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## Emergency preparedness program for KP available

A series of workshops has begun, and will culminate with training for key neighborhood leaders to prepare them for action in a disaster.

By Karen Lovett, KP News

Helping the Key Peninsula get ready for an emergency disaster is the focus of workshops and planning sessions this summer. The Key to Cooperation is a new program for the Key Peninsula. It is a cooperative endeavor presented by the Key Peninsula Fire Department and the KP Community Council under the direction of Mary Blythe, who is serving as an unpaid intern at the KP Fire Department as credit towards earning her Bachelor's Degree in Community Organization from Evergreen State College, Tacoma

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Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

## A cool dip

A heron readies for flight in Glen Cove.

## Fire season is coming, unique risks on KP

By Peter Ruble, KP News

Although the Key Peninsula Fire Department has experienced a quiet early summer fire season, the late summer season brings an increased risk of outdoor fires spreading to residential areas, according to Fire Chief Tom Lique. Therefore, the KPPFD is ready to educate the public to ensure that the summer remains quiet when it comes to fire danger.

"We have experienced a couple of large brush fires in the past, but have been fortunate in that they have not made a run through residential areas causing damage to multiple homes," said Lique.

"There is a risk this could happen and it's one of the many reasons the department maintains strict outdoor fire regulations."

Fire bans are usually enforced in August and September.

Division Chief Guy Allen maintains that the marine atmosphere of the Key Peninsula makes fires less of a risk than in eastern Washington, but said the geography and unstable weather of the peninsula area creates some unique risks in terms of the fire danger.

"There is a risk of a fire spreading due to embers from an out-

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# FD 16 looks to partner with GHFD on fire safety in schools

With a reduction in staff, the Key Peninsula Fire Department is struggling to continue the fire safety education program in the Key Peninsula schools. A partnership with Gig Harbor Fire Department could provide all Peninsula School District elementary schools with the program.

By Peter Ruble, KP News

Although the Key Peninsula Fire Department has been educating local schools in fire safety for many years, three KPPFD fire chiefs admit they don't have enough manpower to provide the kind of education they would like to. Currently, there is a pending contract with the Gig Harbor fire department to try and help alleviate this problem.

The KPPFD currently runs the same lesson plans that the Pierce County fire districts use. However, sometimes it's a challenge to even get a firefighter to a Peninsula School District classroom for a fire safety presentation.

"Even if we are able to schedule our firefighters into the classrooms they may not show up if they are running emergency calls," said Division Chief Guy Allen. "When we average 5-7 calls a day that likelihood is high. We just don't have the personnel to dedicate to the program with the reduction of staff that has occurred over the last few years and in the increased call volume."

According to KPPFD Fire Chief Tom Lique, the problem could be fixed by hiring a full time educator. Lique says that without one, even when firefighters are able to show up for classroom lessons they are frequently interrupted by emergency calls during the lesson.

"It creates a situation where the students receive a broken message, the teacher is impacted with a loss in the plan for the day, and there is a need to play catch up in a game of rescheduling," said Lique. "Working with the GHFD would provide us with the opportunity to continue to deliver the message even if the firefighters are called out on emergencies."

Lique also added that a contract with Gig Harbor would save money because they would not have to pay an off duty fireman overtime to maintain contact if an emergency occurred.

"Our department is currently understaffed and we can only receive

emergency aid from the north section of the Peninsula," said Allen. "That's the unique challenge for us. The biggest concern is our geographic layout. We need mutual help coming from the northern side of the peninsula running through state route 302 coming into the station. Right now all of our help comes from one direction."

According to Battalion Chief Chuck West, a lack of commercial business tax revenue is what is hamstringing KPPFD's ability to hire more staff. "Here on the KP we don't have the normal commercial revenue that would accompany a population of this size," said West. Since Gig Harbor has a much larger commercial business sector, the GHFD is able to have twice the ratio of firefighters to calls that the KPPFD has. "Each firefighter here is running almost twice the number of calls," he said.

GHFD's education program is directed by Prevention Specialist Nanette Tatum. According to Tatum, the content of the presentations differ based on grade (from kindergarten to the fifth grade). The presentation program is laid out as follows: in Kindergarten fire safety is emphasized such as learning how to crawl low to the ground during a fire. In the first grade it is elevated to teaching families how to have proper escape plans in the event of a

fire. In the second grade water safety is emphasized. In the third grade presentations are done regarding disaster preparedness in terms of earthquakes and windstorms. In the fourth grade the main subject involves the importance of wearing helmets for bicycling, motorcycling and for sports. In the fifth grade students are introduced to first aid training. Mannequins are available for the students to practice on for CPR. They are also taught how to properly make 911 calls.

"We recently recognized a student at Evergreen elementary school," said Tatum. "There was a candle that was starting in the kitchen. The kid was freaking out at first. However, he remembered some of the training from the presentations to learn how to stay calm. We also had an incident with a little girl who witnessed her mother having a seizure. She grabbed a neighbor who called 911. She said she learned about this from the presentation."

According to Tatum, there needs to be an even greater emphasis on fire safety with children living in a rural area versus the city. "In a city, like Tacoma, there are quicker response times and people live close together so it's easier to get help," said Tatum. "I hope the Key Peninsula will do this with their schools. I have been asking for it for 15 years."

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(From **Preparedness**, Page 1)

Branch. She will be receiving her degree in September, but will continue involvement with emergency preparedness and volunteer training on the peninsula. The first effort of the program, the Key to Cooperation workshop, was held June 28 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center with over 50 participants. Guest speakers and panel members headed the meeting.

Linda Crear of Homeland Security Center of Excellence said, "Educate and prepare communities about what it means to be resilient. The purpose of today is to create personal, family and community disaster resilience – to be functional in spite of disaster so they can recover more quickly. Schools and businesses can function as quickly as possible. Schools, families, business first responders and citizens are interrelated and interdependent."

Statistics show that 30 to 50 percent of businesses do not recover after a disaster. The longer it takes to get things back in order, the less likely the community will recover.

"Japan made preparedness a major goal and they are still struggling," Crear said. "Message: Be ready – Be resilient – Be re-

sponsible – to yourself, your family and your community. We will probably be cut off in a large disaster. It is about us – not the government. Time is now – before the situation happens."

Chuck West, a Battalion Chief for Key Peninsula Fire Department said, "When it happens, you can't rely on us" (First Responders). "They won't answer every call. The community has to come together, do triage, funnel information through a leader to list priorities. Multi-agency coordination between fire districts, Peninsula Light, government agencies, public works and law enforcement. Knowing each other and our resources and communicating is crucial."

Katie Gillespie a public educator for the Pierce County department of emergency management said, "911 centers get overwhelmed."

One of the first things to go is electrical power, and Peninsula Light is keenly aware of the possibilities for the KP in an emergency.

"We can always put the system back together. We can't plan for an earthquake or what it would do," said Jonathan White, marketing and member services director for Peninsula Light Company. "If we lose the transmission line across the Narrows, there

is no other source. There are eight substations but only one distribution transmission system: Lake Cushman to Tacoma and Tacoma to Gig Harbor. We are looking for a second distribution system, negotiating for a second point of delivery from Shelton. Shelton is already at capacity. Nobody wants a transmission line in their backyard."

Pen Light is trying a self-healing Smart Grid System that can determine a problem and send a message as soon as a meter goes off, he said. Fox Island will be the first area tested with the Smart Grid technology. Pen Light has one of the most advanced systems in the state, White said.

Key Peninsula Council director Danna Webster is assisting Blythe with the Key to Cooperation program and said the next step for the emergency preparation effort is a Volunteer Leadership Academy, which is planned for Sept. 14 through 16. Volunteers will train to respond to geographic reception areas and be prepared to assist matters of shelter, medical needs, transportation logistics and administration. These volunteers will receive ID badges that recognize their emergency skills. The goal of the Key to Cooperation program is to keep the Key Peninsula practiced and ready for any emergency disaster," she said.

(From **Fire season**, Page 1)

door fire floating up to the roofs of other houses," Allen said. "Also, thunderstorms and wind directions can dictate where a fire is going to go."

The main risk to a home would come from dry shrubbery that can rub against the outside of a home. Allen recommends doing some outdoor housekeeping such as distancing shrubbery from exterior walls and removing any dry fir needles and other debris from the rooftop and gutters.

Key Peninsula residents can always contact the fire department to learn about creating defensible spaces between people's homes and any fire danger.

"The fire department will arrange members to speak to groups who have an interest in this and other fire safety issues," Lique said. "If we can prevent an emergency from happening then the citizens are truly receiving the value of the department and its members."

For updated information about fire safety, burn bans, and more, visit the KPFD 16 website at [keypeninsulafire.org](http://keypeninsulafire.org).



Photo courtesy of Mike Razmek

## Lions Club board

The Key Peninsula Lions Club's Board of Directors for 2011 – 2012 seen here relaxing following installment ceremonies Sunday, July 10. George Robison, club treasurer and immediate past president; Cindy Robison, secretary; Hugh McMillan, vice president; and Neal Van Der Voom, president. The proceedings and luncheon at the McMillan home on Von Geldern Cove, Lakebay, were attended by Janice McMillan and past KP Lions presidents Bill Onstad and Marvin Keizur with wife, Lion Myrtle, Lion members Mike and Cathy Razmek and Ken Sloane with his wife, Bobbi. "The setting, weather, food and conviviality couldn't have been better," said Janice McMillan.

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## Community

### Cultural immersion comes to Longbranch

Coming up Aug. 6 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Longbranch Improvement Club will be the fourth annual "Beyond the Borders" presenting a variety of professional musical organizations from around the world. This free event will feature costumed Russian folk musicians, Latin American sounds, Tobago steel drums, and food from a variety of cultures. There will also be activities for the kids, so it's a family-friendly affair.

No need for a passport, the day promises to transport all in attendance to far off lands for a day.

### Calling on leaders to represent the KP

The annual election for the Key Peninsula Community Council Directors is September 25. The Council is looking for a few good women and men to fill a leadership role rep-

resenting their Area of the Key Peninsula. Currently the Council is working with the Key Peninsula Fire Department on emergency preparedness awareness and training for Key people. The Council will continue to present Candidate Forums to educate voters about candidates and local issues; will continue to participate at major events of the Key Pen; will continue to support the Farm Tour HarvestFEST planned by the KPC Farm Council committee; will continue to be the sounding board for the issues and concerns of the Key Pen; and continue to build the KPC role as liaison between the Key Peninsula and Pierce County Council and state representatives.

For the second year, Key Peninsula residents will be offered the opportunity to vote by a mail-in ballot that will be published in the KP News September issue. The voter requirements are: you must be at least 18 years old by September 25 and you must live or own property on the Key Peninsula. On the KPC Election Day there will also be a

location provided for drop off ballots. The KP News will feature candidate biographies in the September issue.

The KPC began serving the Key Peninsula in 2004 with the election of the first Directors.

Each term for a Director is a two-year period and half of the director seats rotate for election every year. Please consider representing your community at the Council for the 2012 term. Vote for the candidates on the ballot provided in the KP News this September.

For more information about Director candidacy and the KPC election contact Danna Webster, Co-Chair KPC Election Committee at [danna004@centurytel.net](mailto:danna004@centurytel.net) and 253-994-6455.

### Native American basketry exhibit opens at Harbor History Museum

"Woven Stories: Native American Bas-

ketry of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska" opened July 9 and will run through Oct. 16 at the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor.

The exhibit features more than 250 baskets representing the work of weavers from nearly 30 different tribes. Both artifacts and modern woven items will be on display. The exhibit focuses on the artistry behind each basket, but also focuses on the importance of the Native American basketweaving tradition, the meanings behind various patterns and designs, and the natural materials used to create these objects of utility and beauty. Every basket is a woven story – intertwined with tribal legends, a connection to nature, and the experience and artistry of the basket weaver.

Special programming presented in connection with Woven Stories includes basket weaving workshops for all ages. For dates and times, visit <http://www.harborhistorymuseum.org/events.php>.

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 Jacob Winter, Gig Harbor

## PSD Middle Schools hold robot competition

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

In the second annual Peninsula School District's middle school robot competitions, teams from Key Peninsula, Goodman, and Kopachuck gave it their all. Like last year, tournaments were held in the Gig Harbor YMCA.

In a variety of robot science disciplines, one involved kids designing and assembling vehicles that moved across a surface, picked up an object, moved it to a pre-ordained spot, then moved off to grab another item and placed it in a designated spot, then returned to the startup spot and shut down – all without outside control, remote or otherwise.

"It was fun controlling the robot and finding out how it works," enthused KPMS' Jason Aguilera.

Kids created robots operating under water where they detected items on the pool bottom, maneuvered to, collected, and delivered them to a recovery site.

"This was to simulate the problems faced in the Gulf of Mexico after the BP disaster there," explained Harbor Ridge science



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

KPMS would-be-robot-experts, Dylan Carlson, Jason Aguilera, and Jordan Thompson assemble the mechanism to propel their soon-to-be underwater robot, operating on programming the kids work into the system.

teacher, Shira Stark.

Just like operating in the real world! Students were challenged to build towers out of plastic straws and KPMS' Justin Ayers, "enjoyed having to build straw towers," classmate Emily Echtermach found the, "straw towers super fun."

The towers were a study in crazy creativity. Not one of them would survive a minus zero Richter scale quake. But the kids took to the puzzles and had a ball trying to produce almost impossible solutions.

All in all, it was another great, friendly competition.

Unfortunately, it might be the last of the series; the district is shifting middle schools to a trimester system.

"Before, there were two classes making up a full year which is why we had two events," said PSD's Instructional Technology specialist Ron Stark. "In the new system it would require three events and there is just too much that goes into each event. We're not sure there's enough time in a trimester to cover the material and prepare for competition. We might have to forego the district-wide competition in favor of another model depending on how schedules work out."

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# Peninsula Views

## EDITORIAL

### Get ready, Key people

The Key Peninsula is considered one of the best prepared communities in Pierce County. Have you checked how ready you are lately?

The Key Peninsula Fire Department and the Key Peninsula Community Council are working to make the Key Pen safe and ready in case of an emergency disaster.

Leadership training classes will begin in September to equip local leaders with the necessary skills for shelter, medical, transportation and communication logistics, and administrative responses. Every neighborhood needs a KEY person designated by this training who is responsible for contacting local authorities, who will contact the state and county authorities in a major emergency.

Aug. 2 is the 28th Annual National Night Out, which is designated as a night out against crime. It also serves as an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood spirit and heighten awareness of safe neighborhoods and emergency preparedness.

The KPFD and KPC are making plans for on-going training throughout the year. On Sept. 14, 15 and 16 your neighborhood area should have a representative registered for the Volunteer Training Academy. These classes will be held at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church located at the intersection of the Key Pen Highway and Lackey Road and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For information, contact Mary Blythe, Key to Cooperation Events Coordinator at 253-884-4206, 360-556-4838 or email her at marywareblythe@yahoo.com.

*Submitted by Danna Webster and Mary Blythe.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to LIC for croquet tournament

The Loughbranch Improvement Club (LIC) held its second annual Croquet Tournament fundraiser on Sunday July 17th to benefit Communities In Schools of Peninsula. The event was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of countless club members and community volunteers.

Communities In Schools of Peninsula (CISP) was chosen as the beneficiary of the event based on their mission "to support students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in schools

and achieve in life," and their work with students on the Key Peninsula. CISP serves students enrolled in programs at all Key Peninsula Schools and in programs at four schools on the Gig Harbor Peninsula.

Communities In Schools of Peninsula would like to thank all of the celebrity judges, LIC Tournament Chair Tim Heitzman, the LIC board and membership, Gig Harbor Rotary, the Angel Guild, Sunnycrest Nursery and all of the wonderful community members who contributed to a very successful event.

*Laurel Shultz*

*Program Director, Communities In Schools of Peninsula*

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## A few modest suggestions

I don't have to tell you that it's rough out there. Millions of people desperately seeking employment (if they haven't given up), a housing market just beginning to recover (or not), an economy limping along (barely), and government benefits running out (the one certainty). It's a time of fear, of doubt, of insecurity. The future is so scary, we have to wear shades.

There are just so many encouraging words to be spoken before they are drowned out in the clamor of desperately bad news. However, there is one hopeful piece to all of this: we're all in it together. And in that place, there are a few things we can do to help each other along.

First, we can be kind to each other. It may seem like a little thing, but the reality is, we all need a bit of kindness right now. Too many are coming home after one more failed job interview. Too many just

got off the phone with one more creditor. Too many are feeling like failures in this world. For the man or woman who finds they are unable to provide for their family, it feels like losing their worth in life. We're all walking around with pain in our hearts. Now, if ever, is the time to offer a kind word to each other, to encourage each other, to check in on each other. Now's the time to build up, rather than to tear down. Now is the time to be gentle with each other.

Second, we can share with each other. We all have something we can offer others, as we seek to survive this recession together. Perhaps you can share your lawn mower with your neighbors. Maybe your chickens are producing eggs to share. Or,

**Dan Whitmarsh**  
Writing by Faith



just maybe, you could loan out that spare bedroom to a person who just lost their home. The possibilities are endless. When times get tight, we usually want to hold our possessions even more tightly. The reality is, we need to be doing the opposite, sharing our tools and our talents with each other, becoming a true community working to weather the storm together.

Finally, some of us need to be working at changing the system. My friend Debbie Blue likes to say "It's good to spend time fishing people out of the river, but

sometimes you need to go upstream and see who's throwing them in." There are those who are skilled in advocacy work, in dealing with the government. While some are down on the ground caring for hurting people, somebody needs to be at work challenging the system that led us here in the first place. Whether working in politics or in business or in society, we need people working toward compassion and justice, challenging the consumption-driven, kill-or-be-killed system that created this mess.

In the end, the difficult times may remain for years to come. But if we work together, if we care for each other and help each other out, if skilled people go to work creating new systems and ways of living, we can not only survive, but thrive in the hard days, however long they last.

*Dan Whitmarsh is pastor of Lakebay Community Church.*





Photo by Danna Webster, KP News

A new wine and beer shop is planned for the Key Center area. Jeff and Daryl Minch are working on remodeling the former Nimrick's Furnishing building.

## Brand new plans for old Key Center business building

By Danna Webster, KP News

Key Peninsula residents Jeff and Daryl Minch have brand new plans for the former Nimrick's furniture store in Key Center. When the permits and remodeling are complete, the store will open as the Blend Wine Shop. The Minter Beach couple is working hard doing their own remodeling. Jeff is putting his carpentry skills to use building a one-of-a-kind bar. The materials in the bar are all second hand and recycled woods. They hope the permit process will be a smooth one because the business is an existing retail and the proposal is not a change of use.

The shop will feature beer, wine and specialty sodas and is a business dedicated to community networking. The couple plans to have regular tasting events open to the public. They plan to show off local food products such as breads, sausages, and cheeses which they will pair with

their wines. And they intend to present the work of local charities and show local artists. Their daughter, Kameyn, will have her photographs shown prominently. She is currently a Peninsula High School student and a graduate of Mike Hunziker's photography classes at Key Peninsula Middle School.

About 15 years ago, Jeff and Daryl discovered a wonderful Riesling and since then many of their friendships have developed around wine and food. "I've always wanted to do this since we got into the wine," Jeff says.

The goal is to take the snob persona away from drinking wine, he said. The wine scale they will apply is a simple "Yum or Yuk" test. They plan for the Blend Wine Shop to be a comfortable tasting room for locals looking for an alternative to a bar atmosphere, who want to stop, relax a while and have a chat with their neighbors.

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## KP photographer documents lives of paraplegics in India

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Karina Whitmarsh, local pastor's wife, mom, and professional photographer, headed for India last October to help document on film what a small organization is doing for spinal cord injured paraplegics in that country.

Whitmarsh had a dream to someday visit India. She already loved the cuisine, and knew about some of the culture.

She began her photography business with the idea she'd save enough to get to the exotic land of her dreams someday.

Five years ago, her escort in a wedding party was a young man in a wheelchair. Jonathan (Jon) Sigworth of Connecticut fell 70 feet while studying in India. He had recently returned from nine months in the hospital in Delhi, India. The fall and treatment received resulted in his being paralyzed from his arms down, as well as his hands.

His mother, Vicky, flew to Delhi and found him cheerful and smiling, a total contrast to other spinal cord injury (SCI) patients in the hospital.

"I've been thanking God for saving my life," Jon said, and that was the beginning of a new family project.

Jon and his parents organized ESCIP (empowering spinal cord injury persons) to encourage those with such injuries to accept them, continue their dreams and education, and gain independence.

Many in India with such injuries commit suicide.

ESCIIP, operating on donation funding, buys wheelchairs, computers, special mattresses, frames, and special medications. Under the umbrella of The International Humanitarian Foundation (IHF), they work with individuals and organizations in India to provide exercise, therapy, and counseling for SCI patients.

Whitmarsh has become part of the Sigworth family team with her photography talents.

She took video and still photographs on last year's trip that will be used for spreading the word about ESCIP. Jon produced a documentary called "More Than Walking" that tells the story of his rehabilitation as well as four others in India. It's

been dubbed or subtitled into more than a dozen languages.

Meanwhile, Whitmarsh, who says she doesn't like asking people for money, needed to raise the funds for a trip to India with Vicky Sigworth. She was encouraged to tell her community and church about her trip. She made and sold her delicious tamales to help raise the necessary funds, and held bake sales, but thought the goal was too high to attain.

A benefit concert plus cash donations, large and small, came in.

She obtained a 10-year visa to India, raised her expense money, and was able to purchase a wheelchair and give it to a patient in Delhi.

Whitmarsh, who studied cinematography her first year in college, has decided to further her education in film. She obtained a scholarship from Women in Film for the Seattle Film Institute, and completed part of her program toward a degree in documentary film.

"I'm a reporter with images," she says. She loves people, loves photography, and has a heart for those less fortunate than herself.

"I'm an adventurer," she says, "not afraid of risks, as I am protected and blessed."

She hopes to not only inspire community support for future trips to India with ESCIP, but to inspire children, youth, and adults to step forward to help others in need.

Whitmarsh plans to go back to India this fall as official photographer, so she's making tamales again at \$25/dozen, and planning more bake sales.

"They go fast, so get your orders in early," she says.

People who'd like to contribute may give her personal donations, send checks to The International Humanitarian Foundation and note Karina in the memo, or even donate air miles. For more information, call 302-6505, visit [www.escip.org](http://www.escip.org), email [vsigworth@gmail.com](mailto:vsigworth@gmail.com) for a DVD copy of Jonathan's film or to learn how to support an individual patient.

"Invest in me, and I'll invest in you," says Whitmarsh. She plans to give credit in her films to contributors.



# New author offers 'Good Fortune'

By Colleen Slater, KP News

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could have someone write fortunes that would solve your problems and guide you through life?"

This was a question posed by Leslie Bratspis to her husband one rainy afternoon.

"What if it was a secret and you didn't know someone was doing it?" she asked.

She grabbed a pad of paper and scribbled ideas for a novel.

This scene occurred about 16 years ago.

Bratspis' book, "Good Fortune," based on those suppositions, is now published.

"I knew the whole story, beginning to end, before I sat down to write it," she says—"character names, jobs, conflicts, etc." The story has remained the same through manuscript revisions.

She has written short stories and poetry, but the book is her first publication.

Researching Chinese customs and culture was an important part of this work,

as it's the story of young men in both Chinese and American cultures who face challenges and work toward future life-changing goals.

Bratspis' husband, Ned, and their Golden Retrievers moved to the Key Peninsula six years ago. She soon joined Jerry Libstaff's writing group, and later became a member of the Lakebay Writers Club.

The first draft of her novel took about six months, she says, and she worked on it off and on, but it also spent several years in a box in their garage after moving here.

She began reading at two. Books were always important to her, and her parents encouraged her reading. At times growing up, she had two or three in process at the same time.

Her father was a writer, and Bratspis wrote little short stories as a child.

She was a reporter for her high school newspaper, majored in English at college earning an AA degree, then received a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a Standard Elementary Teaching Credential.

*"I Hope Good Fortune's positive theme will be inspirational to anyone who has a dream or goal, but isn't sure how to attain it."*

**Leslie Bratspis**  
Author of Good Fortune

She substituted in early elementary classes for six years, was a floral designer 14 years, a legal secretary at Walt Disney Studios for 17 years, then "retired" into floral design, employed at Sunnycrest Nursery & Floral, Mustard Seed in Gig Harbor, and Blitz & Co., Tacoma.

Bratspis is a member of Friends of the Library and volunteer Home Check Coordinator for Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue. She has studied art, and sketches and paints in acrylics and oils.

She incorporated two of Ned's poems in her book, neither previously published, although one of his pieces is in an anthology and another won first prize of 1,000 contest entries.

Bratspis says this about her book:

"I hope Good Fortune's positive theme will be inspirational to anyone who has a dream or goal, but isn't sure how to attain it. If your intent is strong enough, stay focused and the way to success will reveal itself. Don't give up. Keep an open mind and heart, and you will find the way."

Her first reading and book signing will be on Aug. 18 at the Key Center Library, from 7-8 p.m.

Good Fortune is available at Sunnycrest Nursery & Floral, Mostly Books in Gig Harbor, from Bratspis, online at amazon.com, robertsonpublishing.com, barnesandnoble.com, smashwords.com, and as a Kindle book.

For more information on Bratspis or her book, visit [www.kp-author.com/bratspis](http://www.kp-author.com/bratspis) or email [lesliebratspis@yahoo.com](mailto:lesliebratspis@yahoo.com).

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# Worship, outside the box

By Faith Rhodes  
Special to the KP News

Wellspring Fellowship shared their church service, an outdoor barbecue and Worship Concert to the public at Sehmel Homestead Park Pavilion in Gig Harbor on July 16.

The newly completed Pavilion provided a unique worship experience in a comfortable, yet public, outdoor setting. "This provided a wonderfully diverse atmosphere for worship service and evening concert that intrigued and encouraged public participation," says Pastor Chris Henderson, who has been the pastor at Wellspring Fellowship for the last 11 years.

"This represented an opportunity to break out of our comfort zones and take a more invitational stance to anyone who would like to explore Christianity or our church," added Pastor Henderson.

There was an abundance of happenings for all ages; the kids were not dis-



Praise and worship were the focus at Sehmel Park pavilion during the outdoor worship service on July 16.

appointed as outdoor activities included face painting along with a wide array of other entertaining games that seemed to make the day flow seamlessly.

"Going to a park and sitting in lawn chairs takes the edge off and puts our Christianity back into the public sphere where it all started," Henderson said.

"We hope to make Worship in the Park an annual event."

A graduate from Fuller Theological Seminary Henderson said, "We often get too comfortable in our own settings and as a result we fail to meet people where they are. We get stuck in echo chamber asking questions that only those inside the church walls are asking, and we fail to make connections with those who need an authentic relationship with Christ."

In addition to Worship in the Park, Wellspring Fellowship takes advantage of the summer weather to move its Wednesday night program out to the Tacoma Narrows Park where they sing and have a time of simply reading scripture.

Wellspring Fellowship is small but growing congregation, which meets every Saturday from 3:30 pm at Harbor Life Church in Gig Harbor. For more information about Wellspring Fellowship visit [www.wellspringfellowship.net](http://www.wellspringfellowship.net) or give Pastor Henderson a call at 253-884-1802.

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# Woody wagon looking for good surfing around KP

By Danna Webster, KP News

A Key Peninsula 1929 Phantom Ford Model-A Woody Wagon has been chosen to be the star of the show at the Un-Finished Nationals this year. The Woody is tucked into a Huckleberry Ridge garage at the home of Vic and Connie Renz and is the newest addition to their current collection, which includes a 1953 Chevy 2-door sedan and a 1932 Ford Hi Boy Roadster. Vic Renz purchased the Woody last year from its builder in Tillamook, Oregon. "I just call it a work in progress," he says. Every thing used to build the Woody is recycled material: the wood, the running gear, the 1974 Mustang engine, the slotted spoon gas pedal, and even the frame which is hand built. The Woody was featured on the magazine cover of *CruZin'* in the April 2011 issue and will be featured on T-shirts and posters for the Un-Finished Nationals which is held in Elma over Labor Day weekend.

Renz has driven street rods from the time he started driving. His first car was a 1932 Ford 5-window coupe with a Chrysler Hemi head engine. He met his high school sweet-



Photo by Danna Webster, KP News

**A 1929 Ford Model A Woody Wagon poses with its owners, Connie and Vic Renz. The next show appearance for the Woody is in September when it will be featured on T-shirts and posters.**

heart, Connie, in 1962 and took her cruising and racing the streets of Spokane in his '51 Ford 2-door coupe. There was a slow down to their purchases during the years of family rearing. Vic's 40-year career as a railroad conductor for the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe (BNSF), and Connie's education career

for the Central Valley and White River school districts.

Since retirement and the move to the Key Peninsula, the Renz' keep busy attending car shows and volunteering for community service. They are both busy during the school year as mentors for the Key Peninsula Com-

munity in Schools program. Last year, Vic mentored reading for third graders at Minter Elementary and Connie mentored first and third grade reading at Minter and also math for Purdy fourth graders. They enjoy watching their students' progress. They have observed that there are more kids in the classroom who need one on one support than the teachers can work with. Connie got Vic started as a mentor. "She coerced me (saying) it's kinda like reading with our grandkids," he says and adds that many more mentors are needed for the program. "It's rewarding to know the kids, and they're being able to read better."

Much of Vic's retirement time is taken up driving his roadsters to shows, working on the cars, and attending car club meetings. He drives to shows that are within a few hundred miles but he trailered his '32 Ford roadster to Los Angeles for the 75th Anniversary open show for 1932 Fords. He enjoys driving his roadster, coupe, and woody on the road. "I like to (drive them). I love it. Everybody waves. People pull up next to me and take pictures. They are built to drive and I drive 'em as much as I can," he says.

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# COMMUNITY WORKS

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## WIC has openings

Pregnant or breastfeeding women and children under 5 can receive checks for healthy foods monthly from WIC. Apply on Thursdays at the KP Civic Center, call 884-3835 for an appointment.

Now

## GED classes

Key Peninsula residents may complete a basic skills education for college entrance, employment skills, or a GED. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes (6 to 8 p.m.) are available at the TOC Gig Harbor Campus. Fall quarter begins September 19. For detailed class information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

Now

## Youth football camp

Challenger Sports Camps is holding a Flag Football Camp from Aug. 8-12. Camp is for ages 6-12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Volunteer Park and costs \$129 for the 5 days of camp. Each camper receives a free camp T-shirt and camp certification. Campers need a water bottle and sunscreen. Register on-line at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com). Chad, KP Parks, 884-9240.

## Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bloodmobile dates

The bloodmobile will be at Albertson's from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Aug. 2, 9 Story time

Summer stories for babies and toddlers (birth-3) accompanied by an adult will be held at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. Help your baby's brain develop with books, action rhymes, knee bounces, songs and more. 884-2242.

Aug. 4

## Fuchsia club

The Lakeside Fuchsia Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Ginnie, 884-9744.

Aug. 4

## Going Global

Tweens (ages 9-12) will explore people and places around the world with comedian-juggler Alex Zerbe at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-2242.

Aug. 5

## Summer Skate Night

Skate night is held from 7-10 p.m. for elementary and middle school-aged students at the KP Civic Center. Admission is \$5, which includes skates and all the games in the Whitmore Room. Refreshments are available for purchase. [www.kpciviccenter.org](http://www.kpciviccenter.org) or 884-3456.

## Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 Outdoor movies

Cinema under the Stars movies are held at Volunteer Park. Pre-entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m.; the movies begin about 8:30 p.m. "Yogi Bear" is Aug. 5, "How to Train your Dragon" is on Aug. 12, "The Wizard of Oz" shows Aug. 19 and "Cats and Dogs" plays Aug. 26. A dollar donation or a can of food for the food bank is appreciated. The movies are presented by Key Pen Parks and sponsored by CenturyLink. Movies will be shown at the Civic Center in case of bad weather. 884-9240.

Aug. 6

## Beyond the borders

Two Waters Arts Alliance, Peninsula Parks and Longbranch Improvement Club present Beyond the Borders from 12-6 p.m. at the Longbranch Improvement Club. This event is free.

## To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please e-mail [news@keypennews.com](mailto:news@keypennews.com) or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Aug. 10

## Cheer camp

Register today for Key Pen Parks' cheer camp held Aug. 15-19 at the KP Civic Center. Camp for 5 and 6 yr. olds is from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and camp for 7-11 yr. olds is from 5-6 p.m. The \$49 fee includes a t-shirt and pom-poms. 884-9240.

Aug. 11

## Beach program

"Get Your Feet Wet" is presented at Penrose Point State Park from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [info@harboerwildwatch.org](mailto:info@harboerwildwatch.org).

Aug. 11

## Instrument making

Texas will make a rain stick or thumb piano at the Key Center Library from 3:30-5 p.m. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 884-2242.

Aug. 9 & 25

## Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts voluntarily knit and crochet chemo hats, baby items and blankets for non-profits in the community. They meet from 1-3 p.m. at the WayPoint Church, 12719 - 134th Ave KPN. They also meet on Thursday, July 28 from 7-9 p.m. Yarn donations are always welcome. [lovingheartsonkp@aol.com](mailto:lovingheartsonkp@aol.com) or Virginia, 884-9619.

Aug. 15-19

## String camp

String Camp 2011 has a theme of "The Art of Improv" and is held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It is open to experienced (1+ years) string students from 9-19 years old. Regular

season classes for beginners with no experience begin in September. 253-534-5384 or [www.harborpyo.org](http://www.harborpyo.org).

Aug. 16

## Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be in the 2nd floor meeting room at Peninsula Light Company from 12-3 p.m.

Aug. 18

## Author reads

Key Peninsula author Leslie Bratspis celebrates the release of her new book, "Good Fortune," from 7-8 p.m. at the Key Center Library. She will read excerpts and sign purchased books (\$20.50/cash only). 884-2242.

Aug. 19

## Free concert

PYO Sting Camp 2011 performs a concert at the Uptown Pavilion at 1 p.m.

Aug. 20

## Old timers' day

Old Timers' Day is held from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Aug. 20

## Lyme group

The Lyme Support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

Aug. 23

## Bloodmobile at hospital

The Bloodmobile will be in the Smalling Family Education Room at St. Anthony Hospital from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Aug. 25 & 30

## Volunteer orientation

High school aged youth who would like

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to volunteer during Friday Night Skate are required to submit an application and complete a 4-hr orientation. Classes are scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 25 and Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 5-9 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Online applications at [kpciviccenter.org](http://kpciviccenter.org) or call 884-3456.

### Aug. 27 Touch tanks

Touch tanks are part of the "Get Your Feet Wet" program from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Penrose State Park. [www.harborwildwatch.org](http://www.harborwildwatch.org)

## OFF THE KEY

### Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 Summer Sounds

Summer Sounds at Skansie outdoor concerts are held at dusk on Tuesdays. Aug. 2 is the Swing Reunion Orchestra, Aug. 9 is Ali Marcus, Aug. 16 is Funaddicts, and Aug. 23 features David Correa. [Gigharborguide.com](http://Gigharborguide.com).

### Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 Summer concerts

Uptown presents a different free concert under the pavilion every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 4 features Common Ground, Aug. 11 Hand Tail performs, Aug. 18 features Broken Tail, and on Aug. 15 various local talented teens will perform. [www.uptowngigharbor.com](http://www.uptowngigharbor.com).

### Aug. 5 Classic movie

"Jaws" will be shown at Donkey Creek Park at dusk. This free movie may not be appropriate for young children. Bring a chair or a blanket. [www.gigharborguide.com](http://www.gigharborguide.com).

### Aug. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 "Cinderella"

The Paradise Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. A special dinner show will be on Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. Free "princess passes" will be given to all girls dressed like Cinderella at the ball. Photo opportunities with Cinderella will be available following each performance. Call 523-851-7529 for tickets.

### Aug. 6 Car show

Cruise the Narrows Classic Car show is held

**Aug. 27  
Birthday celebration**  
Celebrate the Key Center Library's 30th birthday with musical artist Dean Ratanan and birthday cake at 2 p.m. at the library. 884-2242.

**Aug. 27  
Community garage sale**  
Key Peninsula Lutheran Church will have a garage sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in McColley Hall. Donations accepted. 884-3312.

at Uptown from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Entry for show cars is \$15. [Gigharborcruisers.org](http://Gigharborcruisers.org).

### Aug. 6 Wine & food

The Gig Harbor Wine and Food Festival is held at the Harbor History Museum. Tickets are required. [Harborwine&foodfest.org](http://Harborwine&foodfest.org).

### Aug. 6, 19 Family movies

Cinema Gig Outdoors presents free family movies on Saturday at Skansie Brothers Park. Bring a chair or a blanket. "Scooby Doo" shows at 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 and "Free Willy" is at 8:15 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Donkey Creek Park. [www.gigharborguide.com](http://www.gigharborguide.com).

### Aug. 13 Belfair celebrates

The "Taste of Hood Canal" is from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in downtown Belfair on Clifton Lane. Events include a classic car show, beer & wine tasting, family entertainment, live music, food booths, informational displays, local artists, and craft booths. This free event is sponsored by the North Mason Rotary Club. 360-275-0671.

### Aug. 14 Port Orchard show

The Cruz features hundreds of classic, vintage and antique cars along the Port Orchard waterfront. 360-876-3505.

### Aug. 27 Festival held

The Family Fun Festival will be held all day at Schmel Homestead Park. This event is free to the public.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### KP Community Fair Association

Aug. 2, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org).

### KP Metro Parks

Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex.

### Fire District 16

Aug. 9 & 23, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station.

### Key Peninsula Community Council

Aug. 10, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

### Peninsula School District Board

Aug. 11, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office.

### KP Civic Center Board

Aug. 11, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room, KPCC.

### LIC

Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. regular potluck meeting at Longbranch Improvement Club.

### KP Citizens against Crime

Aug. 18, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Tuesdays TOPS #1325

Take-Off Pounds Sensibly meets at 9 a.m. at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Free child care, fun and support are provided. 884-2554.

### Wednesdays Lakebay writers

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

### Thursdays Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet from 8-9 a.m. at the Key Center Library. Join the fun and improve your speaking ability.

### Thursdays Senior Society

The Key Peninsula Senior Society, aka Yesterday's Teenagers, meet at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck, fellowship and games at the Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

### Saturdays Writers' guild

The Writers' Guild meets from 9-11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-6455.



August 2011  
Key Peninsula Real Estate  
**MARKET  
REPORT**

**NON-WATERFRONT HOMES**

Homes for Sale	131
Average List Price	\$219,067
(price per sq ft)	\$123.24
Average Days on Market	187
Homes Sold (ytd)	68
Average Sold Price	\$168,850
(price per sq ft)	\$101.98
Average Days on Market	146
Properties Pending	22

**WATERFRONT REPORT**

Homes for Sale	36
Average List Price	\$485,604
(price per sq ft)	\$258.91
Average Days on Market	138
Homes Sold (ytd)	10
Average Sold Price	\$524,480
(price per sq ft)	\$207.83
Average Days on Market	174
Properties Pending	4

**LAND**

Land for Sale	207
Average List Price	\$103,507
(price per acre)	\$76,506
Average Days on Market	449
Land Sold (ytd)	13
Average Sold Price	\$65,458
(price per acre)	\$74,718
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WF Properties Pending	1

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# Who's Representing You?

The Internet has made us experts of just about everything. Simply go online, read a few articles and blogs and viola, you're an expert. That may hold true with some purchases, a toaster, a phone, but not with real estate. I'm often told... "I don't need a real estate professional to help me buy or sell, I can do it better myself." Ugh! This logic has so many flaws in so many ways. Going it alone is not in a buyer's OR a seller's best interests.

Who's watching your back? Did you know the listing agent works exclusively for the seller? If the listing agent is working for the seller, how can he or she be negotiating the best price for the buyer? You need your own buyer's rep - an advocate - someone who will go to bat for you.

Going directly will NOT save you money. Scenario: You, the buyer, decide to work directly with the listing agent reasoning that the seller will save half of the commission and, of course, pass those savings onto you. Good logic, bad assumption. The listing agent may have an agreement with the seller that if the listing agent finds the buyer the entire commission (or slightly discounted) will go to the listing agent. Again... who's watching your back?

Drama free negotiations. When you fall in love with a house it becomes an emotional buy. There is an art to negotiating and there is no room for emotion in negotiations. A little give and take and creative thinking without emotions will keep the talks going. And once inspection reports are reviewed, your agent will negotiate repairs on your behalf. It is a fact that buyers who use an agent to handle the negotiations save more than a buyer who is negotiating a sale on their own by the time ALL negotiations are done.

Agents talk to other agents. Some homes practically sell themselves, others need a cheering section. When you hire a real estate agency to sell your home you are hiring a team of agents to keep you in compliance with state laws; talk up your home and get the word out to clients and other agents; to create marketing materials; host open houses; put the sign in the ground; and that's just for starters. Roughly 10 percent of "For Sale by Owner" properties successfully sell.

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ally read all the fine print or just skim through the 23-page bank addendum? Banks are notorious for changing original contract terms.

For example, a bank may agree to your offer then send back their forms that state the buyer pays for typical seller responsibilities such as the real estate excise tax of 1.78 percent, or inspect, pump and register the septic with the county, etc. Miss any of these changes and it may cost you an extra \$7,500+ at closing. Caveat Emptor especially when purchasing bank owned properties.

The sold price may NOT be the net sales price. The published sold price does not always tell an accurate story. Did the seller pay closing costs and if so, how much? Did the seller make any substantial repairs? New siding, new roof, new septic system prior to closing?

Buyer Representation is FREE! Mary



**Tracy Butzko**  
Tracy's Real Estate Tips

buyers don't understand; the seller pays the agent's commission. Services provided by a buyer's rep. is free to the buyer. The buyer pays zero, nada, zip, to the agent to represent them in the purchase of a home or property. For this reason alone, a buyer should never be without an advocate to help them with what might be the largest purchase they will make.

Finally, I get it. I really do. You don't want to get locked in with a real estate agent who may bug you or pressure you into making a decision. Tell your agent what you are looking for and set parameters. If you choose an agent and work well with that agent, you will have a surprisingly nice experience. If you hop from agent to agent, ask yourself this: Would you want to work with you?

My advice is simple: Utilize the internet to arm yourself with information. But when it's time to make the move-Don't Go It Alone. Select a real estate partner who will work closely with you-someone who will watch your back.

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# SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for June 24 through July 21

## June 24

3400 block of 165th Ave. Lakebay: Burglary of residence: At about 7 a.m. someone removed the screen from a bedroom window and forced the window open. Several items were gone through.

## June 29

1300 block of 94th Ave NW: Burglary: Someone entered an unlocked window to gain entry to a home and took boxes of custom cabinets, brass statues and tools. Witnesses saw a brown Chevy truck and two suspects at the location on three occasions. A white male, 35-40 years old, wearing a grey tank top and a white male in his 20s, medium build wearing black shirt and black pants.

## July 1

19600 block of 21st SC, Lakebay: Burglary: At about 8 p.m. someone broke into the home and ransacked the place, turned over furniture, and also broke into the shed. A stainless barbecue, leaf blower and circular saw were stolen. A witness reported

seeing a suspect in the yard, and another witness saw the same suspect wheeling the barbecue down 195th Ave. KPS. Some fingerprints were recovered from the scene.

14200 block of 92nd Ave. NW: Shoplifting: A suspect attempted to purchase fireworks from the Key Peninsula Veterans fireworks stand in the parking lot of Lake Kathryn Village. When the card was denied, witnesses say he grabbed more fireworks and tried to speed away in his pickup. The truck became pinned between a rock and a tree in a median of the parking lot. The suspect then fled on foot, but was taken into custody at the scene, and had two outstanding felony warrants for his arrest.

11100 144th St. NW: Theft from yards, Pen Light Minter Creek substation: Someone cut a hole in the fence and stole 30 feet of copper wire from power station units. Estimated damages are \$1,000.

## July 2

13800 block of Pinchurst Lane, Lake Holiday: Burglary: Someone removed the hinge of a garage door, and also entered a

detached storage shed on the property. A pole trimmer and electric lawn mower were stolen.

Webb Road: Vandalism: At around 2:30 a.m. vandals spray-painted gang-type graffiti on a gate at the residence. A crown with the word blood under it, Three Kings, a star and numbers were spray-painted.

20400 block of 19th St. KPS, Lakebay: Burglary: Someone picked the lock of a garage door and took hand and power tools.

## July 3

700 block of 158th Ave., Lakebay: A Gig Harbor police officer on his way home from work was contacted by the victim about the suspect on her property, coming from her shut and locked gate at the entrance to her property. The suspect was found in the bushes nearby and had a backpack filled with two sets of pliers, bolt cutters, angle cutters, Leatherman tool, screwdriver, plastic container misc. jewelry ipod digital drug scale, large car stereo amplifier, ceramic dishes, burnt glass drug pipe, three small baggies, two had white power substance,

tested positive for methamphetamine. Other contained unknown white pill.

The suspect had three felony warrants out for his arrest, and is a suspect in a recent burglary. He was transported to PC Jail.

9000 block of KP Hwy N., Lakebay: Vandalism, destruction of property: At around 1 a.m. a Pierce Transit bus stop was vandalized and glass panels were cracked and shattered.

## July 4

12000 block of KP Hwy N., Key Center Automotive: Theft of vehicle part: At around 5 a.m. a 41-year-old suspect from Parkland and a 41-year-old suspect from Olympia were found at the address trying to cut catalytic converters from vehicles. They were transported to PC Jail on suspicion of theft.

Webb Road, KPS: Vandalism: Around 1 a.m. Gang writing and a five point crown with the word blood and above the words Crip Killa were spray painted on a fence.

(See Blotter, Page 17)

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(From Blotter, Page 16)

**July 5**

Whiteman Road, KPS: Fatal traffic accident: At about 2:19 a.m. Patrick Bartholomew of Federal Way lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle rolled and hit a tree. Bartholomew was pronounced dead at the scene.

**July 6**

16500 block of 34th St., Lakebay: Theft motor vehicle, boat. At around 9 p.m. someone took a 2005 gray inflatable boat with Evinrude outboard motor.

16500 block of 46th St. KPS, Longbranch: Burglary: Someone cut the locks on two sheds at the Longbranch Community Church. Nothing was taken. The locks have been replaced with bolt cutter resistant locks.

**July 7**

9700 block of SR 302. Vehicle Found: Officers were dispatched to suspicious vehicle. A silver 1998 Chevy Tahoe was found down a small trail from roadway. The license plates had been switched and the catalytic converter cut out.

**July 8**

16900 block of SR 302 KPN Wright Bliss Road, Concrete Forwork Systems,

Inc.: Forced entry, larceny from a building: At around 7 a.m. two padlocks were cut with bolt cutters at the main entry gate, and a padlock to a storage container was cut. A Milwaukee angle grinder was stolen. No suspect info. Empty beer bottle was taken from scene to detachment office for processing of fingerprints. Partial prints on glass bottle.

**July 13**

8600 block of 145th St. NW: Burglary of residence: Suspects entered through an unlocked window and stole a TV, jewelry and prescription medicine. The scene was processed for evidence.

13700 block of 98th Ave. Ct. NW: Theft from motor vehicle: A tool bag and Dell laptop were stolen from the back seat of the victim's car while it was parked in front of his home.

17500 block of 30th St KPN, Lakebay: Theft: A witness called 911 to report a propane tank was being loaded into a pickup truck at around 1 p.m., and left the location when witness went by the property. Suspect's truck was an older green Chevy possibly 2-tone.

**July 14**

5500 block of Crescent Beach Road, KPN: Theft: A copper weather vane was taken from the roof of a garage. Estimated

worth \$350.

Pen Light Minter Substation: burglary.

**July 15**

10009 139th St. NW: Destruction of property: A rock was thrown through a car window as it sat in the driveway. Victim reported hearing kids laughing and running away as he went out to investigate after hearing his car alarm. A suspect, 19, was taken into custody.

1921 KP Hwy N. Lakebay and 38th St.: Hit and run: At around 6 p.m. a vehicle was found in ditch after dispatch had notified units of the pending call. Suspect was found at Home Port Restaurant.

**July 16**

1400 block of Whiteman Road, Lakebay: Destruction of property: At around 9 a.m. the victim was notified that a window had been broken out and a water hose had been placed through the window and turned on. Victim believes she knows the suspects.

**July 17**

134th Av KP N: The victim heard a loud crash as he was driving on KP Hwy N. He reported seeing someone flee into the woods. No injury, no suspects.

**July 18**

Pen Light Minter Substation: Burglary:

Officers arrived for a report of the third burglary and theft in the last year. Cut several wires holding chain fence, bolt cutters, same suspect as the time before.

**July 19**

Pen Light substation: Burglary: Fence on west end had small hole, bolt cutters had been left at scene.

9725 Cramer Road, Lakebay, Camp Seymour: A purse was stolen from a car parked at the camp. Victim reported that the cards were used three times at Chevron on SR 302, and once at Harvest Time on SR 302.

**July 20**

KP Liquor Store: Burglary: The shed door was destroyed and inventory kept inside had been stolen. Totaled \$825.45 no suspect info.

11200 block of 116th Ac NW: Theft: Someone took a hand blown glass pedestal and matching globe from the yard sometime in the night.

2100 block of 197th Ave. Lakebay: theft: A wallet was stolen from a car in the driveway.

**July 21**

11100 block of Creston Dr. NW: theft: The rear license plate was stolen from a vehicle in the driveway.

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# FD 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for June 15 through July 15

Total Calls: 157  
EMS: 117  
Fire/service: 12  
Other: 28

## June 19

A 71-year-old male Home resident called 9-1-1 after losing control of a large structural timber, causing it to fall and cut his head. Firefighters arrived to find the man holding a blood-soaked towel to his head wound, but he was otherwise uninjured. Key Peninsula Medic One transported him to a local hospital where he received several staples to close the wound.

## June 21

Paramedics responded with sheriff's deputies to a home in Longbranch for a report of assault on a homeowner. The 52-year-old woman in the home stated she was attacked by an intruder, though there were not any signs of forced entry

into the home or that she had been attacked. The woman was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

## June 23

A 29-year-old woman of the Vaughn area was transported to an area hospital for smoke inhalation after her home caught fire. The fire was caused by burnt food on the stove and extended to the cabinets above. An in-home sprinkler system contained the fire until firefighters arrived to complete the extinguishment. The woman is in satisfactory condition.

## June 24

A 55-year-old female driver began feeling short of breath and slightly dizzy. She recognized the symptoms may be a recurrence of an anxiety attack and pulled into the Key Center fire station for assistance. Key Peninsula Medic One transported her to a local hospital for further treatment.

## June 25

A Lakebay woman started cooking a chicken in her oven and left for church. While away from the home, her monitored alarm system was notified of a smoke detector activation and called 9-1-1. The woman happened to return home minutes before the firefighters arrived. They assisted her in removing smoke from the residence. There was no permanent damage and no injuries.

## June 28

A Gig Harbor woman driving on SR 302 sustained a puncture in her fuel tank, causing her to lose most of her gasoline near Minter Creek. Firefighters used an absorbent material to recover most of the spill in the environmentally sensitive area.

## June 30

Crews responded to Delano Bay Christian Camp to evaluate a 21-year-old Spanaway man who dislocated his shoulder while playing basketball at the camp. While the firefighter/paramedics were evaluating the man, the man stood up and his shoulder popped back into place. The man refused further care and transport to a hospital.

## July 1

A 4-year-old Spanaway girl was brought into the Home Fire Station after crashing her motorcycle into the brush. The girl, who was on a camping trip, was taking her first solo attempt at riding when she opened the throttle and took off. A KP Medic applied a dressing to the laceration on her knee and her father took her to a clinic for stitches.

## July 2

Crews responded to Penrose Point

State Park for a report of a 47-year-old man who had fallen and was unconscious. Other than sustaining a minor abrasion, the man had no injuries and was fully alert when medics arrived. He was treated and transported to St Anthony Hospital.

## July 5

A 30-year-old Federal Way man was killed in the early morning hours of July 5th when he lost control of his vehicle and hit the ditch. The small pickup rolled, and landed against a tree, ejecting the man from the vehicle. The incident in the 5500 block of Whiteman road was being investigated by the Sheriff's Department.

## July 7

Several inexperienced boaters decided to take a catamaran for a tour near Home Colony on a beautiful but blustery Thursday. The overloaded craft quickly toppled over in the strong wind, sending the four occupants into the water. Adult friends deployed a kayak to provide assistance to the inexperienced boaters. Efforts to re-deploy the sail were unsuccessful and the vessel continued to drift further out into Henderson Bay. Key Peninsula Fire Department's Water Rescue Team responded, delivering the occupants to the beach before towing the catamaran and kayak back to shore. There were no injuries.

## July 8

KP Firefighters responded with Sheriff's Deputies to the home of a 44-year-old Minter area woman who had posted suicidal threats on her Facebook page. The woman was found dead in the garage. The woman's family was notified and the medical examiner investigated.

## July 14

A 34-year-old man who had reportedly just left a rehab center was found slumped over in the parking lot of a Wauna convenience store. The man complained of feeling weak and dizzy, and admitted to having consumed several alcoholic beverages and had taken a couple prescription medications. Key Peninsula Medic One transported him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

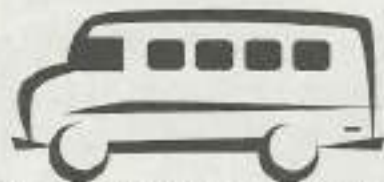
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# New journey for pastor of oldest KP church

By Colleen Slater, KP News

John Day, pastor at Longbranch Community Church since June 1, is excited about being involved in a small country church again.

He began pastoring at a small country church in Texas after completing his doctorate at Dallas Theological Seminary. He soon became assistant pastor at a Presbyterian church, and from there returned to his native Washington to serve at Bellewood Presbyterian Church for nearly 11 years.

Born and raised in Starwood, son of the first chiropractor in town, Day and his two brothers all planned to be chiropractors.

His grandfather, who lived across the street, was a doctor, so Day grew up not worrying about either a dose of medicine or a twisted muscle.

Day was raised in a Plymouth Brethren Church (originating in Dublin, Ireland in early 1800s, with a large group in Plymouth, England). The congregation has lay leadership of elders, but no pastors.

In his first year of studies, Day realized chiropractic wasn't what he wanted as a career.

He freight a sense of being called by God to pastor and says "He had to hit me over the head with a two-by-four."

Conferring and praying with an old family friend, a pastor, Day was told, "You have been called. You have to learn to live by faith."

Day says he's learned what that pastor meant.

He went to Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Multnomah, Ore, then on to Texas.

He felt he needed to leave Bellewood after being divorced, and was out of the ministry for about a year. He works part-time as a care-giver, and when he came across the Longbranch Church information, he thought that would be a good fit. He was ready to be out of the city, ready to pour his heart into a new congregation, even out of the brokenness of his family, and be close enough to maintain joint custody of his children.

"This church is intentionally interdenominational," he says, and the search committee gave a unanimous vote to call him.

"I'm growing as I go along," he said, and he believes the church is, too.



Pastor John Day with three of his children, Hannah, AnnaGrace and JohnEzra.

Photo by Colleen Slater, KP News

It's a new start for both church and pastor, to build a solid, stable, vibrant congregation with a reputation for being in the light of Christ."

Day has applied to be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and continue as part-time

caregiver to mesh with the part-time pastorate.

Music is one of the important parts of Day's life. He sings, plays piano, mandolin,

(See Pastor, Page 22)

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## The Mystery Church Member

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- 1 Cor 14:35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husband at home
- 2 Tim 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- Philemon 1:2 Our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house.
- Colossians 4:15 And the church which is in his house.
- Acts 8:3 (Saul killing Christians) The church entering into every house.
- Acts 16:15, 31, 32, 34, 40 Please read all.
- Acts 18:7, 8 Whose house was next to the synagogue.  
V.8 (They believed and were baptized.)
- Rom 16:5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house.
- 1 Cor 16:19 The churches of Asia greet you Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.
- Ephesians 5:22 thru 33  
V. 22 Wives submit to husbands.  
V. 23 Husbands head of the wife.
- V. 24 Church subject to Christ so let wives be to their own husbands in everything.
- V.25 Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it
- V.26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.
- Read on to v.33 if a man will die for his wife, maybe she will be willing to submit to him.
- You will not hear this message in your church today.  
It's not too late to study.  
2 Tim. 2:15
- Thank you and good bye (The Mystery Church Member)



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By Connie Hildahl  
Special to the KP News

Act One, the opening event for the celebration of Faraway's 100th birthday, will be Aug. 6. This event will provide attendees the opportunity to stroll the halls and grounds of Faraway, the historic Longbranch summer residence of Frank and Josephine McDermott. Attendees will enjoy a summer supper, listen to classical guitar music, view special displays of historic items, photos and documents from the early days of Faraway, talk with special guests and participate in a very exciting silent auction to benefit KPHS. There will be a no-host bar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Guests will be limited to pre-sale ticket holders.

The Act One event focuses on the early days of Faraway from the time it was built through 1956, when it was sold by the McDermott family. After an extensive search covering the entire Puget Sound, Frank McDermott visited Filucey Bay in 1908 and found a very special site to build his summer retreat.

In 1890, Edward Yeazell, who came to the Pacific Northwest with a dream to recreate a famous resort of the presidents in New Jersey, bought up the property around the south end of Filucey Bay. He plotted this land into 50-foot lots and named it The City of Long Branch.

Frank McDermott wanted to create a place of leisure, rest and recreation for his family, and a place where, in his exuberant manner, he could invite friends and very large groups to enjoy nature and hospitality. His first step was to purchase four lots in 1908 on the west side of what was to become McDermott Point. Over the next several years he continued to purchase lots until he accumulated over 65 acres for his summer retreat.

Long Branch would never be the same. Construction began on Faraway in 1915. This 7,000 square-foot home was watched, admired and the focus of every resident on Filucey Bay. This same year, the lighthouse was constructed on McDermott Point by Mr. William Sipple at the entrance to Filucey Bay.



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Josephine made her fortune by founding, along with her first husband Edward Nordhoff, the Bon Marché in Seattle. The store prospered as a result of their hard work, her sense of style and the regional and international developments

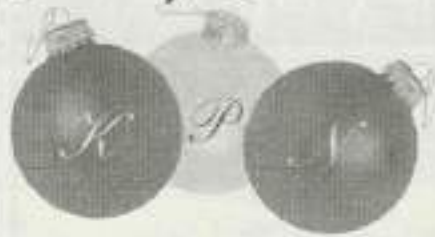
(Alaska Gold Rush, etc.). In the early years each summer, they would bring the entire staff of the Bon to Filucey Bay by steamboat to enjoy a day of great food, swimming, games and other activities.

Indeed, Frank and Josephine enjoyed entertaining the rich and famous as they came into Filucey Bay on great yachts from destinations around the world. The story of Faraway is truly one of the most important historic chronicles of all that is special about the Key Peninsula.

Please join us as we celebrate the history and the magic of Faraway and Filucey Bay. If you have questions, call 884-1400.

Tickets: \$75.00 per person, for sale at KP Historical Museum (KP Civic Center), Thursday and Saturday 1-4 p.m. or at Sunnycrest Nursery.

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## Combined team made it to state

It was a great season for the ball team from the Key Pen!

The combined Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Junior Softball team won the District 2 Tournament over the July 4th weekend, and played for the State Champi-

onship in Oak Harbor the weekend of July 17.

Representing the Key Peninsula Little League on the team was Alayna Piwonski. The team lost in the quarterfinals to an Anacortes team, 10-3.

Left: Damien LaGrange grinds into home plate only to be called out during the Junior District Tournament All Stars game in July at the South Kitsap Western Little League field in Port Orchard. The KP All-Stars won this game against Gig Harbor Juniors by a score of 9-2. They then beat South Kitsap Eastern 19-13 and South Kitsap Southern 8-7 before losing in the championship game to South Kitsap Western 9-1.

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## Dory S. Myers December 30, 1934 - May 25, 2011

Dory was born Dec. 30, 1934, to Malie and Paul Schuseiderman, in Portland, Ore. She was the youngest of four. Her siblings were Jerry, Laine, and Leonard. Her parents were Russian Jewish immigrants who were in the nightclub and restaurant business.

Dory experienced discrimination in high school, and became active in Jewish activities. Her favorite classes were kindergarten and drama. She graduated from the University of Washington in English, Drama, and Librarianship. Her library career included the University of Washington reference desk, Tacoma Public Library, and the Pierce County Library system. She was the librarian at the Key Center Library for more than 20 years, where she cultivated a deep sense of community through a welcoming atmosphere, commitment to excellence and a long series of culturally stimulating programs. She led many insightful book discussions over the years.

She met her husband, William Gro-

ver Myers, on the houseboats in Seattle in the 1950s. They married in 1962 and moved to Tacoma, where they became active in politics in the 1960s. In 1968 they moved to the Key Peninsula. Their frugal lifestyle was guided by their moral and political convictions. They were seekers of truth and knowledge, and passionate advocates for social justice. Dory lovingly cared for Bill through several years of illness preceding his death in 2005. They had no biological children, but Dory was a second mother to a number of young people in the community, and the center of an ever-expanding circle of friends. She felt a "kinship with the earth," and all of God's creation.

Following Bill's death, in retirement, Dory gravitated back to her social justice roots. She was profoundly moved by the 2003 death of Rachel Corrie, who was killed by an Israeli bulldozer while protecting the home of a Palestinian doctor. Dory found her own strong

political voice through the founding of Key Peacemakers, and continued her fervent advocacy for justice through the end of her life. She was also a highly valued volunteer at The Mustard Seed Project of Key Peninsula from its inception in 2006 until her death. She died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, following a rapid decline in health over six weeks, surrounded by friends each step of the way.

Dory loved jazz, poetry and the art of Paul Klee. Some of her heroes were Dorothy Day, Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Dennis Kucinich, Bill Riechel, S.J., and Amy Goodman of "Democracy Now." Her love for justice fed her deep affection for the Catholic Worker movement, most especially those CWs at Guadalupe House in Tacoma, to whom she left her estate. She bids farewell to her dear friends... "may we meet again."

A Celebration of Dory's Life was held June 11 at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

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guitar, writes songs, and just started Bluegrass Gospel Jam Sessions. Every third Sunday evening at the church, from 6-8:30 p.m., he invites bluegrass musicians of every skill level, singers, fans and their families to join in. One brother came up from Portland to participate in the first one held in July.

Other interests include gardening, reading, competitive games and road trips.

Day was once an amateur beekeeper, but developed a severe allergic reaction to their venom. He'd like to do it again, but is informed by his children, "No, you won't!"

Children at home are Hannah, John Ezra, and Anna-Grace. An older daughter, out on her own, has Day's only grandchild, Hope, to whom he dedicated his recent book. He has authored two books - *Crying for Justice: What the Psalms Teach Us About Mercy and Vengeance* in an Age of Terrorism (2005), and *Truth Standing on Its Head: Insight for an Extraordinary Christian Walk* from the Sermon on the Mount (2009).

In September, Day will marry Ngozi, who has twin teen-aged girls. Raised in the U.S., she is of Nigerian descent, and her name means Blessing. He says she is

In regard to blending the families, he says, "It will be an adventure."

It is a year of exciting adventure for Day, his family, and their new association with the oldest church on the Key Peninsula.

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Kristin Ackerman, owner and publisher of SIP Northwest Magazine in Seattle, recently visited Trillium Creek Winery with her husband J.R. The magazine will be the official sponsor for the Gig Harbor Food and Wine Festival on Aug. 6.

## Where in the World...



Carlle Schulz and her daughter Elia (Schulz) Grogan both live on the Key Peninsula. They traveled with their family and their copy of the KP News to Xcaret, Mexico for Elia's wedding to Chris Grogan in May.

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Key Peninsula Lions' Volksmarch in Penrose Point State Park, found at its halfway check point. "Interlaken Trailblazers of Bellevue Volksmarch Club" members Mea Cunningham, Sharon Moore, Shirley Lumberg, Tyera Roberts, Barbara Byers, Pauline Jarmen, Shann McKeever, and Terri Czapinski enthusiastically posed for this "memento" photo July 9, during the 22nd annual event. Volksmarch is a non-competitive walk, or jog, or however you like it. Participants choose their own time to start from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and must be off the trails by 4 p.m. so that the sponsors can account for all participants at the close of the event.



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## Wedding announcement

Robbie and Colleen Speer are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carli Rachel Speer, to Jeremy Robert Tachell. They were married on Saturday, July 16th at Cedar Springs in Port Orchard. Jeremy is the son of Robert and Lynn Tachell. Carli and Jeremy both grew up on the Key Peninsula.