to forfeit wages. "People depended on us."

Adams, now a board member, says the community pulls together when the going gets tough, sending in donations and food. One grant after another, the building got needed additions: kitchen appliances, a generator. Grants helped pay for part of the building and other operating costs. Fund-raisers cover other expenses.

Old Timers' Day, rummage sales, rest areas and a giving campaign-drive pay for many services, as KPCS tries to be as self-sufficient as possible. Recent lobbying by the fast-food industry threatens to take away one of the nonprofit's biggest fund-raisers, the rest stops, where for donations they provide coffee and other refreshments. The industry wants to commercialize and operate the stops, causing nonprofits to lose fund-raising opportunities.

Just as the population of the peninsula has grown, the old Community House has outgrown its needs. An adult daycare, conference rooms and a bigger food bank

(located all on one level) are planned as part of an expansion. A costly proposition, but KPCS has managed to move it forward and grow its building fund to \$30,000, about half of what it needs.

Thanks to some old Army friends, KPCS Director Cristi Watson even managed to get the Army Corps of Engineers involved: They will donate their time for all the labor except excavation. KPCS would need to provide permits and materials.

"They'll come and put it up in a month," Watson said.

So what is next for this community hub that has looked out for thousands of local residents? More fund-raisers, more permits and work to get the expansion done in the next few years, and never-ending fun.

Anyone who stops by or joins one of the community breakfasts or senior lunches will know exactly the meaning of the word fun, and could marvel at the miracles performed by this dedicated group of people who can proudly say the fruits of their labor of love are truly bountiful.

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light of the event is the logging show. Three of the world's fastest chainsaws and plenty of loggers showing off are bound to turn the heat up on an already hot and beautiful day (fingers crossed).

Celebrity judges, including Rep. Pat Lantz and Councilman Terry Lee, will give marks for Country Fair entries: breads, jellies, flowers, needlework and other items. Helicopter rides, hay rides, a steam donkey, horseshoe tournament, antique displays, scavenger hunts for kids and adults, and entertainment ranging

from a cloggers' troupe and Down Home Keep Clam Band to karaoke and DJ music, will bring the old spirit alive.

"We're a tradition," said Cristi Watson, director of KPCS that organizes the event as a fund-raiser. "We are stability and people look forward to it every year."

And if the lineup of events is not enough to convince residents to drop in, maybe the raffle prizes will: \$500 cash, \$200 shopping spree and a handmade quilt. Admission is free, and so are laughter and good times.

The Key Singers kick it off at 10 a.m., and the raffle drawing closes the day at 4.

—By Rodika Tollefson



Loggers demonstrate some unique, and sometimes dangerous, tricks at the Old Timers' Day show, which draws crowds from miles away. Aside from the loggers' show, music, food and craft vendors, games and entertainment await for those in the mood for some community fun, just like the good ol' days.

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Sound CU announces another merger

Sound Credit has merged with Valley Community Federal Credit Union, of Auburn, effective June 1. "The merger benefits both credit unions by expanding services and locations to our combined membership base," said Rick Brandsma, president & CEO of Sound Credit Union.

The merger with Valley Community Federal Credit Union is the most recent of 11 mergers since Brandsma's leader-

ship at Sound Credit Union began 22 years ago. The merger list includes the largest credit union merger in Washington State history with Westport Credit Union in November of 2002. Sound Credit Union now holds over \$235 million in assets and serves over 44,000 members with 10 branch locations in Pierce, Thurston and South King counties.

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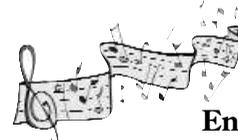
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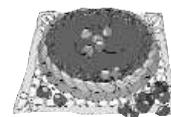
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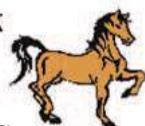
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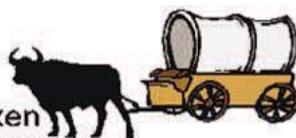
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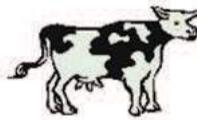
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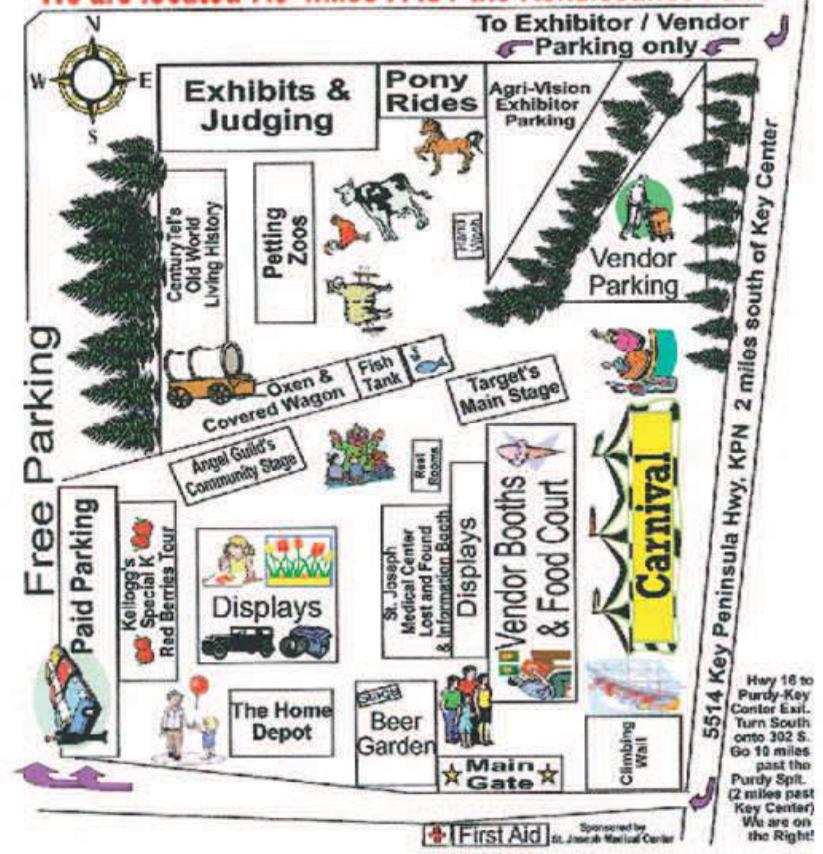
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Entertainment Schedule

FRIDAY, August 15,

Fair, Carnival and Vendors Open at 10:00 am

Beer Garden open until Midnight

Time	Show	Stage
11:00	World Champions East/West Karate Main	
11:00	Kiska Belly Dancing	Community Stage
11:00	Juggler Linda Severt	Roaming Fair
12:00	Opening Ceremonies	
	National Anthem Sung By Jocelyn Roberts	
	Presentation of the Colors by the Boy Scout Troop	
1:00	East/West Karate	Community Stage
1:00	Clown	Roaming Fair
2:00	Patsy Cline Tribute by Nancy Joy Butler	Main Stage
2:00	Seahawk Cheer Boosters	Community Stage
3:00	Juggler Linda Severt Show	Main Stage
4:00	Clown	Roaming Fair
5:00	High Plaine Drifters	Main Stage
6:00	Juggler Linda Severt Show	Main Stage
6:00	Gig Harbor Karate Academy Demo Team	Community Stage
7:00	High Plaine Drifters	Main Stage
8:00	Southlanders	Beer Garden

SATURDAY, August 16

Fair, Carnival and Vendors Open at 10:00 am

Beer Garden open until Midnight

Time	Show	Stage
All Day	Kellogg's Special K Red Berries Tour	See Map
All Day	The Home Depot	See Map
11:00	The Amazing Popp'O	Roaming Fair
11:00	Harmonica Kids	Community Stage
12:00	Totemaires	Main Stage
12:00	Key Singers	Community Stage
12:30	The Amazing Popp'O	Roaming Fair
1:00	Valentine's Pigs	Main Stage
1:00	Logo Contest Winner Announcement	Community Stage
1:15	Gig Harbor Karate Academy Demo Team	Community Stage
1:30	Valentine's Pigs meet and greet	Main Stage
2:00	The Amazing Popp'O Grand Illusion Show	Main Stage
3:00	Peninsula Youth Wrestling	Community Stage
3:45	The Amazing Popp'O	Roaming Fair
4:00	Rick Allen Band	Main Stage
5:00	Valentine's Pigs	Main Stage
5:00	Seahawk Cheer Boosters	Community Stage
5:30	Valentine's Pigs meet and greet	Main Stage
6:00	The Amazing Popp'O Grand Illusion Show	Main Stage
6:00	Nancy Joy Butler	Community Stage
7:00	East/West Karate	Community Stage
7:15	Rick Allen Band	Main Stage
8:00	Lucky Butler	Community Stage
8:00	Raucous	Beer Garden

SUNDAY, August 17

Fair opens at 10:00 am

Fair closes at 6:00 pm

Time	Show	Stage
All Day	Kellogg's Special K Red Berries Tour	See Map
All Day	The Home Depot	See Map
11:00	All Star Family Blues Band	Main Stage
11:00	Rhythm -n- Shoes Cloggers	Community Stage
12:00	Kawshun "D" Safety Clown	Roaming Fair
12:00	The Filucies	Main Stage
12:00	Seahawk Cheer Boosters	Community Stage
1:00	Totemaires	Main Stage
1:00	Rhythm -n- Shoes Cloggers	Community Stage
2:00	The Filucies	Main Stage
3:00	Kawshun "D" Safety Clown	Community Stage
3:00	All Star Family Blues Band	Main Stage
4:00	Kiska Belly Dancing	Community Stage

Randy Travis concert to benefit scholarship fund

You may be used to seeing cowboys and horses around Miracle Ranch, but August brings a special treat. Stardust sprinkles will fly over the Key Peninsula when superstar Randy Travis stops over at the camp Aug. 6.

The concert is a special benefit for Crista Camps, which owns Miracle Ranch. The organization has invited Travis to perform as a way to raise money for its scholarship fund — as much as half of the proceeds will go toward the fund.



TRAVIS

A country and Christian music singer, Travis is the perfect fit for the benefit. Miracle Ranch, part of Crista Ministries, uses a Western theme for its camps and special events.

Travis has sold more than 13 million albums and received dozens of awards. Described by some as a true country boy, he's appeared in many television shows and on the big screen.

Tickets (\$25-35) for the open-air, stadium-style concert are available at Ticketmaster outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com and may be available at the door if not sold out.

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show, a stocked fishing pond, farm animals, an antique calliope from old-time carnivals, Smoky the Bear, and carnival rides are just a fraction of what the fair will bring.

The entertainment is booked solid too. Three stages plus a separate one for the Agri-Vision section have nearly back to back acts, from juggler Linda Severt and the Valentine Performing Pigs to the Amazing Popp'o and The Filucies. A real treat this year is the Community Stage, where local talent will shine.

"We have professional acts and incredible community groups booked," said Sharon Kaffer, fair director. "The community really jumped on board for the community stage."

The community also jumps in to help at the fair, volunteering for just a few hours or during the many months of preparations. Volunteers are still being recruited — it's a chance for anyone with a little spare time to have fun on the job.

New this year is the Agri-Vision Program, with the Old World Oxen living show as its highlight, along with exhibit and contest judging, as many as three petting zoos, and other favorites.

"We cleared out a lot of old growth, added a couple of acres of space, and



The Filucies, a family band, is one of many groups performing at the fair.

Look for other favorites like Raucous (Rock Us), Nancy Joy Butler, and local talent including Key Singers, Harmonica Kids and rising stars Bremerton Cloggers. Complete schedule is online at www.keyfair.com

Photo courtesy/KP Fair

filled it with the Agri-Vision Program," Kaffer said.

For those who have a talent, whether in sewing, photography, growing veggies, making pies or caring for reptiles, the competition will heat up, with judges giving best marks to the biggest or the best.

Vendors come from miles away, and many local organizations take advantage of the fair as well to share information and resources.

The fair is Aug. 15-17, 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, at the KP Sports Center (formerly Volunteer Park). Acts include The Rick Allyn Band, Valentine's Performing Pigs, The Totemaires, Linda Severt, Nancy Joy Butler, Kawshun "D" Safety Clown, community talent including Key Singers, Bremerton Cloggers, Harmonica Kids, and more. For details, see www.keyfair.com or call 884-4FUN.

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Obituary

Robert D. Warner

Bob Warner, 71, a 10-year resident of Longbranch and previously of Tacoma, died July 25, 2003.

Bob was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma and sang with the Key Peninsula Singers. Bob was a retired U.A. Army Major; he worked 17 years at Boeing as a mechanic and inspec-

tor. Family members include his wife, Doris; sons Bob (Faye) of Victorville, Calif. and Cliff (Lisa) of Vashon; daughters Jaki Norris (Dennis) of Richmond, Va. and Ann Martin (Brian) of Bellingham; and nine grandchildren. Memorial service was July 29 at Bethany Presbyterian Church, in Tacoma.

Remembrances in Bob's name may be made to the church. Arrangements by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

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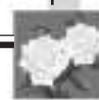
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Sharing a passion for dogs

Love of dogs leads to successful business

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Breeding, raising and training a champion show dog is like creating a masterpiece, Sandy McFarlane claims. It's the work of your hands, your mind, your dedication to a vision.

Sandy McFarlane and Nancy Wheeler are living a different kind of retirement — they turned their passion into a home business, in an area far removed from their vocational training.

McFarlane was a special education teacher who worked mostly with emotionally disturbed teens. After moving to the Key Peninsula, she developed the Family Center of the Children's Home Society, operating from the Civic Center.

Wheeler bought 25 acres of land just south of Home 30 years ago, a place to raise dogs while she continued teaching and being a school principal in Puyallup.

At a dog show she met McFarlane, who raised and trained Newfoundlands on a city lot in Vancouver, B.C. As their friendship developed, they considered pooling resources, as both struggled to balance their love of raising and training show dogs with their "regular day jobs."

As a child, McFarlane always dragged stray animals home and threatened to jump off the Lions Gate Bridge if she couldn't keep them. At age 10, she was given a Maltese, which was bred in Spokane and produced two litters of puppies. After college graduation, she bought her first Carin Terrier as a show dog to breed.

Wheeler had a Sheltie as a child, but had to give it up because her dad was allergic to dogs. After she graduated from college, she bought another Sheltie, which had a couple of litters before the



Sandy McFarlane loves to show off her Newfoundlands, American/Canadian Champion called General and Finnegans Touched By An Angel C.D. called Tessa. C.D. means she has an obedience degree.

Photo by Rodika Tollefson

dog lover started on Newfoundlands.

Twenty years ago, McFarlane visited Wheeler to determine whether a prospective arrangement on the local property would work. McFarlane fell, broke her leg, and stayed longer than intended, but by the time she was ready to leave, the women had finalized their dream, and McFarlane was soon back.

They breed, train and show Newfoundlands and Carin Terriers (like Toto in Wizard of Oz, McFarlane explains). They also board dogs at their Almost Home Boarding Kennel.

A calf raised for beef each year and a pet sheep share the acreage with the women and dogs.

The place is set up for dogs, from separate fenced runs and inner areas, to a center room that can be heated for winter nights, which become too cold for barn occupation. Portable kennels are stacked along one wall. Healthy puppies are their primary focus.

Newfoundlands, says McFarlane, are like live teddy bears. They are gentle with an easy-going temperament, but they are large. When someone buys a Newfoundland puppy, she warns that soon they'll need a van. "It's like a disease," both women claim. "You fall in love with one, then have to have another..." and more space is required for transporting the dogs and their gear.

General, the largest and oldest of their dogs, is both an American and Canadian champion. He weighs 160 pounds at 6 years of age. The Carins, at 12-13 pounds, are a hardy breed, "a big dog in a little dog's body." They are versatile, good camping and hunting companions.

"When you're passionate about something, you want to share it with everybody," McFarlane says. The two women are a good example: They fell in love with breeding, raising and training show dogs, and they're still in love with what they do and their special breeds of dogs.

An afterword on Mosquito Fleet: Vaughn was also part of it

By Colleen Slater
KP News

On Nov. 3, 1887, a little steamship with a big whistle, "Bessie," brought the Prater and Van Slyke families to Rocky Bay and Vaughn, with the passengers and their worldly goods deposited on beaches.

Many boats served the Vaughn area, including Ed Lorenz's "Tyrus," "Typhoon," and "Tyconda"; Mississippi River-style stern-wheelers "Messenger" and "Monte Cristo"; "E. M. Gill," a freighter built in Allyn; "Alice," "Bessie," "Blue Star," "Burro," and "Ronda."

Before the dock was built, a float extended into the bay for easier unloading, and people from the community rowed out to carry items between ship and shore. If the tide was too low for entry into the bay, the boats landed near the sandspit and row-boats were used for transporting.

Before 1890, the population of Vaughn had expanded to the point where the community needed its own dock for freight, passengers and mail delivery. Henry Coblentz and Alfred Van Slyke built a dock near the store, applied for mail service, and Van Slyke became the first postmaster.

In 1916, Glen Harriman of Vaughn captained "Dora," completed from an unfinished 18-foot by 8-foot hull, and powered by a 4-horse Atlas engine. He carried berries and fruit to Olympia Canning Co., eggs, butter, and mail.

After a Navy hitch, he traded "Dora" for a larger Navy hull, named it "Sea Wolf," and continued his freight business. In 1923, another trade was made for "Loren," 54-foot, powered first by gas, then steam, and finally diesel, which he captained until 1936.

Oysters from Victor, clams from Vaughn, and grapes from Stretch Island were added to the freight list, plus Squaxin Island rock and butter clams from the American Natives. Harriman carried local young people to Saturday night dances at Jarrell Cove on Hartstene Island, and some of these (now older) folks still recall the fun of those boat rides.

In 1936, Harriman sold "Loren" to Ray Bussard, who used the boat as a fish carrier in Alaska for several more years.

Information for this article obtained from material in Key Peninsula Historical Museum.



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Chainsaw-carving couple climbs to the top

By Karl Anderson
KP News

It is rare to find a couple who not only share the same profession, but spend virtually every minute with each other, both for work and play, and love it. Dan and Deb Whited are both professional chainsaw carvers who have won several competitions among their peers, and the demand for their art keeps increasing.

Dan Whited, a former employee of Weyerhaeuser and graduate of Central Washington University, has been creating wooden pieces of art with chainsaws for 11 years, preceded by three years as a stone sculptor.

With a degree in political science from the University of Redlands, Calif., Deb Whited had considered law school earlier in her life, but discovered her true

passion with creating floral designs in old growth. She has been carving for three years.

The two have competed and won several competitions in Washington, Oregon, and California, where the judged pieces must be carved

on site, normally in two to four days. The most recent of these was in California, where Dan placed first and Deb took second. Of the six competitions she has been in, Deb has placed in four of them.

“One thing I like about carving is that there is no gender prejudice,” Deb said. “You aren’t judged as a man or a woman, you’re judged as a carver.”

“Among the rewards for competing are sponsors that supply you with equipment such as chainsaws, cash prizes, and the recognition itself,” Dan said.

Preferring Western Red Cedar, Ponderosa Pine, California Redwood, and Maple, the couple creates detailed carvings of trees, animals of all kinds, signs, mantel pieces, and human figures. Summers are filled with carving, finding wood, or traveling to and from competitions seven days a week. Their winters are reserved for special custom orders and vacation time. “We’re going to Hawaii this coming winter for vacation,” Deb said, “but we’ll be carving while we’re there, too.”

Depending on the specific pieces they are working on, the couple can produce between three and five pieces a day. While they have their individual preferences, they also work on some pieces together, such as horse and seal carvings.

“Dan is my equal, but he’s also my teacher,” Deb said. “That can bring up some issues from time to time, but we always work it out.”



Dan and Deb Whited have found harmony not only in their marriage but also in their work and passion for carving.

Photo by Karl Anderson

“If you can envision a piece in your mind,” Dan said, “you can ultimately create the piece. If you can’t, the piece just won’t happen.”

Their next competition is from July 30 thru Aug. 3 in Westport. Each contestant is given an 8-foot by 3-foot spruce log. Carving commences at 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., then from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for three or four consecutive days. Competition is fierce.

Deb Whited’s large functional carving of a lighthouse that she carved in the California competition can be seen in Allyn at Kenny’s Northwest Experience, formerly known as the Coffee Rentry.

“When I come out of a competition I’m years better by how I have furthered

my skills and abilities in a very limited time frame,” she said.

Her efforts paid off when she took first place in California for Mini Carvings and was pronounced the first woman who has ever won that division.

“My favorite thing I have heard about what we do is ‘If the art world were a symphony orchestra, chainsaw carving would be a banjo,’” Dan said with a laugh.

It is very obvious that Dan and Deb Whited have found their niche doing something together they enjoy, have a proven skill and talent for, and can make a living at. Few people could ever ask or dream of more, and on their 2-acre wooded property in Home where they live and work, true harmony abounds.



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From Pioneer Stock Stanley and Audrey Paul

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Stanley Paul was born on McNeil Island, where his father was a part-time guard at the prison. When Mr. Paul was told to shoot an unarmed escapee, he knew he could no longer be a guard.

They moved to the Key Peninsula when Stan was about 10, settling in Home. Stan joined the Civilian Conservation Corps before World War II erupted. Run by Army personnel, it was good training for the real Army later. They had discipline, wore uniforms, and slept in tents.

He and other peninsula young men — Roy Shadbolt, George Piatti, Bill Durward, and Bill Woolridge — were drafted the same day. Gen. Douglas McArthur sent word that medics were needed immediately, so the young men had a brief crash course, then their real training in Australia.



Stanley was with the 5th General Hospital (a portable surgery unit) in New Guinea until he developed malaria. He was sent to Everett, "the best place around for malaria treatment," and never had a reoccurrence.

Audrey Whitfield has lived on the Key Peninsula all her life except for 10 months. She was born and raised in a Sears, Roebuck house brought into Vaughn Bay on a barge and put together by her father, Charlie. Her parents were widow and widower with four small children between them. Audrey was one of the next four.

Her Howe grandfather arrived in Vaughn before 1900. Her Whitfield grandfather bought property near Dutcher's Cove two decades later.

Audrey was Valedictorian of her class at Vaughn High School, but didn't go on to college because she couldn't afford it and didn't know about scholarships.

A friend, Dixie Paul, dropped out of high school to be married and a daughter was born the night her classmates graduated. When Stanley was on furlough from the Army in 1944, he took his sister Dixie and the baby to visit Audrey. Although they knew about each other, Stanley and Audrey had never met. They were married five months later and lived in Tacoma until he was released from the Army.

In 1957 Dick and Marge Radonich were planning to sell their home on Horseshoe Lake. Family and friends ice-skated there each winter. Stan bought it from Dick, his cousin. The Pauls began supporting a Korean orphan boy in 1972. Later, they added a girl. In 1976 they traveled with the Christian Businessmen of Korea to meet the children. They took an eight-day bus trip paid by the Korean government, traveling into the demilitarized



Photos courtesy of Audrey Paul

Above: Stanley and Audrey Paul, in Korea in 1976, with children Lee Kil Young and Soon Jo Kim. Below: Audrey and Stanley in 1945.

zone and several miles into North Korea. The children could only be contacted while they lived at the orphanage. The couple supported six children over the years.

Stan and Audrey are charter and life members of the peninsula VFW and

Auxiliary.

He has an extensive collection of political buttons and memorial pins; she collects glass bottles. She picked up two gallon buckets of broken glass after the 2001 earthquake, but has her shelves full again.

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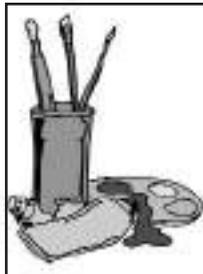


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Two Waters Arts Alliance wants you, you & you

By L. Brudvik Lindner
Special to KP News

Attention! Attention! Finally, after years of waiting, the genuine ARTicle has arrived — Two Waters Arts Alliance (TWAA) has landed right here on the Key Peninsula. You may have heard the news by now — in the fall of 2001 a dedicated, passionate group of Key Peninsula artists, art lovers and supporters of the arts, established Two Waters Arts Alliance, now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. TWAA is a member-based organization supported by membership fees, donations, volunteers and community spirit.



The Genuine ARTicle

Two Waters Arts Alliance is YOUR local arts treasure trove and it has a creative mission: a collaborative and community based organization that facilitates participation and education in the arts for people of all ages on the Key Peninsula. The



Photo courtesy of Two Waters

Renowned artist Kurt Solmssen shares his technique at one of Two Waters' previous art workshops.

foundation of TWAA is our artist community; TWAA is eager to serve and benefit our local artists, bringing their talents, techniques, and ideas alive.

TWAA is committed to keeping you posted on our local art movement;

hence, this ARTicle will become a regular feature in the KPNews. Regular ARTicle highlights will include: upcoming TWAA courses; profiling local artists; encouraging community involvement and calling out a LOUD invitation to artists, art enthusiasts and curious art students to join this burgeoning arts alliance. The "call to all" sounds something like this, "Come one, come all, teach, tutor, learn, recruit, volunteer, become a member, connect with your local art activists and be responsible for adding beauty and talent to our community. Accept your invitation and you will be pleasantly rewarded with immediate aesthetic gratification!"

On the subject of upcoming art classes, TWAA is offering its fifth season of art classes to our curious and creative community. Art classes are diverse and full of opportunity to feed your inner muse. The August program features: Tapestry

Tuesdays with Cecilia Bomberg; Scene Study for Young Actors with Molly Thompson; Sumi Painting with Reni Moriarity; Driftwood Beach Walk & Clay Day as well as an opportunity to learn from Master Painter, Kurt Solmssen on Saturdays throughout August and September.

On the subject of profiling our local talent, allow us to introduce you to Kurt Solmssen, a highly acclaimed oil painter. Kurt's work emphasizes striking color and strong light in the tradition of American realist Edward Hopper. He lives and works in Vaughn Bay where his vibrant, light-filled paintings record his daily life. In August and September on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon we are fortunate to have Kurt teaching Plein air landscape painting in oils, though you may bring the medium of your choice. To view Kurt's creative genius check out his paintings/shows/galleries on his Web site: www.kurtsolmssen.com. For class registration call: Margo at 884-2955

One last item, be sure to visit the TWAA booth at the Key Peninsula Fair Aug. 15-17. Membership sign-up will be available as will class registration and, our volunteer roster will be waiting for your name and number. Membership entails whatever you want it to, from a mere minimum donation with no time commitment, to becoming an active volunteer—you decide.

Well there you have it, the first official Two Waters Arts Alliance feature ARTicle. Don't let your inspiration fade, contact TWAA now and unite your artistic spirit with ours; after all, TWAA is here for ALL of us to learn from, give to and whole-heartily enjoy as a community. Join us in this extraordinary opportunity to make art history here on the Key Peninsula. For further information call Margo at 884-2955.

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KP's top 10 hiking trails

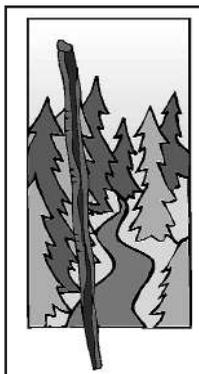
Editor's note:

This is part 2 of a series featuring 10 Key Peninsula trails. Last month the spotlight was on Fern Lake/Lake Koeneman, Rocky Creek Conservation Area, and Horseshoe Lake DNR Property. Next month, Penrose State Park, the Linds' property, and Joemma Beach State Park will be featured.

We hope you take the time to explore the Peninsula and enjoy the trails. The Key Peninsula News encourages you to be safe and always let someone know about your hiking plans.

The directions given can easily be misinterpreted. Please rely on yourselves to explore and not the descriptions below. Be sure to take food, water, and other survival essentials on your walk. Wear sensible and sturdy footwear that is well broken in.

4) **Purdy Spit County Park:** A nice place for a walk on the beach at low tide. Park in Purdy and walk over the bridge and along the beach to the old Wauna Post Office and General Store. Turn around here and retrace your steps back to the Purdy bridge. Round



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trip distance is about a mile. Please share the area with divers and windsurfers.

5) **Key Center DNR Property:** You have two choices for access to this area. Either drive north on the Key Peninsula Highway from Key Center and look for a rusty gate on your left, or park just off 128th Street and walk south on 154th Avenue following the old logging railway that used to run between Carney Lake and Vaughn. Please share the roads and trails with equestrians and mountain bicyclists.

6) **Dutcher Cove State Park:** This used to be the old Haley property sold to the state and so far undeveloped as a park. The single pedestrian only trail runs about 1.5 miles from Jackson Lake to the beach near Dutcher Cove. You will need to return via the same route. Park

at the 177th Avenue boat launch ramp for Jackson Lake. Walk across and left on Jackson Lake Road to find the trail. After the first mile, look for the main trail going right away from the route you have been traveling. Do not continue straight ahead into private property. The main trail descends steeply to turn right downhill to the lagoon. Look for the remains of some old buildings and

an artesian well on the way to the beach.

7) **Maple Hollow DNR Property:** Park at a rusty gate on Van Beek Road just off the Key Peninsula Highway. A pair of pedestrian only trails, interlaced like a double helix, descend to the beach from the old campground. Take time to stop and read the nature signs along the way and explore the beach at low tide.

Simon Priest is a member of the KP Trails Committee. To find out more, see www.keypen.org or email info@keypen.org.

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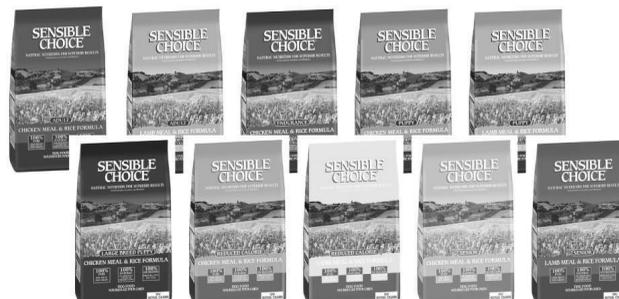
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Notes from down below



By Karl Anderson

On April 18 I made a dive in Lake of The Woods, descending at two different locations in the middle of the lake.

Imagine being submerged in a giant bowl of au jus or beef broth. There I was, descending into the unknown — and I hate diving in soup — when I hit bottom at — 8 feet. Lots of goeey mud on the bottom. And more mud.

Any evidence of life? I could barely see my scooter and I was hanging onto it

with both hands. Any noticeable debris on the bottom? Nothing to be seen, literally. The second descent, five minutes later, got me no deeper than 8 feet when I settled down into the muck again.

Are there fish in Lake of the Woods? Any debris? After this experience, I wouldn't know! Nevertheless, it is a private community and you must be a resident or guest of a resident to use the lake. Please respect the rules.

In upcoming months I will dive into what some residents say is the deepest lake on the Peninsula.

Can you guess which one? I'll share my findings with you next time!

Aquatically yours,
Karl Anderson

Photo by Blane Nelson

Recreation briefs

Penrose State Park marks 50th anniversary with free parking for public

Penrose Point State Park's 50th anniversary will be marked by offering the public free parking Aug. 10.

Parking at the park is \$5 daily or with a \$50 annual pass the rest of the year. Located at 58th Avenue in Lakebay, the park offers recreational activities including camping, hiking, biking, crabbing, boating, swimming and more.

The local community played an important role in the development of Penrose Point, which was initially created out of a swamp (now a day-use area). The park's name honors Dr. Stephen Penrose of Tacoma, who served as president of Whitman College in Walla Walla from 1884 to 1934.

State Parks acquired the property in 17 parcels between 1953 and 1982. All outdoor enthusiasts young and old are invited to come by on the special day and take a break in the nature.

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Renaissance Faire visits for three weeks

By Karl Anderson
KP News

The Renaissance Faire will open its gates at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning three consecutive weekends of jousting, sword fighting, fire-eating, games for children and those young at heart, food and beverages from this period in history, and people from near and far dressed in clothing from a bygone era.

You won't want to miss the Seattle Knights as they once again pit good against evil with their theatrics. The honey root beer is highly recommended as well. Bring your own container or purchase an ornate one filled to the brim! Even science-fiction writer Mercedes Lackey will make an appearance and sign autographs on opening day.

If you miss the first weekend, you'll still have a chance to attend on Aug. 9-10 or 16-17. Weekend passes, good for admission for both Saturday and Sunday, will save you some bucks. Bring those cameras and capture one of the best times you'll experience on Key Peninsula this summer!



Ren Faire details

Gates are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
For details, call 851-4114 or see
www.washingtonrenfaire.com.

Photo illustration courtesy of Renaissance Faire

There will be no shortage of knights in shining armor—as well as damsels—at the Faire.

Longbranch Labor Day Dance starring "Junkyard Jane"

Returning to Longbranch, the blues group "Junkyard Jane" will belt out their Creole Blues Jazz blend for their South Sound fans at the Labor Day holiday dance, Saturday, Aug. 30 at the Longbranch Improvement Club. A major late-summer Key Peninsula event, great music, a cash bar, and friendly bartenders make for a good-time evening. Doors open at 8 p.m., music starts about 8:30 and ends four hours later. This year new items, specially prepared hot snacks of buffalo wings and nachos, will be available.

Long a favorite group at the Longbranch dances, Junkyard Jane was recently one of only eight bands out of hundreds to make the final round at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

People come by boat and by land to celebrate the holiday at the dance. For boaters, a mini-van service is provided from the Filcuy Bay Marina to the dancehall, courtesy of the Lakebay Community Services. A large proportion of the moorage slips at the Longbranch Marina operated by the Improvement Club are for public guest moorage for boaters from around the Sound. Boats come from as far away the San Juan Islands for the annual spring and fall dances. These dances, sponsored by the club in its historic building, follow a long-standing tradition begun many decades ago.

Tickets at the door the night of the dance will be \$15. Advance tickets at \$12 will be available at the Longbranch Filcuy Bay Marina, Key Center Liquor Store, Home Country Store, and Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center.

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In November, there will be several opportunities to vote for park commissioners. Four positions are up for election. Position 1 held by Nancy Lind, P. 2 held by Dick Granquist, P. 5 held by Mike Salatino and P. 4 held by Pat Medveckus. The deadline for filing is Aug. 1, 4 p.m., in the county auditor's office, 2401 S. 35th St., room 200 in Tacoma.

This is the third year for the Key Peninsula Fair, Aug. 15-17. Co-ed softball will be playing almost every evening till the end of September. Tournaments coming up are "Clean and Sober" Aug. 9-10, "Church League" Aug. 23-24, "Mud Bowl" Sept. 6-7, "USSSA" Sept. 13-14, and "Co-Ed Softball" Oct. 11-12.

Mike Salatino has facilitated the clearing and seeding of a large area at the KP

Sports Center to make room for the Agri-Vision program that is his passion. Phil Radcliffe excavated and burned, Active Construction leveled, Bob Jewett cut the few big fir trees and limbed them and different organizations picked up debris and helped with seeding.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area is used by walkers and there are several requests for directions to the park and maps of the

trails. Monthly work parties will begin, as the women from the Corrections Center won't be available for awhile. Call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

Home Park is coming along and like a lot of places is severely in need of rain for the grass to fill in. Jolene Swanson has been painting the sign and KPPRD thanks her for that.

— By Nancy Lind, commissioner

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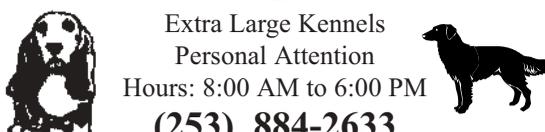
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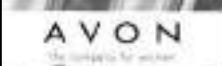
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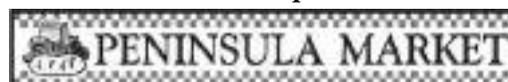
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By Sylvia Retherford
Special to KP News

Mid-August finds flower gardens in full bloom. Summer squash, peas, carrots, new potatoes and lettuce are in full production. Blueberries, blackberries and late raspberries are ripe. Corn and tomatoes that were started in the greenhouse are nearly ready. Peaches, apricots, cherries, prunes, plums and early apples are appearing.

Trimming and composting time begins. In discarding and trimming, consider leaving some

favored specimens to produce seed for next year. Some of the most dependable selections are calendula, cerenthe, columbine, corydalis, gloriosa daisy, Joe Pye weed (Eupatorium), Maltese cross (Lychnis) and butter and eggs (Limnanthes). The last one will be the first to bloom in spring if you allow its seedlings that germinate in fall to live over winter.

The winter garden plants (broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and kale) are ready for thinning and resetting. The purple and ornamental varieties are tastier and just as easy to grow. Generally the plants that are not transplanted

develop faster, but moving some with care, perhaps to a neighbor's garden, works out well. Winter garden sites should not be too wet. The right varieties properly cared for will produce food from October until April in our wonderful Puget Sound climate.

The root vegetables should be up by now, but they might do well even planted this late. Irises and some lilies can be moved now with care, but moving them after the rains of September come would be safer: Our August lilies are blooming with stems about 8 feet tall.

In early July, the *Cardiocrinum giganteum* lily (native to the southwest Africa mountains) produced a 3-inch diameter, 12-foot stalk topped with 13 large white blossoms decorated with inner pink stripes. Many visitors came to see and snap photos.



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Bayshore Garden Club has potluck

Next meeting is Friday, Aug. 15 at noon. There will be a potluck picnic at Anita Dougherty's lakeside home. Address is 20514 S. Herron Road, Lakebay (884-2826). Visitors are welcome.

Angels keep on flying

We are kind of like the postal service. Neither heat, cold, rain (although we haven't had much of that), nor any of those other things Mother Nature throws around can get us down. We have a great little store called the Thrift Store located in Key Center and we are there for your shopping pleasure.

Monies from the sale of merchandise went to fill requests from Camps Seymour and Easter Seal to send 10 people to camp, who otherwise wouldn't have been able to go.

That's the good news and we wish there wasn't any bad news but there is. We have people who don't believe they should have to pay for their purchases. This is known as shoplifting. Our merchandise is very reasonably priced and most things that are stolen are not necessary things, they are CDs or knickknacks or luxury clothing items. This hurts our ability to help the less fortunate in our community. If you see someone shoplifting items, please tell the clerks. We need to put a stop to it. On the whole, we have a truly great bunch of customers. It's only a few bad apples that spoil things.

—Submitted by Mary Ramsdell

Hurry over to Ashes Rummage Sale and KP Firefighters' famous pancake breakfast

The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary —Ashes — rummage sale is on Saturday Aug. 2, 9 to 4 at the Key Center Fire Station. We welcome your participation and thank you for your support in donations and of course seeing your smiling faces when you come to shop. It's always fun to browse through all those treasures, everything from A to Z. So come on in.

Donations can be dropped off at the fire station on Friday the 1st, or if you need something picked up call Marguerite at 884-3771 or Mary at 884-4834.

AND don't forget: The Key Peninsula Firefighters Association can handle those hunger pangs. They will be serving their

famous pancake breakfast Saturday morning Aug. 1 starting at 7:30 a.m. See you there.

—Submitted by Mary Ramsdell

Mothers and daughters: It's tea time

An old-fashioned afternoon for ladies will set aside tea time at the KP Community House Aug. 15. Mothers and daughters are especially invited to attend—but not to worry, if you don't have one, you can temporarily adopt on the spot.

Attendees are encouraged to dress for the occasion, hats and gloves included. The tea, at 3 p.m., will celebrate old traditions and help women get together and talk. Call 884-4440 for details.

Parent Connection invites you to cook and talk

Parent Connection at the Children's Home Society is coming back, but with a new look this August. Parents are invited to cook a meal together (ingredients provided) and talk about positive parenting. The series will run for three weeks at the Civic Center, Tuesday morning starting Aug. 5. Parents will make lunch in the Civic Center's kitchen then enjoy the food and discussion in the Whitmore Room. The Family Resource Center's Luella Hudson and a counselor from Discovery Elementary will facilitate the discussion.

This is a pilot program that may continue in fall if there is enough interest. The program is free. To register or for more details, call Luella Hudson at the center at 884-5433.

Breakfast and yard sale at KPCS

It's time for the monthly get-together at the Community Services for breakfast yummys and bargain shopping on Saturday, Aug. 9. Breakfast is \$3 and starts at 8, the sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, call 884-4440.

Historical society celebrates homestead

The Key Peninsula Historical Society held its summer picnic under the beautiful pin oak at the Civic Center on Saturday, June 28. We enjoyed the demonstration of cast iron cooking and the delightful dishes that Leona Britt's daughter and husband prepared.

We also enjoyed the interesting discourse about the origin and use of

Vaughn Union High graduates know how to celebrate



Photo by Rodika Tollefson

Vaughn High cheerleaders Shirley Olson, Marge Radonich and Joyce Niemann brought some old memories back at the reunion.

Reunion deemed a success

The Vaughn Union High School Reunion was held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The old high school gym was filled with classmates and friends on the afternoon of June 21. Hard to believe so much time has passed since it was closed as a high school in 1947.

About 161 attended. Mrs. Dorothy Bouvia was an honored guest, as she was the only teacher still able to attend. At one table were three alumni who were 90 plus years old, Frances Metzler Kinkaid, Evelyn Bigley Stinson and Elsie Bill Olson. The longest married couple were Esther Anderson Lovestrom with her husband, together for 63 years. Three other couples, all Vaughn alumni and high school sweethearts, were honored as they are marking 62 years of marriage this year, Jane and Harmon Van Slyke, Wes and Pat Davidson and Hazel and Ralph Kingsbury.

The alumna coming the farthest distance was Lloyd Tachell from Oklahoma. Don't believe he has missed many of our reunions. Don Lind, our chairman for this reunion, won the prize for most children, six boys, and he could remember all their names.

The Key Peninsula Singers sang many of the older songs we remembered from way back when. The museum was open for all to look at memorabilia of past school days. The classes of 1943 and 1944 senior pictures are now hanging up with the rest of the classes for the first time on Graduate Wall.

After expenses, the reunion was able to donate \$488 to the Civic Center. And yes, the cheerleaders did make their appearance to lead the alumni in a couple of rousing yells and the Vaughn School song, "We are Loyal to you, Vaughn High."

—By Alumna Joyce Niemann

"Dutch ovens." Our thanks to Christine and Bill McLoughlin for their presentation.

The next meeting will be the potluck pioneer picnic Saturday, Aug. 2, noon to 3 p.m., at the Rickert Homestead of Dick and Marge Radonich at 9107 Key Peninsula Highway South, in Longbranch. We will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the house and also Marge's birthday.

—Submitted by Virginia Seavy

To have your organization's event listed in the Key Peninsula News and the Key Pen Electronic Newsletter (emailed twice a month to 500 subscribers), send your news to keypennews@yahoo.com, fax to 884-4053, or mail to: KP News, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn WA 98394, by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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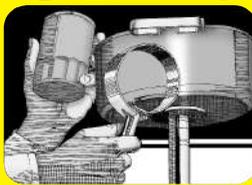
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