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Aisle of Honor by KP Veterans May 29

The Key Peninsula Veterans will host their annual Aisle of Honor ceremony the Sunday before Memorial Day at Vaughn Bay Cemetery at the corner of 100th Street KPN and 186th Avenue KPN. "It's the largest honor aisle west of the Mississippi and will display 350 flags," said Frank Grubaugh, past KP Veterans president. The ceremony begins at 1 p.m. though he encourages people to start arriving at 12:30. A roll call of veterans whose flags are flying in review will be recited during the ceremony and there will be a speech by retired U.S. Navy Capt. Larry Seaquist, a former state legislator and candidate for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Visitors are encouraged to park at Vaughn Elementary and ride the shuttle provided by KP School Bus Connects to the cemetery. For more information, call 509-8656 or go to: kpveterans.net.

Food Backpacks 4 Kids: Volunteer Organization of the Year

The Washington State Emergency Food Network last month presented Key Peninsula's Food Backpacks 4 Kids program with its annual John Schultz Silver Spoon Volunteer Organization of the Year Award. "We are unique because we are the only stand-alone backpack program," said Executive Director Mary Williams. "All of the others are either affiliated with a faith-based community that may just

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No Toll Increase on Narrows Bridge for Now

By Alice Kinerk, KP News

After four years of annual toll rate increases, drivers crossing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge are finally getting a break. The Washington State Legislature recently announced the cancellation of a 50 cent toll increase planned for July of this year.

Good to Go users pay \$5 to cross the bridge, tollbooth users pay \$6 and Pay by Mail users pay \$7. Current toll rates will not change until July 2017 at the earliest.

The debt for construction was structured in ballooning payments, with rising traffic volume expected to cover the rising debt service payments. However, because the volume of traffic crossing the bridge did not increase as the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) projected, drivers have faced toll rate hikes to make up the difference.

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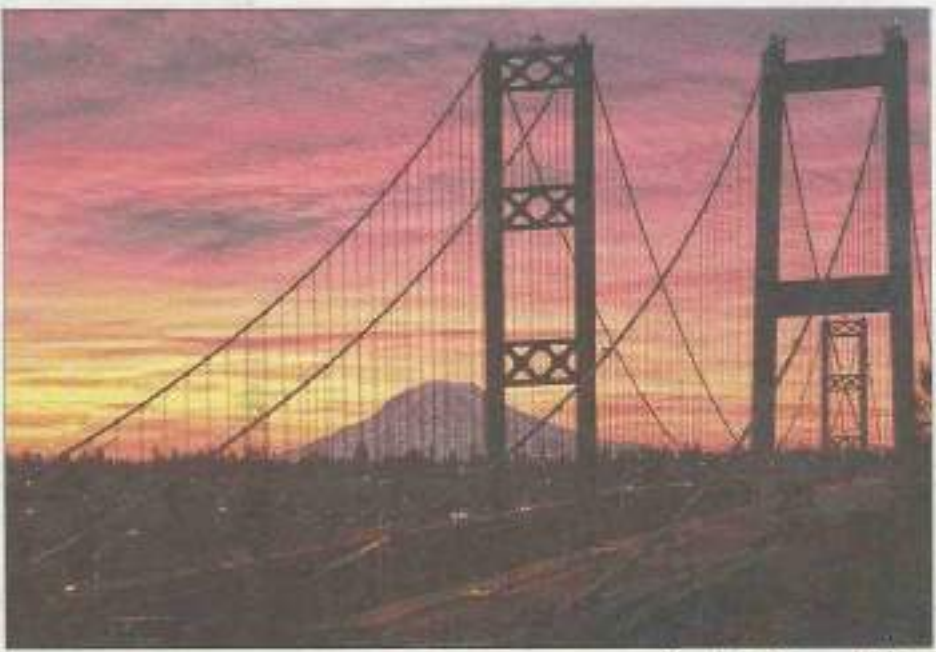


Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

The Narrows Bridge remains a beautiful sight for commuters at no extra charge.

KP Fire Department Tests New Volunteers

By Matthew Dean, KP News

A new group of volunteers are training to become full-fledged Key Peninsula Fire District 16 firefighters.

Kyle Coonan, John Ferrell, Max Hass, Todd Jacobsen and John Mohr began their journey in September during the annual sign-up for volunteers. After applications closed at the end of October, all candidates were put through a battery of tests to measure their character and competence, including interviews with a panel and eventually one-on-one with Fire Chief Guy Allen.

If the checks and interviews produce satisfactory results, potential firefighters are sent to the Westside Recruit Academy. The academy is an educational institution where the subject is "everything about fire suppression," according to Anne Nesbit, a volunteer battalion chief and administrative assistant at the KP fire department. Courses run from January to June, Tuesday and Thursday nights and weekends. Training is both theoretical and practical: Volunteers study topics like hazardous material identification and fire behavior as well as how to battle live fires and perform rescue operations.

Although the academy itself provides a high level of challenge for each group of volunteers, it's not the ultimate test for an aspiring firefighter. The overall purpose of the classes and training is, Nesbit said, "basically getting them ready for their Firefighter 1 exam."

The Firefighter 1 certification ensures that volunteers have experienced live fire training both on foot and in a vehicle, know proper responses to various types of fires, and can provide emergency medical care as a first responder. The certification represents the nationally accepted standard for a competent and well-prepared firefighter, professional or volunteer.

"Our district will always be volunteer dependent because of our staffing model," Nesbit said. "We're a combination department—we use the volunteers to back up the career personnel. Some of our biggest calls are medical. They can take up to 8 eight people; it depends how crazy things are."

"We're about 20 strong now so to pick up five who live in district is huge," she said. "A lot of our volunteers get hired away and in the last two years four of our guys have been hired, which

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According to WSDOT, the cancellation was due in part to the Legislature's investment of \$2.5 million in gas tax revenue, an amount sufficient to cover this year's increase in debt service payments. A bipartisan group consisting of Sen. Jan Angel and Rep. Michelle Caldwell (both R-Port Orchard), Rep. Christine Kilduff (D-University Place) and Rep. Jesse Young (R-Gig Harbor), pushed for legislation to allow gas taxes to go toward the toll.

A 3 percent increase in traffic over the bridge in the past year also had a minor impact.

Rep. Young introduced multiple bills aimed at exploring a public-private partnership in order to collect tolls. The bills refer to other states where land is leased to the private sector to build plazas or rest areas that provide food, gas and other goods to drivers while also collecting tolls. Though specifics are unclear, it could mean drivers would be able to pay for gas, a latte and the toll all in one transaction, an idea lawmakers have dubbed "Toll by Coffee."

fee."

Members of the Key Peninsula Community Council discussed the bridge toll at their April meeting. "The Key Peninsula Council favors alternative proposals to alleviate future increases in toll fees for the Narrows Bridge. A Request for Proposal for a program like Toll by Coffee is a concept that deserves further exploration," council members wrote in a statement, adding, "We would like to have the peninsulas and rural communities represented on the state toll commission."

The news was well received on Key Peninsula social media sites. Some residents expressed confusion over whether or not the tolls were intended to reduce traffic volume over the bridge. Others claimed that the bridge debt had already been paid off.

Although the tolls on the Lake Washington 520 Bridge, which provides access to Seattle from eastern suburbs, are intended to reduce traffic volumes, tolls on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge are for debt payment only. The debt on bridge construction is scheduled to be paid in full by July 2030.

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serve a school or two, or are affiliated with a food bank." Food Backpacks 4 Kids distributes 400 backpacks a week that each serve an average of four people. "That's 1,600 people a week," said Williams. "Last month, that was 9,000 meals." The program was launched on the Key Peninsula in 2009, starting with nine backpacks given away at Evergreen Elementary School. It now serves students at every school in the Peninsula School District.

Marijuana Seller Sentencing Rescheduled

The sentencing hearing for Lance Gloor, owner of the former KPN Cross medical marijuana dispensary in Key Center, has been delayed until June 17 in federal court in Tacoma.

Gloor was found guilty in January of growing marijuana and conspiracy to distribute. He was acquitted of conspiracy to commit money laundering and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, but faces a mandatory minimum five to 40 years in prison. According to court records, Gloor was arrested in 2010 when police discovered 70 pot plants and a firearm in his Gig Harbor home. While awaiting trial in state court, Gloor and two others operated four medical marijuana dispensaries in Tacoma, Lacey, Seattle, and KPN Cross in Key Center. State and federal investigators found the nonprofit dispensaries were not in compliance with state or federal law.

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Nature Photography Class

with local photojournalist **David Montesino**

David - who shares his beautiful photos on local social media groups -- will once again hold this popular three-session photography class for anyone interested in learning more about how he explores an area visually, finds the perfect lighting, configures camera settings, and captures that perfect moment in nature!



The new session will begin in late summer or early fall and will cost \$59 for all three sessions. If you are interested in being contacted when the new session dates are set, visit www.keypenparks.com/nature-photography-class and fill out the interest/contact form. The class works best for those who can bring a digital SLR (DSLR) camera to class.

It's a fun learning experience with no stress. - Vickj B.

David is very personable and willing to spend time explaining things for better understanding. - Bob G.

David taught us to use our eye before taking the picture: ISO, F-stop, shutter speed and place in the thirds. Not just point, shoot and hope for the best. - Roger and Sharon K.

This was very informative. I learned to use all the buttons on my camera. - Patricia R.

SPECIAL MEETING

Key Pen Parks will hold a special public meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 2, in the Volunteer Park office to discuss the latest Gateway Park Phase 1 updates. The consultants will be present to speak about changes to the initial Gateway Park Master Plan, along with design, structural and logistic elements. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU PEDDLERS, VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS!

Thank you to everyone who came and had a great time at the 2nd annual 360 Trails Poker Pedal on April 10! This fundraiser was a huge success, but we couldn't have done it without the attendees, the volunteers, and the many great sponsors!

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New volunteer recruit John Ferrell looks on during vehicle extraction training.

Photo by Anne Nesbit

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is fantastic, but it hurts our numbers."

"Volunteering is not like it used to be," said Allen. "Nowadays people volunteer because they want a career. It's great to see that—it's really revitalized our program. It would be nice to hire some of them ourselves, but it's all about the budget."

Allen said the board of KP fire commissioners recently voted to put a replacement maintenance and operations levy on the August ballot. The current levy expires at the end of the year.

"We have to pass the next M&O levy this August just to maintain our current staffing," said Allen. It would replace an expiring levy that provides \$800,000 to the department each of the next four years and is used to fund eight firefighter positions. "It doesn't mean we would lose eight people [if the levy fails], but we would reduce staffing on all shifts," he said. "There's really no way around it."

KPF's group of new volunteers are slightly more than halfway through their training at the academy and aim to earn their certification in June. After their training is complete, they will go "on call" to respond to a variety of emergencies from one of the fire stations located on the peninsula or the headquarters in Key Center.

"A volunteer on the Key Peninsula is asked to do more than in many other organizations," said Allen. "We need them to drive the rigs, to run the tender, to handle hose, to respond to medical calls. They get a lot more experience with us than in neighboring districts, and that makes us attractive."

"They learn to do everything," said Nesbit. "One of our new guys is already on the list to get hired in Seattle. If we can help them get a job and they are representing us, that's awesome. But our numbers need to be higher. We'll take another six in the fall."

Volunteer applications are accepted from September to October. For more information, call Anne Nesbit at 884-2222 or go to: keypeninsulafire.org.

Peninsula Schools Hires New Superintendent

By Sara Thompson, KP News

When Peninsula School District (PSD) Superintendent Chuck Cuzzeto announced his retirement last year, the school board found itself with a big addition to its job description: hiring his replacement. And now, following a nearly seven-month process, they can declare their mission accomplished.

Rob Manahan, who has served as the superintendent of the Lake Chelan School District for the past six years, will take over July 1. He has been a certified classroom teacher, has a Master of Arts in school administration and a doctorate in education.

Manahan has deep ties to the area. He taught sixth through eighth grades in this district and completed his administrative internship at Harbor Ridge Middle School. His wife, a social worker, worked in family outreach at Henderson Bay High School and as a counselor at Peninsula High. Two grandchildren attend school in the district, and his daughter-in-law teaches at Vaughn Elementary.

When asked what drew him to apply for the position, Manahan replied, "Peninsula has always been on my radar. I have roots here." He was tempted to apply five years ago, but he had only been at Lake Chelan for a year and felt strongly that he needed to fulfill at least a three- to five-year commitment there. When the Peninsula job opened again this year, the time was right.

Manahan has mixed feelings about leaving Lake Chelan. He describes it as a great community with strong support and with challenges, especially with economic diversity, which allowed for creativity in improving student success.

He is excited to bring what he learned in his current position to this community. One of his challenges will be to see whether he can bring the successes he had working in a small district to a larger one.

He describes his leadership style as



Photo courtesy of Peninsula School District
Dr. Rob Manahan

collaborative and relationship-based. In a letter to PSD, he wrote: "... schools and districts with high levels of collaboration and teamwork made greater gains than schools/districts where teachers and staff worked in isolation. This work of education is complex, everchanging and extremely challenging and difficult. We cannot do this alone. I need you and we need each other to tap into the 'Wisdom in the Room' and find the solutions that fit the needs of those we work with—students and colleagues."

Rand Wilhelmsen, the school board president, said the board was unanimous in its decision to offer Manahan the position.

"We had four highly qualified finalists, each with different strengths. It came down to fit, and Rob Manahan fit all our criteria," he said. "I think he will be amazing. He understands both of our peninsulas."

Manahan will officially begin as superintendent July 1, after completing his final year at Lake Chelan. But to assure a smooth transition, he has scheduled 18 days with PSD between now and his official start date. He will meet with staff, core groups and members of the community and plans a meeting on the Key Peninsula either before or shortly after his start date.

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Peninsula Views

Reflections on a Decade

I moved here on a snowy day in March 2006, so I've been part of the Key Peninsula community for a decade now.

I've been thinking a lot about all that I have learned over 10 years. It has been an eventful decade, with joy and excitement, hurt and pain. Somewhere along the way this place became home.

It was the people who first drew me here, and it is the people who make it a great place to live. The KP is full of delightfully interesting, caring, oddball people. I've built friendships with artists, fishermen, felons, writers, musicians, pagans, entrepreneurs and homemakers. I know people who made millions in high finance, and people content with their mobile home and chickens in the backyard.

Peninsula residents can be blunt and honest, a trait I find refreshing. Recently a man showed up in my church asking for a prayer. I was in a meeting so I directed him to somebody else. "No!" he said. "You're supposed to be the holy man. You pray for me." We stopped our meeting and prayed for him. There was something almost biblical in his determination.

We're all aware that life out here isn't perfect. People keep chopping those trees down. Litterbugs dump

Dan Whitmarsh
Writing by Faith



trash on back roads. Drivers pass dangerously, tailgate or dawdle along the highway. Thieves break into homes and cars. People get angry at one another. We struggle with poverty, and alcohol and drug abuse, just like everywhere else in our country.

What gives me hope is the effort of so many good people to overcome these issues. The Red Barn, alcohol and narcotics recovery groups, the food banks, The Mustard Seed Project, all the churches out here. These groups and more are working hard to create and sustain a beautiful, healthy community. Beyond the groups, many individuals volunteer their time in tutoring, picking up trash, planting gardens, and watching out for their neighbors. It inspires me to see the volunteer spirit alive and well.

Thanks to you all for making my girls and me welcome here, and for letting us share our lives with you for the past 10 years. I'm looking forward to at least another 10.

Dan Whitmarsh is the pastor at Lakebay Community Church.

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A Sign for Our Times

I am driving up the Key when I spy the sign—actually my favorite sign—and growing more so as the county works to stabilize the east side of the road before it slides into Filucy Bay. The sign—BE PREPARED TO STOP—usually provokes a mental chuckle because it seems so unnecessary.

Working within the experiential expectation that gravitational pull is adequate to keep my vehicle from becoming airborne, I alone am determining the trajectory of approximately two tons of potentially destructive mass across the surface of the earth. I got the thing in motion, so it goes without saying that I darn well ought to be prepared to stop it.

Obedying the sign, I ease into a long line of cars waiting for the "go" signal from the flagger. With time to ponder this seemingly unnecessary message, I am startled to realize its real value. Life in this universe would be far more peaceful if this sign—enhanced by flashing neon Day-Glo—was placed at every point of human interaction. Full understanding of the message would have softened my years in the trenches

Carolyn Wiley
Devil's Head Diary



as parent and teacher.

BE PREPARED TO STOP should be the first rule governing human behavior all the way from one-to-one up to the conduct of nations. Should you doubt this thesis, here is a simplified and personalized explanation.

In a familiar human episode, a parent once having said to a child, "Don't poke your sister!" almost certainly ensures that said sister is gonna be poked soon, frequently and repeatedly.

Obviously children—and a significant number of adults—are developmentally unable to process the word "don't" when it is so often the initial word in a declarative sentence. "Don't" is interpreted as "Hey, you!"

The piker is not being defiant, since that child only hears the words, "Poke your sister!" And since this directive is delivered in earnest, the child acts accordingly and is surprised when nega-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some Grist in the Thought Mill That Is Our Paper

To the Editor,

At last we have a paper worth reading (KP News April 2016).

I applaud the article "Follow the Rules." Great news about The Mustard Seed Project. Regarding Dick Schwartz's letter on the cost of health care, I would remind him he lives in the greatest nation on the face of the Earth. If he wants the truth about socialism, I would refer him to Norway, Britain and Canada, where the government runs the medical system. Our system may

not be the best, and it's gotten worse under Obama, but compared to the rest of the world it beats whatever is in second place.

Lastly, I want to congratulate the editor for showing a sensitivity to our peninsula life I have not seen before. He has by his column, "From the Editor's Desk," inspired me to do more than smile at my neighbor at the market or in the bank. I want to get to know them better.

Richard A.M. Dixon, M.S., B.S.
Lakebay

Through the Filters that Abide

At some point many of us have realized that we are seeing a blurred, indistinct, pale imitation of the real world. We go to a doctor and buy a pair of glasses and the world becomes sharper, clearer and more colorful. Might it be possible to change our minds in much the same way by examining our own internal filters and adjusting them as needed?

Between every person and the outer world are filters that mold what is determined to be right and wrong, intelligent and ignorant, true and false. Our personal reality filters are so powerful that red may look like yellow and make black white and white black and down up and up down. They can bring forth love and they can be the instigators of hate.

I would like to share an example of how one of my internal filters changed one day. I have always been perplexed when drivers angrily insist on tailgating someone who might be going 5 miles an hour "too slow." One day, while being tailgated, my perception mysteriously transformed into an entirely new dimension.

I suddenly realized that I respond in exactly the same manner as a tailgater when I am waiting in a slow line at grocery stores and restaurants and bookstores, etc., and that I scowl and start sending out angry vibes. My internal speedometer makes me erupt just like an angry KP Highway driver.

Dale Goodvin Next Dimension Notes



This realization was a godsend because I began to change my behavior and to breathe freely and to enjoy my leisure and to mentally and emotionally embrace my fellow humans caught up in a slow line with me, their formerly angry brother.

Our own Key Peninsula community is often in battle with itself, whether it's over voting for taxes to support our schools and fire department or if it's because the car in front of us refuses to speed. How do our filters contribute to understanding how to ethically and politically do what's best for us when we vote and when we interact with others? How can our lives on the Key Peninsula become more enlightened and happier, not because of politicians or big wigs or by getting rich or winning an argument, but by a profound change within ourselves?

Perhaps part of the answer is to find new filters of compassion and understanding within ourselves, while simultaneously retaining our passion for what we believe, mixed with at least a smidgen of humility.

Yours in peace from the Next Dimension.

Dale Goodvin lives in Longbranch.

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tive parental intervention ensues.

If the initial phrase had been, "Be prepared to stop poking your sister," there would be no "don't" to muddle understanding. "Be prepared" implies that the child has some sort of personal responsibility to decide to do or not do something.

The statement also carries an implied "or else," obligating the piker to assess his or her options. The piker will deduce that if the sister continues to be poked, the piker is entering a phase

of life for which a state of readiness would have been advantageous, i.e., "If you aren't prepared to stop, more than likely, you aren't prepared for what will happen next."

I plan to integrate this bit of wisdom into my everyday life. Having frequently dealt with repercussions for which I was unprepared, I am putting that sign on the electronic communication devices I own—especially those cursed with a REPLY ALL option.

Carolyn Wiley lives in Longbranch and is well prepared for it.



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- **Flavors of Fall** - October 8th
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The Children Are Watching

How should a community react when a child is harmed? The reality is that as caregivers (parents, guardians, older siblings, relatives), we are the most powerful influence in the lives of our children. Yes, the most—even more than peers. Caregivers must realize we are role models continually setting examples that serve as a barometer of right and wrong.

Talk early and often with your children about the risks of drugs, alcohol, sex, sexual violence and multimedia use. These conversations may be difficult and awkward, but data proves that children who learn about risks from their parents are less likely to take them than others who do not. Only 30 percent of teens report learning about these things from their parents, meaning most are learning about making smart choices from peers and the Internet.

Teens say that the main reason they choose not to use alcohol or drugs is because they do not want to disappoint their parents.

Anne Nesbit
Siren's Song



In a 2014 Peninsula School District survey, only 15 percent of children said they drink alcohol if their parents think it's wrong, while 57 percent said they drink if their parents don't think it's wrong. The percentage of kids who say their parents didn't talk to them about the dangers of alcohol and drug use increases as they get older, from 21 percent in eighth grade to 38 percent in 12th grade.

What do these statistics tell us? The bottom line is that parents need to talk early and often to their children and teens about the risks. As adults, it is important for us to know how drugs and alcohol affect the teen brain and body—and our own behavior—so that we can teach our children.

Children are less likely to make poor

decisions when parents are involved in their lives and when they feel close to them. Family conflict and lack of bonding opens the door to peer and social media based influence.

How do we increase family bonding? It's as simple as sharing meals, giving honest feedback or praise for the choices your child makes, and setting clear and enforceable boundaries. Set these rules early and talk about them often: They will help your child choose between right and wrong and develop positive relationships with their peers and friends.

A key component is knowing what your child is doing and whom they are doing it with. This includes social gatherings and online activity. Educate yourself about the technology your child is using and know what your child is exposed to. Create an environment where checking phones and history is part of the family culture. Talk about pop-up ads and how links can often lead to unwanted or unsolicited territory. Create an environment where a child can ask questions and feel comfortable with discussions about difficult topics.

The Internet is a wonderful resource when monitored and used responsibly. By becoming educated and aware of the online risks and dangers, and by using up-to-date security software, you can help your child navigate the cyber world safely. Some tweens and teens are using photo sharing sites and apps that can be viewed as a basic version of social networking. Pay attention to all the sites your children visit, especially those that occupy a large amount of their time.

Education is our strongest protection against the dangers and temptations we face. Arming our children with the facts about alcohol and drug use, sex and sexual abuse and enforcing our expectations, gives them the right tools. It is too easy to depend on peers, chat rooms or Internet searches for life lessons. These lessons must come from trusted adults and are the foundation for all the other difficult conversations families face as they grow and mature.

For more information, go to: starttalkingnow.org/ and search-institute.org/content/.

Anne Nesbit is a volunteer battalion chief and administrative assistant at Key Peninsula fire department.

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Comings and Goings

Spring migration has come to the Pacific Flyway, the north-south route that migrating birds follow along the west coast of the Americas. A busy time in the skies overhead and in our bays, woods, fields and

backyards! Birds arriving, others leaving for the summer, many simply passing through, adding to our year-round resident population, much to the delight of local birders.

Migration to warmer regions in the fall helps many species survive during the winter months and gets them back to their breeding grounds for the summer. Migrating birds are guided by Earth's magnetic field and by the position of the sun if they fly by day or the moon and stars if they fly at night. They also use geographical as well as man-made landmarks, often ending up exactly where they bred or wintered the previous year. Exhaustion and bad weather do take their toll, and many die or get lost along the way. Migration is a risky undertaking, but its persistence suggests that its survival benefit outweighs the risks.

Some of the longest-distance migrants that breed in our area are swallows, martins and swifts, according to Seattle Audubon. You've probably seen them by now: violet-green swallows, back from their winter in Southern California and Mexico; barn swallows, back from Central and South America; cliff swallows, back from South America; Vaux's swifts, back from Mexico; and purple martins, back from the Amazon Basin in South America (Migrated-the-Farthest award!). Rufous hummingbirds, house wrens and orange-crowned warblers have also returned from their winter grounds in California and Mexico.

Cass and Carr Inlets are winter homes to surf scoters, buffleheads, American wigwags, common loons, Brandt's cormorants, common and Barrow's goldeneyes and common mergansers, among others, all ready to head north now to their breeding grounds in Canada and Alaska. Their numbers swell before they leave as they are joined by conspecifics (members of the same species) that had dispersed farther south and are now stopping here to rest and refuel on their way north. Reunion time!

Not all birds migrate long distances. Dark-eyed juncos and Steller's jays are con-

**Joseph Pentheroudakis
On the Wing**



sidered resident in our area, but some will migrate over short distances or between higher or lower elevations in search of food. The red-shafted form of the Northern flicker is resident and breeds here, migrating shorter distances to higher or lower elevations, while the less common yellow-shafted form is primarily a winter visitor, breeding in Alaska and the Northern Rockies, according to Seattle Audubon.

And many species don't migrate, having adapted to our relatively mild climate and availability of food, on land or in the water: bald eagles, Western gulls, double-crested cormorants, belted kingfishers, killdeer, pigeon guillemots, and of course our Northwestern crows in coastal areas and American crows inland. There are smaller birds in this category too: chestnut-backed and black-capped chickadees, Bewick's wrens, Anna's hummingbirds, white-breasted nuthatches, spotted towhees and many woodpeckers.

For more information, go to: allabout-birds.org or birdweb.org, and of course your field guides or birding apps.

Or just grab your binoculars, hang a feeder or two in your backyard and enjoy the show!

Joseph Pentheroudakis is an artist and an avid birder and cyclist. He lives on Herron Island.



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The Squaxin Island Tribe hereby notifies the public, including affected tideland owners, of an upcoming Tribal survey of shellfish populations on the following tidelands in Vaughn Bay that are not used for commercial shellfish growing: tidelands along Vaughn Bay's southern shore between and including parcel 0021022042 on 88th St KPN and 18817 88th St Ct. KPN Vaughn, WA. Also along Vaughn Bay's northern shore between and including 17614 Hall Road and 17312 Hall Road KPN. The Tribe will conduct the surveys in a manner consistent with federal court orders in U.S. v. Washington, CV No. 9213, sub-proceeding 89-3. The surveys will begin May 15th, 2016 and conclude by September 1, 2016. The surveys, which determine the existence of shellfish populations before Tribal harvests may occur, are at the Tribe's expense. A more detailed notification has been sent to individual affected tideland parcel owners. Survey results will be provided to tideland owners and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The surveys take between 2 and 5 hours, and will usually be conducted during daylight hours centered on low tide. Tribal staff (usually 2 biologists) will access the tidelands by boat to sample beach

areas. Tideland owners may have representatives present and may perform their own estimates. For more information, to share concerns, or to request special accommodations, please contact:

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'Dude, Where's My Internet?'

Dear KP Techie: "I work from home on the KP a couple of days a week and my Internet is really slow, which makes it difficult to do my job. Not to mention I can barely stream movies on Netflix or Amazon on the weekends. Why is it so slow and what can I do about it?"

Signed, Kathy in Lakebay.

Hi Kathy: You have a perfectly reasonable question. Most Washingtonians enjoy an average broadband speed of 59.6 Megabytes per second, so why can't a person in Lakebay work from home or stream a movie without stuttering, lag or a flat-out connection fail?

Let's start with the landscape of KP Internet service providers (ISPs). According to Broadband Now, Lakebay has 11 Internet providers including three cable, one DSL, one fixed wireless, four mobile and two satellite providers. But I'm going to assume that you're like most of the residents in the Lakebay area and have CenturyLink DSL.

DSL, which stands for digital subscriber line, travels through existing phone infrastructure. DSL in Lakebay is theoretically capable of reaching speeds of up to 20 Mbps but that depends on how far you are from the CenturyLink switch. A quick call to the business office will confirm what the max speed at your location should be, and you can then test it at speedofme to confirm. If your results come back below 5 Mbps, this explains why you're having problems.

Netflix requires about 5 Mbps, Amazon about 3.5 Mbps and HBO Go about 3 Mbps. If you put them all together, add in the vampires (desktops and mobile devices

siphoning off precious bandwidth of a few Kbps), basic math gives us a better picture of what's affecting your Internet: $5 + 3 + 3.5 = 11.5$ plus 1 (vampire est.) and we're at 12.5 Mbps.

Well, here's our KP Internet hack of the week, but it's going to cost a bit of money.

Step 1: Add a second DSL line. While the technician is there, ask him or her to take a look at your existing line to make sure you're getting reasonable speed where the lines enter the house. It's worth noting this will work with cable as well, and you can even combine DSL and cable. Satellite doesn't work so well because of latency, and we'll cover that later.

Step 2: Add a multi WAN (wide area network) router. A multi WAN router is about the price of a nice wireless router (\$150+) and is simply inserted between your CenturyLink DSL routers (you have two now) and your home (wireless or wired) router. Examples include the Linksys LRT 224 and Peplink Balance 20 and both also act as a firewall, VPN device and multiport router all in one.

Step 3: Bridge mode. Make sure you run your two routers in bridge mode, which will pass the login requirements over to your new multi WAN router. If you're nice, the DSL technician might even help.

Once these upgrades are done, your router will need some settings adjusted, but speaking from experience I can tell you this will have a measurable impact on your Internet quality and speed.

And finally Kathy, if your Internet is still slow, I can only offer the same advice my parents gave me many years ago when the rabbit ears failed and the TV went fuzzy: "Go outside and play." And when you get back, add another connection because this also works with more than two (but you'll need a three-WAN router). Have fun!

Send your tech questions to the KP Techie at editor@keypennews.com.

T.S. Dickson works in the tech industry and lives in Lakebay.



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Election years are rarely defined by the word "unity," and this one even less so. It isn't simply along party lines either. Granted, there is a wide rift between Democrats and Republicans but the division goes much deeper than that.

On the Democratic side, those who "feel the Bern" aren't feeling Hillary at all and the feeling is mutual. On the Republican side, the dividing line runs along multiple currents. On the one hand there's the Trump camp and then there's all the rest of the Republicans, but even amongst those who just want to deny Trump the nomination there are strong divisions.

You have only to spend a few minutes on Facebook to see how little respect any one camp has for the other (if this isn't the case then you've probably already surrounded yourself with those who only think like you do), but Facebook seems to be filling a need.

Most of us have been taught that there are certain topics you just don't bring up in polite society, religion and politics being the two biggest elephants that we don't want in the living room. However, it seems that we have a deep need to express our opinions and Facebook gives us enough distance and anonymity to override our upbringing. I would guess that this election year will be responsible for a whole lot of un-friending.

One of the keys to successfully sur-

Rob Vajko Key Thoughts



viving this election period without losing too many friends is "understanding."

Those who disagree with your political views aren't ill-willed villains intent on destroying your way of life. They, like you, earnestly believe that they are choosing a candidate who can solve at least some of the problems we are facing as a nation. They, like you, are convinced that the person they believe should be our next president is the best qualified to run the country.

You may believe that they don't have all the facts but, then again, they're pretty much convinced that you don't either.

Yelling, screaming and name-calling have never, to my knowledge, convinced anyone. Careful, logical, evidence-based arguments, on the other hand, can at least plant seeds.

At the end of the day (or at the end of the election), whoever ends up as president might be influencing your life through his or her policies, but your friends and family are going to be sharing your life, with any luck, for a long time to come.

Rob Vajko lives in Purdy.

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MAY 2

Robots

Kids ages 8 to 18 build and program a robot using Lego Mindstorms 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the KC Library. Register at piercescountylibrary.org/calendar or 548-3309. Maximum capacity for event is 25. This event is sponsored by Friends of the KC Library.

MAY 2 and 16

Senior shopping

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

MAY 2, 9, 16 and 23

Job Track

Are you unemployed or underemployed? This free six-week program, held on Mondays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the KC Library, helps tech skills and careers. Attendees are furnished with a Chromebook to keep for the duration of the class. Registration required at piercescountylibrary.org/calendar.

MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Albertsons 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MAY 4

Pet neuter program

The Northwest Spay and Neuter Center animal shuttle will be at the KP Civic Center 7 to 7:30 a.m. to pick up dogs and cats. Animals will be returned to the civic center at 9 a.m. the next day. Appointments are required. Call

To submit an event

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

253-627-7729 ext. 217, or email shuttle@nwspayneuter.org for questions or to schedule an appointment. The Northwest Spay and Neuter Center offers affordable spay and neuter services for cats and dogs including special programs for feral cats and pit bull dogs. nwspayneuter.org

MAY 5

Fuchsia group

The Fuchsia Club meets at 7 p.m. in the KP Civic Center Whitmore Room.

MAY 5, 14 and 19

Tech help

Technology help for adults is available, by appointment only, 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Key Center Library. 548-3309

MAY 5, 12, 19 and 26

Cat tales

Children, ages 5 to 18 in 4-H, learn all about cats 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. Dianna, 884-4182 or cat.tales4h@gmail.com

MAY 6, 13, 20 and 27

Skate night

Skate Night is held at the KP Civic Center 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. 884-3456

MAY 7

Livable Community Fair

The annual Livable Community Fair is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. This event is suitable to all ages. The KP Museum holds a Moms' Day open house with "the way pioneer moms did housekeeping chores" ac-

tivities for children and new displays at the same time.

MAY 10

Praying

Join folks at 6 p.m. for praying at Grace Church at McEwan and KP Highway. All are welcome.

MAY 10 and 25

Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group meets 1 to 3 p.m. at WayPoint Church May 10 and 7 to 9 p.m. May 25. Yarn donations are always needed. Lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

MAY 11

Ashes meet

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

Garden club meets

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

KP Council

The KP Community Council meeting at 7 p.m. at KC fire station features a panel presentation by the four candidates for state superintendent of public instruction: Dr. Robin Fleming, Ms. Erin Jones, Rep. Chris Reykdal and Larry Seaquist. 884-6455

MAY 14

Author event

A signing/release party, including a giant chocolate cake, for Dale Goodvin's new book "Kansas Whispers and Midnight Blues" is 6 to 8 p.m. at Blend Wine Shop. 884-9688

MAY 15

Spring concert

"With a Song" by the Key Singers includes music from Charlie Brown and Tigger shows and spiritual and patriotic songs at 3 p.m. in McColley Hall, KP Lutheran Church. Special guests are Kitsap Pines Sweet Adelines and

the Sugar and Spice quartet. Cabaret seating and light refreshments are provided. Donations for the food bank are welcomed; cost for concert is \$6 donation per ticket.

Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session is held 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.

MAY 19

Community forum

The Mustard Seed Project's Third Thursday Community Forum is 10 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-9814

MAY 21

Spaghetti dinner

Ashes hold the annual fundraising dinner, serving spaghetti, bread, beverage and dessert, at the Key Center fire station 4 to 7 p.m. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids 5 to 10, and free for kids under 5. Ashes is the fire department auxiliary and donations will help fund needed items for KPFD.

MAY 23

Homeschoolers learn

Homeschoolers, ages 5-8, learn about magnets through stories and hands-on activities 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the KC Library. Online registration required at piercescountylibrary.org. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Key Center Library. 548-3309

MAY 28 and 29

Rummage sale

Lakebay Community Church holds a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers). Donations are accepted starting May 14. Sarah, 254-1658.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- May 2, Artists' Blend, 4 to 6 p.m., Blend Wine Shop, for all artists. kathybauer100@gmail.com
- May 2 & 16, KP Veterans, 7 p.m., KP Lutheran Church; membership for veterans and military service members and families over 16 yrs. 509-8656 or keypen-veterans@outlook.com.
- May 4 & 18, KP Lions, 7 p.m., KC fire station. 853-2721
- May 9, KP Parks, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park office; public is encouraged to attend. 884-9240
- May 10 & 24, KP Fire Dept., 5 p.m., KC fire station; keypeninsulafire.org
- May 12, KP Civic Center Assn. Board, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room, KPCC. 884-3456
- May 12, TWAA Board, 7 p.m., VFW Room, KPCC. kathybauer100@gmail.com
- May 12 & 26, Peninsula School District Board, 6 p.m., District Office.
- May 16, KP Democrats, 7 p.m., Home Fire Station. johnpatkelly@aol.com
- May 18, Longbranch Improvement Club, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting, LIC. 884-6022
- May 18/third Wednesday, KP Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., VFW Room, KPCC. Toni Fairbanks, 253-798-7156.
- May 19, KP Citizens Against Crime, 7 p.m., KC fire station.
- May 23, KP Farm Council, 6:30 p.m., Home fire station. c.wiley@mac.com

OFF THE KEY

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Uptown market

The Uptown Farmers Market is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4701 Pt. Fosdick Drive rain or shine.

MAY 5, 12, 19 and 26

Waterfront market

The Waterfront Farmers Market is 3 to 7 p.m. at 3207 Harborview Drive.

MAY 7, 14, 21 and 28

Farmers market

The Farmers market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5503 Wollochet Drive (the former Peninsula Gardens building) and is open rain or shine.

MAY 7 to 31

Art show

Gallery Row hosts the FITTY BITTY Show beginning with the artist reception May 6. www.gigharborgalleryrow.com

MAY 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Support group

The Freedom from Tobacco support group meets on Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital. The meetings are free. 223-7538

MAY 5

Democrats meet

26th Legislative District Democrats meet 7 to 9 p.m. at Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Rd, Port Orchard.

MAY 6 to 14

Play presented

"Next to Normal" is presented at Paradise Theatre, now located on Judson Street in downtown Gig Harbor. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. 954-PLAY

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Play to learn

In a partnership with Peninsula School District and the Tacoma Children's Museum, Play to Learn has been added to children's opportunities on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the KP Civic Center Gym. Play to Learn is for parents, grandparents and others who nurture children ages 6 and under. Themed curriculum invites individual play, group activities, songs and a circle time for kids and adults. This is a drop-in program and no registration is required. 884-5433

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior exercise class

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

TUESDAYS

Story times

Every Tuesday, discover books, learn nursery rhymes, sing songs, play with blocks, and do arts and crafts at the KC Library. Music/Motion Story time (0-2 years old with an adult) is at 10 a.m. and Preschool Science Story time (2-5 years old) is at 11 a.m. 548-3309

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Senior tai chi

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

Preschool play time

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 as long as you wish. A \$1/child donation is suggested. Tami, 884-5433.

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

Visit the museum

The KP Historical Museum has a new display of Historic Hotels and Resorts of the Key Peninsula. The main focus is on the history of the Delano Hotel and Resort, but photos and stories of other places are included. New display

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WEDNESDAYS

Writers meet

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

Writers' workshop

The Watermark Writers present a free writers' workshop 5 to 8 p.m. in Vaughn. 778-6559

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior meals

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THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet 8 to 9 a.m. at the KC Library. Have fun improving your speaking ability. 858-5761 or 548-3511

Seniors' lunch

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

Bingo

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

FRIDAYS

Story time

Families with young children enjoy art activities, stories, singing and finger plays at the KC Library 1:30-2 p.m. 548-3309

SATURDAYS

Writers' Guild

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

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Original Vaughn Library Donated to KP Historical Society

By Karen Lovett, KP News

At their annual meeting March 19, the Key Peninsula Historical Society voted to accept donation and undertake preservation of the last remaining historic community meeting hall on the KP.

Built more than a century ago, the old Vaughn Library Hall has antiquated wiring and plumbing. Other issues make it unsuitable for habitation without major renovation.

"They [the owners] wanted to get it on the historical registry," historical society President Judy Mills said. "It was too overwhelming for a family. Their family has deep roots in the community. They didn't want to see it torn down. They felt it had historic value and should be saved."

The last resident of the home was Gerald (Jerry) Wolniewicz, the son of Helen Val Slyke Wolniewicz, who died in 2007. After Jerry's death in 2012, the home went to his sister, Donna Docken. The Docken family is donating the former library to the historical society.

Early pioneers Alfred and Mary Jeanette Van Slyke left Kansas in 1887. They settled on the north shore of Vaughn Bay in the back of a two-room building built



The Vaughn Library at the end of Hall Road near the bay, circa 1893.

by John Critchfield, and became the first family to call Vaughn a permanent home. The front room served as a store and

post office. Alfred became Vaughn's second postmaster, a position he held for 10 years. He built a water-powered sawmill and partnered in the mill and store with his friend, Henry Coblenz, who followed the Van Slykes from Kansas with his family a few months later.

The Van Slykes donated land for a dance floor in 1889. Young men from the community built the structure for a Fourth of July celebration. Decorated with branches and ribbon bows, they dubbed it "The Bowery."

Local women formed the Vaughn Bay Public Library Association in 1891. Books were stored in one corner of the post-office. It became evident they needed a real library to house the volumes. Van Slyke donated enough land to add library space, and walls and a roof were added in 1893 to turn the building into a community center.

The library hall became the gathering place for every local community activity: ice cream socials, dances, high school plays, graduations ceremonies, Vaughn

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Thanks for hanging in there with us,
Penny Gazabal - Executive Director
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Garden Club meetings, Boy Scouts and church services.

Meetings for the ladies were always scheduled for times coinciding with full moons so people could see to walk or row boats across the bay for evening events. Films were shown from 1930 into the 1940s.

The Ladies Aid Guild made quilts to raise money for a church bell. During the depression, Elsie Olson ran a government program at the hall that provided surplus cotton bating for women to make mattresses for their families.

During World War II, women gathered at the hall to make and roll bandages and create other necessities for the war effort. After the war, they continued to make quilts for low-income families. Health clinics were also held there.

Harmon Van Slyke, Sr., bought the property in 1958 for \$500 and turned it into a family residence. The money from the sale was used for a library at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, formerly Vaughn Union High School and then Vaughn Elementary.

The Vaughn Library Hall has remained in private hands, passed down from generation to generation since that time.

"The state will help us determine what we need to do to bring it up to standards," Mills said. "We have nice support from the community."

An official appraisal is still needed. Once completed, the historical society can go through the process of obtaining ownership. Then the real work can begin.

For more information, call Key Peninsula Historical Museum at 888-3246.

Penlight Raised Rates in April

By Ted Olinger, KP News

The Peninsula Light Co. raised its rates in April for the first time since 2012, Jonathan White, director of member services and marketing, told the April meeting of the Key Peninsula Community Council.

Penlight's board of directors approved a 5.5 percent increase at its October 2015 meeting in response to new increases from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), White said. The increase was delayed until April to avoid a larger impact on Penlight members in the more expensive winter months.

The board also approved a \$3 increase to the monthly base charge that went into effect Jan. 1.

"BPA raised the price 5.7 percent for energy and 4.4 percent for transmission," said White. BPA reviews its rates every two years and Penlight absorbed their last increase in 2013, he said.

The total increase is expected to add an average of \$7.44 to a residential member's bill, which is currently estimated at \$88.44 for an average use of 1,285 kilowatt-hours per month, according to the Penlight website.

"Some folks on the KP social media claimed that we raised rates in January, then lowered them, then raised them again," said White. "Our board sets policy. We cannot arbitrarily change billings rates."

Penlight is a member-owned, nonprofit cooperative that has been serving the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas for 90 years, he said.

White also said he understood this is a hardship for some members.

"Penlight has the Project Help program to assist low-income people, seniors, people with disabilities," he said. That program gives up to \$200 each to 525 families a year, paid half with donations from members and half from the board of directors, he said.

Members can donate to Project Help every month by rounding up their bills to the nearest dollar through the "Round Up" program.

"We raise about \$70,000 a year that way," he said.


Penlight also coordinates with faith-based and other charitable organizations, including Chapel Hill Presbyterian in Gig Harbor, the Pierce County Low Income Energy Assistance program, Children's Home Society in Vaughn, St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army to help its members pay their bills.

"There's so much need that we've got to stretch it out the best we can," White said. "It's tough. You see what comes in the front door at Peninsula Light Company, people who are in serious need, people who have medical issues, who are out of work. It's just a real heartbreaking thing. You hate to turn anybody away."

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KP Civic Center Celebrates 60 Years of Service

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Editor's Note: Part one of a multipart series.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association turns 60 years old this year in a building that mostly turned 80 while parts of it turned 100. The association was founded in 1956, but the buildings have another 40 years of history behind them.

The mission of the civic center is to foster the civic, social, cultural and general well-being of the Key Peninsula community. It supports many organizations with discounted rentals and other services, and hosts unifying events like the Lions Club Citizen of the Year banquet and Club Cosmic Skate Night. It is home to essential and iconic organizations. Through the work of many volunteers and the management of its board of directors, the civic center plays an essential role in KP life.

But it almost didn't happen.

In October 1955, a group of Key Penne-ns met in the Glencore Community Hall to decide what to do about the 50-year-

old empty school building at the head of Vaughn Bay. The school district had decided not to pour more money into it and instead built a new Vaughn Elementary near its current location on Hall Road.

The district wanted \$8,400 for the aging building, all cash.

A committee was formed to find a solution and raise the money. A local man named O.S. (Ollie) Whitmore was appointed to lead the effort.

In 1906, the community had built a one-room high school at the head of the bay. That one room grew over the years into the part of the civic center now called the Whitmore Room.

A second room was added to the original in 1916, and a brick-faced building later called the Annex was built behind it for classrooms, kitchen and storage. The Annex now houses the VFW Room, KP Historical Society, KP News and civic center offices, and is home to the civic center caretaker.

A basement with student showers was added to the original school building

around 1920 and now serves as offices for the Children's Home Society.

The Mothers' Congress volunteered their sons and husbands to construct a dirt tennis court near the Annex. There were no barriers around the court, so many balls were chased out of bounds. People of all ages converged on the courts to play on weekends, then as now. Poles with baskets lined the unpaved Hall Road for basketball games.

Electric lights were installed in the buildings by 1927 and high school attendance in 1938 reached over 100 for the first time.

The new gymnasium was built in 1937, including the stage, balcony and bathrooms, with the help of the federal Works Progress Administration and much volunteer labor. The first extra millage was used for the floor, a regulation-size basketball court still in use today.

The original building with its additions and gym served as the high school until 1947, when Vaughn joined Gig Harbor Union to form Peninsula High School at Purdy. A two-story elementary school,

built in 1923 on what is now the parking lot, moved into the old high school building in 1947.

Within a few years, the building was no longer considered safe as a school. Instead of spending more money on it, the district constructed a new facility nearby in 1955.

The playfield where the new Vaughn Elementary School was built on Hall Road (preceding the current building on higher ground) was a neighborhood donation from the Good Roads Club, including the volunteer labor and teamwork of many community members.

There was much discussion and indecision about what to do with the now-defunct high school building. The school board would not accept any offer from the community of less than 90 percent of the appraised value of \$9,325 and insisted on cash.

The community didn't have it.

Ollie Whitmore called his banker to pitch an unconventional idea.

To be continued next month.

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Wednesday Walks with Walter Have Woodsy Feel

By Irene Torres, KP News

Not many people have a forest named for them. Most who do died long before receiving such a tribute. The Walter R. Briggs Old Growth Forest near Arlington, Washington, is an exception, for Briggs is very much alive. There is "no greater honor" than having a forest bear his name, he said.

Briggs was in charge of the Legacy Resource Management Program, the Department of Defense's largest conservation project, where he supervised commercial-grade timberland and promoted stewardship of trees on wilderness lands adjacent to Navy installations. He educated commanding officers, school children, civic groups and visiting dignitaries on the structural diversity of the forest and the integration of airfield safety, access, security and fire watch principles. He did "tons of PR" while managing "15,000 acres of U.S. Navy-owned forest properties in 11 states from Alaska to Arizona" before retiring from the civil service in 2013, he said.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Key Peninsula Parks will host narrative walks with forester Walter Briggs this summer.

Briggs will bring his knowledge to the Key Peninsula this summer in a series of "narrative walks" through local parks. He will share facts about the plants, trees and animals that live in the area and answer questions about the structure, composition and ecology of trees. He wants people to

be curious, to look at the forest and think analytically about it, in terms of future generations.

His eyes get misty when he speaks of this, his life passion. "I don't want to make foresters out of them. I want to introduce them so they will feel as though they know something about the forest," said Briggs.

Key Pen Parks Marketing Coordinator Christina Hallock said, "One of my goals as the recreation person here at Key Peninsula Parks is to introduce more people to our parks and get them into our parks and enjoying them. Walter is used to speaking to audiences of all ages."

The Key Peninsula Parks narrative walks begin at 6:30 p.m. at the trailhead of each location:

June 15: Rocky Creek Conservation Area

July 13: 360 Trails

Aug. 17: Maple Hollow Park

During the walks, Briggs will lead discussions on sustainable forestry practices, managing old-growth forests and hand-crafting and building with wood. He may talk about the use of draft horses for selective thinning of trees or describe how he built his log home in Olalla using the ancient mortise-and-tenon jointing technique.

No preregistration is required for this free, family-friendly activity. No strollers of any kind are advised. Park staff recommends that no valuables be left in vehicles while on these walks.

For more information, call the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Parks office at 884-9240 or go online to: Keypenparks.com/Wednesday-walks-with-walter.

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Little Toasters: Fun Begets Confidence

Sara Thompson, KP News

What difference can a weekly group activity make in the lives of grade school girls? Little Toasters, a program now in each Peninsula School District elementary school, offers a resoundingly positive answer.

Seven years ago, an intern completing her master's of social work training at Children's Home Society (CHS) decided to establish a group for girls at Evergreen Elementary as her thesis project. She wanted a program that would build confidence and give girls experience in public speaking. She dubbed it Little Toasters, an homage to the better-known Toastmasters.

It was a success, but when she left, it ended. Two years later, in 2011, a family support worker at CHS named Debbie Fisher revived the program. Four girls joined the weekly meeting.

Word of the program's success spread and this year it is active at every elementary school in the Peninsula School District, with 59 girls participating.

Exuberance filled the room on a recent



Photo by Sara Thompson, KP News

Little Toasters at Vaughn Elementary: choosing an emotion and drawing a character to represent it. From front and clockwise: Grace Wehmeier, Maddy Miller, group leader Victoria Beeber, Jezzie Riley, Maris Johnson, Sydney Tucker.

Thursday afternoon at Vaughn Elementary. Eight girls, all engaged, talkative and unperturbed by the presence of a KP News reporter, joined in the planned ac-

tivities.

Jezzie Riley, now a seventh-grader at KPMS, joined Little Toasters in the fourth and fifth grades. She now returns to Vaughn Elementary each week as a big buddy. "Little Toasters really helped me," she said. "I had to lead the Pledge of Allegiance in front of the whole school when I was at Vaughn and it would have been really hard if I hadn't been in Little Toasters. Now I feel comfortable speaking in front of people."

Fisher and fellow family support worker Victoria Beeber described the program in detail.

Girls sign up each fall, usually after being recommended by their school counselors. They meet once a week for an hour and a half after school. Each session has

a theme, running a wide gamut from business to college to empowerment to spring. There are now six staff members to run afternoon programs in eight schools.

Almost without being aware that they are speaking in public, the girls are pulled into a series of speaking opportunities. First, of course, a snack. They all share their highs and lows. Everyone is given an opportunity to speak although it is fine if they choose to be silent.

There is a craft project each week related to the theme of the day. While working on their projects, the girls discuss the word of the day. "The girls are so engaged in their project that they don't even realize they are speaking in public," said Beeber.

This is followed by the "Um Game." All the participants answer a question without saying um or ah. "It's important, though," said Fisher, "that the first um doesn't count!"

Finally, the girls are all asked to write a short speech about the theme topic. They then read the speech to the group.

The weekly program has had a real impact. Teachers report that the girls speak up for themselves, have better eye contact and participate more in classroom activities. "The speaking experience translates into improvements in reading and writing, too," said Fisher.

Fisher highlighted two particular successes. One student who was painfully shy when she started is now a part of a music group that performed at Disneyland. And the Lions Club this year nominated Little Toaster Grace Nesbit, an Evergreen 10-year-old, as Citizen of the Year.

"We keep getting requests to start programs at other schools who hear about Little Toasters," said Fisher. Jud Morris, the director of CHS, said, "I would like to see Little Toasters expand to other school districts in Washington."

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Fuchsias and Much More at 21st Annual Sale

By Colleen Slater, KP News

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society, established in 1995, holds its 21st annual sale May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. A wide variety of fuchsias plus some annuals, perennials and vegetable starts will be available.

Organizer Sharon Miller belonged to a fuchsia club in Snohomish and when she and husband Loyd moved here, she missed her friends in that group. She gathered some people interested in gardening to her home and proposed the idea of a Key Peninsula club.

Rose Grant and Sandra and Earl Forsythe helped set up a meeting that included a Fox Island couple, Bill and Evelyn Tyler, who had belonged to a Seattle club. The Lakebay Fuchsia Society was born.

Original charter members who are still involved include the Millers, the Forsythes, Nancy Rehusch and Ginnie Aardahl, their current president. Sharon Miller had been a representative to the

Northwest Fuchsia Society, where she's now president, for assistance with their bylaws.

The Northwest Society gave them \$50 for startup funds back in the beginning and a club in Oregon also sent \$50. Meetings were first held at the library and top membership reached 50 or more, with nearly that many in the group now.

Meetings are held in the Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center, on the first Thursday of each month except January and September, with a Christmas party in December.

"The Northwest Society is a great organization," said Miller. "Malls [in the Seattle area] paid us to put on flower shows, but required us to pay for the liability insurance." It was a huge amount, so they bought it as a group for all of the clubs, an average of about \$6 per member.

Representatives from each fuchsia club make up the Northwest organization, from the Canadian border to one in Beaverton, Oregon. They purchase books as a group to resell to club mem-

bers, and also have a training program for show judges.

"I trained judges," said Miller. She realized that judging was very involved and created a manual to be used for the process. She ran a judging show for the KP Community Fair for a few years, teaching judging rules for both vegetables and flowers.

"Members of the Lakebay Fuchsia Society were not too interested in flower shows, but they're all gardeners," said

Miller. They created their fuchsia garden at the civic center in 1998 and sell many items from their own gardens at their annual sale.

Fuchsias from small starts to full flowering baskets will be at the May 7 sale, complete with knowledgeable members on hand to offer advice and information.

"It's been fun," said Miller, "but there are days I get tired of being on my knees with my nose in the dirt!"

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Purdy Man Has Passion for Booze and Educating Customers

By Scott Turner, KP News

Bradley Levine is a liquor lover and a liquor expert. That's what sets his store apart from other liquor stores.

Bradley owns The Liquor Cabinet in Purdy. He bought the shop in December 2013 from Jim and Sue Miller, who had owned the store under the state-run system for many years.

"There's always something new and interesting and always such a variation between different kinds of bourbon or wine or beer. Every bottle tastes different, no matter what brand or type it is," Levine said.

He prides himself on The Liquor Cabinet's wide selection and the personal service he gives each customer.

"I like to greet people at the door and help them have a totally new, pleasant experience. If they don't know quite what they're looking for, I want to help them find exactly what they will like," he said.

Levine acknowledged that there are many good liquor stores in the area.

"But at my store, you'll find a staff that's knowledgeable and friendly and have tasted



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Bradley Levine is at home at The Liquor Cabinet store in Purdy.

most of the products we sell. They really can point you in the right direction. My passion and the passion of my staff is unparalleled," he said.

That's different from what you'll find at most grocery stores, he added.

"The grocery stores will give you your main skews and convenience. But what you get here at The Liquor Cabinet is a great variety of different products and people who know what they're doing and are very experienced and will give you the very best guidance and experience possible. You get a niche that you won't find anywhere else," Levine said.

And you won't be surprised when you get to the checkout stand, he added. "Here you'll see the actual, out-the-door price on our shelves. The grocery stores have one price on the shelf and then at the cash register they'll add on all the extra taxes," he said.

Levine's interest in liquor started when he was very young.

"I guess I learned it from my grandfather. He always said, 'Don't chintz on booze.' He always joked about it. I was too young to try it of course, but there was always some-

thing about it that sort of resonated with me," he said.

Levine also loves that every bottle tells a story. "Every tequila, vodka or beer has a story behind it," he said. "I know the stories behind the Washington wines and most of the vodkas and tequilas and some of the others. I wish I knew all the stories."

Levine likes to share the stories with his customers, many of whom are Key Peninsula residents.

"KP people are some of my most ardent supporters and my best customers," he said. "They're friendly and want this store to succeed. I was broken into last spring. Everyone on the Key knew what was going on and they stopped by to make sure I was OK. When they come here, they smile and strike up a conversation and want to know how we're doing."

Levine schedules regular events to keep his customers coming back to try new things. "I keep six beers on tap and I keep rotating," he said.

"I always want to have what's new to the market and I like to keep my inventory up to date. I've added lots of specialty products."

Levine and his staff host tastings every Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

"You can try whatever you want before you buy it. I don't want you to waste your money on something that you might find you don't like," he said.

Levine is also committed to being part of the community. "I want to support the community in every way I can far, far into the future," he said.

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Sandplay Therapy for Children Suffering from Trauma

By Irene Torres, KP News

Nearing completion of her master's degree in 2011, Claudia Patchen had been looking for an internship opportunity. An acquaintance, Daniel Thompson, from Olalla, suggested Jumping Mouse Children's Center in Port Townsend. There she met Dott Kelly, who would become her mentor in Sandplay Therapy. Patchen made a commitment to commute two and a half hours every week from her home near Carney Lake to work with children ages 3 through 10. "That was the best experience of my life," she said.

Patchen's degree is in pastoral counseling and she holds a certificate in social service/mental health counseling from Pierce College. She also interned in the acute assessments unit at Western State Hospital. "My training is very eclectic, but I really like depth psychology, finding the deeper meaning in things," she said.

"You can't go into Sandplay Therapy with children and not be changed. It is especially good for children who have experienced trauma in their young lives. It is

not directive. They create a story, or whatever experience they need to work out, in the sand tray. It is sacred space. When I say that, it doesn't mean that I am religious. It is for people to get in touch with their beliefs, even if that is not believing," said Patchen.

A regulation Sandplay tray is a 24 by 30 inches and 3 to 4 inches deep. It is meant to reflect the world or the universe of the client. The quadrants of the tray represent heaven/spiritual, the Earth, family warmth and the unconscious. Patchen likened it to the Native American symbolism of the four directions.

Every collection of Sandplay figures is different. Clients are encouraged to let the figures "pick them."

"They go down into the unconscious, like dreaming in daylight, and pick symbols that will aid in the healing process. That sounds esoteric," said Patchen, "but it is really deep healing."

"I think Carl Jung did it [Sandplay] himself. He went on the hero's journey and discovered a lot about himself in the stones and sand on the river's edge. Dora



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Claudia Patchen in her Sandplay Therapy room.

Kalff made it into a therapy," Patchen said. The therapist observes, takes notes and photographs. "I pay attention to the energy. It's about the process. And at the end, I save it in a book for them to take home," she said.

Patchen quoted Clark Moustakas, "Play

is the work of children." And for adults with childlike hearts, she added. "Sandplay allows a way for them to heal and get strong in their core, to be able to survive. People are free to work out whatever it is that's got them stuck, and know that it is confidential and safe." She said her teachers compared her to Virginia Satir, a Systems Therapy expert. Her own mentor and therapist, Gretchen Hegeman, prominent in the organization Sandplay Therapists of America, told her, "You've been invested in. You have a gift. You need to use it."

Patchen prefers to take only one or two clients at a time, "because it takes a lot out of me." She can access certified supervision when that is needed for a particular case. Her dream is to have a mobile Sandplay practice and travel to schools and social service agencies. She and her husband, Alan Kemp, have a "canned ham" travel trailer that she wants to "trick out" and take on the road to work with troubled youth. Until that happens, she is content to stay at home and write poetry.

For more information, contact Patchen at 253-468-6115.

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New Options at Livable Community Fair

By Colleen Slater, KP News

The Key Peninsula Civic Center will host its 15th annual Livable Community Fair Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 17010 S. Vaughn Road KPN in Vaughn. This annual event began as an open house for nonprofits on the Key Peninsula and expanded to include children's craft activities, musical entertainment and more.

Forty-plus exhibitors will be present in the gym to share resources and information about their services for Key Peninsula residents. The Whitmore Room is dedicated to

showcasing youth groups this year: the Boy Scouts, 4-H and home schoolers. Pierce County Library Youth Services will also offer craft opportunities.

Music will be provided on stage by the Bluegrass Minstrels from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Vaughn Elementary Whole-Nose Huskies and their xylophones will play at 2 p.m.

GNOSH (Stephanie Brooks, chief extraordinaire) is volunteering to run concessions with a light breakfast for early comers and lunch. Seating will be available on the balcony.

Outside activities include the popular trout pond fishing event, supported by the Key Peninsula Fire Department. The favorite touch-a-track scene that attracts visitors of all ages includes a fire truck, EMT vehicles and a state patrol squad car.

New this year, Cascade Blood Services will be present with its Bloodmobile, as the Livable Community Fair hosts its first ever blood drive.

Not to be missed is the Key Peninsula Historical Society's "Be Our Guest for Mother's Day" open house.

For more information, go to kpciviccenter.org; or the civic center Facebook page.

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POET SPEAK

KP poetry corner

Editor's note: The KP News is offering a spot for poems submitted by Key Peninsula residents. Please keep them under 200 words and send them to Ed Johnson at edj@edjohnson.net. We will try and run a poem in every issue.

Naughty Rhody

By Linda Whaley

She blooms like a fan dancer—
a flash here,
a glimpse there.
The fresh pink flesh of her nubile,
gauzy,
moss-draped body
bursting forth,
first in hard pale buds
with just the firm dark pink tip
to hint at what comes next
and then with glorious abundance
as pale pink blossoms are suddenly
exposed.

The delicate scents
of cinnamon and white pepper
waft on the warm summer air
as she drinks the sun
and sweats its heat enticingly.

Posing petulantly she beckons you to
gaze at her beauty
and as you do with delight,
the clock strikes midnight,
leaving you to gasp in dismay
as she loses her grasp unexpectedly
and the petals fall into a heap on the
floor,
revealing her rather plain leaves.

With a mournful sigh you both understand
there is naught else to do
than to wait wistfully until next year's
ball,
with only the memory of a moment
as the scents disappear.

Wood

By Dale Goodvin

My cousin tells me that my father was a
master in
Making things with wood, that his father
and mine
Built barracks on the West Coast
That my father "carried" his father during
those days

Would that my father had been a master
in building himself
Finding a refuge in a world gone wrong
Building a resting place in the ashes
Caressing a wisp of cotton clouds in the
storm

(Mr. Goodvin's poem was misprinted in the April edition of the KP News due to a formatting error and is correctly reprinted here. We regret the error.)

Would that my father had been a master
in building himself
Would that his days had been less bruised
Would that his nights had been tender
Would that his sight had been clear

For we are here for barely a whisper
Within the flashing of the stars
And we are so fragile
Amongst the hardness of the world

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Above: Local band 302 reopened the Lakebay Marina in April. From left to right, Roger Gemelle, Steve Wilkerson and Dinah Gemelle.

Center right: KP Veterans' commemorative/memorial bricks were dedicated at the foot of the flagpole in Volunteer Park.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Peninsula High School graduate, Key Peninsula resident and Menlo College student Alayna Morgan had a good day at the plate recently as her team split a double header with Arizona Christian College and Alayna extended her team-leading home run tally with her eighth home run of the season.



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