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New computers help Evergreen students learn

By Scott Turner, KP News

The kids at Evergreen Elementary School have discovered a great new tool for doing research and writing stories, thanks to third-grade teacher Therese Souers.

It's called Chromebook, a small tablet-like, Google-based computer that let them access the web, do extra math projects and other school assignments.

Both Souers and Evergreen Principal Hugh Maxwell have strong backgrounds in technology and Souers is on the technology committee for the school district, so she's "very much involved in the technology stuff that's going on," she said.

She first heard about Chromebooks at a technology conference she and Maxwell attended last year.



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Evergreen Elementary School student Makayla Carr, right, helps classmate Samantha Rodrigues navigate her Chromebook during class recently.

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KP Farm Tour set for family fun and education

By Karen Lovett, KP News

This year's KP Farm Tour begins with breakfast at the Key Center fire station. On Oct. 4, pancakes and ham, juice and coffee will be served between 8 a.m. and noon. During that time firefighters will be racing to doff and don firefighting gear. A simulated fire and rescue from a two-story house fire will take place at 11 a.m.

Breakfast is free, but donations are being accepted to cover the cost of a high lift jack.

"The jack is needed for rescuing people trapped in cars. It's used to get the door off," Assistant Chief Hal Wolverton said.

This year the KP Farm Tour is dedicated to its former president, Bill Ketts. Ketts wanted to promote the atmosphere of our tranquil community. Ketts was diagnosed with secondary acute myeloid leukemia in April, and died June 7. It was his desire that his wife Tracy keep their Blue Willow Lavender Farm going and participate in the Farm Tour.

"Thank you to the community for their love, gifts and help on the farm," Tracy Ketts said. "People were so giving of their time. Plants are healthy. We lost some in March due to 14 inches of rain. Our grower came out and helped 10 days after Bill was diagnosed.

I couldn't have done it without help and friends."

Events at Blue Willow Lavender Farm will include lavender de-budding demonstrations, lavender hand therapy, kids' rock painting, a pumpkin wall of carved foam pumpkins, a tour of the farm and a vote for your favorite lavender scent. The Blue Grass Minstrels will be playing between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Gateway Park is participating as the information center for the second time since joining the tour last year. The Key Peninsula Historical Society and KP Veterans will be at Gateway Park as well as Master Gardeners and the representatives of the Community Garden to answer gardening questions.

Bea's Flowers will have lots of flowers, and fall vegetables will be for sale including squash, pumpkins and gourds. A number of rabbits have the run of the place and chickens, ducks, and geese are always present.

Packleader Farm promises a continuous flow of simultaneous events that will keep spectators enthralled as a variety of dog breeds show off their prowess herding different breeds of sheep or ducks in the multiple arenas.

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“One of the workshops was about a school that was doing STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — and the integration of their technology with all of that. And both Hugh and I got very excited about it and wanted to find a way to get that for our students,” Souers said.

It took several months of researching and writing grants, but Souers has been able to come up with enough funding from various sources to purchase more than 70 new computers for students in the school district.

And now Evergreen is starting to use the Chromebooks in a new school program they call Chromeworks — a combination of Chromebook and homework.

“It started as a way to get student who struggle involved in getting their homework done, in getting more reading and writing done and trying to figure out a

way that would engage them,” Souers explained.

“We’ve had an after school program for fourth- and fifth-graders, but it really was just giving them more of what they weren’t successful with during the day,” she said.

Part of the problem is that “a lot of our kids don’t have access to computers at home for anything but video games.”

One of Souers’ former jobs was director of development for a community college so she knows how to write grants.

With a \$5,000 grant she got for Evergreen from CenturyLink, the school was able to purchase a charging cart with 12 Chromebooks. Then she got a \$6,500 grant from a foundation that paid for more computers.

“We also had some left-over LAP money (Learning Assistance Program) and now we have more than 70 computers. They’ll serve all grades but we’re sharing them,” she said.

In addition to helping the kids learn computer skills, they’re also learning about responsibility, Maxwell said.

“Responsibility is a big piece. There are always kids who can find their way around it but they’re taught that this is a privilege and if you violate the rules you’ll lose it,” Souers said.

According to Souers, one surprise benefit of the new computers is that kids who might not excel in their regular subjects are sometimes very quick to pick up computer skills, which they can then teach to the other kids.

“Maybe reading and writing isn’t really their thing but they know how to change the font size or insert a picture,” Souers said. “They figure those things out and suddenly their status in the class and their self esteem just rises because they become the expert and people want to be expert in technology.”

Kids and teachers alike seem to love the new computers.

“I think the Chromebooks are awesome,” said Makayla Carr, 8. “We have enough for our class so we can all have our own personal Chromebook and the cool thing is you can go on the web and search for what you like to do.”

Carr said if other kids don’t know how to use them, the classmates who have experience will help them.

Makayla’s classmate, Delmer Emans, also 8, likes Chromebooks. “I can type stories on them and sometimes that’s important. At first it was kind of hard but now it’s really easy and it helps me. I can do extra math and search for things on it,” Emans said.

For Souers and Maxwell, the bottom line is helping the kids.

“Our kids are underprivileged,” Souers said. “They don’t have the same privileges as a lot of the Harbor kids. We don’t want them to fall behind just because they didn’t have that access. We want to help our kids.”

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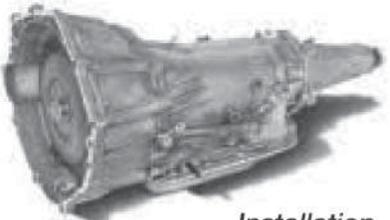
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Upcoming events

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“Different breeds of dogs have different styles,” Packleader owner and trainer Steve Weigley said. Old English sheepdogs and briards will be among some of the more familiar breeds on hand.

Cape-E Farm and Vineyard will be offering snacks for sale as well as providing a picnic area for anyone to enjoy their lunch at the peaceful farm setting.

Fresh produce will be on sale and numerous farm animals can be seen. Local artists will be selling their work. The dry bean sheller will be available again this year for those who want to take a turn at shelling legumes.

Trillium Creek Winery offers wine tasting and tours of the vineyard.

Key Peninsula Community Services has been added this year and will be dishing up soup featuring fresh vegetables for \$5 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Public bathrooms will be open during that time and anyone can tour the facility that houses the Senior Center and Food Bank.

Lakebay Marina is another new addition to the Farm Tour this year. The marina is located at the site of the first farm co-op. Food was collected here and sent by boat



Tractors line part of the Creston Valley Farm before the tour opened last year. The CVF is owned by Greg and Lalaine Wong and is the tour headquarters featuring many vendors, demonstrations, food and music.

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to Tacoma. Get acquainted with Puget Sound Wildlife under the direction of Harbor WildWatch. Minter Creek Oyster

Company is also partnered with Lakebay Marina and expert shuckers will be demonstrating the quick easy method of shell-

ing oysters as well as talking about the life cycle and growth of the bivalves. Plenty of food is available, and the 302 band will play at 5 p.m.

The Longbranch Improvement Club will be serving soup and Peg Bingham’s famous hot apple crisp during the Fiber Arts Show.

“The theme for the show this year is, The Gamut of Fiber Arts from Historic to Modern Techniques, Artistic to Utilitarian,” Carolyn Wiley, Farm Tour president, said.

Creston Valley Farm is the event center. The Down Home Band will start playing at 1 p.m. followed by the Rusty Roots at 2 p.m.

Local artist P. Arnold Thompson will be displaying his multi-media abstract creations. For horse enthusiasts, Farm Tour vice president and equine expert Chuck Kraft will be there all day answering questions using a horse to demonstrate specific training solutions.

“It’s not about sitting on a horse, it’s about riding on a horse,” Kraft said. “The Farm Tour is increasing each year. It’s good for the community. People like to communicate with farmers.”

For information, contact Carolyn Wiley at (253) 884-9157 or wiley@mac.com.

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Guy Allen, familiar face, new fire chief

By Steve Whitford, KP News

It's official; as of Aug. 27, Guy Allen, former interim chief became the new fire chief of the Key Peninsula Peninsula Fire Department.

Allen was one of 22 applicants for the position, and after a three way tie for the top candidate, the Pierce County Fire District 16 Board of Fire Commissioners chose Allen because of his qualifications and because he was an in-house candidate.

Allen was born in Gardner, Kansas but did most of his growing up in Washington state. He graduated from Blaine High School in 1981, but even then he was learning his chosen profession by being a volunteer firefighter his senior year.

In 1982 he was hired by the Blaine Fire District for equipment maintenance. He attended the Washington State Fire Academy in 1983 and in 1989 was promoted to training captain.

In 1994 he advanced to operations captain, and in May of 1999 Allen moved to the Key Peninsula and was hired as the C-shift lieutenant.

In 2005 he served as temporary division chief, a position that became permanent in 2006. By 2012 he was promoted to assistant chief, and in 2014 he served as interim chief until this permanent appointment in August.

Allen is 51 years old and is eligible for retirement at age 53.

"As long as I am physically able to contribute and make a difference, I would like to continue for perhaps another 10 years," he said.

The chief has financial concerns for the future of the department.

"There are two critical measures coming up in 2016. The maintenance and prevention levies have eight to 10 firefighters' jobs depending on passage. There's also an EMS levy coming up again in 2020 and a no vote could cost us half our employees," Allen said.

Chief Allen's career really depends on what the future brings.

"There's a personal limit as to how much human tragedy a person can stand to witness. I haven't reached my limit yet, but someday I know I will," he said.

Allen has seen a lot of things during his time as a firefighter.

"The scariest thing I've done was respond to a house fire with people trapped inside, and I was all by myself. The funniest thing I've responded to was an escaped monkey who entered a stranger's house, bit him and then ransacked the bedroom.

"My proudest memory is of the day I was picked to be Chief," he said with a smile.

Chief Allen posts regularly on the district's "Key Peninsula Fire" Facebook page.

Candidate forum slated for Oct. 7 at Civic Center

Candidates running for elective office in November will face off, argue their position, and answer questions from the voters on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn from 7 to 9 p.m.

The following 10 candidates are scheduled to sit on the panel:

Derek Kilmer (incumbent) and Marty McClendon are competing for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Jan Angel (incumbent) and Judy Arbogast, for State Senate.

Jesse Young (incumbent) and Nathan Schlicher, for State Representative.

Larry Seaquist (incumbent) and Mi-

chelle Caldier, for State Representative.

Stan Flemming (incumbent) and Derek Young, for Pierce County Council.

Chuck West will moderate the event, which will start with the candidates briefly presenting their position, followed by questions selected from written submissions from the audience, followed by verbal questions from the audience.

Candidates and audience members can remain after for one-on-one discussion.

The candidate forum is jointly presented by the Key Peninsula Community Council, the Key Peninsula Civic Center, The Key Peninsula Business Association, and the Key Peninsula News.

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Bruce Macdonald, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, Treasurer

Macdonald has been a board member at the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association since the early 1990's and was president from 2009-2012.

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Yes, it is board election time for the Civic Center and we could use your experience, your considerations and your talents. And, we're only talking about one or two evenings a month to help the Board and the Civic Center best serve our community and the residents.

It is totally acceptable to nominate yourself... in fact, encouraged... give our office a call and let Holly (884-3456) know. She will be really impressed with your initiative and grateful for your help... as will we all.

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your help. If you swing a strong hammer or turn a spade, we could use your help. If you enjoy working with and instructing kids, we could use your help. Are you a great cook or baker? We have a commercial kitchen and use it ourselves sometimes. Do you know and understand Robert's Rules of Order? We could use your help. Licensed Ham radio operator? We now have a ham station at the Center. Are you an attorney, practicing or not, we could use your help and advice.

Maybe it is just that you want to be of help and to contribute. It all works and it is all greatly appreciated; many hands make light work. We do what we can and our lives are better for it.

"A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

The KP Civic Center Board elections will take place on November 13, 2014 during the regular KPCCA Board meeting, which begins at 7pm in the Whitmore Room. The two year board term begins in January 2015.



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Peninsula Views

Read my lips

Some folks read palms, others read cards. Local author Jilly Eddy reads your lips — or to be exact — a lipstick print of them.

Eddy was Jersey born, but grew up in Orange County, Calif. She later moved to Bellingham, Wash., but had ties to friends on the peninsula and had visited it often. About two years ago, she moved to the Key along with her partner of 27 years, Marsha Kremen.

As a child Eddy was fascinated with lips. She received the nickname Jilly from her grandmother and others, and she's used it ever since.

In 1980 Eddy purchased a book of celebrity lip prints and liked it so much she began taking and sharing prints with her relations and friends. During the next 14 years she collected and examined the lip prints. She even ran a limousine service named Lips Limo, and all the passengers paid with money and lip prints. She said she was proud of getting Johnny Cash and June Carter's prints. "Johnny wouldn't wear the lipstick, so the only way he would cooperate was to get lipstick on him by kissing a girl," Eddy said.

Eddy analyzed lips and later interviewed the subjects to see how accurate her lip readings were.

After more than 10,000 prints were analyzed Eddy turned her art into a science. Since 1990 Eddy has been enlight-

Steven Whitford
Words of Whit



ening and entertaining audiences with her readings.

Basically what she does is pass out cards for taking lip prints. Those who choose to participate "smooch" the paper with lipsticked lips, then sign and date the sample. Eddy then collects and reads their lips and is capable of telling participants some of the things about themselves that are presently pertinent and specific to them.

Occasionally, Eddy will do a complete reading of a subject, but that can take more than one hour. Eddy coined the term Lipsology in 1996, and has made presentations to many organizations including the International Behavioral and Medical Biometrics Society. She said her clients include Microsoft, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and even the United States Navy.

In 1994, Eddy published her how to book, "Lipsology" an anthology of her work and studies.

"Lipsology is an art and science, and can be taught to almost anyone," she said.

Eddy's goal throughout her book

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Let's have a discussion about domestic violence

Jesus once said, "All that is secret will eventually be brought into the open."

Domestic violence is often hidden beneath the veneer of polite society. We mask it, denying the abuse, the pain and the suffering.

Abusers and abused go about their day as if all was well, and nobody notices the signs of struggle that are there.

This last month, a series of high-profile athletes were accused of domestic violence. Suddenly everybody is talking about it. This is good. It's time we brought it out into the open, educated ourselves and learned how to deal with it.

A recent survey by the Center for Disease Control found that one in three women and one in four men had "experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime." It also found that one in four women and one in seven men had been "hit with a fist or something hard, beaten, slammed against something" by an intimate partner.

Domestic violence takes many forms. It can be physical, verbal, emotional, financial or sexual. Domestic violence is most often employed by men against women or adults against children, but many men are victims of abusive behavior as well.

All have one thing in common: using force to gain and maintain control over another person. Domestic violence is a way of stealing power from others, intimidating them through pain, threats and confusion until they submit to the will of the abuser.

Domestic violence is always wrong. Abuse is always wrong. There is no excuse, and we must not accept it in our midst.

October is Domestic Violence Aware-

Dan Whitmarsh
Writing by Faith



ness Month. It's an issue that is with us year-round, but this month has been set aside to draw extra attention to the reality of this hidden epidemic.

This is a time to mourn and lament with those who suffer, often silently. It's a time to reach out to those who are victims and survivors, offering a kind word and a helping hand. It's a time to stop making excuses and justifying the behavior of violent men and women.

It's also a good time to learn more about domestic violence, by reading and studying and watching online tutorials. One great resource is the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ncadv.org). I'd encourage you to take some time educating yourself, so we're all better equipped to deal with this issue.

There are people reading this who are victims of abuse; there are abusers reading this as well. Get help. Talk to a friend, a pastor, a counselor, a police officer. There's no shame in asking for help. But realize this: it won't change until steps are taken to deal with it.

It begins with bringing it into the open, and recognizing it in our midst. Whether it's you, or a friend, please take some time this month to learn more about domestic violence. Let's bring this hidden pain out into the open and take away its power, restoring people into the fullness of life which we all deserve.

Dan Whitmarsh is pastor at Lakebay Community Church. You can contact him at dan@lakebaycovenant.net.

McNeil Island, McCleary, and an impending tax avalanche

Washington state is in violation of a reversionary clause in the 1984 deed that transferred McNeil Island from federal ownership to state ownership.

The deed required that the property be “maintained as a correctional facility in perpetuity” with ownership reverting back to the United States if violated.

Washington closed its McNeil Island prison in 2011, leaving the State Civil Commitment (SCC) facility on the island. The problem is that the SCC is not a “correctional facility” (a prison), it instead houses persons who have already served their full criminal sentence, but are still held under “civil” statutory provisions indefinitely because they are a “threat to society,” similar to being terminally insane.

At a recent meeting, the spokesperson for the General Services Administration (the agency that “owns” all federal property), said that the Feds have no current intention of reclaiming McNeil Island, but he also later admitted that he was not privy

Rick Sorrels
The Pragmatic Sophist



to discussions by higher ups.

Due to budgetary problems, the state has not funded a study of alternative “public uses” which might allow an amendment of the deed restriction.

An alternative use presented here might be to use the island as a “retreat” for legislators where they could be sequestered every two years to negotiate the state’s biennial budget. They could use the comfortable living accommodations left behind, the existing kitchen staff for the SCC, and the security staff (guards) who would prevent the pesky reporters and constituents from interfering with their important work. The governor might even step in and suspend ferry service for the duration to further eliminate interference.

Seriously, though, a tax avalanche is im-

pending. With the McCleary decision, the Legislature is under order by the Washington Supreme Court to “fix” their failure to perform their primary function of adequately funding public schools. The Supreme Court is upset with the Legislature’s failure to act, and is considering draconian contempt measures.

The Washington Supreme Court recently ruled that persons who emergency room doctors determined are a threat to themselves or others can no longer be warehoused on an emergency room gurney without treatment or medication waiting indefinitely for bed space that is not available at a mental health facility.

And claimants continue to win huge damage awards from juries (the jury lottery) for DSHS’s failure to prevent abuse by caregivers and foster homes, with the budget cuts they must already manage under.

Fixing McCleary, alone, will take billions of dollars, plus more for annual maintenance. All this additional funding cannot come from thin air, and it cannot be taken from courts, police, prisons, or anything

else — the shortage is far too big. The only other source is the taxpayers’ pocket.

The legislators hope the economy will recover to solve their problems, but the economy is refusing, and the numbers are so far too big. Partisan politics make matters worse.

“Sequestering” the legislators is an interesting thought, but only a pipe dream.

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Key Pen Parks to host a series of public meetings

Key Pen Parks recently announced the first of a series of public meetings on the development of a master plan for Gateway Park.

According to Scott Gallacher, the executive director, the purpose of the master plan is to gather the community's input on improvements at Gateway Park.

Key Pen Parks has contracted with Robert Droll, a landscape architect firm specializing in park design.

Gallacher said Droll will develop drawings, cost estimates, a development plan and other recommendations, incorporating the public comments and Key Pen Park's planning needs for the park.

The first public meeting will be on Thursday Oct. 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Minter Creek Elementary School located at 12617 – 118th Avenue NW.

In a recent new release, Gallacher also said that Key Pen Parks will hold two public meetings to discuss their 2014 budget.

The first meeting will be Monday Oct.

13, and the second will be Nov.10. The meetings will take place at Volunteer Park annex beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact 884-9240 or email scottg@keypenparks.com.

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and teaching seminars is to spread the knowledge.

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Her book is available at Sunnycrest Nursery, Blend Coffee, Purdy Costless and Mostly Books in Gig Harbor. Read it and then decide for yourself. The truth is out there.

For information, visit lipsology.com.

Land Use Advisory Commission works on public's behalf

By Sara Thompson, KP News

The Key Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commission (LUAC) plays a critical role in development taking place on the almost-island in South Puget Sound.

Those with an interest in knowing more and having a voice might consider joining. There are currently two vacancies.

LUAC meets monthly and until recently the group has reviewed all permits for building and shoreline use on the Key Peninsula.

In March 2014 a two-year pilot program began; routine permits are reviewed and approved by county staff allowing the LUAC to focus on applications for more comprehensive projects. During this period the membership expanded from nine to 12 members, with four appointments to be made from the Key Peninsula Community Council (KPC).

Meetings are held monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Key Center Library. They are open to the public.

Chuck West is serving his second term, all others are serving first terms. Reappointment is not automatic. Those with terms ending in March 2016 are members of the KPC and terms end when the pilot program is over. Current members:

Chuck West, Chair (10/2014)
Tara Froode, Vice-chair (10/2015)
Audra Garcia (3/2016)
Domoni Glass (10/2016)
Marcia Harris (3/2016)
Dwight Hartman (10/2014)
Mark Nelson (10/2017)
Don Swensen (10/2016)
Dan Scott (10/2015)
Cindy Worden (3/2016)

Applications are available online at co.pierce.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/4566 for those interested in serving as citizens at large. Once received, the application is reviewed for recommendation by the Pierce County Executive and presented for approval to the Pierce County Council. Terms are for four years and members can serve up to two terms.

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‘National Make a Difference Day’ happens this month

KP News staff report

On Oct. 25, millions of Americans across the nation will come together in a common mission to improve their communities.

On this day, the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula community will come together too, for the second annual “GHKP Make A Difference Day” (MDD) celebration of its own.

The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation will host the second annual celebration event in collaboration with the City of Gig Harbor and Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s BOSS program volunteers at PenMet Parks Schmel Homestead Park.

The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, working together with leaders from organizations like the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, PenMet Parks, Gig Harbor Fish Food Bank, Harbor WildWatch, Thanksgiving Basket Brigade, KP Community Council, Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Club, and many others has planned the local campaign at Volunteer Vern Pavilion at Schmel Homestead Park and at

the Food Market in Key Center.

The event hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., organizers said.

According to event co-chairwoman Lynda Filson, the foundation’s five Core Area Boards (CABs) will be represented and partner organizations will be engaged to make a difference in our community.

“This event will physically bring people from our community together. At the MDD local campaign headquarters at Schmel Homestead Park they can make a financial donation, deliver food, school supplies and winter clothing, and volunteer with area organizations, or sign up to receive needed services from these same area organizations,” said Julie Gustanski, foundation past president.

Filson said this year there will also be an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest maze of donated canned food. All area schools, community businesses, organizations and families are invited to bring their non-perishable food contributions to help build the maze in the park, she said.

“The challenge is on — and it’s a great

opportunity for children have fun while learning to give and care for others in their community,” Filson said.

Also new this year is a drop off site on the Key Peninsula for non-perishable food, school supplies, eye glasses, winter clothing and new toys and new clothes for children’s holiday gifts next to the Food Market in Key Center.

Building on the success of the first GHKP Make A Difference Day, Filson said they are hoping to double what was accomplished in 2013.

- Registered 85 volunteers for community agencies
- Participation of 15 non-profit agencies
- Collected 400 pounds of food and over \$10,000 for area food bank organizations.

• Distributed many coats and blankets for those that need warmth in the winter months

During the event, people can sign up to donate time, food and other vital resources, or learn about access to resources to help meet diverse family needs, Filson

added.

“Making a big difference is the result of many people making little differences,” said Joel Wingard, president of The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation. “Participating in the GHKP Make A Difference Day raises awareness and helps meet the needs of our communities.”

For information, to sign up as a volunteer or apply for a booth, call (253) 514-6338 or email diffday@gigharborfoundation.org.



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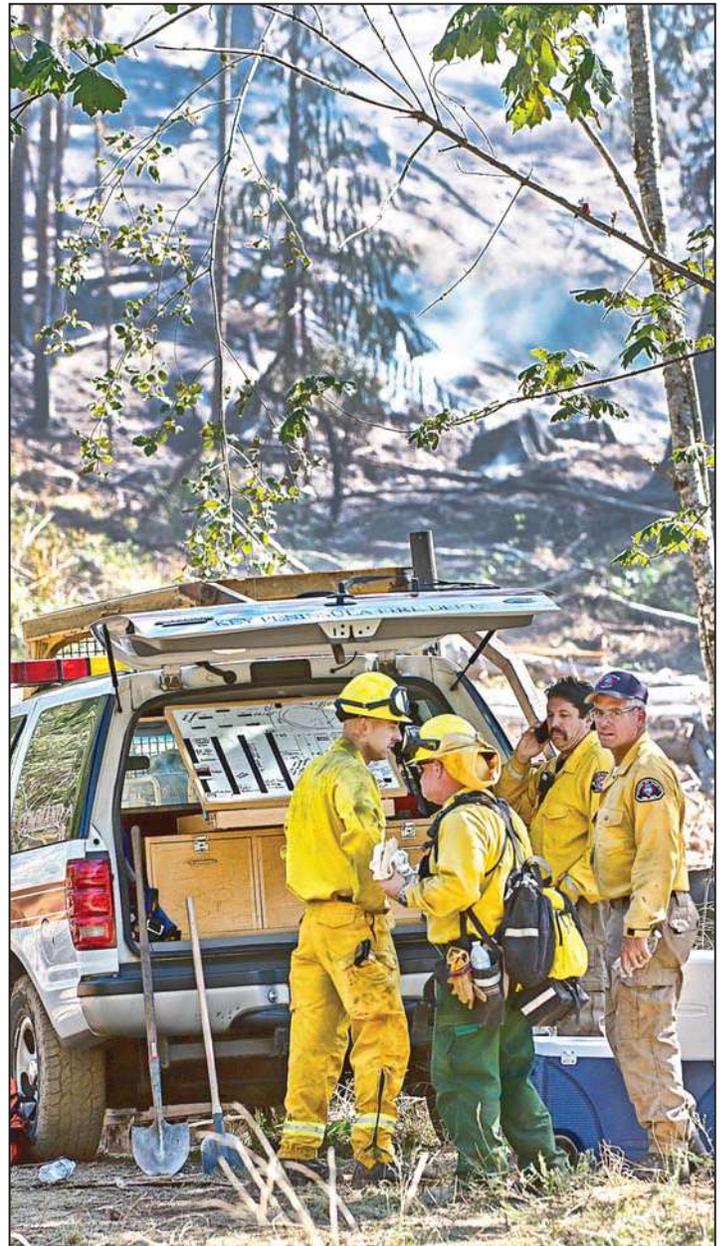


Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

A brush with fire

Fire crews take a break during the aftermath of a Sept. 12 brush fire on Hoff Road, in Lakebay. Key Peninsula Fire Lt. Todd VanScoyk said crews responded to the blaze at about 1:51 a.m. Arriving crews found a working 3- to 5-acre fire with plenty of fuels on the ground because of the recent logging process. According to VanScoyk, a strike team comprised of equipment and personnel from other districts was called quickly. He said the fire was called "under control" by 9 a.m. the same day. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire was still under investigation.



Photo courtesy of Larry Wingard

Gourd gigantea

Annie Greetham poses on the Shiloh Farm giant pumpkin for her 7th year in a row. The pumpkin weighs approximately 500 pounds. This "Giant in Our Pumpkin Patch" can be used for family picture-taking throughout October. It's located at Shiloh Farm, 188th Avenue and Herron Road KP N.

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The dedication of the new two-story training prop will be at 11 am followed by a live fire simulation and rescue and a children's fire safety training prop.

Money raised will go toward the purchase of a high lift jack (extraction tool).



COMMUNITY PAGES

Submit calendar items to news@keypennews.com • Deadline is the 15th of the month

NOW UNTIL OCT. 4

Make a scarecrow

Groups, businesses or individuals may make a scarecrow to display in Key Center to promote the Farm Tour to take place Oct. 4. It's called a "Scarecrow-pocalypse in Key Center." This is fun and there will be prizes. Contact Kathy, 884-1592 or kathybarrett03@gmail.com.

NOW through DEC. 23

Swimming

Adult water aerobics/lap swim is available Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.25/session prepaid monthly at first monthly session. Family Swim is the first and third Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.; cost is \$4.25/swimmer over age 2 or \$15/family to be prepaid monthly at the first session. All swimming is in the heated pool at the Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me. 884-2722.

OCT. 2

Cat-lover meeting

Cat Tales 4-H Club, for children ages 5 to 18, meets 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the VFW of the KP Civic Center. Learn all about cats with some cat-loving friends. There is an informational open house for interested kids at this meeting. Dianna, 884-4182 or cat.tales4h@gmail.com.

OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

GED help

Teens, young adults and adults receive help, from local educators, preparing for a GED, completion of high school or college and placement tests 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Key Center Library. Call 548-3309 to make an appointment.

OCT. 3, 17, 24

Skate night and teen fun

Skate Night takes place at the KP Civic Center 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. No skate night on Halloween. 884-2456.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Family story time

Family story time including stories, art activities, rhymes, singing and finger plays

followed by a learning-filled play time for caregivers and children is at 11 a.m., at the Key Center Library.

OCT. 4

Pancake breakfast

Start your touring on the KP with a pancake breakfast (free, but donations accepted) beginning at 8 a.m., at the Key Center fire station; many surprising activities are in store.

Farm tour

The eighth annual free KP Farm Tour happens rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick up programs and maps at Gateway Park in Wauna, or just go to any of the stops on the tour. Most stops will offer food for donations or for sale.

Fiber arts show

The seventh annual Fiber Arts presentation at the Longbranch Improvement Club is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SAT practice test

"Life after High School," a free SAT full-length practice test, may be taken at the KC Library beginning at 10 a.m. The test may take 4 hours. Register online at piercecounitylibrary.org or call 548-3309.

OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Albertson's 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OCT. 7

Candidate Forum

The public is invited to attend the candidate forum at 7 p.m., at the KP Civic Center.

OCT. 7 and 21

Senior shopping

Seniors have an opportunity to go grocery shopping and attend any scheduled Gig Harbor doctor's appointments with transportation provided; a "Dutch" lunch is included. 884-9265.

OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28

Story times

Story time for babies ages 0-24 months is at 10 a.m., and for toddlers ages 2-3 years

To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please email news@keypennews.com, or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

is at 11 a.m., at the Key Center Library. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 548-3309.

OCT. 8

Garden club meets

The Bayshore Garden Club meets 1 p.m., at the fire station in Longbranch. Francine, 569-1381.

OCT. 9

Ashes meet

The Ashes support group for Fire District 16 meets 10:30 a.m., at the fire station in Key Center. 884-3771.

Book adventures

Children ages 5 to 10 celebrate favorite book characters, Elephant and Piggie, through stories, activities and crafts at 4:30 p.m., at the Key Center Library. 548-3309.

OCT. 9 and 23

Free clinic

Non-emergency medical care for KP residents without any medical insurance is provided 5:30 to 8 p.m., at Key Peninsula Health and Professional Center in Key Center. 884-2234.

OCT. 10 and 24

Teen fun

Club Cosmic for high school kids is 9 p.m. to midnight at KP Civic Center. 884-3456.

OCT. 11

Flu shots

The Key Medical Center will be providing flu shots for any adult in the community from 9 a.m. to noon at the Key Medical Center (15610 89th St, Key Center). Flu shots are available at the KP Community Service Center in Lakebay on Wednesday, Oct. 15 during the noon lunch. 884-9221.

OCT. 12

Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session is hosted at Longbranch Church (16518 46th Street KPS) 6 to 8:30 p.m., for all acoustic instruments, ages and skill levels. Everyone is welcome to play, sing or simply listen. Bring music stand and finger food to share; music and beverages are provided. (253) 492-4177.

OCT. 14 and 23

Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group knits and crochets for charities and meets on Oct. 14 at 1 to 3 p.m., and on Oct. 23 at 7 to 9 p.m., at WayPoint Church. Yarn donations are always needed. Virginia, 884-9619.

OCT. 16

Story time

The KP Historical Society presents a new program for preschool-aged children and their parents that complements the museum's "Forest to Farm" exhibit with a book, an artifact and a make and take project featured 11 to 11:30 a.m. Parents must accompany their child. No reservations required for groups of 6 or more, but a note or call that you plan to attend will ensure enough materials are available. Another session is planned for Nov. 20. info@keypeninsulamuseum.org or 888-3246.

OCT. 24

Club cosmic

Teens enjoy DJ battles, dancing, games, including dodge ball (with glow-in-the-dark balls), name that tune and contests with cash prizes. A limited concessions menu with snacks is offered. Entrance is \$5. 884-3456 or kpciviccenter@centurytel.net.

OCT. 25

Photography exhibit

The Friends of the Key Center Library invite the community to "Hiking in the Great Northwest" with photographer and naturalist Alan Bauer. Enjoy an afternoon of brilliant photography and entertaining stories at 2 p.m. at the KC Library. 548-3309.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Lions' dinner, program

Oct. 1 and 15, 6 p.m., in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; 853-2721.

KP Veterans

Oct. 6 and 20, 7 p.m., at McColley Hall/KP Lutheran Church; Frank, 509-8656 or John, 884-5042, kpveterans.net or keypenveterans@outlook.com.

Key Peninsula Council

Oct. 8, 7 p.m. meeting, featuring a construction update by DOT on State Route 302/118th at Key Center fire station; kpcouncil.org

Peninsula School District Board

Oct. 9, 6 p.m., at Evergreen Elementary School; Oct. 23, 6 p.m. at district office.

KP Civic Center Association Board

Oct. 9, 7 p.m., in Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center; kpciviccenter.org

Key Pen Parks

Oct. 13 (budget meeting) and 27, 7:30 p.m., at Volunteer Park; keypenparks.com.

KP Fire Department

Oct. 14 and 28, 5 p.m., in meeting room, fire station in Key Center; keypeninsulafire.org

KP Land Use Advisory Commission

Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., at the KC Library; chuck-west@hotmail.com.

LIC

Oct. 15, regular potluck, 7 p.m., at Longbranch Improvement Club; 884-6022 longbranchimprovementclub.org

KP Citizens Against Crime

Oct. 16, 6 p.m., at fire station in Key Center; kpcitizensagainstcrime.org

KP Farm Council

Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m., at fire station in Home; c.wiley@mac.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Free lunch

Free lunch for all children, ages 1 to 18, is served 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., at KP Civic Center from Aug. 4 to 20.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Community walk

Free walking for exercise 9 to 11 a.m., in the KP Civic Center gym. 884-3456.

Senior exercise class

The S.A.I.L. program, taught by Marilyn Perks, meets 10 to 11 a.m., at the KP Community Services in Lakebay. Participants must register with Marilyn, 884-4440.

TUESDAYS

Story times

Summer stories for babies (ages 0-24 months) at 10 a.m., and stories and crafts for toddlers (ages 3-6 years) at 11 a.m., at the KC Library runs all summer starting June 24. 548-3309.

Key Singers rehearse

Key Singers, a local community chorus, rehearse for the Christmas season, 7 p.m., at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Open to all who love to sing; annual dues are \$10, which pays for rent, scholarships, music and concert refreshments. 884-5615.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Senior tai chi club

Senior tai chi meets 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the KP Community Services in Lakebay. 884-4440.

Preschool play time resumes

The Children's Home Society KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the KP Civic Center. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome; stay for as long as you wish. A \$1/child donation is suggested. Tam, 884-5433.

WEDNESDAYS

Writers meet

The Lakebay Writers meet 1:30 to 4 p.m., at the Key Center Library. 884-3931.

Writers' workshop

The Watermark Writers present a free writer's workshop 5 to 8 p.m., in Vaughn. (253) 778-6559.

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

KPHS Museum open

The KPHS museum, located at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn, is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. "Forest to Farms — The Land, the People, the Legacy" is this year's display. No admission charge, but monetary donations are welcome. Check us out on Facebook - Key Peninsula Historical Society. 888-3246.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior meals

Nutritional meals for seniors ages 60-plus are served at noon at the KP Community Services; a \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. 884-4440.

THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet 8 to 9 a.m., at the Key Center Library. Join the fun and improve your speaking ability. The Toastmasters invite the community to a breakfast and open house on Oct. 9 from 8 to 9:30 a.m., at the KC Library. 858-5761 or (253) 548-3511.

Seniors' lunch

The Key Peninsula Senior Society meets at 11 a.m., for a potluck, fellowship and games in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

Bingo

Free Bingo at the KP Community Services in Home 7 to 9 p.m. 884-4440.

SATURDAYS

The Writers' Guild

The Writers' Guild meets the first and third Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the KC Library. 884-6455.

Lakebay Jam with 302

Lakebay Jam with 302 is 6:30 to 9 p.m., weather permitting, at the Lakebay Marina. Call ahead at 884-3350 or glory-promo@gmail.com.

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OCT. 28

4-H meeting

The 4-H Guinea Pig group meets 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the Civic Center library (upstairs). Nanette, (360) 981-5292.

OCT. 30

LEGO building

Kids ages 8 to 17 build and program a robotic vehicle using LEGO Mindstorms 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Key Center Library; drop-ins are welcome. 548-3309.

OCT. 31

Carnival

The KP Civic Center hosts a free Halloween Carnival open to all families on the Key Peninsula 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy costume contests, carnival games, bounce house, carved pumpkin contest and other activities. For more info or to donate candy or contest prizes, call 884-3456 or kpciviccenter@centurytel.net.

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Key Pen connects to Bangladesh by 'Threads'

By Danna Webster
for KP News

The 2014 Gig Harbor Film Festival officially accepted an independent documentary film produced by a local Herron Island couple on Saturday, Oct. 18.

"Threads," produced by Cathy Stevulak and Leonard Hill will screen at 1:05 p.m. for the convenience of Herron Island ferry riders.

"Much of our early inspiration came from talks during aqua-aerobics at the Easter Seals' pool," said Stevulak, an Angel Guild volunteer, and adds that they were also helped in the early stages by showing trailers for the film at the Key Center Library where the audience provided feedback.

"Threads" is a documentary about one of Bangladesh's first women artists who liberates herself and hundreds of others from

social and economic hardships by creating timeless works of art.

Surayia Rahman transforms an ancient quilting tradition and, over 30 years, trains destitute women to stitch their elaborate stories.

But Rahman never expected that destitute young mothers would come to search for her, or that the elaborate art that they created together would find its way to dignitaries and private collections around the world.

Visitors to the Fiber Arts Shows at the KP Farm Tours will see original works by the artist featured in the film.

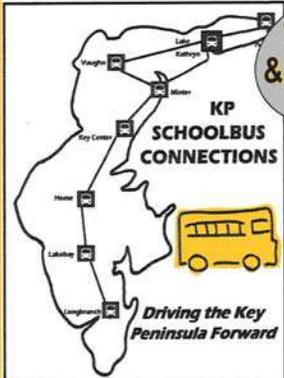
The Gig Harbor Film Festival runs from Oct. 16-19, 2014 at the Galaxy Theatre in Uptown Gig Harbor. Tickets are available at the Gig Harbor Film Festival office next to the Galaxy Theatre, or online at gigharborfilmfestival.org.



Leonard Hill and Cathy Stevulak with Surayia Rahman in her home in Bangladesh, showing Surayia clips from the first film shoot for "Threads."

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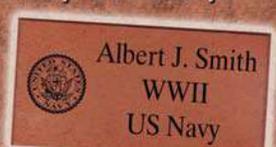
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Bricks are for sale at local events attended by Key Peninsula Veterans or at www.kpveterans.net.



Trip the light fantastic for adults at KP Civic Center

By Scott Turner, KP News

Get out your dancing shoes, grown-ups. There's a dance at the Key Peninsula Civic Center every month, starting Sept. 27.

Spenser Abersold, general manager of KGHP-FM is bringing a big stack of tunes from the 1950s, 60s and 70s to the civic center the last Saturday of every month.

"I'll have old favorites like 'Moon River' and 'Stranger on the Shore' and all sorts of other standards and love songs," Abersold said.

"I've always felt that people in our parents' age group don't have a lot of places they can go and hear the music they like to hear. So this is a unique opportunity to feel young again. Something to do after dinner or just to get out of the house," he said.

Abersold has been working on this idea for more than three years, but couldn't find the proper venue.

"I tried a couple of places in Gig Harbor like the Yacht Club and the distillery,

but for whatever reason they just didn't work," he said.

He finally thought of the KP Civic Center and approached the board of directors with a proposal.

"He just showed up out of the blue at an executive committee meeting last spring," Bruce Macdonald, civic center secretary-treasurer, said.

"He told us about a dream he had had for several years of putting on a dance for the adults in the Key Peninsula. The emphasis would be more on the social aspect rather than making it a huge fundraiser. It would be an evening for grownups to get together and dance like they used to," he added.

According to Macdonald, the civic center group has tried to do similar things over the years, with varying degrees of success. "Mostly, we haven't been able to find enough volunteers," he said.

"But Spencer was willing to staff the whole thing and do the promotion and run it for us. And we thought it sounded like a good idea so we gave him the go

Want to go?

The Key Peninsula Civic Center and KGHP-FM radio are partnering in monthly dances for adults at the Civic Center starting Sept. 27. Dances will take place the last Saturday of every month from 7 – 10 p.m., with a break for the holidays in November and December. Tickets are \$15 for couples, \$8 for singles at the door. The civic center is located at 17010 South Vaughn Road KPN in Vaughn.

ahead," Macdonald said.

The Key Peninsula is "a target-rich environment," Abersold said. "There are a lot of people out there who probably don't want to drive all the way into Gig Harbor for entertainment and are looking for something to do."

In addition to music, Abersold has also arranged for 7 Seas Brewing and Nobel Winery to provide liquid refreshments for

the gatherings, "and we'll also have some kind of desserts," he said.

He's keeping ticket costs affordable — just \$15 for a couple and \$8 for singles — and proceeds from the dances will be divvied-up between the civic center and the radio station.

Abersold plans to take a two-month break during the holiday season in November and December, but he'll be back in January and the dances will continue through the spring, he said.

Basically, Macdonald said, the dances are a pilot program.

"Spencer doesn't hold out any expectations that this is automatically going to work, but we all think that there might well be a market for this and an interest in it and we're willing to experiment," Macdonald said.

"It's a win-win for everybody and everybody benefits. And most importantly, the civic center fulfills its mission of providing this sort of activity and making the facility available to the community," he said.

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Troop 220 welcomes seven new Eagle Scouts

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Sunday, Sept. 14, the Key Peninsula Civic Center was awash with parents, siblings, friends and supporters of Boy Scouts, seven of whom from Key Peninsula Boy Scout Troop 220 were feted at their Court of Honor to receive promotion to the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle.

A PowerPoint program projected overhead near the stage displayed the scouts going through the many activities that earned the merit badges and other awards leading to this high point of their scouting careers.

They were shown sleeping in snow caves they dug in the Cascades, hiking, biking, canoeing and kayaking, building projects for local parks, presenting the colors at the annual KP Lions-sponsored Citizens of the Year Awards ceremony, helping with the annual KP Veterans' Aisle of Honor at the Vaughn Cemetery. There were images of them blazing trails for the

KP Lions annual Volksmarch, unloading at the KP Food Bank hundreds of items of non-perishable foods the Troop collects each holiday season, and shots of many other good deeds.

After being welcomed by Troop 220's AJ Holloway, the Troop's Honor Guard presented the colors followed by Scout mom Cindy Barry's invocation.

Assistant Scoutmaster Spencer Wiklund opened the proceedings and individual scouts presented each part of the Scouts' Law and Oath by hanging a plaque representing each on the stage wall and lighting a candle for each. Assistant Scoutmasters Glen Pszczola and Matthew Mills described the Troop's history and an icy venture on Mt. Rainier respectively.

Eagle candidates Michael Odell, Alex Ramirez, Evan Pernu, Kelson Mills, Jon Crane, Kevin Pszczola, and Ryan Barry held the audience with statements of gratitude for those who made it all possible. The Eagle Charge



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Key Peninsula Boy Scout Troop 220 newly minted Eagle Scouts share a moment with their families shortly after receiving their new Eagle bandanas.

was presented by Eagles Jon Hanisch, Scott Odell and Luke Vander Poel, followed by Assistant Scoutmasters John Odell and Gil Ramirez pronouncements of the Eagle Scout Promise.

Assistant Scoutmasters Steve Goins and Wiklund had the honor of presenting the new Eagle Awards and Assistant Scoutmaster Mark Burris handed each new Eagle his plaque denoting their monumental accomplish-

ment. Following the benediction by mom Mary O'Boyle, under the direction of Scout Mitchell Nelson, the Honor Guard retired the colors.

Thereafter, munching on cupcakes and other goodies, the new Eagles modestly accepted the congratulations of their many admirers in a convivial mingling of happy Scouts, family and friends.

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Luke Vander Poel and Scott Odell, right, recite the Eagle Scout promise to the assemblage at the Court of Honor for seven newly promoted Eagle Scouts of Key Peninsula's Troop 220 on Sept. 14 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

KP Eagle Scout battles cancer

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Determinately combatting the ravages of a cancer he is determined he will beat, Eagle Scout Scott Odell attended Key Peninsula Boy Scout Troop 220's Sept. 14 Court of Honor at which his brother Michael was one of seven Troop 220 Scouts who simultaneously received their newly earned Eagle awards.

A 2012 graduate of Gig Harbor High School, Odell was diagnosed with cancer of the liver in early June 2014. A large growth on his liver was inoperable. After beginning chemotherapy, doctors at the University of Washington have ceased treatment due to its ineffectiveness. Odell's parents, John and Cher Odell, are pursuing alternatives to treat the cancer. Unfortunately, the alternatives are not covered by John Odell's insurance.

John and Cher Odell, integral to Troop 220 for 10 years, have given to the community in many ways. John was assistant Scout Master then Scout Master while their two sons, Scott and Michael, eagled in Boy Scouts. Cher is active in the Peninsula schools, Troop 220 advancement chair, and Pacific Harbors Council, as well as many other functions within Boy Scouts and Peninsula schools.

Troop 220 seeks to raise funds to help pay for Odell's alternative medical treatments.

Donations can be sent to John or Cher Odell, C/O Troop 220, PO Box 642, Vaughn, WA 98394. Contributions will be welcomed at Troop 220's weekly Scout meetings at the Key Peninsula Civic Center Tuesdays between 6:30 and 8 p.m.

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New community church launches at The Red Barn

By Scott Turner, KP News

For at least 10 years, a number of families on the Key Peninsula have been praying for a Church of The Nazarene to open in this community, according to Home resident Robin Hyde, whose Key To Life Church of the Nazarene celebrated its grand opening on Sept. 14.

Hyde, who has been a pastor since 1987, began his ministry in Orange County, Calif. and led a church in San Bernardino for several years.

"We had a soup kitchen out of the church and all the people you wouldn't expect to see in church became my congregation," he said.

But Hyde's family had roots on the Key and he spent many summers here. "My dad was born and raised in Longbranch and my mom's family summered in Home," he said.

In 2000 Hyde and his wife, Sonja, bought land on the Peninsula and early this year they made the move from Southern California.

It was a logical place to start a new congregation, he said, and he quickly secured support from the Gig Harbor church,



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Key To Life of the Nazarene pastor Robin Hyde anoints Chad Jackson and his son, Chace Jackson, 3, shortly after their Sept. 14, grand-opening service at The Red Barn.

which held a special "sending-off service" for Hyde and his small flock of followers in early August.

"We started meeting at our house and at

other people's houses and I started inquiring about different places that would be suitable for a weekly Sunday meeting," Hyde said.

"The Red Barn quickly rose to the top and

I contacted their board members and they said it would be a good fit. So now we're the Sunday tenant of the Red Barn."

Currently, there are approximately 30 members of the Key To Life congregation.

"We're basically a casual, come-as-you-are type of church and our worship is kind of big on contemporary music; we preach from the Bible and use that as our text. We're a Bible-believing evangelical church," Hyde said.

What makes "holiness" churches in general — and Key to Life Church of the Nazarene in particular — attractive is that "we're here to help you understand that God wants you to transform your life and the transformation process includes the demonstration of the reality of being a Christian in today's culture," Hyde said.

For instance, he added, he works in a job on the Peninsula "...so I can interact with people who have real needs and real hurts and real wants. So they get to know me, and I build friendships with them and I can show them an alternative to where their life

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has been going. And once I have earned that right, I start to talk to them about what God wants them to do with their lives," he said.

Hyde was quick to emphasize that his church is a group of believers that welcomes everybody. "I don't want anybody to feel alienated because of their socio-economic status or because of their lifestyle. We want to be known as a faith community that accepts everybody wherever they're at," Hyde said.

The grand opening celebration was a good example, with a worship service, barbecue and a visit from a motorcycle group.

Jeremiah Schuler, 18, was in attendance and he said Key To Life of the Nazarene is a great fit for the people of the Key Peninsula.

"I like it, and plan to become very involved with helping provide activities for the youth on the Key Peninsula.

Brenna Lukenvill has been coming from the get-go. She said she was looking for a church closer to home. "The pastor talks and teaches about things that really apply to my life and it seems like he understands what we have all been through," she said.

Brandon Marten, the Church of the Naz-

Want to go?

Key to Life Church of the Nazarene meets every Sunday morning at the Red Barn, 15921 84th Street KPN. Sunday School, with age group small classes, takes place at 9:15 a.m.; worship services start at 10:30 a.m.

arene district church planting coordinator, also spoke highly about the pastor and the location.

"I have mentored Robin for the past year and was just blown away by his passion. We believe that new churches reach new people, and those who haven't heard the message can come and establish a new way of helping others," said Marten during the Sept. 14 celebration.

Marten said pastor Hyde is uniquely suited for the Key Peninsula.

"He has a real past, a place where he has made a lot of the mistakes that many people have made. He's lived a real life and has experienced real forgiveness. I feel that he can identify where people are, and can talk to them in a way they can understand," he said.

For information, visit keytolifechurch.org.

Lifetime gardener operates Longbranch nursery

By Colleen Slater, KP News

"Grandpa taught me how to garden," says G T Nursery owner Tom Teague of Longbranch. They lived in Los Osos, Calif. during his growing up years.

Teague has gardened ever since in a variety of places.

After spending 17 years in the aluminum refinery in Ferndale, a job he disliked, he retired and looked for a good place to live and garden.

He's been in his wooded five acres on the Key Peninsula for a dozen years now.

"It was solid blackberries," Teague says of his property. He loves trees, and is literally surrounded by them.

He moved plants from their previous home and started adding more, including hydrangeas, one of his favorites. Mostly blue, he also grows whites, pink and red. He shows off a tree hydrangea, has a PeeGee and lace caps as well as the standard varieties.

He's an organic gardener, bringing in 40-50 yards of compost from his yard and garden service jobs.

Teague has been so busy with this "out-

side job" he hasn't spent as much time as he'd like with his own garden and nursery stock. He's currently training some helpers for the yard and garden job.

Ornamental shrubs are for sale, and in many cases, he has larger specimens to show mature sizes.

His vegetable garden, fertilized only with compost, gives seasonal produce to sell. A sign at the entry notes what's available — currently beans.

His tomatoes grow under plastic to avoid blight, but lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, horseradish and many other vegetables thrive outside.

Assorted perennials are also standard stock at the nursery.

Three friendly cats are his garden companions, and a neighbor's rooster reminds visitors they're in the country.

One item on Teague's to-do list is to make his temporary greenhouse permanent.

That list is for his future "semi-retirement" when he can spend more time on his garden, his all-time favorite job.

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KP resident, volunteer lives a history of helping

By Jessica Takehara, KP News

"Volunteering is the rent you pay on earth," says Marcia Harris, reciting her family motto with passion in her voice. In fact, the concept of giving back to the community, her Key Peninsula community, defines how Harris spends most of her time.

Most recently, Harris has been instrumental in developing the KP School Bus Con-

nects program. This free service is for all ages and utilizes off-duty school buses to help KP residents have access to transportation. Harris urges anyone interested in this service to call (253) 884-BUSS for hours, times and new schedule.

The Key Peninsula Community Council is the organization Harris belongs to that partnered with Peninsula School District to make Bus Connects a reality. As part of the executive committee of the KPC, Harris has the opportunity to volunteer and coordinate many local events.

"It is a gathering place to have discussions about our community in order to make it better" said Harris. KPC meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Key Center fire station at 7 p.m.

Another group Harris volunteers with is



Marcia Harris

the Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, which began in 1995. Harris was part of the formation committee and continues to be active as part of the executive board. The PSEF supports area schools by giving grants to innovative teachers and scholarships to students. Harris encourages anyone interested in contributing to this foundation to visit psefnd.org for more information.

Volunteering was not only a mantra in the family of this Michigan native — it has been an outgrowth of Harris' professional life as well. Starting at the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and moving to PSD and other districts, Harris has spent her life as a public servant.

The relationships she cultivated along the way have allowed her to bridge many groups to bring ideas together. In fact, current KPC President Danna Webster understood her history of helping and put Harris' name on the election ballot even before her 2012 retirement from the school system.

An additional local organization that is

tailor-made for Harris' focus on volunteerism is the Gig Harbor Rotary Club. With a maxim of "service above self," Harris has been involved with its philanthropic efforts since 1989. Rotary sponsored projects on the Key Peninsula have included improvements at Volunteer Park Field, KC Library, and many more.

Even Harris' relaxation activity takes on the hue of volunteerism. She has always loved gardening and recently took it to the next level by receiving her Master Gardener certification. According to her, this is an in depth process comprised of online courses, final assessments and volunteer requirements. Harris uses her knowledge to help the KP community at local events by answering plant and gardening questions. The experience has been incredible for her. She said she is "always learning from the people I meet."

Giving back to the community is something that defines Harris' past, present and future. She also acknowledges that the Key Peninsula is full of people who are and want to "get involved."

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Keeping septic system healthy, worry free

By Karen Lovett, KP News

Attendees at the Sept. 13, septic workshop at the Key Peninsula Civic Center were rewarded with one-on-one help and information offered by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD).

Rather than adhere to the planned program that had been designed to address a larger audience, organizers took advantage of low citizen turnout and altered the format to work individually with citizens.

TPCHD promotion coordinator, Ji-hae Yi, was in charge of organizing the workshop.

Five presentation experts were on hand to discuss their area of expertise about on-site septic system information.

Organizers said septic problems often go unnoticed because they are underground. They said it's important to check systems periodically to keep them functioning before a failure occurs.

On-site sewage and well permitting program manager, Gary Porter, was available with a computer to access and print a copy of the resident's septic system design, layout and specifications.

Displays of functional parts of a septic system clarified how a system works and what necessitates pumping. A septic pump and the complete series of operational units of a pump system showed visitors how a pump keeps the system functioning.

A broken sewer pipe completely clogged with roots was a clear reminder what can happen when trees are growing in close proximity to a septic drain field, Porter said.

Key Peninsula resident Leslie Rowan was quite pleased with the workshop.

"I know nothing about septic systems," Rowan said. "We took advantage of the Septic Care Incentive Program for property owners to get their systems inspected and drained. If we hadn't done it, we probably would have had a back-up very soon. They had to go in and pull out dense roots in the pipes."

A number of companies are partnered with Pierce County to participate in the incentive program.

J.R. Inman with FloHawks, one the

largest pumping companies in Pierce County, stressed the importance of regular inspections every few years. Inman said that it's not necessary to pump that often, but the state requires septic tanks to be pumped before the sale of a house. Pumping frequency is dependent upon household use and the number of residents in the home, as well as cleaning supplies and other factors that contribute to the timeline necessary between pumpings.

Laverna Holwilla Spain came to the workshop with serious concerns.

"I needed septic information and help," Spain said. "My alarm goes off a lot during the rainy season and snow."

"They said it sounds like there is a leak that lets ground water get in. I'm on limited income. They're going to see about giving me assistance to get it taken care of. This is the information, but I didn't know how to get it. I felt intimidated by the problem and didn't know what to do," Spain said.

Bill Creveling of Leroy Surveyors and Engineers, Inc. discussed Spain's issues

and came up with solutions for her.

Attendees names were entered in a drawing resulting in two lucky winners. Paula Petersen won a \$25 gift card to Fred Meyer.

"I never lived with a system," Petersen said. "I just wanted basic knowledge. They absolutely answered all my questions."

Leslie Rowan won \$250 off any service from FloHawks. Since she already had her system inspected and pumped with financial assistance through the incentive program, she was pleased that her win came with no expiration date.

If you own a pressure distribution or gravity septic system on the Key Peninsula the TPCHD wants the community to know that citizens may qualify for \$125 off your inspection, \$200 off tank pumping and \$125 off riser installation. Routine inspections are required for septic systems so this is a great opportunity.

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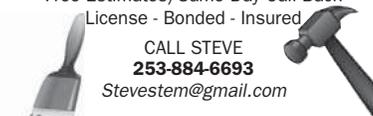
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Above: Peninsula High School faced off on Sept. 5 against Gig Harbor High School for the annual Fishbowl football game. Here, Peninsula senior running back Matt Shirley outruns the Gig Harbor defense on his way to the end zone with Will Foley blocking for him. Gig Harbor won 30-29.

Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News



Right: Key Peninsula landscaping with recycled logging equipment.

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Peninsula High School women's soccer team played Gig Harbor on Sept. 11. Pictured is Seahawk's KiLee Carnahan sending the ball toward the Gig Harbor goal. Gig Harbor won the game, 4-0 after a hard fought contest.

Where in the World...



Kurt and Lisa Roddy enjoy a moment with their KP News while traveling to Banos de Agua Santa, Ecuador, to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The active volcano, Tungurahua, is erupting in the background

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Duane Kinney, of Maychen's Honey, was spotted Sept. 8 teasing drivers to a booth filled with honey items for sale next to Fredda and Lori's Deli. Kinney said he and owner Maychen Kinney frequent that 11717 State Route 302 location every few weeks. The deli owners say they are open regular hours during the construction project and are offering a "construction special." For information, call (253) 858-7212.

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Key Peninsula Farm Tour



Saturday, October 4, 2014

Tour hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Good dogs rule!
Visiting dogs, please wear a leash, bring a pooper scooper, and respect farm produce.
Thank you.



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1 Key Peninsula Gateway Park
10215 SR 302
Gig Harbor, WA 98329 (Wauna)

2 Bea's Flowers
11918 Creviston Road KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329 (Minter)

3 Minterbrook Oyster Farm Company
12002 114th Street Ct., KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329 (Minter)

4 PackLeader Farm
14401 Crews Road KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329

5 Blue Willow Lavender Farm
10615 Wright-Bliss Road KPN
Gig Harbor, WA 98329 (Vaughn)

6 Firehouse Pancake Breakfast
8 am - noon
Key Center Fire Station Dist. 16
8911 Key Peninsula Highway N.
Lakebay, WA 98349 (Key Center)

7 Cape-E Farm and Vineyard
17215 7th Avenue KPN
Home, WA 98349 (Home)

Donations accepted at Firehouse Breakfast (7) and KPCS Soup Kitchen Lunch (9).
Find all 7 food venues online at www.kpfarmtour.com.

8 Trillium Creek Winery
17812 G Street KPS
Home, WA 98349 (Home)

9 KPCS Soup Kitchen Lunch
11 am - 2 pm, tours all day
Key Peninsula Community Services
17015 9th Street Ct., KPN
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10 Lakebay Marina
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15 Lorenz Road, KPN
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