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Lakebay woman awaits double transplant

By Scott Turner, KP News

Three years ago, Lakebay resident Savana Oberts, 24, was a healthy, active junior at Western Washington University in Bellingham studying to be a teacher, when she was suddenly taken ill and had to be rushed into surgery.

Her small intestine had become tied in a knot and had to be removed.

After spending several days in ICU, Savana was able to return home to Lakebay where she has been awaiting a double organ transplant — a small intestine and a liver — since 2011.

Her life has been put on hold. Her dream of teaching English overseas is now just that — a dream (for now).

Savana can walk around, but she tires very quickly and has to take all her nourishment through an IV because her digestive system can't process real food. She has to inject herself with anti-nausea medicine several times a day as well.

"I have about 22 centimeters of my small

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Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Savana Oberts is surrounded by her brother, Nicholas, left, and her mom and dad, Aaron and Cathy Oberts.

KPFD 16 Fire Chief Tom Lique resigns

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

Pierce County Fire District 16 Fire Commissioners placed a prepared "resignation" in front of Fire Chief Tom Lique at the end of their Jan. 28 board meeting. Lique's last day with the Key Peninsula Fire Department was Jan. 31.

Board Chairperson and official spokesperson Raymond Lamoureux acknowledged that the commissioners had been in discussions and had decided their desire for the department to move in a "different direction."

"We have been very happy with Tom and what he has done for the fire department, and will give him a good letter of recommendation," Lamoureux said.

"The board just has a different vision for the future of the department."

At this time, both parties are staying tight-lipped about the circumstances, but for now, Guy Allen, the department's assistant chief, is the current interim fire chief.

"I went to work that day with no plans to resign," said Lique on a KP News Facebook posting. Lique is reluctant to say much because of an agreement with the commissioners not to say anything disparaging.

On the same Facebook thread, Lamoureux said that there are "obviously things that cannot be said both by law and agreement."



Tom Lique, former Key Peninsula fire chief

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intestine left. It's supposed to be about 20-feet long," she said from the recliner where she spends most of her time.

"I can't eat, because your small intestine is what absorbs all the nutrients. So every night for 12 hours I have to take what's called TPN by IV."

TPN stands for Total Parenteral Nutrition.

"You can be on TPN for a long time, but it's really bad for you," Savana said. "It messed up my gall bladder pretty quickly."

In 2012, her gall bladder had to be removed.

The medication also is affecting her liver, so she now also is a candidate for a liver transplant, although, since her doctor adjusted Savana's TPN formula, her liver has improved. "So I may not need a new liver. But they won't know for sure until they do the small intestine transplant," she said.

Her daily meds include a bag of saline solution every day, nausea medicine every eight hours and Benadryl every night because of a skin condition which has worsened since the initial surgery.

The family can never be more than three hours from Seattle, because when Savana's doctor finds the right small intestine and liver, she has just three hours to get to the University of Washington Medical Center for the transplant surgery.

"We have no idea when it will happen," Cathy Oberts said. "It could be any time."

Both organs need to come from the same donor, and, because of Savana's small size, the organs will likely have to come from a teenager. "It's her small size that's the issue,"



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Cathy Oberts explained. "She's pretty much the only one in her category in the Northwest region for small intestine and liver."

When the call comes and Savana gets to the hospital, "... they'll open her up so they can visually see her liver," she continued. "They'll make the decision on her liver right away and if she doesn't need it, it will go to the next person in line."

Right now, Savana's condition is stable but she goes to UW Medical Center every two weeks for blood work and other tests to make sure she's OK.

When the first episode occurred, Savana didn't have insurance.

"Luckily, the hospital qualified her very fast for Medicaid," her mom said. "That covered everything 100 percent."

Savana Oberts, 24, self-administers an anti-nausea medication at her parents' Lakebay home earlier this month. She is in line for an intestine and liver transplant.

Since then, Savana has been switched to Medicare, so now there are co-pays to deal with.

So far the family has been able to pay them. But when the transplant takes place, there will be huge bills, they say.

"We recently heard that the transplant will be about \$1.5 million – just for the transplant," Cathy Oberts said. "The social worker at UW told us that Medicare will cover most of it, but we'll still need \$15,000 to \$25,000 to cover the co-pays, travel, anti-rejection drugs and so forth."

"And we've been told that the co-pay on the anti-rejection drugs is about \$300 a month," Savana interjected.

The Oberts have hosted several fundraising events to help cover Savana's medical ex-

Want to Help?

To contribute to Savana Oberts' medical fund, visit HelpHopeLive.org and search for Savana Oberts. For information, email catoberts@yahoo.com.

perses, including a spaghetti feed at the KP Civic Center early on.

They're also selling T-shirts at several local businesses and are registered on the HelpHopeLive website for donations. "They accept money for transplant patients and catastrophic injury patients," Oberts explained. "They hold the money in a donation pool specifically for her so it doesn't count as income, and it's all tax deductible for the donors."

The KP community has been very supportive and responsive, she said. "I'd be very honored if any local business would like to sell our T-shirts or would help us host an event."

As for Savana, she's shy about asking for donations.

"I hate asking for things, but it's very helpful to us when someone does give something. Medication is very expensive, and I'm wanting to go back to school when this is all done and I'm not going to be able to afford that," Savana said.

Savana's father, Aaron Oberts, is thankful beyond words that his daughter is alive today.

"When I went to the hospital that first day, they told me she was going to die," he said. "I want everybody to know how resilient Savana is. I don't know if I could have gone through what she has."

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With a Little Help from our Friends

Bruce Macdonald, Board Member, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association

It's easy for us, in the Key Peninsula Civic Center universe, to find ourselves always looking forward to that next big event, and believe there is always another big event to be planning. However, we need to draw ourselves up sometimes and take an important and appropriate look back.

It has been noted that the Civic Center hosted 750 guests at their inaugural dinner/dance back 1956. We can't even imagine how much work it is to prepare and serve 750 guests. We just had successful, yet more modest, events on successive weekends this February and we're still soaking our feet.

So, to those volunteers and planners from 1956... we are humbled and we hope you have recovered. To all the planners, volunteers and servers from our recent Mardi Gras Music Festival and from the Crab Feed... we could never do it without your commitment and help.

We must send out a collective thank you to Merri Peterson Sutton, Greg Murphy, and Claudia Loy for their expertise in producing the Mardi Gras Music Festival. From musician contacts, to authentic food, and the festive décor, this team of KP Civic Center Friends created a memorable night for all in attendance.

Concurrently, KPCCA board member Loyd Miller was assembling a team of both experienced and new, youth volunteers to serve up at our annual

CIVIC CENTER CORNER

Crab Feed on February 15th. Boy Scouts and parents from Troop #220, especially Kat Wingers, were key to the event's success, along with Girl Scout Troop #40956 and local students from the Key Peninsula Community Council's Youth Council.

One unexpected crab-serving volunteer, Congressman Derek Kilmer, also brought along his daughters, Sophie and Tess, to help.

While our two most recent events were a bit more modest than back in '56, the result was very much the same for the 150 to 200 attendees at each of these events: good music & fun, good food & drinks and good friends & neighbors.

Now that we have thanked the appropriate people for jobs well done, we would love to add your name to our list of volunteers and friends of the KPCC. We're doing it all again in March, as we welcome spring with more music and dancing to the fabulous Beatniks.

Based in Gig Harbor, the ever-popular Beatniks always draw a big crowd with their repertoire of retro rock classics. It's sure to be a good time for the whole family.

To volunteer for upcoming events, visit our website, click on the "Friend of the Key Peninsula Civic Center" button and fill in our registration form. www.kpciviccenter.org

Call for Volunteers - the Key Peninsula Needs You!

If there was an emergency, would you volunteer to help? The Key Peninsula Civic Center is working towards becoming a warming/cooling shelter in the event of an emergency and need a ready network of volunteers on-call.

Join us to help our community... get training so you can be prepared. Sign up to volunteer now, so that you're ready to help when we all need each other the most. What skills do you have to share? Are you a good cook? Do you like paperwork? Can you run a chain saw or backhoe? Maybe you're a good listener, or an organizer, or love animals.

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There are no known records of any disciplinary action against former chief Lique. And for the most part, social media comments appear to be quite supportive of Lique, bent with a cry for a sound explanation.

Lamoureux said that anyone can come to their regular board meetings and voice anything they want.

"We are going to have a special meeting where we are going to pull all the folks in the fire department — the union, the office staff and obviously interim Chief Allen and the whole board, and start putting together a list of qualifications and desired qualifications for the new chief," Lamoureux said.

As of press time, the commissioners have not set a meeting date, but Lamoureux said it should be sometime around the second week in March.

"And of course, that's definitely public," he added. "I don't know how much public input we will allow that day, but the public is more than welcome to sit in, and if we do open it up for public comment, they can chime in."

Public records requests were made by the KP News. A response was received within the five day required response time, stating, "The request was forwarded to the District's Attorney for further assistance, and anticipate the records that can

be lawfully released to be complete Feb. 28, 2014."

Prior to making the formal record request, Nancy Krier, the State Ombudsman at the Attorney General's Office was consulted.

She said that "public officials work for the people and there are very few exceptions allowed concerning public records release."

Krier verified there were no exceptions that would apply to the information requested of the fire department.

According to Krier, the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) requires that all board action must be by motion and voted on in an open public meeting. No action can be taken in an "Executive Session" that is closed to the public. The law contains tight controls over what is allowed to be done outside of public view, she said.

A review of the meeting minutes for many months of PCFD 16 Board of Commissioners' meetings revealed that there was never a motion, discussion, or vote to create and present a resignation agreement to Lique.

Editor's note: Follow us on keypennews.com or [facebook.com/KeyPenNews](https://www.facebook.com/KeyPenNews) for updates to this story and the date of the public meeting. The comments referred to in this story can be found on the Facebook thread under "Breaking," Jan. 28, the night of the board meeting.

Key Peninsula fair (Key Fest) committee seeks volunteers

Key Fest planners have set the dates for the annual community fair, July 11-13.

Featured this year will be carnival rides, vendors, live bands and entertainment all day; a beer and wine garden, a food court, a kid zone featuring a trout pond, a petting zoo, reptile exhibit, games and activities, including a scavenger hunt sponsored by Key Pen Parks.

The Peninsula Light Co. is the presenter again this year.

The venue returns to Gateway Park, adjacent to SR-302 in Wauna. The fair will open at 4 p.m. on Friday and close at 11 p.m. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed before, during and after the fair for planning, set up, daily tasks and tear down.

Planning meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at Blend Wine Shop in March and April.

At press time, the committee is planning to mail out admission discount coupons with PenLight utility bills.

Coupons will be given to all students in the Peninsula School District and will be available online at keyfest.com. There will be a coupon printed in the June edition of the Key Peninsula News and available at other locations.

According to organizers, by April, the complete entertainment lineup should be ready to announce. The general admission price has been set at \$8. Tickets for children age 12 and younger are \$5 and children under 42 inches tall will be admitted free.

For information or to volunteer, email info@keyfair.org



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Peninsula School District prepares for transition to Common Core assessments

Washington state will transition to a new student assessment system next school year that reflects the newly adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The Smarter Balanced Assessments, developed by a 22-state consortium, will replace English language arts and mathematics assessments currently known as MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) and HSPE (High School Proficiency Exam).

"The tests will be taken fully online and will test students' ability to problem-solve, read and write the same way tests do with pen and paper," says PSD Director of Assessment and Accountability Jennifer Dempewolf. "The tests include easy-to-use on-line tools that will support all students and will not require them to have a certain level of keyboarding or computer skills in order to show what they know."

Smarter Balanced will assess students in third through eighth grades and high school juniors starting next year. Science assessments will remain the same, as will end-of-year exams required for certain high school courses, such as algebra.

Peninsula School District students in third

through ninth grade will get the opportunity to try out the new assessments later this spring. PSD is one of many school districts statewide that are beta-testing the system for the state.

Students will not be scored on the field test since the test is still in development. To avoid double-testing, third- through eighth-graders will not be taking the customary MSP this year, but parents will continue to receive reports of progress from their child's school.



Goodman Middle School students are using Chromebooks in their classrooms as part of a PSD pilot to evaluate technology enhancements. Chromebooks are useful tools for a number of instructional activities beyond online testing, from research to collaborative discussions and writing through Google docs.

happy to offer teachers and students — and those in the district responsible for testing — the opportunity to have a better understanding of what the tests will be like," says PSD Academic Officer for Learning and Teaching Claudia Thompson. "They will be able to take the tests before they count."

KGHP Emergency Preparedness

KGHP is a small public radio station located at Peninsula High School (89.3 and 89.9 FM). Each station applicant, when applying for a license, specifically pledges to operate the station (if granted) in the maximum manner of the public interest in and around its "City of License" meaning Gig Harbor, the Key Peninsula, and surrounding territory. We carry this assignment out by having a main transmitter and translator always on the air, an operational studio on 24-hour availability, diesel generator power supplies for all of the above, and active membership in "PEP-C", the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee. In this we are teamed with Pierce County Emergency Services, Fire District 16, Fire District 5, Peninsula Light Company, Century Link, Pierce County Road District 3, The City of Gig Harbor, and a secondary connection to FEMA, headquartered at McChord AFB.

Redistricting Committee

We had a great response to our call for volunteers for our school boundary/redistricting committee. We are working with the facilitator and demographer to set up a calendar for meetings. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to get involved in this process. The goal will be for the committee to complete their work and make recommendations to the Board by this fall so we are able to communicate and implement changes by the 2015-2016 school year.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration opens March 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at your neighborhood school. Select the "Family" scroll down menu at www.psd401.net for more information.

Future Capital Project Information

PSD wants to continue sharing information with you about funding for future capital projects. Follow the links at the district website www.psd401.net to find out more and to review the materials presented at the most recent community meetings. New materials will be added as available, so please check back often.

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Peninsula Views

How long is the KP coastline?

The length of our coastline depends on the length of the ruler used to measure it. By simply using prominent points around the peninsula and measuring by the mile,

Google Maps says our coastline is about 37.75 miles long. What do you bet it's twice that? Four times? More?

In 1983, mathematician Benoit Mandelbrot proposed the notion of fractals to describe coastlines. The term "fractal" was first used by Mandelbrot in 1975. He based it on the Latin *fractus* meaning "broken" or "fractured," and used it to extend the concept of theoretical fractional dimensions to geomet-

William I. Trandum
Winds, Tides & Weathers



ric patterns in nature. Hang in there, it gets simpler.

The underlying notion is that as the measurement unit gets smaller and smaller, there's more and more stuff to measure and more decisions to be made about what and where to measure.

So, if instead of using mile-long milesticks to measure our coastline, we use

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A note from the KP Fire interim chief

I'm sure the word is out that there has been a change at the Fire Chief position for the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

I'm writing to assure everyone that the fire district will continue to deliver fire and medical aid services with an excellent staff of firefighters, medics, tender operators and support staff.

For those that do not know me, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Guy Allen and I have more than 33 years of experience in the fire service. I served the city of Blaine until hired by Key Peninsula in May 1999.

My first position with Key Peninsula Fire was shift Lieutenant which was later reclassified to shift Captain as the department grew in personnel.

In May 2005 I was promoted to an Acting Division Chief position which became permanent in March of 2006. I was then promoted to fill the long-term vacancy as Assistant Fire Chief in January 2012, and immediately following the departure of Fire Chief Tom Lique, the

Board of Commissioners appointed me to fill the Interim Fire Chief position on Jan. 28 (see related story on page 1).

The Board of Commissioners is committed to filling the chief position with the best candidate they can find during a hiring process that will take the next nine to 12 months to complete.

If that ends up being me, I will continue to serve and lead this organization with the same character and values I have demonstrated since the beginning. If they select someone else, I will continue to do my best and support that person in every way possible.

I also want to take a moment and thank all of those that have given me support and encouragement over the past three weeks. I am humbled by your confidence in me and assure everyone that every decision I make will have the best interests of the fire district and community in mind.

Guy R. Allen
Interim Fire Chief

Extend your growing season by starting seeds indoors

The first day of spring is on March 20.

For gardeners, that means we are eagerly flipping through seed catalogs and planning this year's garden. We can't wait to put our hands in the dirt.

The good news is that we don't have to wait. We can get a head start on this year's garden right now.

This is the ideal time to start planting seeds indoors. In recent years, our last frost dates have been in May and June. Since we live in a cooler climate, starting seeds indoors can add weeks to our growing season.

Lettuce, spinach, kale, leeks, onions, parsley, thyme, oregano, chives and basil seeds planted now will make excellent transplants.

In order to start your seeds, you'll need to gather your supplies. You will need seed trays, humidity domes, a sterile germination mix, a heat mat, a grow light, and of course, your seeds.

Before you do anything, disinfect your containers with a bleach or hydrogen peroxide solution and rinse with water. Seedlings are susceptible to disease and this will prevent many before they start.

If you are using a germination mix containing a lot of peat moss, you will want to soak your mix before planting your seeds as peat moss absorbs water very slowly. Be sure to let the excess water drain from the

Monica Radowski
Living Close to Nature



tray.

My favorite secret is to water the mix with a living compost tea so that the medium can start populating with beneficial bacteria and microbes. These magical microbes will make your roots explode and prevent many common diseases. Compost tea will help you grow large, healthy transplants for your garden.

Once you soak your germination mix, plant your seeds to the proper depth — the seed packet will tell you what that is — and cover your tray with a humidity dome. Place the tray on a heat mat set to 74 degrees. Mist your seeds with water daily. It is very important to keep your soil moist and warm in order for the seeds to germinate.

Once your first seedlings break through the surface, make sure you place a grow light above your seed tray. A T5 fluorescent grow lamp gives off the perfect amount of light and heat for propagation.

Once germinated, protect and nurture your seedlings while they grow. Remove your humidity dome to lower the humid-

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yardsticks, we'd include measurements inside Whiteman Cove, Taylor Bay, Filucy Bay, VonGeldern Cove, Mayo Cove and Glen Cove in doing our calculation. And if a stream emptied into a bay, like it does in Rocky Bay, Vaughn Bay, Dutcher Cove, and Minter Bay, we'd need to decide what part of each estuary was bay, and what part was stream bed.

Mandellbrot would point out that if we were to use inches, we'd have to include thousands of little indentations, lagoons, points, outcroppings and other coastal features in our measurement. It's actually endless, according to him, because the measurements could get infinitesimally small in which case variations in sand, gravel, rock and clay buildup along the shore would have to be included as part of the length of our shoreline.

And, how would we account for boulders or tidal islets that appear and disappear with the tide? Are their circumferences part of our shoreline measurement?

Absurd, you're thinking, but not to Mandellbrot. He used his fractal theories to explain mathematically how many things in nature come to be ordered the way they are. Coastlines are just one of them.

While there's not been a great deal of

study of our little Key Peninsula coastline, there has been detailed study of the west coast of British Columbia. Of course our Canadian brothers and sisters did the measurement in kilometers, probably to confuse us, so I converted them to miles.

If the measuring stick is a hundred miles long, the B.C. coastline is 600 miles from the southern tip of Alaska to the north-westernmost tip of Washington state. But measured using a mile-long measuring stick, the coastline measures 15,985 miles. That's more than 26 times as long. Same coastline, shorter yardstick.

That is known as the paradox of the coastline. Whether you gaze upon our shoreline from a thousand feet high or from five feet high, the indentations, variations, bays and other features are quite similar. They are fractals, the same geometric patterns on a much smaller scale. So let's go to the shore, observe some coastal fractals, and while we're at it, let's pick up litter. That will shorten our coastline because there will be fewer things to measure. Hmm, there's a question: Should man-made objects be included in coastline measurements?

Bill Trandum is a guest columnist of the Key Peninsula News and a self-described student of all things winds, tides and waters.

(From Radowski, Page 6)

ity level around the seedlings. Make sure your area is well-ventilated. Damping off is common for seedlings and is more likely to happen in humid, poorly-ventilated environments.

Be sure to harden off your plants before transplanting them outdoors. Do this by placing them outside for a few hours every day. This allows their cell walls to strength-

en and acclimates them to their new environment.

Before you know it, it will be time to plant your starts outdoors and watch them grow. Until then, let's start our gardening early and pretend it's already springtime.

Monica Rakowski is an avid gardener and an owner at KP Indoor Garden Store in Key Center. She can be reached at naturegirlife@gmail.com.



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Schools ballot issue to be determined at March 6 meeting

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The exact wording and whether a schools levy or a bond measure (or both) will be on the August ballot is expected to be determined at the March 6 Peninsula School District board meeting.

At the Jan. 23 meeting, a motion was made and passed unanimously to place a capital measure (for facility construction/repair) on the August 2014 ballot.

At the Feb. 6 meeting, three proposals were presented by Superintendent Chuck Cuzzetto: (1) a \$55.9 million levy that would add \$1.19 per thousand assessed value, (2) a \$71.5 million bond that would add 86 cents per thousand assessed value, and (3) a still-being-drafted \$60 million bond that would add \$1.05 per thousand assessed value.

According to district officials, all three issues include improvements at Key Peninsula Middle School, a new elementary school near Costco and major work at Artondale Elementary School in Gig Harbor.

"It is important that we resolve the concerns of the committee that opposed the ballot measure this last November," said Harlan Gallinger, board president.

The committee met with school representatives prior to the board meeting, with final discussion and verbal agreement obtained during the Feb. 6 meeting, that "The Committee would support, and not oppose, a bond issue, provided that the tax rate would be no higher than one dollar per thousand."

On Feb. 6, the school board passed a motion to modify the \$60 million bond measure for the August ballot, subject to review of the final wording, and the approval of the opposition Committee (Citizens for Responsible School Spending). The bond measure would increase the property tax assessment from .95 to .97 cents per thousand valuation (\$240 per year for a \$250,000 home). For comparison, the levy that failed in November 2013 would have added \$350 per year in additional property taxes for a \$250,000 home.

The first vote and agreement was quickly followed by a motion by Gallinger to also place the \$55.9 million levy on the August ballot at the same time as the \$60 million bond issue, along with a carefully worded statement that if the \$60 million bond also passed, then only \$2 million of the \$55.9 million levy would actually be used for technology upgrades throughout the district.

The motion passed three votes to two to prepare the resolution in its final form for the board to vote.

Commissioner Wendy Wojtanowicz observed and said the high tension level in the room had noticeably relaxed as soon as the first agreement and vote had been obtained, and later said that "the tension immediately returned after the second vote."

There were numerous comments from both the public and board members about the voters being confused at the ballot box.

Jerry Gibbs, one of the leaders of the opposition committee said that, "We only

agreed to support the one ballot issue, not the second. We will wait and see what the final wording is before we make a final determination what we will support now, if anything."

"The voters should understand that we actually support our schools, and we do recognize that there are needs that need funding," Gibbs said. "Our concerns are that a bond measure is the proper tool for funding at a low enough tax rate that the voters won't reject, with specifics as to how the money will be spent."

The committee expects to meet with district representatives before the March 6 board meeting to review the final wording of the ballot measures.

The next school board meeting will take place on March 6 at 6 p.m., at the Purdy Elementary School library. The deadline for filing a measure for the August 2014 ballot with the Pierce County Auditor is May 9.

School board meetings are scheduled for March 6, March 20, April 10, and May 8. Public comment is welcome.

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Bischoff FISH food bank is moving to temporary location

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The Bischoff FISH food bank in Key Center is moving.

Their lease expired and was not renewed. They distributed food out of the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church for eight years, and from the Key Center location across the street from the Key Center Library for one year. Their last day of operation at their present Key Center location will be March 27.

Starting on March 28, a semi-tractor with a specially modified trailer will park at the LDS Church located at 12521 134th Ave. KPN, near the Elgin-Clifton "Y", and distribute food every Friday from 2 to 7 p.m., and every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The trailer originally was a large moving van with a low floor. According to organizers, it's now equipped with two refrigerators, two freezers, ramps, carts, electricity, computers and office space.

"The trailer is re-stocked every night," said Beth Elliott, the full-time manager that oversees operations at the KP and

other FISH food banks. "There is much less spoilage with the trailer; we can offer a better selection of dairy, eggs, meat and produce than we could before," she said.

"The volunteers on the KP have been a tremendous asset," Elliott said. "And we will continue to need and use their help, but the trailer is a more streamlined, and less labor-intensive, which will make the whole operation more efficient until we can find a permanent location."

Elliott said they will dedicate the truck and trailer for use on the Key for a year or more, if necessary, whatever it takes to keep providing food for those in need on the Key Peninsula.

Operating hours also will be monitored and adjusted to meet the special needs of KP residents, she said.

"The property owner at our Key Center location is widening the driveway access, installing GFI outlets, and installing a fire-wall at the property line in order to meet code requirement so that we can stay," said Kimberly Miller, the volunteer manager. "The landowner wants us to stay,

FISH wants to save operating costs with the mobile food bank," she said.

People who want to volunteer, or donate, or know of an available structure

that can be used for a food bank on the Key Peninsula can call the Key Center food bank (until they move) at 858-7226, or Beth Elliott at (253) 383-3164.

African choir to visit KP this month

On Tuesday, March 18, the Watoto Children's Choir will be bringing the sights and sounds of Uganda to the Key Peninsula.

The concert, sponsored by Lakebay Community Church with the help of other area churches, will be hosted at the Longbranch Improvement Club. It will begin at 6:30 p.m., and run approximately one hour.

The choir tour is part of the work of Watoto Church, which seeks to restore lives torn apart by decades of warfare and disease. Through this organization, orphaned children are given a home and a family, as well as education and support, in order that a new generation of leaders will be able to rebuild their na-

tion.

According to Lakebay Community Church pastor Dan Whitmarsh, the Watoto Choir consists of Ugandan children, "singing with joy of their new found hope, and sharing their stories of tragedy and triumph." The music, performed in traditional African style, is embellished with bright, colorful costumes, as well as the infectious smiles of the children. Homemade crafts are available for purchase to help support the work of Watoto, Whitmarsh said.

Admission is free, although an offering will be taken to assist the work of Watoto.

For information, call 884-3899, or go visit watoto.com.

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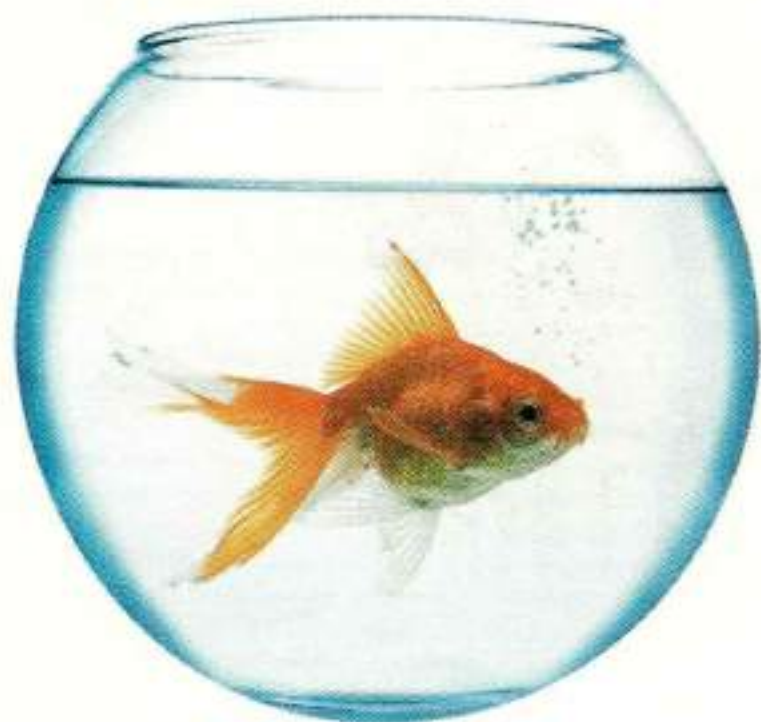
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Local author releases new book

By Colleen Slater, KP News

"Rise with the Eagle," set on the Key Peninsula and surrounding areas, is Karen Lovett's second novel, published by Plicata Press in Gig Harbor.

Lovett weaves local real-life incidents into her fiction, including the 2012 "Paddle to Seattle," sponsored by the Squaxin Native American tribe.

"The best experience I had while researching the book was spending a day in Olympia for the arrival of canoes and the welcoming ceremony," Lovett said. "This day proved to have a disastrous long-term painful result.

"When I was returning to my car at the end of the day, I tripped and slammed onto the concrete sidewalk. My whole right side was scraped and bloodied, a miserable end to what had been a grand day. My injured shoulder joint took eight months to recover, but the experience was worth it," she said.

In this book, Addie, an unhappy teen whose homeless family is camped in a forested area, decides to run away in a "borrowed" canoe. She's left stranded on a small, uninhabited island when the boat drifts away and she watches a heron, giving her the courage to eat raw seafood when her snacks are depleted.

"I became interested in the plight of homeless families living in the woods while working as a volunteer at Key Peninsula Community Services food bank," Lovett said. "I had originally planned to write this as a romance novel, but teenage characters Addie Matheson and Derek Tilton soon became the center of focus with Derek's native heritage and cultural wisdom playing a key role. I felt drawn into the native spir-



Photo by Colleen Slater, KP News

Karen Lovett

uality as the spirit guide eagle intertwined the characters in ways I had never imagined," she added.

Derek rescues Addie from near death, and they later become involved in other frightening experiences.

Lovett listened to the Lushootseed language online and researched local Native Northwest Indian culture, particularly the Squaxin Island Tribe. She also interviewed various local people and organizations to get accurate details of specific issues and events included in the story.

She's an active member of Lakebay Writers, Key Peninsula Writers Guild, Watermark Writers, and is working on her next book, set on the Key Peninsula, Kitsap County and Gig Harbor.

"I planned three stand-alone books," said Lovett. "But readers want more about these characters, so this one draws characters from the first two and ties them together."

Her book is available at plicatapress.com, amazon.com, The Blend Wine Shop, Drive Thru Feed, Cost Less Pharmacy, Mostly Books in Gig Harbor and Barnes & Noble.



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Library book sale at the Key Center award-winning library

By Leila Christiansen, KP News

The Friends of the library hosted its semi-annual book sale early last month.

The Friends of the Library (FOTL), holds a book sale twice each year. There will be another one this September.

FOTL President Maureen Reilly, said she estimated a total of \$500 has been raised from the popular book sale. The hardback books sold for 50 cents and the paperback books were priced at 25 cents each.

"This is one of the fundraisers which the FOTL hold," Reilly said. "All dues and funds raised help fill the financial gap between what is needed and what is available from Pierce County, which is the funding source for all Pierce County libraries."

The FOTL donate books for the sales and some members volunteer on the projects and programs sponsored by the Friends, she said.

The Key Center Library is an award-winning library. In 2013, the library received the Paul Allen Award for Early



Customers peruse a room full of used books last month at the Key Peninsula Library, as part of the Friends of the Library fundraiser book sale.

Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Childhood Education. This was for all of the extra programs sponsored by the FOTL that address early childhood

education. The library has programs and activities for all ages. However, due to the

programs for early childhood education, the Key Center Library was chosen as one of two libraries in the Pierce County Library System to receive a special set of wood blocks and various shapes, for the benefit of preschool aged children's education.

According to Reilly, the library is the most highly-used of all the libraries within Pierce County system. It provides many services.

There are computers the public can use without a library card, there are CDs and DVDs that can be checked out, and there are various programs for all ages. Of course, there are books to check out also.

In order to check out anything from the library a card is required, she said.

There are approximately 85 members of FOTL, with four of them volunteering time to assist in the programs offered free to the community. The remaining membership makes financial contributions and donates books for the sales.

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MARCH 1

CPR class

The Key Peninsula Fire Department hosts a "Friends & Family CPR" class for folks who don't need a CPR card, 8 a.m. to noon at the Key Center fire station. Call 884-2222 for information.

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Bloodmobile

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

MARCH 4 and 18

Senior shopping

The senior van meets at the KP Community Services at 9 a.m. and returns between 3 and 5 p.m., to give seniors an opportunity to go grocery shopping and attend any scheduled Gig Harbor doctor's appointments. Also included is a "Dutch" lunch. 884-4440.

MARCH 6

Fuchsia meeting

The Lakebay Fuchsia Club meets at 7 p.m., at the Key Center Library. Ginnie, 884-9744.

MARCH 7 and 21

Intuition meeting

Grant Glasscock is hosting "Empowering Your Intuition" at 7 p.m., at the Key Center Library. Intuition and divination with an emphasis on Tarot is

for all skill levels and is an open forum for people to add their experiences and learn from those present. 884-9473 or sacredreadings@gmail.com.

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28

Skate Night

Skate Night takes place at the KP Civic Center. March 14 is a St. Patrick's Day theme-wear green.

MARCH 8

Kindergarten registration

Register your child for kindergarten at your neighborhood school 9 a.m. to noon. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of address (utility bill). Forms are online at psd401.net. For information, call your neighborhood school or (253) 530-1009 or psd401.net.

MARCH 10

Dine for KPHS

El Sombrero will donate 10 percent of dinner orders to the KP Historical Society museum from 5 to 9 p.m. Come join society members and friends to raise funds for rental of display space in the VFW room this year. 858-3246.

MARCH 11 and 26

Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group knits and crochets for charities including veterans, babies, Backpacks 4 Kids and chemo patients. They meet on March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., and on March 26 from 7 to 9 p.m., at WayPoint Church, 12719-134th Ave. KPN. Yarn donations are always needed. lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

MARCH 12

Garden club meets

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

KP Council

The KP Community Council hosts several of the major non-profit orga-

To submit an event

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nization representatives in the first of two summits this year. Some 10 service organizations will discuss their history, mission, goals and challenges for 2014. The meeting is at 7 p.m., at the KC fire station. 884-6455.

MARCH 13

Ashes meet

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

Library program

As part of Pierce County READS, "Hidden Treasures in Washington Museums" is presented at 7 p.m., at the Key Center Library. (253) 548-3309.

MARCH 13 and 27

Free clinic

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

MARCH 14 and 28

Teen fun

Club Cosmic, for teens grades 8-12, is 9 p.m. to midnight. Geared exclusively for teens, this twice-a-month event is full of DJ battles, dancing, games, including dodge ball (with glow-in-the-dark balls), name that tune, and contests: all for \$5. kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

MARCH 16

Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session is hosted at Longbranch Church (16518

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

MARCH 18

Free concert

The Watoto Children's Choir will present a concert of African music at the Longbranch Improvement Club 6:30 p.m. An offering will be taken to benefit the work of Watoto in Uganda. Information: Lakebay Community Church, 884-3899.

MARCH 20

Forum

Mustard Seed's Third Thursday Community Forum is 10 a.m., at the Key Center fire station. 884-1205.

MARCH 22

Birdhouse building

Friends of Key Center Library host "Building Birdhouses" at 2 p.m., at the Key Center Library. RSVP (253) 548-3309.

Beatniks performance

The Beatniks play at the KP Civic Center at 8 p.m., for ages over 21. Tickets are available at The Blend, Sunnycrest Nursery and KP Civic Center. kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

MARCH 29

KPHS meeting

KP Historical Society Membership hosts its annual membership meeting in the VFW room at the KP Civic Center, beginning at noon for members, guests and interested friends. The current display in the museum, which will expand into the VFW room as a pilot project this year, extends the logging information with "Forest to Farms -- The Land, The People, The Legacy." Some exciting new projects will be discussed, election of officers, and annual dues will be collected. 858-3246.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Community walk

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

Senior exercise class

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

TUESDAYS

Sing

The Key Singers practices are 7 p.m., at the KP Lutheran Church sanctuary, corner of Lackey Road and KP Highway. No auditions. Membership is \$10 to cover costs of music and annual PHS scholarships. 884-5615.

Swim

Family swims are 5 to 6 p.m., followed by an adult lap from 6 to 7 p.m., at Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me. 884-2722.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Preschool playtime

The Children's Home Society KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the KP Civic Center. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are

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

Senior tai chi club

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

WEDNESDAYS

Writers meet

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

Writers' workshop

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

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

KPHS Museum open

The KPHS museum, located at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn, is changing open days to Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. "Forest to Farms - The Land, the People, the Legacy" is this year's display. No admission charge, but monetary donations are welcome. 858-3246.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior meals

Nutritional meals for seniors ages 60-plus are served at noon at the KP

Community Services; a \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. 884-4440.

THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

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

Seniors' lunch

The Key Peninsula Senior Society meets at 1 p.m., for a potluck, fellowship and games in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

Bingo

Free Bingo at the KP Community Services beginning at 7 p.m. 884-4440.

SATURDAYS

Writers meet

The Writers' Guild meets 10 a.m. to noon, at the KC Library. 884-6455.

Lakebay Jam with 302

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Veterans

March 3 and 17, 7 p.m., at McColley Hall/KP Lutheran Church; 884-4407 or 884-9852, kpveterans.net.

KP Lions' dinner & program

March 5 and 19, 5:30 p.m., in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; 853-2721.

Peninsula School District Board

March 6, 6 p.m., at Purdy Elementary; March 20, 6 p.m. at district office.

Key Pen Parks

March 10 and 24, 7 p.m., at Volunteer Park; keypenparks.com.

Key Peninsula Fire Department

March 11 and 25, 6 p.m., in meeting room, Key Center fire station; keypeninsulafire.org.

Key Peninsula Council

March 12, 7 p.m., at Key Center fire station; kpcouncil.org

KP Civic Center Association Board

March 13, 7 p.m., in Whitmore Room; kpciviccenter.org.

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March 19, dessert potluck, 7 p.m., at Longbranch Improvement Club; 884-6022 longbranchimprovement-club.org.

KP Citizens Against Crime

March 20, 7 p.m., at Key Center fire station; kpcitizensagainstcrime.org.

KP Farm Council

March 24, 6:30 p.m., at Home fire station; bketts@hotmail.com.

OFF THE KEY

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24

Family story time

Families with preschool children enjoy story time at 10:30 a.m., at the Gig Harbor Library.

MARCH 7-9, 14-16, 21-23

Paradise Theatre presents

"Angry Housewives" at 7:30 p.m., on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m., on Sunday. A special 6 p.m. dinner performance is on March 22. paradisetheatre.org or 851-7529.

MARCH 8-9

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Adventure of

Faith Church, 4705 Jackson Ave. SE, Port Orchard 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and at Gig Harbor Health & Safety Expo, 10222 Bu-jacich Road NW, at 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on March 8; and at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 3510 Rosedale St., Gig Harbor 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on March 9.

MARCH 13

Discover art!

Children (ages 6-12) are invited to hear a story about Georgia O'Keefe, get inspired and create their own art work in that style at 4 to 5 p.m., at the Gig Harbor Library. Sometimes creating great art gets messy, so dress appropriately. Pre-registration is required. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Gig Harbor

Library. 548-3305.

MARCH 27

Bloodmobile

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula - Gig Harbor, 4926 Point Fosdick Drive, Gig Harbor, hosts the bloodmobile noon to 7 p.m.

KP Lions to select 2013 'Citizen of the Year'

The 30th annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year awards dinner will take place March 29 at 6 p.m., at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn.

Twenty citizens have been nominated for the honor of KP Citizen of the Year 2013-14.

Dinner will be provided by Dorne Webster of Mosquito Fleet Cuisine and the Rusty Roots will provide musical entertainment.

All Key Peninsula citizens and their friends are invited to attend the event by the sponsoring Key Peninsula Lions Club. To confirm invitations and reservations, tickets may be obtained from members of the KP Lions Club or at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center in exchange for a \$25 contribution to help cover costs of the event.

The evening's keynote speaker will be Chuck Cuzzetta, superintendent of the Peninsula School District.

Throughout the year, community members have submitted nominations for Citizens of the Year. Profiles of the nominees follow. Lions members will vote by secret ballot for the winner, and that individual will be revealed at the banquet.

For information, contact hmcmap1000@centurytel.net.

Perry Anthenat



Perry Anthenat has provided eight years of volunteer service to Key Peninsula Community Services. For the past four years he has served as a KPCS board member, three as

secretary or vice president.

Anthenat started as a truck driver in the food bank department and donates approximately 101 hours each year to collect food for the KPCS food bank. He continues to be a huge asset to that program. As a board member, Anthenat has made contributions to all KPCS programs.

He must leave the board this coming year, but he will be continuing his service to the food bank and the Key Peninsula citizens who need food support.

Marci Cummings-Cohoe



Marci Cummings-Cohoe, a teacher at Vaughn Elementary School, led her students in a fundraising drive that netted \$700 to support the Honor Flight program

for World War II veterans to visit their memorial in Washington, D.C.

She also voluntarily distributed via email a collection of crock pot recipes

to ease the meal-preparation plight of so many busy people. She compiled and shared 10 nutritious meals suitable for freezing while being a full-time teacher at Vaughn Elementary and being a mom of two young children.

Pablo de la Cruz



Pablo de la Cruz took over a restaurant in Key Center that had become a community eye sore, tore out its furnishings, replacing them with new tables and seating, upgraded

its kitchen, enhanced the food offerings at reasonable prices, totally renovated the structure's exterior making it into a very clean, attractive building.

He has been supportive of community non-profit organizations and their activities, including providing a meeting place for the KP Business Association's regular meetings. "I enjoy supporting the community through sponsorships, donations and various fundraisers," de la Cruz said.



Lori Deacon

Lori Deacon has donated her time and talents to numerous charities and organizations over the years. She was a prime organizer in Home's

100th anniversary celebrations. She has served on many committees and boards promoting the Key Peninsula's best interests throughout the area.

Last year she made her farm available to the Mustard Seed Project for a fundraiser and Key Pen Parks for a summer camp day. She makes her farm one of the truly fun stops on the annual KP Farm Tour.

Jennifer Dunham



Jennifer Dunham has taught leadership classes at Key Peninsula Middle School for many years and has arranged most of the special events there as well, including

Veterans' Day programs and other events open to the community. She has instilled a desire to volunteer in hundreds of young people who have in turn given back to the community.

While she teaches math, you see her passion for teaching and for helping students to take on personal responsibility and leadership. She has served on the KPMS Site Council and, in general, is always ready to go the extra mile.

Brandy Ellzey



Brandy Ellzey, together with her husband, Allen, is the backbone of the annual KeyFest, the KP fair. She is assisted by several individuals who are the ribs. Brandy is serving

as the KeyFest board president.

She, with Allen's help, spends a tremendous amount of time lining up the carnival, vendors, sponsors and the facilities needed to put on KeyFest. With support from several other volunteers working on the KeyFest board, the Ellzeys make sure that everything comes together.

Brandy also serves on the Board of the Key Peninsula Business Association as treasurer. She donates a lot of time to various KPBA efforts and is a mainstay of the organization.

Darla Graham



Darla Graham joined Key Peninsula Community Services in September 2011. She has provided the KPCS organization with dependability, graciousness to clients, and

dedication. Graham is the type of volunteer every organization dreams of having. She goes above and beyond to give of herself so that life might be just a little bit easier for others.

Phyllis Henry



In the few years since she's been on the Key Peninsula, Phyllis Henry has volunteered for a number of organizations including the Longbranch Community Church, the Angel

Guild and The Mustard Seed Project.

She is very generous and dedicated, and gives selflessly of her time, energy and resources. She shows up when she's needed and works diligently, devoting many hours every week to her community.

Karen Jorgenson



Karen Jorgenson is a tireless organizer and volunteer who co-started the new Key Peninsula Food Bank located in Key Center, and is the founder of the Backpacks 4

Kids Program, which provides a backpack of food for the weekend for every Key Peninsula family with a child who receives free or reduced fee lunch at all schools on the Key Peninsula. In this project, Jorgenson is always there making sure each backpack receives a balanced supply of nutritious foods and organizing the volunteers who make the project so successful.

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Jarvis Krumbein



Jarvis Krumbein, in his 80s, has been a volunteer for The Mustard Seed Project since it started. He was one of the very first volunteer drivers in 2008, and has driven hundreds of people thousands of miles since then. He also worked at The Mustard Seed Project Key Senior Information Center desk for several years.

He has helped out at the Angel Guild for quite a long time, also, beginning when his late wife, Mary, was active there.

Patricia Latshaw



Patricia "Pat" Latshaw, a long-time active member of the Key Peninsula detachment of Citizens Against Crime, has served several years as its president. Together

with her husband, Dean, also an active CAC member, she's hosted CAC annual summer picnics and currently serves as the organization's secretary. She rarely misses a meeting of the group and actively assists CAC in its several crime prevention activities.

Bill Lloyd



"Bill Lloyd does everything," said his nominator. "Every time I turn around I find him volunteering." Lloyd drives and does chore service for the Mustard Seed Project

and helps it in other ways as well. He also helps other organizations such as Friends of the Library.

He has served as a Communities In Schools of Peninsula math mentor at Key Peninsula Middle School for three years, helping kids needing a bit of encouragement. Lloyd also plays guitar with the Rusty Roots band which voluntarily per-

forms at community functions. He'll be with Rusty Roots at the 30th Annual KP Citizens of the Year Awards banquet.

Matthew Mills



Matthew Mills' family has lived on the Key Peninsula for generations. Mills is a teacher in the Peninsula School District, where he has provided Purdy Elementary students

some innovative science programs.

He is on the path to a re-run of a brain dissecting project he introduced some years ago. After being briefed by a medical professional cutting open a sheep brain while projecting the operation on an overhead screen, students then double up with scapulae to dissect their own sheep brains.

Out of the classroom, Mills provides leadership with Troop 220 Boy Scouts of America, leading scouts on various projects. His scouts and fellow scout leaders maintain a high level of enthusiasm making the troop emulated by other scouts.

Jud Morris



Jud Morris has worked for the community since 2006 as KP Family resource manager providing economic assistance, clothing banks, school services, student support

services, family support services, home visiting, day camp, and holiday helper assistance.

He has been president of the KP Business Association all but two of the last seven years, serving as vice president in those two years. He has been a KP Civic Center Association member for eight years. He was a board member of the KP Fair Association 2006-12.

He is a board member of the KP Free Clinic, Peninsula School Education Foundation, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department board advisory committee, Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition, and the Peninsula School District task force on bullying.

He was a Key Peninsula News columnist from 2006-09. In 2012 he was Two

Waters Arts Alliance Spring Fling Committee advisor and Emcee. Since 2006, Morris has volunteered for the KPFD Santa Program.

Matthew Nesbit



Matthew "Matt" Nesbit, 11, is a model for the youth of the Key Peninsula. He possesses an admirable work ethic and does his best no matter what the task. He is a gen-

dleman and is always an advocate for those younger than he is. Adults, once they have met him, always comment on how helpful, kind, happy, sincere, hard-working and well-mannered he is.

Nesbit is an A-B student and has been Student of the Month at KPMS. Always eager to help people, he can often be seen working at Key Peninsula Firefighter Association functions, events at the Longbranch Improvement Club, and even assisting the fire department's Santa as he visits members of the community. Nesbit is CPR certified and aspires to be a camp counselor for the summer when he is old enough.

Jessica Smeall



Jessica Smeall's nominator says, "So many people on the KP have told me how important Jessica has been in the lives of their kids." As Recreation Director for Key Pen

Parks, she has gone beyond the required scope of her duties to improve the lives of all ages on the KP. She has particularly worked with young people at the Key Peninsula Middle School, organizing Key Pen PALS, giving kids a chance to volunteer and support numerous community organizations as well as the KP Park District.

She also is involved with the Two Waters Arts Alliance providing After Hours Hands-On Arts for kids at KPMS, a program opening the eyes of youngsters to new ideas.

Molly Swenson

Molly Swenson, President of the Two



Waters Arts Alliance, is dedicated and provides strong leadership. She spends many hours on TWAA's finances and preparing annual budgets. With previous presidents' help,

she managed to get TWAA through the recent recession and is instrumental in maintaining TWAA's fiscal health.

She comes to board meetings well prepared, keeps the meetings on track, and informs the board with all necessary information. With strong support of the current and past Arts in the Schools Program, the local AIS continues to grow under her leadership; Key Peninsula Schools rely on AIS for arts education. Swenson succeeded with crucial recruitments to the TWAA board.

Irene Torres



Irene Torres moved to the Key in 2000. In 2002, she helped organize the Key Peninsula Community Council, helped develop the KPC by-laws, and helped with the

first community board of directors' election.

She's been on the KPC board for four years and currently is on the executive board as treasurer. She has written and edited the KP News for eleven years and represents the paper on the civic center board.

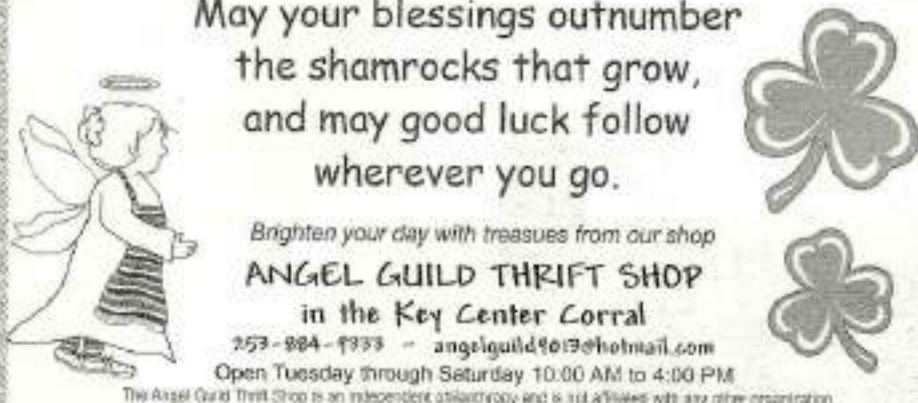
She is a member of the KP Writers group. For the past two years, Torres has represented the Key Peninsula on the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation Board, spending many volunteer hours serving on the team that has taken the community foundation concept and helped to make it a reality.

Danna Webster

Danna Webster moved to the Key Peninsula in 2003, was involved in the newly-forming Key Peninsula Community Council and has served as a member of the KP Council since its inception in

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2004. She is serving her fourth term as council president and has initiated forums including transportation safety, annual candidates' night, land use and emergency preparedness. She has been instrumental in "getting the word out" to engage the community in interesting and timely discussions.

She helped form and chaired the Farm Tour from its inception and is now treasurer. Donna has an essential role in the tour's event planning and communication. In 2013, the tour attracted a record number of visitors to the Key from Gig Harbor and Western Washington.

She's an active participant in the KP Writer's Guild, the KPC Youth Council, the KP Historical Museum, and other area organizations and is a writer and contributor to the KP News.

She spearheaded the effort to maintain the "KP Bus Connects" transportation

program through the 2013 KP Council assumption of the grant program.

Hal Wolverton



Hal Wolverton is a Battalion Chief of and Training Officer at the Key Peninsula Fire Department. As training chief, he completely changed training practices for the

department. Behind KPFD's headquarters in Key Center sits a live fire car prop and a connex container training prop.

Wolverton, in these lean economic times, has come up with two new and fiscally creative training ideas so that fire-fighters may train to new levels. He views training as the backbone of the department and works hard to constantly challenge and better volunteer and career fire-fighters.

He is a long-time member of the community and therefore has a vested interest in taking the fire department to new levels. Continued safety of citizens and fire personnel is his passion.

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Music, motion and film magic at Lakebay Marina

By Steve Whitford, KP News

Lakebay Marina was the location for filming scenes for an upcoming release by Dayna Hanson, local choreographer and multi-disciplinary artist.

Hanson was born in Medford, Ore., but grew up in the Tacoma area. Hanson's family purchased property on Taylor Bay, so she spent much of her time growing up on the Peninsula.

Hanson graduated with a degree in English literature and a concentration in creative writing from the University of Washington.

Hanson relocated in Seattle and began working dance, theater and film.

In 1994 Hanson founded the dance company known as 33 Fainting Spells. With co-artistic director Gaelen Hanson, they created six evening-length performances during the company's 12 year run that toured worldwide.

In 1999 the duo began working in dance film, producing new dance cinema, a festival of international dance film and directed short films including "Measure" and "En-



Photo by Steve Whitford, KP News

From left Jim Kent, Jacob Rosin, Dylan Ward, and Dayna Hanson were shooting scenes in Lakebay recently for an upcoming film.

try." The films were screened worldwide, including the New York Film Festival. "Measure" can still be found on First Run Features' Dance for Camera DVD, Vol. 1.

Since then, Hanson's short dance films have been seen internationally, including at the Los Angeles International Short Film Festival, Dance Camera Istanbul and Festival Internacional de Videodanza de Buenos Aires.

Hanson's first feature film, "Improvement Club," premiered in narrative competitions at South by Southwest Film Festival in 2013. Since 2006, her work has been commissioned by On the Boards, Under the Radar Festival, Dance Umbrella Austin, REDCAT, Miami Light project and PoSh Festival.

In 2013, Hanson was artist in residence at Maggie National Choreographic Center, Noorderzon Festival in Groningen, Netherlands and the Velocity Dance Center in

Seattle. "Improvement Club" won best regional film at the Tacoma Film Festival. The film included a number of scenes that were shot locally on the Key Peninsula at Longbranch Improvement Club, Heron Island ferry and Taylor Bay.

Hanson's latest film was shot exclusively at the Key Peninsula's own Lakebay Marina. The marina has always been a backdrop that Hanson was interested in using in a film. With consent from marina owner Mark Scott, the filming took place on Feb. 18 and 19.

Jacob Rosin (at the camera) caught the talents of actor-dancers Jim Kent and Dylan Ward. Hanson said she was drawn to the location by a number of elements. "How it sits so far out into the cove, anchored on land, but floating in the water and the unique atmosphere of the place.

"The choreography I'm making has that long dock in mind specifically," Hanson said.

The filmmaker greatly appreciates Scott's cooperation in the making of this film and promises to keep locals updated as to where and when the film can be viewed.

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Greg said "It goes both ways, you respect them and they respect you." He adds, "The kids need it, it gives them self-confidence to know somebody cares enough to take time to help them."

Thank you & nice job Mr. A! — *Communities In Schools*

Reading Mentor: Dolores J. Argabright

Dolores J. Argabright is currently a reading mentor at Evergreen Elementary. Dolores is a retired teacher of 22 years. She went back to school for her teaching certificate when she was 36 years old. Dolores lives in Lakebay and has been a reading mentor for DSP for 11 years!

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Online buzz kickstarts a 'Clean Sweep' of graffiti in Lakebay

By Peter Ruble, KP News

Last January, while Chris Ruston was enjoying breakfast at the Homeport Restaurant and Lounge, he noticed the words "Qué tal travesura" painted brazenly on the Home Feed and Grocery store building across the street. The phrase is Spanish for "what's up mischief?" Ruston was so offended by the tagging that he posted a photo of it on Facebook.

There was a huge reaction from the public, and within three days 10 volunteers showed up to remove the graffiti as well as clean the Home bridge and clean up garbage dumped at Jackson Lake. Many people brought their children to help pitch in. This became what is now known as Project Clean Sweep of Key Peninsula, an organization to combat graffiti in the region.

"I am extremely grateful for each and every volunteer who donated their time," Ruston said. "It shows great commitment on their parts in helping to keep our community clean. I know with proper planning, I believe that even more people will volunteer on the next cleanup project."

Ruston said he is particularly disturbed that the graffiti would appear in the wooded region of the Key Peninsula.

"In a city, it's part of the landscape. Out here, it's a real eyesore," he said.

Ruston believes that groups of all ages lacking structure and entertainment may turn to this form of expression. "It is obvious the person responsible for this is in need of a new hobby or canvas," Ruston said. "Maybe if people got involved with volunteer projects such as this one, they would have something to do."

Stephanie Stephens, who is a co-administrator for the Project Clean Sweep Facebook page, arranged for fliers to be posted locally to garner support for the cleanup.

She was inspired by the lively debate that took place on the online platform, and be-

lieves the graffiti artwork all comes from one group.

"They need to find a better use for their time," Stephens said. "If kids are interested in art, it should be something they pursue in college, not painting it in public places," Stephens said.

Gary Meyers, who manages Capitol Lumber in Key Center, volunteered to provide brushes and other equipment to Project Clean Sweep after he heard about the tagging incident from an employee. Meyers champions the public's response to help maintain the wholesomeness of the community and plans to keep tabs on his paint sales. So far, none of the colors used in the Home tagging are sold at Capitol Lumber, according to Meyers.

Ruston values a proactive approach to combating graffiti. He says it's important to have an immediate reaction like Project Clean Sweep to prevent the taggers from basking in self-glorification. Ruston believes that forming online communities can be the best way to start and organize a cleanup.

The second thing that Ruston recommends is contacting Citizens Against Crime at kpcitizensagainstcrime.org and local law enforcement. These groups can monitor activity and spot any trends in paint sales that may seem suspicious.

"I believe the more you involve the community in positive projects such as Project Clean Sweep, you will be pleasantly surprised how many people will be willing to participate," Ruston said. "We can come together and take pride in our community with volunteer projects like this. It will also send a positive message to our children and our neighbors."

Currently, Ruston and Stephens are hosting public meetings at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on the first and third Thursdays of each month to allow citizens to come together and plan ways to strike back at local graffiti.



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GH Y expands, new teen director wants more for Key youth

By Scott Turner, KP News

The Tom Taylor Family YMCA recently completed a 10,500-square-foot expansion project. Project cost was approximately \$1 million, which was funded entirely by donations.

Major donors included Tom and Jackie Taylor, the Names Family Foundation, the Schreiner Family Foundation and Ken and Nancy Keiter, according to Renee Quinn, community relations director for the YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

The project included construction of a new teen center, a youth gym and an adventure zone where children and their families can play together.

The expansion enables the Y to offer additional programming and reach out to

more people on the Key Peninsula and throughout Gig Harbor, Quinn said.

According to Brent Gaither, teen and outreach director for the Gig Harbor Y, the new teen center already has become a popular spot for local high school and middle school students.

"Brent has been working to develop teen leadership opportunities and really reaching out to the Key Peninsula," said Kirstin Stave, branch marketing director. "We know that transportation can be a challenge, so we're working on solving some of those problems."

The expansion is really exciting, Gaither said. "It'll allow us to do more programming for teens and adults. Our teen center is a great facility for teens to come and

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just hang out or participate in structured activities after school and on Friday Late Night when the Y is open 'til midnight," he added.

Another after hours activity is 678 Night which takes place the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11 p.m., for middle schoolers.

"It's being received pretty well and we're looking at the possibility of offering it more frequently," Gaither said. "We're also looking at offering every 12-year-old in our service area a free three-month membership."

A new program for grades 7-12 is Youth Leadership Development (YLD). It meets every Thursday and will culminate in a trip to a big conference in Canada in May, Gaither said.

In January, a group of energetic teens gathered in the new teen center for an evening of fun and learning during their YLD program.

Some 20 youth circled their chairs around Gaither, their director, and played a hot-seat like game to learn each other's names.

Fourteen-year-old Natalie Pierson, a



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

YMCA Teen Director Brent Gaither (in center) and room full of youth leaders scramble for a chair during a recent leadership exercise at the Y in Gig Harbor.

Key Peninsula Middle School student, has been part of the popular group since November.

"It's super fun, and we play lots of cool games. Once we come here, all our stress from school and problems in life disap-

pear. We're learning leadership skills to help take care of our lives," she said.

There's also a Youth in Government program that will include an overnight trip to Olympia in which participants will create a mock legislature. "They'll elect

their own governor and lieutenant governor and pass their own legislation so the kids can understand how our state government works and get involved in it," Gaither explained.

Here on the Peninsula, the Y already has several before-and-after-school programs at KPMS.

"Right now I spend time two days a week at KPMS mentoring and tutoring a group, and I have a Brotherhood group with kids out there," Gaither said. "It's just in its infancy right now and I'd like to expand it."

Gaither also would like to bring more Y programs out to the Key.

"We want to go wherever there's a need. We can serve more schools, if they're interested, with the YLD club, tutoring or the Brotherhood Club."

Meanwhile, at the Gig Harbor Y, "... we have a home or activity for almost every teen — from academic based programs to recreation programs," Gaither said. "And with any program we have that has a fee attached to it, we offer family assistance."

For information on any of the Y's teen programs, contact Gaither at bgaither@ymcapkc.org or call (253) 535-7864.

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John Carl Bolyard

John "Jay" Bolyard unexpectedly died Jan. 27 due to a sudden illness.

Bolyard was a Key Peninsula resident for more than 44 years. He was also a well-known bass guitarist, playing with local jazz and blues bands up and down the peninsula and in and around the Gig Harbor/Tacoma-area.

Bolyard was injured in a November 2003 accident and was forced to give up his music career and was confined to a wheelchair and his computer for the last 10 years. He enjoyed making music on the computer.

He is survived by his mother, Fern Bolyard, his three older brothers, Terrill, Allen and Martin; his three nieces, Mira, Adrea and Katrina, and many aunts, uncles and

cousins.

Bolyard was born in Yakima on Nov. 2, 1965, and was preceded in death by his father, Gene F. Bolyard, in 1987.

A viewing took place prior to cremation at Gig Harbor's Heaven of Rest chapel on Jan. 31, accompanied by a recording made by the Herb Garden band. Funeral services were made by pastor James Saxman. A guitarist played, and during reception a collage of life-pictures were shown, accompanied by music Bolyard liked by the Grateful Dead.

He was inurned at Heaven of Rest Cemetery, overlooking the Gig Harbor bay facing the rising sun.

Ion Lozovanu

Ion Lozovanu was born on June 29, 1936 in the village of Pitusheca, Moldova, to Teodosie and Nina Lozovanu. He died on Feb. 15, 2014 in Tacoma after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Lozovanu and his wife, Victoria, moved to the Key Peninsula in 2004 to live with their daughter and her family. His first order of business was to manually dig about a fifth of an acre for a garden and to build a fence from tree twigs and stumps with his hands.

The oldest in the family of 10 children, Ion raised his siblings since age 18 after their mother's death. He had worked as a woodworking and carpentry teacher and later as a produce store manager and self-employed entrepreneur, known for his homemade wines and handyman work. A talented carpenter, he could build both functional and beautiful objects with hand tools and recycled wood.



Ion Lozovanu

He lived a simple life rooted in hard work and honesty. For as long as he was physically able, Lozovanu always found new gardening and home projects. He loved to work with his hands

and he loved working on his land, and was very ingenious with creative use of materials.

He will be remembered as a kind, gentle and solid person who was always ready to help.

Ion Lozovanu is survived by his wife, Victoria, of Tacoma; brothers Iacob, Constantin and Tudor of Moldova; sisters Maria and Ekaterina of Moldova; daughters Marina Bico (Igor) of Moldova and Rodika Tollefson (Darin) of Key Peninsula; grandsons Alex, Nick and Kristian of Key Peninsula; granddaughters Iulea and Nastea of Moldova, numerous sisters- and brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins and other family members "back home." He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and three sisters.

A memorial service took place on Feb. 19 at Mountain View Funeral Home Memorial Park in Lakewood, followed by a graveyard service on Feb. 20.

Nancy Mandell Lind

After 37 years of protecting the land, creating parks and building trails on the Key Peninsula, Nancy Lind died on Feb. 15.

She was born in Faribault, Minn., on Jan. 14, 1929.

A year after graduating from the College of Puget Sound in 1952 with a degree in occupational therapy, Lind married her husband of 60 years, Robert (Bob) Lind, who passed away in 2009.

The couple moved to Home from Tacoma in 1957 where they devoted their lives to raising three boys, protecting their 80 wooded acres, and working for the Peninsula School District.

Bob was a retired veteran of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II which entitled the family to a free pass to the state parks. Camping in the parks with the family became their passion, particularly in the dead of winter when no one else was there.

From those early experiences, Lind developed her lifelong devotion to the care and preservation of the land. Her 80 wooded acres is the first property to be protected by the Greater Peninsula Conservancy. She worked with the volunteers who built Volunteer Park, the first park established by the Key Pen Metro Parks and



Nancy Lind

Recreation District which she helped to establish. She also was instrumental in preserving the land for Rocky Creek Conservation District, Home Park and Devil's Head. She

served as a commissioner, and one-time chair, of the first parks department (Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District).

As a volunteer, Lind stayed busy with saving land for park use, land restoration, garbage collection, served as president for the Home Social Club, secretary for the Key Peninsula Business Association, established a friends organization for Rocky Creek and Home Park, and wrote a park news column for the KP News.

Lind is survived by her three sons, Aaron Lind (Pam) of Renton; David Lind of Home; and Rob Lind of Seattle. The family plans to host a wake celebration for her. The date and details will be published soon.

Robert L. Vezzani

Robert L. Vezzani, of Gig Harbor, passed away Jan. 24 after a long life full of family and friends.

Vezzani, 84, was born and raised in West Seattle, attending West Seattle High School (class of 1947) and Seattle University (class of 1952) where he met his bride of 60 years, Elsie Busch, from Colton, Wash. After graduating, he entered the U.S. Army and served his two-year term. He started his civilian career in the fire protection business and soon moved to Tacoma and started ABC Fire Protection Company, which he owned until retirement in 1994.

Vezzani was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Vezzani, and son-in-law, Barney Harkins. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, and children, Teresa Harkins (children Conor and Christine) of Seattle, Bob Jr. (wife Kathie and children Matthew and Andrew) of Gig Harbor, and Dave (wife Barb) of Vaughn, and many nieces and nephews.



Robert Vezzani

Vezzani had many interests, but one more than any other, finding a way to improve his golf game. May he now find his perfect swing and enjoy each drive to the green.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will take place at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church in Lakebay, Saturday, March 8 at 11 a.m., with reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to Key Peninsula Lutheran Church or charity of your choice.

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KP woman shines in local production of 'Angry Housewives'

By Scott Turner, KP News

When Paradise Theatre's production of "Angry Housewives" premieres March 7, the Key Peninsula will be well-represented.

Lake Minterwood resident Robyn McGilvrey, 32, will play the role of Wendy, one of four housewives who form a punk rock band to raise money for a friend who's hit hard times.

"Wendy is the one who gets the crazy idea to start a band to help one of the other housewives whose husband has died and she's losing her house," McGilvrey said before a recent rehearsal.

The women name their band "Angry Housewives."

Wendy is the drummer for the band, which meant that McGilvrey had to learn to play the drums.

Luckily, McGilvrey's husband is a drummer, "... so he's teaching me how to play. He's being really nice. He should be a teacher," she said with a laugh. "It's sort of bringing the whole family into the act."

The play, which debuted in Seattle in the '80s and ran for six years, is a first show for Paradise Theatre, according to Director Sharon Gregory.

"It's an extremely popular play. It has sort of a cult following. People look it up on the Internet to see where it's playing so

they won't miss a show.

"People who haven't seen the show often think it's about man-bashing or women who are on a rampage," Gregory added.

But it's not that at all.

"It's about four women, who are way out of their element, forming a band that they call 'Angry Housewives.' You learn a little bit about each of them and how they get the courage to step outside their comfort zones to help their friend," Gregory said.

It's a fun show, McGilvrey said, although the language is sometimes a little racy. "It's kind of snappy, cheesy fun from the '80s."

It's more than just a little bit funny, Gregory added. "It's roll-out-of-your-seat funny. It's extreme comedy."

The cast, she said, is fabulous, too.

"They all bring their own ideas to the show. It's teamwork from the bottom up. The audience will be wowed. I'm sure it will be sold out," she said.

That will make Jeff and Vicki Richards very happy.

The husband and wife team founded Paradise Theatre 14 years ago and now serve as the theater's artistic directors. They lived on the Key Peninsula for more than a decade before moving into Gig Harbor.

"I'm hoping there are a lot of 'Angry Housewives' groupies around who'll come



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Three of the performers, from left, Wendy Jelinek, Robin McGilvrey and Vicki Richards, strike a pose during a recent rehearsal of "Angry Housewives" at Gig Harbor's Paradise Theatre. Actress Stacey Villa, the fourth housewife is not pictured. The popular play starts on March 7.

to our show," Jeff Richards said.

Paradise Theatre produces seven shows each year — four musicals and three "straight shows" he said.

The theater also offers singing, dancing and acting classes for kids and adults, plus a two-week intensive summer workshop for youngsters "that has been going on for 19 years," he said.

Want to go?

Paradise Theatre's production of "Angry Housewives" runs March 7-23. Opening night includes a wine and cheese reception before the show. The March 23 production is a dinner theater. Paradise theatre is located at 9911 Burnham Drive. For information visit paradisetheatre.org.

The theater provides a creative outlet for people throughout the Gig Harbor/Kitsap Peninsula area.

One former performer, Marianne McCole, is a long-time KP resident. She's now on the theater's board of directors.

And McCole's granddaughter grew up taking Paradise's classes. "She's now 23 or 24 years old and she started with us when she was just 6," Richards said.

For McGilvrey — Wendy in the play — the local theater is sort of a dream come true. "I dreamed of being an actress, but life led me down a different road — being a mom," she said.

"But you just drive 15 minutes across the spit to the theater, and you can have that shining star moment in your lives whether you're a kid or an adult," she said.

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The unidentified owner of a beached sailboat ties it to shore along the Purdy spandspit. The 24-foot vessel had broken anchor during strong winds Feb. 12.

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Servers, from left, Jan Prichard, Connie Wick, Eloise Colbert and Norma Iverson were having fun serving breakfast at the Longbranch Improvement Club's Pancake Feed fundraiser on Feb. 7. The ladies reported having served 767 eggs and 439 pancakes at the halfway point of the event.



Marcella Helgeson and Jeff Tritt were voted Queen and King of the Mardi Gras celebration hosted Feb. 8 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

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Where in the World...



In late May 2013, Terry and Kerri Forrey took a copy of the KP News with them to Anthony's Key Resort in Roatan, Honduras. Roatan is an island off the coast of Honduras, a Central American republic. The pair spent eight days scuba diving with a group of 22 other diving enthusiasts from Southern California called the Laguna Sea Dwellers. The Forreys spent about 20 hours exploring ocean waters.

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