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## Police officer fatally shoots postal worker

By Patricia Johnson, KP News

Pierce County Sheriff's Office is engaged in an ongoing investigation into the shooting death of 54-year-old postal worker Brooks Papineau. The shooting occurred during a traffic stop at approximately 2 a.m. on June 15. Police reports reveal Hannah Heilman, a Tacoma police officer, pulled over Papineau for driving in an erratic and suspicious manner on State Route 302 near 97th Avenue Northwest. Papineau then exited his pick up truck, pointed pepper spray and a semi-automatic handgun loaded with armor-piercing ammunition at the officer who then shot Papineau in the abdomen. He later died at St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor. Currently, Heilman is on administrative leave pending results of the investigation.

Investigator Dan Wulick of the Peninsula Detachment of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, stated, "What I found most disturbing was the type of ammunition in the handgun. It was the type that could penetrate a bullet-proof vest."

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## KP resident arrested in connection with local burglaries

By Patricia Johnson  
KP News

Acting on tips and credible information, Pierce County deputies arrested a Key Peninsula resident in connection with burglaries on the KP. On May 3, patrol deputies Kriess and McDonald of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Peninsula Detachment detained 21-year-old Jeremy Deacon. He is a suspect who has been linked to several incidents of burglary, theft and drug-related crimes for the past 10 years. He was booked on three misdemeanor warrants and was charged with one count of unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle and one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine.

During the weeks prior to May 3, deputies

received credible information that Deacon was staying in the Key Peninsula area and driving around in a stolen vehicle. Deputies indeed found Deacon hiding in a residential trailer. Deputies recovered the stolen vehicle parked outside the trailer home.

According to Peninsula Detachment's chief investigator Dan Wulick, Deacon has earned his reputation (within the department) as an "infamous runner." Wulick, a veteran police officer at the Peninsula Detachment and Gig Harbor resident, recalls pursuing Deacon vigorously and successfully during one notable

(See Arrest, Page 3)



Photo by Eleanor Walters, KP News

### Tantalizing bloom

A bee finds this onion bloom quite nice as summer arrives on the Key Peninsula.

## Candidates file, no Primary Election for KP residents

by Rick Sorrels, KP News

June 10 was the filing deadline for candidates seeking elected office this year. The following filings were made for offices for which KP residents would normally vote:

Superior Court Judge: Gary Johnson.  
 Port of Tacoma Commissioner, Position 3: Don Johnson.  
 Port of Tacoma Commissioner, Position 5: Clare Petrich.  
 Peninsula School District Director, Position 1: Mathew Wilkinson.  
 Peninsula School District Director, position 3: Randal Wilhelmsen.  
 Peninsula School District Director, Position 4: Jill Uddenberg.  
 Fire District 16 Commissioner, Position 1: Frank Grubaugh.  
 Fire District 16 Commissioner, Position 3: Raymond Lamoureux.  
 Fire District 16 Commissioner, Position 5: Keith Davies.  
 Key Pen Metro Parks Commissioner, Position 1: Mark Michel.

Key Pen Metro Parks Commissioner, Position 5: Kip Clinton.

Each candidate is running unopposed.

According to Hal Lymus, who works in the Pierce County Elections Office, "We operate under a 'top two' system where only the two candidates who receive the most votes in the August Primary Election advance to the General Election in November. With only a single candidate for each position, and no other ballot issues for KP voters to consider there will be no primary voting for KP residents this year."

There are no state or federal elected offices to appear on the November ballot.

There is currently only one issue set for the November election. It concerns an amendment to the State Constitution to change the qualifications of a voter.

Seventy initiatives have been filed with the Secretary of State, but only those which have 241,453 supporting signatures from registered voters filed by July 8 will advance to the November ballot. None have qualified yet.

## Key Center construction begins, expect traffic delays

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

Construction for both the new Peninsula Market and the intersection for Key Center have begun. The only alternate north-south route is Lackey Road, and traffic delays should be expected.

### INTERSECTION PROJECT

This project widens the roadway, adds turn lanes and sidewalks, changes the flashing traffic signal to a fully automated signal system, and improves storm drainage and stormwater treatment.

This \$1,109,530 project was awarded to Ceccanti Inc in March 2011. Construction was contracted to start on June 20, with completion in November. Construction work hours will be from 7 a.m. until

4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Henry Gertie, the construction engineering supervisor for Pierce County, the greatest disruption will occur in August when all of the existing pavement will be pulled out of the intersection.

"Key Peninsula Highway, Olson, and Cramer will all remain open to traffic," said Gertie. "But one-lane, alternating traffic will be the general rule. We will monitor the situation, and if delays become longer than 10 minutes, we will ask the contractor to modify."

"Drivers should watch for construction signage and flaggers, and keep a careful eye on what is going on," said Gertie. "Expect slow-downs and plan ahead."

### KEY PENINSULA MARKET

The current 9,000 square foot store will remain open during construction of a new 22,000 square foot store. The grocery and meat departments will double in size and selection. The produce department will triple. A large deli will be added to the new store. Aisles will be double in width. Leased space is available for additional businesses.

Don Stolz, owner, has been working closely with county engineers and his architect on the improvements associated with the intersection project. The Peninsula Market project is tied-in with the intersection project due to the proximity of the store to the turn lanes that are included with the project. Stolz said he expects no real parking or access problems.

"Construction will start toward the end of June, just as soon as negotiations are concluded with the bank and all documents are signed," said Stolz. "We will have a lot more of everything, with a greater depth in all product lines, but specific details will still be developing until the store opens six months after construction starts."

### Correction

In the June edition of the KP News, the listing for Waypoint Church Vacation Bible School was incorrect. The ages were 4 through 5th grade, the time was 9 a.m. to noon and the theme was, "The Crazy Capers of Tom the Toolman." KP News regrets the errors.

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(From **Shooting**, Page 1)

Heilman was off duty at the time of the incident and on her way home, still in uniform and driving a semi-marked police patrol car.

"I have pulled over drivers while I was off duty if I thought they were acting suspiciously and dangerously," Wulick said. "If I am in uniform and driving my police car, I am obligated to do so."

Several hours after the shooting, SR 302 remained closed to traffic while police conducted a total "station," enabling investigators to collect critical evidence at the scene. Wulick explained, "The total

station is a digital mapping system that is highly efficient in determining range, speed and measurements." The data collected may be crucial to investigators in determining whether Papineau fired his handgun prior to being shot.

While the Pierce County Sheriff's Office is charged with the investigation, the Tacoma Police Department will conduct an administrative review of the findings to determine whether Heilman's actions were within the department's guidelines. Furthermore, the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office will investigate whether the fatal shooting was justifiable under Washington law.

(From **Arrest**, Page 1)

encounter in the waters surrounding Camp Seymour. Eventually, both men ended up in the frigid water with a crowd of campers observing the pursuit. Wulick recalls, "I remember the young campers watching and then cheering when Deacon finally gave in."

Wulick was particularly interested in questioning Deacon immediately after he was in custody upon arrival at the detachment.

"I have known Deacon for at least nine years so I have arrested him several times as a juvenile," Wulick said. "In that time, we've gotten to know each other."

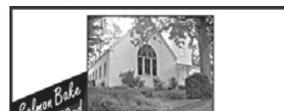
Indeed, on that May afternoon, Deacon was extremely cooperative in his arrest and shockingly forthcoming during the ensuing interrogation. Deacon confessed candidly, "I'm tired of running. I want to make a change and I want to come clean."

Wulick elaborated, "Deacon's lifestyle is defined by stealing to get money, probably for drugs. He has no job nor does he do any work for pay. He hangs out with many others who have the same lifestyle. He is

not a leader in a crime ring, just someone who has been committing these acts ever since he has been a juvenile.

"The information Deacon provided checks out and will help in pursuing and finding those involved in recent incidents of drug-related crimes, thefts, burglaries, vehicle prowls and thefts in the Key Peninsula area."

As of June 3 Deacon is out on bail and awaiting hearings at the Superior Court of Washington for Pierce County.



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## BRIEFS

### Community

#### TWAA calls for artists

Two Waters Arts Alliance will sponsor a day long art exhibit and sale at Beyond the Borders, a free celebration of international music, art and food held at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy. S Longbranch on Sat., Aug. 6 from noon until 6 p.m. There are two different opportunities to participate.

Artists submitting work for exhibit to Beyond the Borders must be Two Waters Arts Alliance members. Membership will be available for \$25, but must be paid by drop-off Friday evening. It will also be available on line at [www.twowaters.org](http://www.twowaters.org). Artwork exceeding 48" x 30" will be accepted and displayed only as space allows. Two and three-dimensional work is accepted and all work must be ready to for display (wires, please!). Work for sale is subject to a 30 percent commission to TWAA. All art must arrive at the LIC be-

tween 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5. Work will be selected for exhibition on Saturday morning and must be picked up that evening at 6 p.m. A People's Choice Award will be given at the end of the event.

TWAA member artists wishing to submit smaller work for sale in the enlarged TWAA booth must bring items and a complete, legible inventory to the LIC Friday, Aug. 5 between 4 and 6. This can include cards, small prints, jewelry, and other small items that are not part of the larger exhibition. All work in the shop booth must be for sale with a 30 percent commission going to TWAA. Work left for sale must be picked up at the close of the event. (Saturday, Aug. 6 at 6 pm.)

#### LIC site for cultural experience

Two Waters Arts Alliance and the Longbranch Improvement Club will sponsor Beyond the Borders Arts and Music Festi-

val Aug. 6 from noon to 6 p.m.

The festival is a chance to experience a taste of various cultures. Music, art and food from around the world will be featured throughout the day, with a juried art exhibit and items for sale by TWAA members.

Food will be provided by Ali'i and Sumo's Hawaiian Grill and The Club will have a beer garden with wines and beers from around the world.

A kid's area will offer games from different countries. Admission is free for the event.

For more information visit [twowaters.org](http://twowaters.org) or call 884-3436 or 884-4807.

#### KP church to hold special worship service in Gig Harbor park

Wellspring Fellowship Church will hold a special worship service at Schmel Park's

outdoor amphitheater, 78th Ave. N.W. and Sehmel Drive N.W. July 16 from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Worship begins at 3:30 p.m. and a cookout with family fun time will begin at 5 p.m. A worship concert will finish the day and it begins at 7 p.m.

Children's activities will include face painting and games.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair and outdoor games to enjoy. Pets are welcome on a leash.

For more information call Glen Ehrhardt at 884-6255 or email [glen@harvest-timber.com](mailto:glen@harvest-timber.com).

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## BRIEF

### Community

#### Croquet tournament to benefit Communities in Schools

The Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) is sponsoring a charity croquet tournament on Sunday, July 17, 2011 from noon-6:30 p.m. to benefit Communities In Schools of Peninsula, a non-profit organization providing mentoring programs to support the success of children's education ([www.peninsula.ciswa.org](http://www.peninsula.ciswa.org)). Four-person teams will compete for prizes ranging from best costumes and overall score to worst single stroke. Celebrity judges will officiate at each wicket.

"Last year the community proved the popularity of croquet for a good cause," said Tim Heitzman, event organizer. "The LIC field was filled with laughter and more players than we expected. We've added courts, equipment and a scorekeeping system to keep play moving. Every team will play together for at least three fast-moving games."

Advance teams registration is encouraged. Call 253-884-5733 or sign up online at [www.longbranchimprovementclub.org](http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org). Orders for \$10 commemorative t-shirts and \$60 team registrations must be received on or before July 8. Teams registering after July 8 will pay a \$20 late fee.

Sponsorship opportunities for individuals and companies are available; information is at the LIC website.

Admission is free for observers (including children) and pets are welcome. Food and beverage service will be available. All participants are asked to bring donations for the Key Peninsula Food Bank.

The Longbranch Improvement Club was founded in 1921 for the betterment of the community, and is located in the center of Longbranch at 4312 Key Peninsula Highway S., approximately 30 minutes from Gig Harbor, WA.

Source: Longbranch Improvement Club



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# Peninsula Views

## EDITORIAL

### Be the change

Our Key Peninsula is a beautiful and peaceful place to live, but there are things that could be improved. This is true of every community.

By pointing out the things that need to change we can make others aware, but complaining and doing nothing to help bring about a change only creates noise.

Whether it's the speed of drivers along our rural roads, the lack of facilities for recreational activities, a desire to have a bike route, safer neighborhoods or less traffic accidents, there is room for improvement.

Rather than sit back and point out the things that are wrong and expect it to change, we must get involved. Only by making our voices heard, and dedicating ourselves to seeing things improve can we bring about the changes we want for the community.

The first step is to acknowledge what can be better. The next steps require perseverance and patience, determination and a level head. Change doesn't happen instantly, and can take a lot of energy and time.

There are many examples of how one person can bring about a big change. A few months ago, Archbishop Desmond Tutu spoke to a crowd of 15,000 in the Tacoma Dome and encouraged cooperation to bring about change. He gave apartheid as the example. He said people both inside and outside of South Africa worked together to end the racial segregation.

Craig Keilburger spoke at that same gathering. He was only 12 when he became passionate about helping children escape child labor. At that tender age, he gathered 11 friends and set out to change the world. He founded Free the Children, an organization that helps children around the world.

Apartheid and child labor are large problems, but the point is to get involved. See something that needs to be better? Work to bring the change you want to see.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Senior Center and Food Bank explained

By Penny Gazabat

Last month's article on page 2, "Empty Homes," in the Key Peninsula News reported that Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank was providing 2500 people each month with a food basket containing a three-day supply of food. This is not correct. I thought this might be a great opportunity to share with you what we are doing at the Food Bank & Senior Center.

We are typically providing 780 individuals with a food basket that contains a three-day supply of food. Our baskets include canned meat, boxed side dishes, cereal, peanut butter, canned and fresh vegetables & fruit, juice, dairy, frozen meat, sugar, beans, rice, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, and noodles, along with toilet paper, cleaning supplies, diapers (when available), and hygiene products. It also has, when available, coffee or tea, salad dressing, cake mixes, and many other odds and ends. The intent of the three day supply of food is to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for each member of the household for three consecutive days. Most often it lasts more than three days, according to our clients. At the end of the year we multiply the number of people served times three meals and three days to get last year's 85,000 meals served.

It is our bread closet that provides another 2500 people per month with 3 of the 5 food groups. Tuesday through Friday we put out vegetables, fruits, breads and sweets for the community to access. All we ask in return is that they sign in and let us know how many

people in their family the food they are taking is for. There are no qualifying questions for this program, but there is for the food basket program. The bread closet helps supplement struggling families that are only able to get our big food basket once a month and those who just need a partial support.

Our Senior Center meal program is not free. A suggested donation of \$2 is requested. Often more is given to offset the cost of the food we buy for the program. Lori Deacon our cook, more like our Chef, creates delicious meals that are enjoyed by 83 seniors throughout the year on Wednesdays and Fridays. Before lunch is an exercise class that Marilyn Perks leads. After lunch there is a group of seniors who enjoy dominos and Wii Bowling. We have a very diverse senior population at the Senior Center with varying incomes and interest. Our programs' main objective is to keep seniors active, informed, and connected to friends and opportunities. Recently we have added Tai Chi and computer classes to our Tuesday and Thursday schedule and we hope to add oil painting in the near future.

The Food Bank and Senior Center programs both provide much more than I have mentioned above. It is important to reiterate that they are very separate programs that have very different goals and objectives. Having said that, I hope (that) I have been able to clear up any confusion or curiosity about what we provide. Please call or come and visit us anytime; we would love to hear from you!

## Bronze comes to life at the hands of Key Peninsula artist

By Karen Lovett, KP News

If you've ever been to the ballpark at Cheney Stadium and noticed the smiling face of Ben Cheney seated in the stands, or better yet, been photographed sitting next to the life-size bronze statue, you may not have known you were viewing the creation of local artist, Paul R. Michaels.

Michaels grew up in Tacoma and focused on fine arts at Wilson High School. He holds a BA in Fine Arts from Washington State University where one of his specialized mediums was bronze.

After graduation, Michaels said he lacked the nerve to pursue a career in the field of art. Instead, he worked in a lime plant on the Tacoma tide flats for 15 years while creating projects for his own pleasure. Eventually, he carved a couple of wooden carousel horses and over the next four or five years, sold a dozen of them.

Nineteen years ago, he quit his job and began a full-time art career, just after he and his wife purchased land on the Key Peninsula. He built a gazebo and shop and gradually developed the land. The house they live in features antique woodwork he salvaged from a 1924 era apartment building.

His favorite material is bronze, and he has been working in that medium for the past 12 years. In that time he has made four large public statues and has been commissioned to create a couple of busts.

Many of his smaller plaques and statues can be found around Western Washington. Michaels said, "It takes three to six months to sculpt a large image. Working from photographs, I make a Marquette (clay model), for life-size, a two-foot rough image." He makes a metal framework (skeleton) on a rolling cart, and then applies oil-based clay until it looks like the desired image to make the mold. Finer detail can be added at the wax reproduction stage.

Wax is harder than clay, so more precise detail can be made in the wax. Rubber is molded over the clay and lost wax is poured in at a thickness of 1/4 inch. Plaster is molded around the wax. The wax is burned away, hence the name "lost".

Bronze is poured into the mold in the space formerly filled by the wax. Large pieces are done in sections and are welded together later. Bronze is coated with wax to protect the patina. Casting the bronze is done at a factory and takes another



Photo by Karen Lovett, KP News

**Paul Michaels has worked with many mediums, including woodcarving and bronze. He poses in his home with one of his works, a carousel horse.**

three to six months for a large sculpture. The factory in Tacoma closed, so now the nearest one is located in Portland.

If the statue is not unique, the mold can be used many times. Limited numbered editions sell for larger sums than mass productions. Michaels said, "I like to add fun details. Ben Cheney liked the number 24, so I added the number 24 to his seat. The logo for the Cheney Studs kids' teams is on the pocket of his statue. The statue of Allen C. Mason in north Tacoma has cigars in his pocket."

Michaels is waiting for warmer weather to resume carving on a 34-foot totem pole. The pole is cut in half and is hollow on the inside. His museum-quality shop contains a vast assortment of antiques. Logging tools, saws and machinery and a lesser number of nautical paraphernalia dangle from the ceiling and cover the walls. He is restoring the ship's wheelhouse of the 1913 Halibut Schooner. The wheelhouse will join other restored artifacts and cases at the Willapa Seaport Museum, Raymond, Wash.

His work is also featured at Ruston Way in Tacoma, where Sawmill Markers were installed from 2003-2006; The Top of the Ocean Monument was placed on the Shoreline of old Tacoma in 2007; a statue of Allen C. Mason was installed on the grounds of the Wheelock Library on the corner of N. 26th and Adams in 2008, and bronze wolf tracks were set in the sidewalk at Albertson's grocery in Port Orchard. (The statue of Ben Cheney at the Ballpark was installed in Cheney stadium in 1996.)

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## KeyFest to bring entertainment, talent show to Volunteer Park

By Colleen Slater, KP News

KeyFest, the Key Peninsula Community Fair, is sponsored by Peninsula Light for this 10th year of family fun. The two-day event will be held on July 9 and 10 at Volunteer Park, south of Key Center on the right.

Free admission and parking encourage everyone in the community and surrounding areas to join in the fun.

Key Pen Parks sponsors a professional fireworks display beginning at dusk to end the festivities on Saturday night.

Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club sponsors new midway carnival game booths. Members of Boy Scout Troop 220 are constructing them. Tickets for the games, available only at the event, are 50 cents each.

A community garage sale will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The \$20 fee per stall will benefit the Red Barn Youth Center. The spots are about 10 x 10 feet. Items for sale are limited to mostly used.

On Saturday, a two-mile parade from Olson Drive and 92nd Street in Key Center to Volunteer Park begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Categories include motorized, animal, family fun, public, commercial, and just crazy. Participants must fill out an application form and sign a hold-harmless agreement in advance, available at the Key Center fire station or [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org). Parade entries gather at Olson Rd and 92nd St triangle and begin lining up at 8:30 a.m. on 92nd St. and are to be in place by 9:30 a.m.

A color guard presentation officially opens the fair at 11 a.m. Saturday with Whitney Erickson singing the national anthem.

Familiar fair events include Agri-vision with a petting zoo, and field games.

Many new vendors and popular returns will set up for both days. The fair board gives local vendors first priority, and avoids duplicate vendors.

On Sunday, a KeyFest 3k Awareness Walk starts at 12:30 p.m., sponsored by Angels of Faith to benefit the Susan B. Komen 3-day Walk for the Cure. \$15 per participant. Pre-register to receive a commemorative T-shirt. Call 858-0267 for more information or to pre-register.

The second annual Key's Got Talent final competition begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, with fifteen participants this year in three

categories - Youth (5-12 years old), Teen (13-19), and Adults.

Franciscan Health System sponsors the Main Stage, and MultiCare Health System sponsors the Kid Zone. Other sponsors include Peninsula Market, Sound Credit Union and Angel Guild.

Many volunteers are still needed to help operate the fair. Organizations that supply volunteers can earn funds, too. Information available on website [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org).

Saturday entertainment schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. - Minter Creek Band
  - 1 p.m. - Rhythm Intermission Drummers
  - 2 p.m. - Pie Eating Contest
  - 3 p.m. - ATA Black Belt Academy
  - 4 p.m. - A Blues Party
  - 5 p.m. - Karaoke
  - 6 p.m. - Jeff Bailey Blues Band
  - 8 p.m. - Mr. Tadpole
  - 10 p.m. - Fireworks
  - Sunday
  - 12 noon - Color Guard and national anthem
  - 12:30 p.m. - Dr. Roes' Down Home Band
  - 2 p.m. - Open Mike/Karaoke
  - 3 p.m. - Key's Got Talent
- All events are subject to change or cancellation.

### Breast cancer walk at KeyFest

"Angels of Faith" will be hosting a Keyfest Awareness Walk sponsored by several local businesses at Keyfest this year July 10 at 12:30 p.m.

The Keyfest Awareness walk is a 3k walk around Volunteer Park and back trails to raise awareness and money for breast cancer. Registration fees are \$15 per person and all money collected from registration fees will be donated to Susan G. Komen 3-Day For The Cure. Eleven local businesses have sponsored this walk. Participants will receive a gift bag and pre-registrants will also receive a commemorative t-shirt.

For more information contact Brandy 253-884-2076.

## Community garden spots available, volunteers needed

There are still spaces available in the Key Center Community Garden and July is time for fall planting. Volunteers are needed for the garden that provides food for the food bank.

By Karen Lovett, KP News

The community garden was started by Healthy Communities of Pierce County, a non-profit organization. It is located

behind Sunnycrest Nursery in space provided by Dale and Claudia Loy. A grant given by Key Peninsula Parks provides financial support.

It is thriving this year in spite of the cool, damp weather. The number of participants has almost doubled from eight members who started last year to 15 gardeners this year.

There is still space available for at least four more of the 4 by 24-foot plots.

Water and compost are provided as well as tools for use at the garden, including a rototiller for new plots. There are seeds to share, and it is not too late

to plant some vegetable varieties. July is the time to plant fall crops.

In addition to the personal plots, there is a garden to supply fresh vegetables for the Food Bank. Barb Carr, the person in charge of that garden, said she is looking for volunteers to help with that garden.

Carr has been gardening for 40 years and has taught organic gardening at the parks. This is her second year in Key Center. She has been in charge of the Gig Harbor Community Garden for three years.

The gardeners normally meet at the Key Center Library the fourth Thursday

of the month at 6:30 p.m. The majority of the growers are inexperienced. Educational presentations at the meetings are designed to help beginning gardeners.

"Gardeners get to know other community members. It builds a sense of community," Carr said. "It is a most magnificent thing to watch the garden grow."

The regular fee for garden space is \$30 for the whole year, but there is a sliding scale for low-income participants. For information and signups contact Barb Carr at 253-228-0538.

## Garden party to benefit Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild members are changing from their usual annual fundraising venue of lunch and auction in November to a garden party at Sunnycrest Nursery in July this year.

A limited number of tickets are available

for this private party fundraiser set for July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. All proceeds from the Wine Among the Vines Garden Party will benefit Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center.

Ed Hume will give a short talk and an-

swer gardening questions.

Food and drink (wine and non-alcoholic beverages) are provided for guests, and strolling violinists will add to the ambiance.

A silent auction of wines and gift baskets

will be held, and art works for home and yard will be available for purchase.

For tickets or more information on this special Mary Bridge Children's

Hospital and Health Center fund-raiser, call 884-3878 or 884-2020.



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Club VBS: Beach Blast will be held at KPCCA Gym at 17010 S. Vaughn Road in Vaughn, during the week of July 25 - 29, with a family fun night on Wednesday July 27. We'll begin each day at 9:00AM and end at Noon. For more information, please call Jena at (253) 514-2447. Come and have a blast on the beach!

Compiled and contributed by the staff of the Key Peninsula Civic Center...

Once again, we've come to that joyous place on the calendar marking the unofficial start of outdoor living season, bringing the usual flurry of picnics, politicians and 4th of July weekend sales.

**Independence Day also brings fireworks -- lots and lots of fireworks!**

Often, family fireworks acquisitions are focused on the delicate balance between safety and sanity for the parents, and noise, flash and sparkle for the kids.

Without diminishing the importance of striking that balance, we would like you to also consider who you support with your purchases.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center (KPCC) is the only fireworks re-seller on the peninsula where the proceeds from fireworks sales directly benefit the Key Peninsula community.

The KPCC is a private non-profit and does not receive any tax dollars to keep our doors open and available to the public. We rely on fundraisers, rentals, donations, and special events to provide you with the programs and services hosted at the center, including Friday Night Skate, Indoor Park, Little Buddies, the Dental Van, WIC Clinic, community kitchen, meeting space for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, taekwondo and tennis classes, scrapbooking workshops, and more.

Children's Home Society, KP News, Two Waters Arts Alliance and the KP Historical Society Museum all rely on the KPCC for office and museum space. The center is also home to the Fresh Food Revolution Cooperative, Historic Vaughn Bay Church, Key Peninsula Baptist Church, Key Peninsula Lions, and Key Peninsula Senior Society.

Buying fireworks from the KPCC strengthens the Key Peninsula economy by keeping your dollars here, in our community.

As in the past, the KPCC fireworks stand is conveniently located off of the Key Pen Hwy in Key Center. Our stand is a fundraising effort to benefit the Civic Center, and we ask for, and appreciate, your support with your fireworks purchases this year.

Thank you!



## Your Neighbor

# Not Much Traffic on the Extra Mile

By Faith Rhodes  
Special to the KP News

It has been said that every community has a heartbeat, an inspiration that drives and illustrates the flavor and substance of it. Our Key Peninsula community is no different; we too share these universal characteristics. We have our very own gem, a nugget of gold who represents the epitome of selflessness and the things that remain right with our world. Her name is Ruth Bramhall.

Ruth Hornung was one of four children, with two older brothers and a sister. She spent all her childhood years in and around Victor in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley, just south of Missoula, Mont.

The Hornung family had several small business enterprises in Victor; Ruth's father was a carpenter by trade and employed two other carpenters. He owned (or operated) the local feed mill, where grain was processed for the local farms.

Ruth's two brothers ran the local car garage and at an early age she learned to perform routine maintenance on cars, including greasing and oil changes. The Horning family was one of the first families to have a telephone.

Ruth's family also owned the Victor Opera House. This large metal sided building, complete with a stage, movie screen, and a projector, served multiple purposes, included a dance hall, gymnasium for the local school, and as a movie theater where Ruth's family showed silent movies. It was here that Ruth began taking tickets at the door for the locals who attended the events (sound familiar?).

In the early summer of 1942, shortly after graduating from high school, Ruth prepared for a train trip to visit relatives in Wisconsin. Instead, her family received word of another family member ailing in San Francisco and Ruth's train ticket was swapped for a one-way ticket to the city by the bay. Shortly after arriving, Ruth re-

alized she would need to be able to earn a living if she were to be helpful. She applied for a riveter position assembling C-47s for Douglas Aircraft as a part of the war effort. In a short period of time, Ruth found herself in charge of a team of riveters.

As the close of the war drew near and the work at the factory slowed, Ruth applied for nursing school. She was accepted and attended Nursing School in Great Falls, Mont. After completing her initial training, Ruth was placed at the Veteran's Hospital at American Lake as a part of the training process. It was here she met her husband to be, Jimmy. They were happily married for 54 years.

Karen Lynch, Director of Nursing, worked with Ruth at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital; Ruth's title was Surgery Supervisor. Ruth began working as Surgery Supervisor in 1956, and maintained that position until 1990, when she retired from nursing. Prior to that position, she had worked for a

brief time at Doctor's Hospital in Tacoma. Ruth was well-known at that time for being able to take apart the very complicated heart-lung machine of that day and clean it. Also, while she had this very demanding position, she was President of the Operating Room Nurses Association of America for two years. During this time she traveled extensively for this organization. One of the highlights of this job was representing the United States Operating Room Nurses at the international meeting in South Africa.

Ruth has been known to volunteer in an organization or two; here are just a few of the many associations Ruth has been involved with in some official capacity: KP Lions Club (she was also the recipient of Citizen of the Year award), Longbranch Community Church, Jackson Lake Sportsman's Club, KP Business Association, Communities & Schools Program,

(See **Neighbor**, Page 11)

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(From Neighbor, Page 10)

KP Community Fair Board, Orthopedic Guild, Fire District 16 Board of Commissioners (she is currently on the board) and the National Nurses' Association, just to name a few. Ruth also successfully spearheaded a water sensitive waste cleanup movement (called the Burley Mentor project) on the KP in the 1970s.

One of Ruth's deepest loves is with the Fire District; she first appeared on the scene as a member of a citizens' committee to review the condition of the stations in the early 1990s. Since then she has been involved in just about everything from volunteer association fund raisers to, of course, serving as chairman of the board. Ruth has always been depended on for support in various capacities; many would say Ruth has been like a den mother to all and she is dearly loved and respected.

Ruth's dedication to the Key Peninsula and surrounding area will influence future generations. Her pioneering characteristics and unyielding personality leave little wiggle room as to her expectations.

Ruth recently celebrated her 87th birthday with a host of close friends.

In Loving Memory of Jimmy.

## 11th annual Longbranch Community Church salmon bake

Longbranch Community Church will hold its 11th annual salmon bake at the Longbranch Improvement Club on July 23 from 2-6 p.m.

Chef Oliver Coldeen and helpers will be grilling salmon, and have other tasty treats such as corn on the cob, potato salad, roll, strawberry shortcake, lemonade, coffee and tea. Hot dogs will be available for non-salmon eaters.

Inner Change Worship will provide live music, and other activities include hayrides and kids' crafts. A raffle will take place for one night in a Jacuzzi suite and dinner for two at the Inn at

Gig Harbor, plus other prizes.

Various community booths will be set up, and new this year is custom yard furniture for sale from 5-Grain Patio Furniture by David Hamlin.

Advance ticket sales – adults \$12, \$14 at the door; \$5 for children 6-12 years, 5 and under free.

Tickets available from church members, Home Country Store, Sunnycrest Nursery, Longbranch Marina, Coast Hardware, Charbonneau Construction.

For more information call 857-5184.

## Pierce County Conservation District to host water conservation classes

### Cisterns: The Next Step in Water Collection

July 9, 9-11 a.m., Summit Library, Tacoma

This class is for those who are ready to move up from the rain barrel and store thousands of gallons of collected rain water at home in a larger cistern system. You'll learn the basics and benefits and how a cistern system works from instructor Nikola Davidson of EarthSystemsNW.

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lution and collect rainwater for home or farm use. Class fee of \$10 per household and pre-registration is required at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/174764](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/174764)

### Make and Take Rain Barrel Class

July 11, 6-7:30 p.m., UW-Tacoma Campus

In collaboration with the UW-Tacoma Environmental Program, the District is

holding a rain barrel making class - just in time to begin collecting rainwater for summer use. At the workshop, participants will construct their very own rain barrel to take home. For \$60 each participant will receive all the materials to assemble the rain barrel under the guidance of Dan Borba from Natural Rain Water. Pre-register at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/176122](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/176122)

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# COMMUNITY WORKS

Submit calendar items to [news@keypennews.com](mailto:news@keypennews.com) • Deadline is the 15th of the month

## Summer Read

The summer reading program, "Read and Win," awards prizes for 10 hours of reading. Check with the Key Center Library for more details. 884-2242.

## Now

### Youth sport camps

Challenger Sports Camps is holding British Soccer Camp, Multi-sport Camp and Flag Football Camp in July and August. Challenger Sports has been holding camps for 20 years and features well-trained instructors who inspire and motivate young players to improve. All camps are for ages 6-12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Volunteer Park and costs \$129 for the five days of camp. Each camper receives a free camp T-shirt and camp certification. Campers need a water bottle, sunscreen, and a baseball glove or shin guards. British Soccer Camp is July 18-25 and also Aug. 1-5, Multi-sport Camp is July 25-29 and Flag Football Camp is Aug. 8-12. Register on-line at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com). Call Chad at KP Parks, 884-9240 for more details.

## Now String camp

Peninsula Youth Orchestra's String Camp applications, for experienced string students 9-19 years old, are being accepted through July 31. String Camp 2011 will be Aug. 15-19 and includes a free public Friday concert. Call 253-534-5384, [info@harborpyo.org](mailto:info@harborpyo.org) or [www.harborpyo.org](http://www.harborpyo.org) to download an application.

## July 1 Friday 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.

## July 1-4

### Fireworks stand

The KP Civic Center is hosting a Safe and Sane fireworks stand in Key Center from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Profits support community programs for kids, scouts, seniors and everyone on the Key Peninsula. [www.kpciviccenter.org](http://www.kpciviccenter.org).

## July 5, 11, 18, 25 Bloodmobile dates

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

## July 5, 12, 19, 26 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.

## July 6

### Register for eco camp

Today is the deadline to register for Eco Adventure Camp for ages 7-13 held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on July 18-22. The camp is organized and supervised by Pierce County Environmental Educators from Public Works & Utilities and staff from Key Pen Parks. Activities include kayaking, rope courses, beach-combing, exploring a local farm, geocaching, and a variety of other fun things. Before camp, campers will receive a camp outline and schedule. Fee is \$109/week. Chad, 884-9240.

## July 6

### Adult horseshoe begins

The KP Parks Adult Horseshoe League will hold games at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 24, at the Volunteer Park Horseshoe Pits. The league is an 8 match season for 4-6 teams with a fee of \$55/team. Chad, 884-9240.

## 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.

## July 7

### Puppet theater

"Ferdinand the Bull" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented free for ages 9-12 at 2:30 p.m. at the KC Library. 884-2242.

## July 7

### Free photo class

Local graphic artist Windelena Lindsay will present a free class on uploading, organizing and emailing digital photos from 11 a.m. -noon at the Key Center Library. Observe or bring your laptop and camera with software and cords. Call 884-2242 for registration; class is limited to 15.

## July 7

### Fuchsia club

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

## July 8-9

### Lavender festival

Blue Willow Farms celebrates lavender in multiple ways with music, food and more from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is free. 10615 Wright Bliss Road KPN; 253-225-9030.

## July 9-10 KeyFest

Enjoy KeyFest on Saturday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Sunday from noon-6 p.m. On Saturday the Crazy Key Parade marches at 10 a.m. from Key Center to Volunteer Park. The finals of Key's Got Talent is at noon on Sunday. KeyFest is

sponsored by Peninsula Light.

## July 11

### Adult coed softball begins

Adult Coed Summer Softball starts the week of July 11 and KP Parks is now accepting team registrations. Teams will play a 10-game season plus a double elimination tournament. Games will be held Monday-Thursday nights. The fee of \$640/team includes USSSA registration, umpires, softballs, and shirts. Teams will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Min/Max: 8/18 teams. All adult sports leagues can be found on Team Sideline. Look for the scoreboard on our website on the Adult Programs page at [www.keypenparks.com](http://www.keypenparks.com).

## July 12

### Register for t-ball

Today is the deadline for registration for Key Pen Parks' pee-wee T-ball clinics which for children 3-5 years old. The clinics will be held on Thursday evenings, 7/14-8-16, from 5-6 p.m. or 6:05-7:05 p.m. Adult involvement is required during the classes. Fee is \$43 which includes a t-shirt, certificate and group pictures. Chad, 884-9240.

## July 12 & 28 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.

## July 14 Tattoos

Mehndi Henna temporary tattoos will be (See Community, Page 13)

(From **Community**, Page 12)

made by youth ages 12-18 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This free event is sponsored by Friends of the KC Library. Donations to the local food bank are appreciated. 884-2242.

### July 14 Storytelling safari

Bob Kanegis and Liz Magual present a "World Storytelling Safari" for kids ages 9-12 at 11 a.m. at the KC Library. The Off the Bookshelf and Into the World Band will make a special appearance. 884-2242.

### July 16 Harbor Watch

Harbor WildWatch presents "Get Your Feet Wet" from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Penrose Point State Park. www.harborwildwatch.org.

### July 16 Lyme group

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

### July 16-17 Sitter class

Safe Sitter Classes for teens will be offered from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Bring a lunch. Call 884-2222 to register.

### July 17 Croquet tournament

The Longbranch Improvement Club hosts the 2nd Annual Croquet Tournament from noon-6:30 p.m. on the LIC grass field. The tournament benefits Communities in Schools of Peninsula, which provides mentoring to local students. Four-person teams compete for prizes with celebrity judges at each wicket. Each team will play at least three fast-moving games. Advance registration of teams is encouraged; fee is \$60 for advance or \$80 for teams registering after July 8. Order a commemorative t-shirt for \$10. Admission is free for spectators; food and beverages are available for purchase. Donations for the KP Food Bank are strongly encouraged. Call 884-5733 or go online at longbranchimprovementclub.org.

### July 20 Skate camp

Register by today for Skate Camp 2011 to be held from July 25-29; fee is \$59. Helmets are required. Seth Ivers will be the skate board instructor. The camp is sponsored by Key Pen Parks and All-A-Board Skate Shop and is held at Volunteer Park. Camp for ages 4-10 will be held from 10-12 a.m. and ages 10-14 will skate from 12:30-2:30 p.m. There will be 8-15 skaters per group. Chad, 884-4290.

### July 26 Pet spay/neuter clinic

A free or low cost pet spay and neuter clinic is held. Pick up is at the KP Community Services parking lot; there's a limit of 25 animals per clinic. Each family is limited to one dog and two cats. Call KPCCS at 884-4440 for information.

### July 29 World art

"Art Around the World" will be held for ages 9-12 at 11 a.m. at the KC Library. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Donations for the

food bank are welcomed. 884-2242.

### July 30 'Twilight' movie mania

Key Pen Parks and Peninsula Light present "New Moon" and "Eclipse" at Volunteer Park. A Twilight Movie Trivia Game will be played at 8:15 p.m. The fee is \$2/person. If raining, the movies will be shown at the KP Civic Center. 884-2242.

### Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 Outside cinema

Cinema under the stars for families is presented Friday nights at Volunteer Park with pre-entertainment from 7:30-8:30 p.m. CenturyLink sponsors this event. A dollar donation or a can of food for the food bank is appreciated. Movies will be at the KP Civic Center in bad weather. 884-9240x22.

## 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.

**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.

## OFF THE KEY

### July 3 Wings & Wheels

A car show, classic planes, motorcycles, flyovers and food and kids' activities all happen at the Tacoma Narrows Airport from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.freedomfair.com.

### July 5, 12, 19, 26 Outdoor concerts

The Summer Sounds at Skansie free outdoor concerts feature different bands each Tuesday and start at dusk. The Washington State National Guard 133rd Army Band plays on July 5, "Tupelo" plays on July 12, "The Beatniks" play on July 19, and "Sambatuque" is scheduled for July 26. Bring a chair or a blanket.

### July 7, 14, 21, 28 Summer concerts

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### July 8, 22 Classic movies

Cinema Gig Outdoors presents free classic movies on Friday at Donkey Creek Park. Bring a chair or blanket. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" is shown at 9:15 p.m. on July 8, "Shane" plays at 9 p.m. on July 22.

### July 9, 23 Family movies

Cinema Gig Outdoors presents free family movies on Saturday at Skansie Brothers Park. Bring a chair or a blanket. "Despicable Me" shows at 9:15 p.m. on July 9 and "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" is at 9 p.m. on July 23. www.gigharborguide.com.

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### KP Community Fair Association

July 5, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; www.keyfair.org

### KP Metro Parks

July 11, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex.

### Key Peninsula Community Council

July 13, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

### Peninsula School District Board

July 14, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office.

### KP Civic Center Board

July 14, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room, KPCC.

### Fire District 16

July 12 & 26, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station.

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July 20, 6:30 p.m. regular dessert meeting at Longbranch Improvement Club.

### KP Citizens Against Crime

July 21, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station.

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# Even idyllic island life has its honeymoon period

The honeymoon is over with Herron Island. Like a newlywed, I spent my first two years here in awe of the physical beauty of this small wonder. It was a time of getting to know the ways of the Island, meeting new people and settling into a different lifestyle. I was infatuated by the Island's uniqueness, its small, isolated community of residents, and its 'vacation at home' atmosphere. I felt safe surrounded by water, where one needed a pass just to get onto the ferry.

The newness has rubbed off and some blemishes are beginning to show. And, just like a newlywed, there are times I asked myself if I made the right decision, times I wanted to run away, times I wanted to divorce myself from this place. Yes, it is unique—but, perhaps it is too isolated. Especially during the summer, when low tides cause ferry cancellations for many days at a time, I start to feel claustrophobic. After last winter's bout with illness, I start to wonder what would happen in a real emergency. And, now that the Island is rife with politics, pitting one group

**Gayle Herman**  
Sound Living



against another, the once happy events that connected individuals into a cohesive community are gone. We have even angered our mainland neighbors with unwelcoming behavior from a few residents and inability to address the new ferry noise in a respectful manner. Instead of coming together to find a common solution, we now have lost our ability to tie up our boats on the mainland side.

When people first meet, they show only the best of themselves. Once they feel comfortable, they let down their hair and hope that the other will still accept them for who they are. That's the bumpy road of marriage, and that's the bumpy road of making a commitment to live in a tiny island community. It comes to accepting

what is: the clashing personalities; the hermits who call the County offices to turn in their neighbors for small infractions instead of talking it out; and the Management Company and Board enforcing antiquated rules to cover them rather than look out for the good of the residents. It's like a marriage where the in-laws get involved, the bosses make impossible demands, and the house becomes a money pit. Stress can break a marriage. Stress can cause grief on this small Island.

But, a commitment is a commitment, in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health...So, just like a newlywed, I am learning how to speak up, how to make my needs known, how to take action to make the changes that will lead to a more fulfilling life here. Along with other residents, I joined a newly formed Residents Association in order to bring the Island back to its previous state. We are re-envisioning the possibilities, mak-

ing plans to re-ignite this Island into a friendly place where everyone can feel welcome and enjoy the benefits of living on this tiny bit of paradise.

Yes, the honeymoon is over—now the real work begins.

*Gayle Herman is a Marriage and Family Therapist who lives and works on Herron Island. Her website is [www.vitalconnections.net](http://www.vitalconnections.net).*

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# SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for June 3 through 24

## June 3

Carney Lake, abandoned vehicle in water. A 1986 Honda Accord was found submerged in the lake. The car was empty, as was the trunk. A block of wood was found wedged between the seat and the gas pedal. Attempts to contact the owner were unsuccessful.

12800 block of 156th St. KPN: Burglary, forced entry. A Harbor Freight digital safe, Oxycodone and \$500 in cash were stolen from a fifth wheel.

1300 block of KP Hwy. North, Lakebay: Vandalism. About 12:30 a.m. someone made a six inch hole in the plastic panel at the gas pumps after they attempted to pump gas and realized the pumps were closed.

14400 block of 118th Ave. NW, car prow, theft. Handmade silver and ruby earrings were taken from a car in a driveway. A man and woman knocked on the door of the owner to ask a question, and the owner recognized the earrings the woman was wearing.

5500 block of KP Hwy North: Theft. The breaker box for the field lights was stolen from

KP Metro Parks.

## June 9

19700 block of 20th St., Lakebay: Burglary. A propane tank and small stack of 2 by 6 boards were taken from a residence.

## June 10

10500 block of 120th Ave. Ct. KPN: Theft from motor vehicle. Someone shattered the passenger side window of a vehicle and took a purse.

9900 block of KP Hwy North: Burglary. A real estate agent reported the key box of a home had been smashed and someone used the keys to gain entry to the home. A generator, copper weathervane, Dell laptop, LG Microwave and jewelry were stolen.

## June 11

13000 block of 138th St. KPN: Theft. The front and rear license plates and a Sony stereo were stolen from a 1990 Nissan.

2400 block of North Herron Road, KPN, Lakebay: Theft. A 1988 sailboat.

## June 12

12400 block of 104th St.: Found property.

Resident found a semi-automatic handgun in his yard while mowing.

14200 block of KP Hwy North: Abandoned vehicle. A white 1997 Toyota pickup had left the roadway, gone up an embankment and rolled over onto the roadway. It struck a phone line junction box.

13800 block of 130th Ave.: Burglary. A vacant home in foreclosure was damaged when copper plumbing was cut and stolen, creating water damage.

12400 block of 134th KPN: Burglary. Someone entered the crawl space under a home and took the copper plumbing.

12400 block of 134th Ave., Burglary. Brass bar step and scrap metal were stolen.

19400 block of 10th St. KPS, Theft. Vicodin was taken from residence.

## June 15

15300 block of 128th St. KPN: Theft. A catalytic converter was stolen from a Toyota pickup. Suspect was reported to be driving a red car.

## June 16

1300 block of KP Hwy N, Lakebay: Burglary. Someone broke in to Home Country Store and took \$3,500 cash from the office.

## June 19

1000 block of 205th Ave. KPN, Lakebay: Burglary. A Playstation, laptop and flat screen TV were taken from a residence.

100 block of Van Beek Road, Lakebay: Theft. The passenger window of a 2000 Chevy was smashed. A purse and Nintendo DSi were stolen.

## June 20

84th Ave. NW, Goldman Drive: Abandoned vehicle. A 1991 Honda Accord was found abandoned. The radio was missing and the trunk was open.

## June 23

3400 block of 165th Ave., Lakebay: Burglary. Suspect gained entry to a residence through a bedroom window with forced entry. Owner was out of state.

## June 24

92nd St., Vaughn: Vandalism. A security system was destroyed.

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# FD 16 CALL LOG

**A summary of calls for FD 16 for May 28 through June 16**

Total Calls: 155  
 EMS: 105  
 Fire/service: 15  
 Other: 35  
**May 28**

Firefighters were dispatched to a greenbelt between neighborhoods where a column of smoke was visible. Responders saw several teenagers run from the area, but a lone teenage male wanted to "man-up" and meet with the firefighters. The young man explained that he and his friends were burning limbs to clear the trail for their bikes. He was advised that what they were doing and where they were doing it was illegal. Firefighters extinguished the fire and, to reciprocate for the teen's honesty, he was let go with a warning.

**May 30**

Firefighters were called to stand-by while deputies sorted out a dispute in the Wauna area. The reporting party called 9-1-1 to complain about an uninvited guest burning a pile of brush in the driveway and requested that the "arsonist be removed". A PCSO deputy

investigated the complaint while firefighters waited nearby. The fire units were later canceled when the deputy resolved the problem.

**June 2**

A two-car head-on type accident occurred at the intersection of 94th Ave NW and SR302. The 50-year-old female driver of an SUV was transported to a local hospital with complaint of neck and back pain. The driver and passenger of the smaller sedan sustained no injuries. Witnesses reported that the SUV failed to stop at the light while making a left turn.

**June 3**

An accident at SR302 and 118th Ave NW resulted in a 19-year-old female being transported to a local hospital. Firefighters extricated the woman from a small Chevrolet pick-up that had rolled over after being struck by a Honda sedan. The Honda was driven by a 25-year-old Minter man who was released at the scene, uninjured.

A 67-year-old Longbranch man was thrown off his tractor and down an embankment. He was followed by his tractor, which rolled over

the top of him. Firefighters treated the man near the bottom of the hillside and transported him to a Tacoma trauma center.

**June 15**

A 9-year-old elementary school student attempted to brace himself with his arms as he fell while running and jumping at school. Key Peninsula Medic One transported him to a local hospital for evaluation of and treatment for a suspected wrist fracture.

**June 17**

Firefighters were called to a Home residence where a 72-year-old woman felt anxious and was concerned her blood pressure was too high. After paramedics assessed her, she declined transport to a hospital for further evaluation. She signed the refusal form and was invited to call 9-1-1 again if she did not feel better. Within an hour, firefighters were called back to the home where the woman complained of worsening symptoms. This time she consented to an ambulance transport. Key Peninsula Medic One transported her to Gig Harbor hospital.

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# Humble KPMS student awarded scholarship

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

At June's "Moving On" ceremonies for Key Peninsula Middle School 8th grade graduates, Megan Ross was presented the Terri Radcliffe Hunziker Memorial Scholarship Club scholarship award for \$1,500.

Math, Computer and Digital Photography teacher Michael Hunziker presented the award in a crowded Peninsula High School gymnasium. This is the third year the scholarship has been awarded.

Every KPMS graduate received a certificate of graduation. Among dignitaries attending were Peninsula School District Superintendent Terry Bouck, and PHS principal Tim Winter, who welcomed the soon to be Seahawks to the school. KPMS Principal Jeri Goebel and Vice Principal Tyrone Roebuck shared the pleasure of giving the students their graduation diplomas.

Terri Radcliffe Hunziker, a life long Key Peninsula resident, died on July 4th, 2008, of non-small cell non-smokers lung cancer after a valiant five-year battle with the disease. In memory of her life and lifestyle, her

husband, Mike, founded the scholarship.

"The award goes to the girl who best exemplifies the terrific person Terri was," said Hunziker, "an intelligent, self-starter who took a great deal of pride in everything she did. She was a wonderful teacher and very successful businesswoman.

"Megan Ross was a perfect choice for the award," said Hunziker. "She is a model student who always produces outstanding work in the classroom. Like Terri, Megan is liked by everyone. She impressed me with her humility and kind spirit. I often hear from my colleagues how incredible she is. One of Megan's teachers said, 'as a student, she is so brave; she attempts to grasp difficult material and always pulls it off.' Megan has never tooted her own horn," said Hunziker. "Hopefully this honor will toot it for her."

The scholarship is funded by family, friends, Harbor Web Works and Games and Letters to Print, two of the businesses Terri Hunziker founded.

For information visit [www.mrhunziker.com](http://www.mrhunziker.com) and click on the scholarship link.



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

The third annual Terri Radcliffe Hunziker Memorial Scholarship Club \$1,500 award was presented to Megan Ross, second in from left. With her are Amber Hess, the 2009 recipient and Allison Kopp, the 2010 recipient.



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pleased to announce new options for Kindergarten students on Fridays.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, in collaboration with Curious By Nature School, are offering KinderPlus Friday Full-Day Kindergarten Enrichment for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Y of Pierce and Kitsap Counties is offering Friday Full-Day Kindergarten Care for families in the Peninsula School District. Programs located at Harbor Heights and Minter Creek Elementary Schools will include academic and enrichment programming as well as activities that will support your child's growth in the areas of social skills, school readiness, and motor skill development.

For information, visit [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net).

### Fun math facts

This year July has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years.

If you were born in the 20th century, try this math activity. Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born and add to that number the age you are or will be in 2011. The results are the same for everyone - 111!



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### Scholarship winner

At "Moving On" ceremonies for Key Peninsula Middle School 8th grade graduates in June, Haili Crow was happily surprised to receive the school's top scholarship award of \$1,000.

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# Multiple lines of history on the KP

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Sisters Arlene Babbitt and Judy Bradshaw trace their roots from the Key Peninsula back to Sweden through several fraternal and maternal lines.

Jacob Pettersson arrived in Illinois from Sweden about 1872, age 18, spent a few years there, returned to Sweden for additional education, and back to the U.S. in

1882.

He legally changed his name to Visell. His descendants aren't sure why he chose that name but understand it's Swedish. Before that, his line followed the Swedish tradition of naming; his mother was Johanna Jonsdotter, his father, Peter Jacobson, son of Jacob Persson.

After working in a store in Orien, Illinois, Jacob Visell headed west to Sumner in Washington Territory to be a lumber company bookkeeper, then to LaConner to partner a General Merchandise Store, and finally to Tacoma to establish a book and stationery business in 1889. He operated a travel bureau and his partner, Frank Ekberg, had an insurance business in conjunction with the store. Visell also was business manager at the Tacoma Tribunen, a harbormaster, on the boards of the Swedish Lutheran Church and the Scandinavian-American bank when it closed its doors, and a member of Valhalla Order.

Meanwhile, Mary (called Marie) Asplund of Orien came to Washington to

marry Visell in 1886.

Arthur Visell, second son of Jacob and Marie, loved farming. At one time, he raised horses and beef cattle on the Key Peninsula, where his brother Alden (A. E.) came in 1920, started a lumber business and developed Key Center.

Jacob chose Arthur to help him, so Arthur left his farming to carry on the bookstore business.

Don, son of Arthur, came out to help his uncle Aldy in his lumber business, met Violet Lindgren of Longbranch, and they married in 1939. They bought property on Vaughn Bay, built their house and raised four children there. Daughter Judy and family now call it their vacation home. Arlene and husband Martin built a beautiful home next door, where she lives with son Brian and his family. Brian's children can claim fifth generation status on the Key Peninsula.

Violet's mother, Albertina (Bertha) Maria Jonsson, arrived in the US from Sweden in 1910 to live with brothers Olav

(O'Gust) and Johan in Longbranch. Violet's father, Johan Helmer (Elmer) Lindgren, also Swedish, came to Tacoma in 1906, and to Longbranch in 1919.

Bertha, widowed after 22 years of marriage, maintained their farm with the help of daughters Violet and Jeanette (who later married Allen Nichols). She started the wood stove at the Longbranch grade school, then cooked lunch there.

Don and Violet's children knew their grandfather Arthur Visell, but grandmother Bertha lived right across the street from them while they still all lived at home. She lived to be almost 95.

Arlene says Grandma Bertha often got her English words out of order, and maintained some Swedish accent all her life, but some of her phrases still pop up from memory. When a discussion was about the future, Bertha liked to say, "Ja, ve see vat turns up."

She'd say before she went somewhere with someone, "First ve have a pourtor," meaning half a cup of coffee. The word, Arlene says, was also used for adding a little more to your cup.

Judy, husband Cliff Bradshaw, and Vi-

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Jacob Visell, son Arthur and wife Mary (Marie) were the great grandparents and grandfather of Arlene Babbitt and Judy Bradshaw.

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olet visited Sweden in 1981, saw where Grandma Bertha was raised, and met many relatives. Violet's father died when

she was about 16, and she knew little of his family. At one of the reunions, she met all of her first cousins still living there.

With little exception, Arlene and Judy's heritage is solid Swedish.

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**V.8** For by Grace are ye saved-through faith and not of yourselves,  
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**V.9** Not of works lest any man should boast.

See **James 2:14-26**

**V.17** Even so faith if it hath not works, is dead, being, alone.  
**V.18** Yea a many may say, hous hast faith. And I have works; show me thy  
faith without they works and I will show hee my fih by my works.

**V.19** Thou believes that there is ONE GOD; thous doest well. The demons  
also believe and tremble.

**James 2:20**

**V.20** For as he body without the spirit is dead so faith without  
works is dead also.

Last we have faith, works and a promise.

**James 4:7**

Submit yourselves, therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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*Now can you solve the puzzle.*

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# Would you like to own a classic Mustang?

If you would, the first step is to buy tickets for the Gig Harbor Kiwanis Car Raffle. The next step, of course, is to win the car... but that comes later. Tickets are now on sale for chances to win the bright red, 1966 Ford Mustang coupe. The ticket

price is \$10 with a special "three-fer" offer, three tickets for \$25. The drawing for the car is set for October 15.

The car has been beautifully restored. It carries a 289 V-8 Ford engine, front disc brakes, new paint and Mustang Rally Rims. The interior is all new and the car overall is in top condition.

Tickets are available from Kiwanians and at locations where the car will be on display. Look for the red Mustang at a series of events this summer and early fall. The car will be at the kickoff of the Maritime Gig in Gig Harbor on June 4 and after that the Mustang will be at several car

shows and other events in the area, and wrap up the summer at the Puyallup Fair in September.

The car raffle is a major fund raiser for Gig Harbor Kiwanis and it will help to provide funding for the wide range of service projects for children and young people in our community. Among many service projects, the club provides free books to pre-school children, sponsors Terrific Kids, at the grade school level and manages a bike program in combination with the Washington Corrections Center for Women that has provided more than 3500 bikes to needy children in our area.

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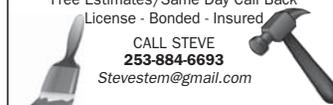
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Students enjoyed the last day of school at Evergreen Elementary. Field day provided an opportunity for teachers, staff, students and parents to spend a day playing together. The parachute, sack race, and many other games were included throughout the day.

*Where in the World...*

Caitlyn Parks, Traci Michel, Cadence Michel (l to r) all from Lakebay, take a break from an Ice Sculpting Competition in Fairbanks, Alaska to catch up on news from home-wishing to be back in warmer temperatures.

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Vaughn Elementary School students, teachers and parents were treated to "fireman's rain," on the last day of school.