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## Sunny side up

These two painted turtles seem to enjoy the warmth of a sunny June afternoon on a Key Pen lake.

*Photo courtesy of Matthew Struthers*

## Vandalism costly to Key Center deli

By Danna Webster, KP News

**O**n the Way Deli was vandalized Memorial Day weekend. Assistant Manager, Sue Wade discovered the damage when she opened for work, Sunday morning, May 30. Wade called the Pierce County sheriff and the Deli owner, Lisa Larsen. All the damage was done to the outside of the property and happened between the hours of 10 p.m. Sat and 10 a.m. Sunday. The vandals pushed Key Peninsula Market grocery carts into the Deli signs. Larsen says the grocery store found the carts blocking the market entrances on Sunday.

"They broke all my signs, stole my menu board, destroyed the court yard and down the fence. The picnic tables were upside down and broken," reports Larsen. Her insurance estimated the damage at \$2,400.

One week later, the Deli's "Drive-thru

pick up" sign was stolen which is valued at \$2,000. Larsen presumes it was the work of the same vandals. Larsen must cover that cost herself. She gratefully acknowledges the help of loyal customers, staff, her father, Steve Smith, and the good neighbors at Henderson Bay Products who have assisted her with costs and repairs.

Larsen is disappointed with the law enforcement response.

When Wade called the Sheriff's office, they advised that the report be made online because the Sheriff's office could not give her a face-to-face interview. "We need more protection," Larsen says. The online report was given a case number but the Peninsula detachment office is unable to find a copy of the report. Larsen says the incident makes her feel "victimized". "I never know what's going to happen next," she says.

Emily Watson, community service



*File photo*

The only sign left standing after vandals hit On the Way Deli in Key Center.

officer at the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Purdy Detachment said they suggest calling the non-emergency phone number to make a report of a crime that has already happened.

"Online reports are controlled by the

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# Two sides of a geoduck tube

By Danna Webster, KP News

On May 15, the Boysen family found their tideland property south of Vaughn Bay littered with grey PVC geoduck tubes marked "Taylorshellfish.com." About a dozen family members were cleaning their cabin and picnicking on the beach. Cathy Boysen Heiberg grabbed a rake and began to collect the debris. Family members joined in and soon collected two garbage bags full of nearly three dozen PVC tubes.

## From one side of the tube:

The family photographed the cleanup process and sent it to the website of Case Inlet Shoreline Association in Vaughn. The association posted the photos on their website and their vice president, Curt Puddicombe, sent copies to Pierce County; the state departments of ecology; natural resources, fish and wildlife; and to Taylor Shellfish. Puddicombe received a response from Taylor saying they would look into it and, according to Puddicombe, Pierce County was told by Taylor that there isn't a problem, it is under control.

"From having grown up out here myself," says Puddicombe, "I can tell there is a lot of increase in aquaculture type junk. My dad is 86. He notices it, too. When you go out to the beach at low tide you see all these tubes lying around. At a time when we are trying to reduce plastic, they (shellfish growers) are putting it into the environment."

Puddicombe is a charter member of

Case Inlet Shoreline Association and claims deep pioneer roots in the Puget Sound area. His great-grandfather is listed in the first Tacoma census of 1889. As a retired commercial fisherman, he is well acquainted with the salmon and oyster industries in Alaska. He's has spent recent years studying current practices of modern aquaculture and the association's website serves as an archival record of his research. He has developed thorough objections and arguments to many current shellfish farming practices.

It is his view that current practices are wrong for both the environmental and for the social community. He would like to get rid of plastic tubes and the nets; impose greater accountability upon beach debris; and reduce the number of PVC plantings per acre.

"I don't think any of us are opposed to shellfish aquaculture. They (shellfish industry) want to do it in a way that maximizes profits. We want to see it done in a way that puts environment first and maybe citizens first," he said.

Above all the concerns about shellfish farming is the issue of aesthetics. Puddicombe says aesthetics is a big part of the Shoreline Management Act, with a purpose to preserve the natural character of the shoreline, as well as the mission of the Case Inlet Shoreline Association, which is to preserve and protect a pristine Case Inlet for future generations.

"Puget Sound is a national treasure. There are more endangered species here than anywhere else in North America," Puddicombe says. "(It has) a certain peace, tranquility and natural beauty."



*Photos courtesy of the Boysen Family*

There were no doubts about who was responsible for the tubes found strewn on the beach.

The goal of the association is to protect the habitat of Puget Sound tidelands in relation to expansion of new intensive shellfish aquaculture methods and practices. These objectives have been adopted into Puddicombe's life.

"It's when you see something that you intrinsically know is wrong and nothing will change if you don't do anything. There is an emotional and spiritual connection," he says about his investment in the Case Inlet Shoreline Association. "We're not opposed to

shellfish farming but how it is done — what is the technique."

Information about the association's activities, resources, and membership are available on the website at [www.caseinlet-shorelineassociation.com](http://www.caseinlet-shorelineassociation.com) or email at [info@caseinlet.org](mailto:info@caseinlet.org).

## The other side of the tube:

At Taylor Shellfish, the director of

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# DNR reaches agreement on tideland trespasses

## Taylor Shellfish one of three firms to repay state for use of unauthorized use of public tidelands

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Natural Resources announced today it has reached settlements with three Washington shellfish companies to resolve their unauthorized use of state-owned tidelands to grow and harvest shellfish.

Under the agreements, the three companies – Taylor Shellfish, Seattle Shellfish and Arcadia Point Seafood – will repay the state a total of \$417,000 for allowing their operations to encroach on state-owned aquatic lands.

"I am pleased that all three shellfish growers have shown such commitment to working cooperatively with DNR to determine the rightful access to use these public tidelands," said Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark. "Each firm's legal use of tidelands – both private and publicly

owned – is important to create jobs and generate revenue that helps protect Puget Sound and bring it back to health." Under the agreements, the three companies will reimburse the state for operating on state-owned aquatic lands without authorization over a period of five to seven years. The settlement amounts agreed to are:

Taylor Shellfish – \$225,000 for encroachment at North Bay;

Seattle Shellfish – \$75,000 for encroachment at Arcadia Point on Case Inlet; and

Arcadia Point Seafood – \$117,000 for encroachments also at Arcadia Point.

Products from these lands include oysters, clams and geoduck. The encroachment at North Bay was discovered by DNR staff as a result of the ongoing survey of state tidelands, but

the encroachments at Arcadia Point were brought to DNR's attention by one of the growers. All three encroachments will be considered unintentional under the agreement, and the three firms also agreed to stop using those areas for aquaculture without signed leases.

"We appreciate Commissioner Goldmark's collective approach to working with shellfish growers," said Bill Dewey, spokesperson for Taylor Shellfish. "We've reviewed our farm boundaries, surveyed anywhere they were in doubt, and shared the results with DNR to resolve any potential ownership issues."

Identifying the boundaries of tide-land ownership is a process that can be complicated by the changing landscapes of shoreline areas, as well as the different ways in which state law has identified the boundaries of shoreline parcels since statehood. Settlement money received by DNR will help fund the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, used for habitat restoration,

education and research projects related to Puget Sound. Statewide, DNR administers more than 140 leases to private firms for the rights to grow and harvest oysters, mussels, clams and other products 2,329 acres of state tidelands.

As steward of the 2.6 million acres of state aquatic lands, DNR manages the bedlands under Puget Sound, the coast, many of Washington's beaches, and natural lakes and navigable rivers. DNR manages these lands not only to help navigation, commerce, and public access, but also to ensure protection of aquatic habitat. State-owned aquatic lands include:

—About 68,100 acres of state-owned tidelands, or 106 square miles

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Responsibility first- taxes opposed

My reasons for opposing taxes for Fire District 16 (Key Peninsula) remain the same as they have been since before I was elected. "Responsibility First" means the employees of FD16 must agree to a comprehensive and fair substance abuse policy administered by an outside impartial agency so it is not suspect! I have found several agencies that meet that criteria, one supplied all documents necessary and at a cost that would be less than \$8,000/year for administration and all testing. Why do I believe such a policy is necessary? 1. The district does not have such a policy. What they do have does not work. 2. Fire District 16 has had too many instances to list here of both drug and alcohol abuse. I hear the cries from those fearing testing, "Not true, lies, It never happened" but yet every time I tell the truth and give the proof the next step has been to punish me and to get their friends to punish me. There are those who want the truth covered up so that unknowing voters will vote "YES" every time. I prefer informed voters who want to hear the truth and believe in reform and I believe those are the same voters who elected me and have backed me on every election since. I would much rather work to pass a levy than work to defeat the levy but I cannot do so till until there is "RESPONSIBILITY FIRST" WHY DO THEY FEAR TESTING?

*Allen Yanity, FD 16 Fire Commissioner*

## No illegal bang, please

Yes it's that time of the year when a lot of people get together and set off explosives. Then they yell and scream like they have done something truly amazing, when all they have done is rattle my windows and nerves, traumatize every pet and livestock within a 5-mile radius, and annoy all of their neighbors. I'm all for celebrating the 4th of July legally. So dear neighbors, when you decide to set off illegal dynamite ask yourself is it really worth it just to hear that big bang?

*Leslie Potter, Minterbrook*

## EMS levy needed

The EMS levy will be up for renewal in August. If it fails, we will lose our last ambulance and many of our EMS personnel. Our only recourse will be private ambulance service from outside District 16, which is very costly and available ONLY if not already required elsewhere. Even if one is available, it could take an hour or more to arrive due to personnel unfamiliar with the area.

When minutes count, we need immediate response. If this levy fails, that response won't be there for us and we will have only ourselves to blame. Before you vote no or refuse to vote at all, consider this: what will you say to your child, grandchild or other family member, or even your neighbor, when one of them needs help that arrives too late? Will you tell them that their well-being or even their life just wasn't worth the few dollars that it would cost you to vote YES to continue the service we now enjoy?

*Concerned members of the Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club*

## No on levy will mean consequences for all

We didn't pass the fire levy lid lift. Now some are finding out there are unexpected consequences. Recently a local resident received a notice from her insurance company. Her homeowner's insurance premiums are going up..a LOT. The reason they gave was a reduction in fire protection in our area. We have a vote coming up in August to MAINTAIN the current tax we've been paying for the last 10 years. This is NOT a vote for a new tax. If you vote no in August we will lose ambulance service from the one ambulance we still have. If the vote fails, more cutbacks will take place. We've all been warned that fire response time could also be seriously delayed. If you don't want to pay for emergency services then be prepared to pay higher premiums for homeowner's insurance. Of course, because we'll have no local ambulance, you, a neighbor, or a loved one could die because help doesn't get to you in time. I wonder if those who voted no on past levy votes thought of that.

*Pamela Smith, Lakebay*

## Ashes sale success

Thanks to the Fire Dept and Bayshore



*Photo courtesy of Dale Goodvin, KP News*

Garden club and Ashes members for all the help with the Ashes' Rummage Sale.

It was very good, and we had a lot of people. Thank you,

*Marguerite Bussard, president,  
Ashes Auxiliary Fire District #16*

## Thank you for Seussical Jr. production

On behalf of the Two Waters Arts Alliance Artists in Schools Program, we would like to thank everyone who played a part in bringing Seussical Jr., the Musical, to the civic center last month. First, a BIG, HUGE thank you to Paula DeMoss, the marvelous music teacher at Minter, who spent many hours both during and after school on the production. You are amazing, Paula! We would also like to thank the lovely Faith Higgins, artist-in-residence, who shared her passion and knowledge of music, dance and theater with the students. Thank you to everyone at the Key Peninsula Civic Center for graciously hosting the event at no charge. Thanks to PHS for loaning sound and stage equipment and a special thanks to Jeff Stafki for stepping in and running it all. Thanks also to Steve Leitz and the staff at Minter for their support of the production. Thanks to all of the Minter parents who volunteered their time in countless ways to help make the show a success. Thanks to Superintendent Terry Bouck for his continued support of the arts. And thanks to the hundreds of community members who came out to see the show and support the arts! And finally, THANK YOU to the incredibly fabulous Minter fourth and fifth graders who brought Seussical to life. We were truly blown away by your dedication, hard work, passion and talent. Oh, the places you'll go!!

*Erika Arnett and Merrilee Kennedy, Two Waters Arts Alliance Artists in Schools*

## Vendetta old, rhetoric worn out

Hidden behind the "No Campaign", Yanity spews allegations. Is he the self-proclaimed savior of this district due to unresolved personal tragedies in his own life? Does he have a hidden past that these public distractions keep hidden? Why is it he is allowed to constantly call firefighters out of shape, and drug abusers with no ramifications to his nonsense? Why does Yanity aggressively tell voting citizens of this community to shut up in a forum for public comment? Why after being convicted of assault does he remain on the Board of Fire Commissioners? Why does he continue to serve and be recognized as a commissioner of this district when his own peers locally, and county-wide do not recognize him because of numerous censures.

It begs to be answered what Yanity's ulterior motives are. Mr. Yanity continues to call for random drug testing, when a foolproof system is already in place and has done as intended. Yanity continually says our firefighters are unfit, when yearly we must pass a complete medical and physical abilities test.

The results of these tests tell the truth, KPFD Firefighters are as fit, if not fitter, than our counterparts across the county. The truth is this election is about continuing an already existing EMS Levy, the lifeline that supports the Advanced Life Support capabilities, and the paramedic service of your fire district. Without it half of the fire department's professional firefighters will be gone. Neighboring districts have stated they will not be able to pick up the slack.

Mr. Yanity, the past is the past, your vendetta is old and your rhetoric worn out.

*Rick Price, Key Peninsula Resident and Firefighter/Paramedic Key Peninsula Fire Dept.*

## To submit a letter

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# Ambulance and trained medics on Key Pen, please

I love the United States and am proud to be an American. And it's my love of this place that sometimes makes me look around and say "Really? That's happening HERE? I thought we were the best nation in the world." I don't usually think that too often on the KP itself, though I have recently with the upcoming possibility of us losing our ambulance service out here.

I've lived in small towns, beach towns, depressed towns, and big cities, but never in a populated place without access to an ambulance in a reasonable amount of time. I'd never really thought about it before. Just sort of took it for granted, I suppose. Dial 9-1-1 and help will soon arrive. This is something that gives me some degree of comfort when I'm around other people, especially kids or older folks, or pregnant women, or heck just about anyone. You keel over and turn blue, and I dial 9-1-1. You live (hopefully), the medics are heroes, I'm a good citizen, and we can all laugh and go fishing.

However, without a ready ambulance with a trained medic, it's a different story.

**KEVIN REED**  
HERE'S SOMETHING



I'm not a trained medic, which makes me an untrained non-medical, something I point out because, if you and I are talking, and you keel over, I will not, through no fault of my own, perform all the proper procedures to stabilize your condition. I am not capable of quickly assessing your ailment, then systematically walking through a series of proven medical steps to ensure you the highest rate of survival until you can reach a major hospital. If you go into cardiac arrest, I will not produce a defibrillator from my back pocket, vigorously (yet calmly) rub the two electrodes together, place the electrodes in the correct locations on your torso, then activate the control box to shock your heart back to life.

I'm not a complete idiot, mind you. I could tie a tourniquet, or apply pressure to an open wound. I could probably deliver a

baby, assuming there were no complications, and all I had to do was sit there looking concerned and make the woman as comfortable as possible. If you were lucky, I could expel a wad of food from your gullet via the correct application of the Heimlich maneuver, though I'd put that in the 50/50 category. Barring those, though, I'd have to toss you in the back of my vehicle and drive you to the nearest medical place while you thrashed about in the back seat. This is why we humans specialize into medics, lumberjacks, engineers, and whatever else. We all can't know everything.

On Aug. 17, we all vote on whether to keep the ambulance service on the KP going, or to make it go away. There are no new taxes in this levy; it's simply a continuation of the money we already pay for another 10 years of ambulance service. It has nothing to do with fire response money. This is how it works: You call for an ambulance and one of two KP ambulances come, 24/7, with medics. If they're busy, a neighboring area provides service. What your insurance doesn't

cover, the levy does. You get care immediately on site, and on the drive to the hospital. The medics are communicating with the hospital as you drive.

If the levy fails, all that changes. We'll lose both ambulances and lay off 14 ambulance support people, including many medics. That means medics on call during certain hours only, responding in a fire engine to provide basic life support until some other help arrives. If the fire engine is on a call, then there is a delay. Neighboring areas say they won't reciprocate with their service, since we have nothing to trade. A private provider would not keep an ambulance on the Key, which means at least 30-40 minutes to get south of Key Center, and then 30-45 minutes to an area hospital. There are about 1,800 medical alarms each year on the KP. In this situation, I would have to either get trained as a medic or move somewhere where there is service. Then I think: "This is America? No ambulance?" Learn more: [www.saveyourambulance.org/](http://www.saveyourambulance.org/). Please vote with me this August to support the EMS Levy Renewal.

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## Candidate forum, focus: FD 16 EMS levy

Staff Report

Absentee ballots will be mailed out July 30, but voters will have a chance to hear primary candidates for Pierce County Council District 7 in person prior to voting. They Key Peninsula News is co-sponsoring a candidate forum Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in the Whitmore Room.

The Key Peninsula Community Council, along with the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Key Peninsula Business Association has invited the candidates to discuss the

upcoming EMS levy for Fire District 16.

Eight primary candidates are scheduled to speak, including Randy Boss (R), Stan Flemming (R), Todd Iverson (D), John Picinich (No party preference), Betty Ringlee (D), Bill Sehmel (R), Chuck West (D) and Larry Wingard (R).

The candidates are all vying for Terry Lee's seat on the council. Lee has served as council member for two terms. He was elected to the position in 2003, and again in 2007. Currently, the council limits members to two consecutive four-year terms.

Election day is Aug. 17.

## Voter Rights Restored

A year ago a significant law quietly took effect in Washington State. On July 26, 2009, voter rights were automatically restored to individuals previously convicted of a felony after they have served their time and satisfied their community custody requirement.

See details on the website of the American Civil Liberties Union. [www.aclu-wa.org/issues/voting-rights](http://www.aclu-wa.org/issues/voting-rights)

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### Voter Registration Requirements

You may register and vote if you are:  
A citizen of the United States;  
A legal resident of Washington State;  
At least 18 years old by Election Day.

### You may not register or vote if you:

Have been convicted of a felony and not had your voting rights restored; or

Have been declared by a court to be mentally incompetent and ineligible to vote.

Elections Calendar from the Secretary of State, Sam Reed

[www.sos.wa.gov/elections/calendar\\_list.aspx?y=2010](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/calendar_list.aspx?y=2010)

**7/2/2010:** Deadline to submit petitions for Initiatives to the People Article II Sec. 1 Washington State Constitution

**7/18/2010:** Overseas and military ballots mailed for the August 17 Primary

**7/19/2010:** Deadline for voter regis-

tions / transfers for the Aug. 17 Primary  
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# Donor gives bus to Boys and Girls Club for Key Pen kids

By Marsha Hart, KP News

The Cheney Branch of the Boys and Girls Club in Gig Harbor has received a bus specifically for use on the Key Peninsula.

Jo Ann Maxwell, director of the branch, said the mini bus that holds 22, was given through a grant from an anonymous donor. It is designated for transporting children from the Key Peninsula to the Boys and Girls Club in Gig Harbor, and back, free of charge.

"Right now we have said we will pick the kids up at the Key Peninsula Civic Center at 8 a.m. and drop them off at 6 p.m., but if for some reason that timing doesn't work for people we can talk about that," Maxwell said.

The fine details, such as the earliest time a child can be dropped off at the civic center by parents, and the latest they can be picked up at the site by parents haven't been ironed out yet, she said.

"We haven't really had any takers yet," she said. "We are able to start as

soon as we get members signed up that want to take advantage of it."

If more than 22 children sign up to use the bus, she said they will consider doing a second pickup and drop off time, but the important thing is to use the bus.

"I hate to have to give the money back," she said. "It is contingent upon us using it."

Membership forms must be filled out and turned in before children will be allowed to ride the bus.

Membership fees are \$30 per week for children on free lunch at school, \$60 per week for those on reduced lunch, and \$90 per week for children who are not on lunch assistance programs.

"If they need a scholarship, we look into that as well. No child is turned away," she said.

The Boys and Girls Club in Gig Harbor opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. and serves children between the age of 6 and 18.

For more information, call 502-4670.



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This bus seats 22 and will give Key Peninsula members of the Boys and Girls Club in Gig Harbor free transportation. Kids will be picked up at the civic center and dropped off at the same location in the evening.



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# Ren Faire has new name, founder claims hostile takeover

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

Renaissance Faire was a 10-year institution on the KP before moving last year to Maris Farms at 24713 Sumner-Buckley Highway in eastern Pierce County.

From 1998 thru 2008, Ren Faire operated under the name Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire, a profit corporation founded and managed by Ronald Cleveland. When it outgrew its location along SR302, a much larger property was contracted for purchase in NE Mason County for its relocation. Difficulties were encountered, and an operating permit could not be obtained. No faire was held in 2008.

The 2009 Ren Faire operated again under the name "Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire" at the new Buckley location, but actually signed its lease under the name "Washington Renaissance Arts and Education Society", a non-profit corporation formed by Cleveland in 2006. Registered trade names (DBA) of Washington Renaissance Arts and Education Society include "Washington Renaissance Faire", "Washington State Renaissance Faire", and "Midsummer Renaissance Faire".

The 2010 Ren Faire is advertised as the "Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire", with the lease signed by the "Washington Arts and Education Society".

"There has been a hostile takeover," said Cleveland, "orchestrated by Tracy Nietupski, who managed Ren Faire operations, Amy Forsyth, who managed the performers, and Bill Watters, who provided some financing for the 2009 faire, and who also owns five or six other renaissance faires across the country."

"Through numerous acts of deception, they have stolen my concept, properties, and trust," said Cleveland. "A lawsuit will be filed soon to straighten this all out. I intentionally delayed filing the suit so that Ren Faire could be held this year. To do otherwise would not be fair to the public and the many venders who are dependent upon Ren Faire sales as their major income source for the year."

The Secretary of State records for its Corporation Division lists Amy Forsyth as the President of the Washington Renaissance Arts and Education Society,

with Theresa Nietupski as Vice-President.

"The failed Ren Faire in 2008 resulted in a tremendous debt that fell on the for-profit corporation and Cleveland himself who had personally co-signed for those debts," Forsyth said. "Cleveland ended up filing personal bankruptcy, and the corporation was dissolved in 2009."

"In order for Ren Faire to continue, we had to distance Ren Faire from Cleveland and the dissolved corporation in order to avoid liability," said Forsyth. "We actually tried to keep Cleveland involved, but could not, because he insisted upon total control, which was no longer possible."

Nietupski denied knowledge of any pending lawsuit, but does state that "Cleveland has no interest in the Ren Faire being held this year. This year's faire, the "Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire", is co-produced by the "Washington Renaissance Arts and Education Society" and "Renaissance Productions" (owned by Watters, who lives in San Francisco).

"Nearly all of last year's venders and performers will be returning this year," said Nietupski. "A corn maize over one acre in size is new this year. If viewed from space, the shape of the maize would look like two knights jousting."

The faire site is located on a high plateau, where the 2009 Ren Faire saw temperatures reach 105 and 109 degrees. "We used umbrellas, pavilions, and water misters to help with the temperature last year," said Nietupski. "We will do the same and more this year."

Cleveland stated that "Between 67 to 68,000 people attended last year's faire, with over 1,000 regulars from the KP. The attendance was down 12 percent from our best year."

Nietupski stated that "Cleveland's numbers are inflated. It was more like 30,000 for the total of the three weekends last year."

Forsyth, Nietupski, and Cleveland all agree on one thing, that a great deal of fun and excitement can still be experienced at Ren Faire, whichever name is used.

There are still openings for venders with handcrafted products. Potential volunteers and venders can make contact at [info@wraes.com](mailto:info@wraes.com). Ticket information is available at [www.washingtonfaire.com](http://www.washingtonfaire.com).

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# Smile Mobile & Mobile Dental Clinic visit the KP

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Thanks to its partnership with Communities In Schools of Peninsula, the SmileMobile of the Washington Dental Service Foundation visited Vaughn Elementary School where eligible patients were provided treatment at low or no cost. SmileMobile's visits to Vaughn have become an annual affair.

CISP coordinates dental services for children who need dental care.

"Our mission is to 'surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in schools and achieve in life,'" said Laurel Shultz of CISP. "We bring the professional dental community in to provide these vital services to students so they can focus on learning rather than toothaches."

One of SmileMobile's cooperating dentists, Dr. Eric Kvinsland said, "students whose teeth are in need of attention are often in pain and pain detracts from a child's ability to learn. This is not acceptable." Kvinsland is a member of CISP's Board of Directors.

Mobile Dental Clinic of Medical Teams

International, in partnership with Pierce County Dentists Care and in consort with the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound and a generous grant from the Franciscan Health System, provided top of the line dental facilities and personnel to care for those in need of dental attention at low to no cost at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Dr. John Winskill, assisted by clinic manager Fredda Smith, also performed dental procedures on needy patients.

"CISP does not financially sponsor these dental services but teams with local providers, the Washington Dental Service Foundation, our school district nurses and Pierce County Dentist's Care work together to ensure the services are provided each year," explained Shultz.

The dental team from WDSF included Mobile Program Coordinator Karri Amundson, Dr. John Deviny, who served all week in the van, Jeanie Romero, office manager, and April Spencer, dental assistant.

This year Abbe Salk of Lindquist Dental Clinic joined the effort to provide initial dental services and provided infor-



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Gig Harbor dentist and CISP board member Dr. Eric Kvinsland and his dental assistant Candace Swanson perform a dentistry procedure for Vaughn Elementary 5th grader Alexis Haug in the "SmileMobile" during its week at the school.

mation to families about the new Lindquist Dental Clinic open in the Jim and Carolyn Milgard Family Hope Center

in the Gig Harbor Cheney Family Branch Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound.

"Jennifer Bunch with Pierce County Dentist's Care does an incredible job facilitating the volunteer dentists and their assistants," said Shultz. "She is a wonderful resource in our community. Local dentists and their staffs on board during the week of services included Dr. Bloomquist and also Dr. Rioux with her staff members Jennifer Lyons, Chong Soa and Leah Gillam."

For information, contact Laurel Shultz at CISP's offices in Key Center at 884-5733 or laurelcisp@centurytel.net.

To contact Bunch, email her at PCDC@nwlink.com or call 272-1101.

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# Audience entertained; KP talent showcased

By Faith Rhodes,  
Special to the KP News

Nineteen local acts — 21 people — took to the stage of the Key Peninsula Civic Center June 6 to audition for the bragging rights as the Key Peninsula's brightest talents. One of these will be crowned the 2010 champion at the center of KeyFest 2010, this year's rollicking and fun-filled community extravaganza Aug. 27 and 28 at Volunteer Park.

All the acts will perform at KeyFest Saturday, Aug. 28, with the master of ceremonies opening the curtains on the main stage. Times have yet to be established.

A panel of four judges will decide the winners, with \$300 going to the winner, \$200 to the runner-up and \$100 to third place. While the judges vow to be impartial, wild applause, cheers and whistles for your favorites might tip the balance a bit.

Singers warbled, musicians strummed, dancers hoofed it and comedians sprayed the audience with jokes during the afternoon-long audition — frequently bringing the spectators to their feet with applause, laughter and palm-slapping, foot-stomping accompaniment to the great efforts on stage. All the acts have close ties to the Key Peninsula, in keeping with KeyFest's goal of making the fair a celebration of local folks, local businesses and local organizations.

"This is a great place to live and to raise our children," said KeyFest president



Tom Boardman. "Key's Got Talent, our homegrown talent show, showcases just how much talent our friends and neighbors bring to our community."

While everyone was interested in presenting a family show for the fair, the entertainers make up a family with a bunch of generations. Ages ranged from pre-teens up to those who no longer count the candles on the cake.

"How can you pick and choose among these people?" one spectator asked at the end of the audition. "They are all great!"

Those who are in the running for the August spotlight are Nicholas Bosch, Curt Nix, Murphy Guy, Christina Smith, Nita Garnier, Jessalyn Wood, Michelle Halverson, Kristen Halverson, Cheyenne Anderson, Emma Riker, Lewella Riker, Sabrina VanWinkle, Deborah Halasz, Jessica Graham, Adria Hanson, Tanner Peavey, Lexy and Donelle Henry, Christine Copland, Chloe Schneder and Jonathon Lique.



Photos by Faith Rhodes, Special to the KP News

Above, Jessica Graham, an interpretive dancer, wows the judges during the Key's Got Talent audition in June. She will perform in August at Key Fest.

Left, Christina Smith gives an impressive performance and is voted into the next round for the Key's Got Talent competition.

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# Summer adventures

By Rodika Tollefson, KP News

Ready to get out of town but can't afford a "real" getaway? Lucky for Key Pen residents, there are great places to visit both east and west once you leave the peninsula — so it's easy to have a fun, affordable vacation by driving only as far as a full tank of gas will take you (sometimes even roundtrip).

Check out these ideas, and get inspired to explore the beautiful scenery that attracted you to the Evergreen State in the first place, discover some of the quaint towns with friendly faces, and maybe even learn a little something new.

## Olympic Peninsula

If you haven't acquainted yourself with the Olympic Peninsula yet, pack up immediately and go! Within an easy three-hour drive, you'll find both unparalleled views and cultural adventures. If you take the Hood Canal Bridge, your first stop should be in Port Townsend, a charming Victorian town that includes a

beach with a lighthouse and the nearby Fort Worden State Park that was once a working military fort guarding the nautical entrance to Puget Sound. You can even spend the night in the town's Manresa Castle (with any luck, maybe you'll see some ghost too — the historic building is said to be haunted).

Of course, if you have teenagers, you know all about the town of Forks, "home" to vampires and other mythical characters from the wild-selling books and movies in the Twilight series. The town has reinvented itself to answer to the tourist craze, so it may be worth a visit just to see all the redecorating.

The real attraction of the Olympic Peninsula, however, is the majestic setting. Home to the Olympic National Park, lakes, a hot springs resort and numerous scenic beaches, and framed by the Olympic Mountains, this unique Western Washington destination will take days to explore. If you're limited on time, one place to include in your itinerary is Hurricane Ridge, which has awe-inspiring views (make sure you have plenty of camera space available, as you're likely to get up close and personal with deer and other critters). If TLC is what you're after, check out the Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort.

Save a few extra hours for the trip back, and take the drive down the west coast instead of heading back to the Hood Canal. Stop by one of the beaches (Rialto Beach is amazing!), linger around long enough to watch the sunset, if you can — and you'll have your batteries recharged in no time as you listen to the crashing waves.

## Long Beach Peninsula

Long Beach Peninsula is another essential destination if you live in Washington for any amount of time. Aside from literally being able to touch the ocean on what has been dubbed "the world's longest beach," you'll find various curiosities like the "world's largest fry pan" (which may or may not be "real"), a fascinating kite museum and a quirky tourist trap called Marsh's Free Museum, which is home to abundant shopping and Jake "the alligator man" and other oddities, which the shopkeepers swear are real (but you'll have to decide for yourself, based on



*Photo by Rodika Tollefson*

The view from Cape Disappointment State Park near Ilwaco includes a view of the oldest lighthouse still in Washington and is a site filled with rich American history.

your level of gullibility).

What makes the Long Beach Peninsula a fun visit is its mix of history and attractions. This is Lewis and Clark territory, and you can walk part of their trail and, if you stop at the right diner, meet one of the descendants (Hint: Try the Dog House diner).

Take a short drive to nearby Raymond if you're fascinated with history: That's where you'll find the Willapa Seaport Museum with tons of marine artifacts, and the Northwest Carriage Museum (think two dozen restored, horse-drawn carriages, a hearse and more).

Plan an extra day or two into the schedule so you can visit other interesting sites within a short distance: Cape Disappointment (wear hiking shoes and bring your stamina if you want to hike all the way to the lighthouse) and Fort Columbia, a fascinating state park where you can walk through the rooms of two historic U.S. Army gun batteries (bring a flashlight) and visit the Commander's House Museum.

## Leavenworth/Wenatchee

If you're tired of the beach, head east instead. Leavenworth is one of Washington's most talked-about tourist towns. This Bavarian village is perfect if you love recreational shopping, and has picture-perfect views, all sorts of cultural activities, and maybe the best Bavarian food available short of flying to Europe.

The town took the theme idea to the top — everywhere you look, you'll feel

like you've arrived in King Ludwig territory. (You may even hear yourself humming, "Eedelweiss... edelweiss...")

If you get tired of all the folk music, the dancing and the Weisswurst, proceed to other parts of Wenatchee Valley (which is home to, among other things, the Aplets and Cotlets candy factory in Cashmere). If you travel back through Stevens Pass, drop in the reptile zoo in Monroe, a place that kids, tweens and teens will love.

Other ideas

- Take the dinner or brunch train on the Chehalis Centralia Railroad, one of the few steam-powered railroads in the state.

- For a unique and scenic trip, check out San Juans' Shaw Island. Our Lady of the Rock, a Benedictine monastery, welcomes visitors looking for peace and quiet. You can roll up your sleeves and work alongside the nuns on the farm, and even stay overnight.

- Check out the numerous museums in your own back yard, the Kitsap Peninsula. A log cabin museum in Port Orchard set up like an actual house, a puppet museum in Bremerton, and the newly reopened KidiMu on Bainbridge are just a few of the family-friendly places you can visit during a family day trip (and sneak a little education in).

- On the north end of Kitsap, a fun attraction is Point No Point Lighthouse, considered the oldest on Puget Sound; the site includes a vacation rental and a public beach.

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## July 6, 12, 19, 26-Bloodmobile dates set

The bloodmobile will be at the Albertson's in Gig Harbor from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. It will also be at the Peninsula Light Company, 2nd floor meeting room, on July 6 from 12-4:30 p.m.

## July 6, 13, 20, 27-Baby/toddler story time

Baby & Toddler Story Time is held at 11 a.m. for children accompanied by a caregiver. Enjoy books, action rhymes, knee bouncers, songs, etc at the Key Center Library. 884-2242

## July 6-22-Tennis clinics

Key Pen Parks sponsors tennis clinics for ages 5-8 from 10-10:50 a.m. and for ages 9-12 from 11-11:50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the KP Civic Center. The fee is \$49 and there must be between 6 and 12 participants. Pre-register by June 30 with Chad, 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com

## July 7-Twilight tour

Key Pen Parks offers a chance to experience Forks and La Push the way Bella did in "Twilight." The tour leaves Volunteer Park at 7:45 a.m. and returns about 6 p.m. and costs \$20. Nine children between 12 and 15 are required. Bring money for lunch at the Three Rivers Resort, home of the Twilight menu. Tour many of the places in "Twilight" ending at

First Beach, where Bella heard the legend of the cold ones. Dress appropriately for the weather on the coast. Register by June 30 with Chad@keypenparks.com or 884-9240

## July 7-Computer class

The Key Center Library hosts a class, adults only, on appraising collectibles and antiques from noon-2 p.m. Attendees may bring ONE small, non-fragile item to appraise during the class. Pre-register at 884-2242.

## July 8-Puppet theatre

Puppet Theatre presents "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Elves and the Shoemaker" at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. The shows are appropriate for all ages. 884-2242.

## July 12-16-Cheer camp

Key Pen Parks sponsors a cheertastic cheer camp for ages 7-12 from 10-11:30 a.m. and for ages 5-6 from 12-1 p.m. at the Volunteer Park Concession Building. Cost is \$43 and there must be between 10-20 participants/group. Register by July 1. Chad, 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com

## July 13-Knit or crochet group

Loving Hearts, volunteers who crochet or knit items for non-profits in the community, meet from 1-3 and from 7-9 p.m. on July 22 at the WayPoint Church, 12719 134th Ave KPN. The group welcomes new members and donations of yarn, buttons and needles. Contact lovingheartsonkp@aol.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

## July 13-Aquaculture hearing

The Key Peninsula Advisory Commission (KPAC) will be reviewing an aquaculture case at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at Key Peninsula Civic Center.

## July 13-Adult softball

Adult coed softball begins a 10-game season, plus a double elimination tournament, on Tuesday, July 13. The fee is \$60/team and there are NEW registration procedures. There must be between 8 and 18 teams. Teams will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. See www.keypenparks.com for registration procedures or call 884-9240.

## July 16-Skate night

Skate night for elementary and middle school students is held from 7-10 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$5, which includes skates. Refreshments are available for purchase. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

## July 16-Tour to lavender fields

Join Claudia Loy and spend the day from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. touring the Sequim lavender fields. The bus leaves from Sunnycrest Nursery. \$40 includes transportation, admission and treats on the bus. Call 884-3937 to register.

## July 17-Lyme group

The Lyme disease support group meets from 3-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

## July 18-Croquet tournament

The First Annual Longbranch Community Croquet Tournament, sponsored by LIC, will be held from 2-6 p.m. at the LIC. Prizes for best theme, spirit, costumes, strokes, scores will be awarded. Food, drink and friendly judges are available. Spectators are welcome and are asked to bring a donation for the food bank. All monetary proceeds benefit the Mustard Seed Project.

## July 19-22-Kindermusik camp

Kindermusik: Giggles Camp, sponsored by Key Pen Parks, will be held for

ages 4-6, from 2-2:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Park Concession Building. Cost is \$49, which includes a Home Kit for your preschooler. Register by July 15 at 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com.

## July 20-Pirate concert

"Yo Ho!-A Pirate Concert" will be presented by award-winning songwriter/poet Eric Ode and his first mate, Anthony Rat at 2 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This musical tale of sharks, storms and hidden treasure is appropriate for all ages. 884-2242.

## July 24 – Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking featuring participants' photos of fun travels or adventures will be held from 12-6 p.m. in the Whitmore Room of the KP Civic Center. Registration is \$15; see www.kpciviccenter.org for applications and more information.

## July 24-Salmon bake

The Tenth Annual Salmon Bake at the LIC will be held from 2-6 p.m. The menu includes grilled salmon, corn on the cob, lemonade, potato salad and strawberry shortcake; hot dogs are available. Presale tickets are \$12/adults, \$5 for 5-12, and free for under 5. Adult tickets are \$14 at the door. Tickets are available at Coast Hardware in Lake Kathyrn, Home Store, Charboneau Construction, Sunnycrest Nursery and Longbranch Marina. www.longbranchchurch.net.

## July 27-Beat night

Listen to local poets and musicians at the Poet's Beat Night starting at 6 p.m. at O'Callahan's. 884-6455.

## July 26-30-Nature art camp

Key Pen Parks sponsors a Sticks & Stones Art Camp for first-fifth grade students from 9 a.m.-noon at Volunteer Park. Get hands-on experience creating

nature-based art and also learn the basics about flora and fauna. Fee is \$95 and there must be between 10-20 participants. Register by July 22. Chad, 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com

## **July 31-Aug. 1-Lavenders and antiques**

Enjoy a fun day on a lavender farm and shop antique and crafts booths in the pasture and orchard from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Lavender Park is located at 9310 Cramer Road, near the Key Center flashing light.

## **Aug 1.-Ultimate Frisbee**

A coed Ultimate Frisbee League, for ages 18 and up, will play games at 1 p.m. on Sundays, Aug. 1-Sept. 12 (no Labor Day games) at Volunteer and Sehmel Parks. Ultimate Frisbee combines the non-stop movement of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football; it's a self-officiated sport played in an open field with a specialized Ultimate Frisbee disc. Fee is \$195/team and between 4-8 teams are needed. Register by July 24. A meeting/practice will be July 28 at Sehmel Park.

## **Aug. 6-Outdoor movie**

Cinema Under the Stars, sponsored by CenturyLink, is held at Volunteer Park at dusk. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free family movie, "Inkheart." Non-perishable donations for the KP

Food Bank are appreciated.

## **Aug. 7-Beyond the Borders**

Beyond the Borders, sponsored by Two Waters and Longbranch Improvement Club, is held from 1-6 p.m. at LIC. Free admission opens the window to a Two Waters Art Show, the Worlds of Music Festival and various ethnic foods to buy.

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

## **Tuesdays-TOPS #1325**

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

## **Thursdays-Toastmasters**

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

## **Thursdays- Senior Society**

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

# **JULY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Peninsula School District Board, July 8, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office
- KP Civic Center Board, July 8, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room
- Lions Club, July 11, Installation of Officers, 12:30 p.m. at the McMillan home; 884-3319
- KP Metro Parks, July 12, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex
- Fire District 16, July 13 & 27, 6 p.m.(new time) in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station
- Key Peninsula Community Council, July 14, 6:30 p.m. meeting, KC Library
- LIC dessert potluck meeting, July 21, 7 p.m. Longbranch Improvement Club

# **OFF THE KEY**

## **July 1-3- Paradise presents play**

"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be presented on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.paradisetheatre.org](http://www.paradisetheatre.org) or 851-PLAY.

## **July 6, 13, 20, 27-Free concerts**

Summer Sounds at Skansie are Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Skansie Brothers Park in downtown Gig Harbor. The band for July 6 is the 133rd National Guard Band, for July 13 is the Blackberry Bushes Stringband, for July 20 is The Beatniks and the Freckles Brown Band will play on July 27. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy this free family event.

## **July 7, 14, 21, 28-Green market**

The Gig Harbor Green Market is held Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Skansie Brothers Park. Farm-fresh local produce, plants, flowers, seafood, crafts, etc are available.

## **July 8, 15, 22, 29-Uptown concerts**

Multi-care Summer Concert at Uptown presents the Joey James Dean Band from 6-8 p.m. at Uptown Gig Harbor on July 8. Perry Acker with Christopher Day will perform on July 15, Steve Stefanowicz is scheduled for

July 22, and Michael Anthony Pratt will play on July 29.

## **July 9 & 23-Date night movies**

Free Date Night movies for adults only will be shown at dusk (weather permitting) at Donkey Creek Park in Gig Harbor. The movie on July 9 is "Airplane" and on July 23 "Mama Mia" will be shown at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket.

## **July 10-Bloodmobile visits**

The bloodmobile will be at St. Nicholas Catholic Church from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and at Adventure of Faith Church from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and also at Harbor Place at Cottesmore from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For other local dates and times, see the online calendar at [www.keypennews.com](http://www.keypennews.com).

## **July 10-Auditions**

Paradise Theatre holds auditions for the Washington premiere of the hit musical, "Hairspray" at 2 p.m. Persons auditioning for "Hairspray" will be considered for the rest of the season. Otherwise, general auditions are July 11 at 2 p.m. Set up an appointment time and come prepared with one musical theatre-style song and a one minute monologue. Bring the sheet music needed to the audition. Dance auditions and call-backs will be held later. 253-851-PLAY

## **July 10 & 24-Family movies**

The free Cinema Gig Family Night movie at Skansie Brothers Park on July 10 is "Where the Wild Things Are." The movie for July 24 is "The Goonies." Bring a blanket or chair. Movie begins at dusk, weather permitting. [www.gigharborguide.com](http://www.gigharborguide.com)

## **July 17 & 18-Allyn days**

The 27th annual Allyn Days Festival is held at Allyn's Waterfront Park. Booths are open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday with entertainment on both days starting an hour later. Saturday features a Salmon Bake from noon-6 p.m. followed by a dance from 6-9 p.m. Sunday features a BBQ chicken meal from noon-5 p.m. See [www.allynaca.com](http://www.allynaca.com) for shuttle schedule and directions. Call Debi, 360-275-0780 for booth vendors.

## **July 17-18- Summer arts festival**

Local artists fill the streets of Gig Harbor with their creations. [www.Peninsulaartleague.com](http://www.Peninsulaartleague.com)

## **July 31-Car show**

The annual Cruise the Narrows Classic Car Show is held at Uptown, Gig Harbor. [www.gigarborcruisers.org](http://www.gigarborcruisers.org)

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## DR ROES ENDORSES THE EMS LEVY IN AUGUST

**Letter Submitted by DR William Roes, M.D.  
Key Medical Center**

When I first started practicing in Key Center in 1981, the fire department had a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance staffed with EMT's. Basically in an emergency they would "scoop and run" providing only transportation for injured and ill residents. I worked closely with many of the volunteers and young Firefighters that are now the leaders of the department, but in a real medical emergency, our services were second best. That all changed when we progressed to an Advanced Life Support (ALS) system with Paramedics. Paramedics had the capabilities to give medications, start intravenous lines, and now to do EKGs and use a trans-thoracic pacemakers and other advanced technologies. Times have changed over those 29 years and numerous lives have been saved by the expanded capacity of our department. Failure to extend the levy at the election will turn the clock back to the bad old days of 1981 where emergency medical services on the Key Peninsula were inferior to those available in neighboring communities. I have a vested interest in promoting the passage of the Emergency Medical Services levy, as many of the lives they save are my patients, and your family or friends.

One of the benefits of Fire District #16 providing an ALS service is that we have established joint coverage with South Kitsap, Gig Harbor, and Mason County fire departments. That means when our ambulances are out of the area, they will respond to our emergencies with their Paramedics and ambulances, and vice versa. These agreements will all go away if we cannot provide reciprocal care to cover them. This leaves us with calling for ALS service from a private provider. I have no problems with the services provided by private ambulance companies, but I do have problems with the likelihood of the amount of time it will require them to provide service out here in

an emergency if they are coming from Tacoma or even Gig Harbor. Our Firefighters/EMT's will still respond to medical emergencies, but without the Paramedics or capability to transport, their role will be limited to supporting the patient with BLS services while waiting for an ambulance to come from somewhere else. This will take time in a situation where time is the critical factor in survival. In addition, the local hospital, St. Anthony's, may not be the destination for an acute cardiac event, and these are the cases where a paramedic's skills are most needed. The run from Longbranch to TG or St. Joes is still over 45 minutes and you want the best service from the beginning.

I believe the failure to pass recent levies reflects not on the services provided by Fire District #16 but rather frustration with the antics of the fire department's board of commissioners. I share that feeling, but want to make a distinction between the lifesaving work done by the professional Firefighters/EMT's/Paramedics, and the commissioners. There is no greater sense of relief when you are standing at the scene of an accident on 302, rendering first aid, to see the ambulance roll up. At that point, you're not thinking about what stupid thing a commissioner has done, but how to help the trauma victim. This decision affects us all, I just happen to be in a profession where the results are more obvious on a day-to-day basis.

I know there are many new residents in our community that may not be aware of the history of EMS services on the Key Peninsula, or have not been in a community where there was not a ALS paramedic based system in place. I have, and I can tell that if this levy fails to pass we will all pay much more than money in terms of the health and well being of the citizens of the Key Peninsula. I urge your support of the continuation of funding our fire department at its current level with passage of the Emergency Medical Services levy.

## WHAT IT WAS LIKE BEFORE WE HAD EMS

**Letter submitted by Sharon Barber Price  
Ex-Longbranch Resident**

I lived part of my childhood on KPN moving back to Tacoma in December of 1954. I have many fond memories of having lived in that area and often reminisce of the good old days in Long Branch. I also vividly remember some days with remorse.

The year of the "infamous blizzard" our family home burned to the ground. The only remaining portion of the structure was a few bricks from the chimney. Back then the fire

fighters were all volunteers with little or no training. They would respond after continuous ringing of the 20 party-line crank telephones on the wall. The residents would pick up the receiver to hear the location of the problem, racing in their private vehicles to assist their friends and neighbors in need. It would be a community working together. This fire was spotted by a Steilacoom resident who happened to get up in the wee hours of darkness and called in a suspicious glow in the skies of what they thought was in the Longbranch area on a hill. This initiated the

phone ringing for volunteers to perform their volunteer duties. The roads were solid ice, causing the fire tanker truck to go in the ditch twice enroute. One of these ditch encounters punctured the water tank. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire the TANK was empty. Numerous volunteers joined the already formed "bucket brigade" of first responders, passing buckets by hand from the large spring on the property to no avail.

There was a second fire during that era that I recollect, as well, in which not only was

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there property loss but loss of life. I remember a father and his young child perishing. This fire devastated the family, friends and neighbors. Again the volunteer fire fighters fought this blaze to no avail.

A second incident involving me personally was August 1951. My brother was driving our old Chevy pickup to charge the battery and assure it was in proper running condition a few days prior to our Steplathers return from commercial fishing in Alaska. I'd been given permission to ride in the back of the truck. While driving down Devils Head road, which was gravel back then, I fell out of the truck. Evidently I was doing something I should not have done resulting in the fall and being dragged a distance. I was in and out of consciousness for two days, lying on the kitchen table while my mother and her friend attended to me. I only remember seeing the gravel embedded in my face as they attempted to clean my wounds. Several neighbors came to give support and allowed my mother respite from my screaming. One of the neighbors had had some nursing education and was able to give support and

advice. Had there been EMS available I am sure I would have been hospitalized for observation of a severe concussion. How fortunate I did not have a subdural or skull fracture.

With these stories in mind I ask each of you: Do you wish to REGRESS back in time? Would you like to again have volunteers for your fire protection and medical aid? Can you conceive what it is like to be nearing 70 years of age and not have one baby picture available to show your children or grandchildren?

The devastation for my parents of losing everything they'd worked so hard for haunted them until their passing many years later.

I find it most difficult to understand that malicious rumors of fine men and women serving you are abounding the community of my childhood. I cannot believe a person who for some reason has a vengeance against the very people who may be asked to save his or his family's life or property would influence the residents of KPN to vote no. To think this man continues to hold a public office of Fire Commissioner after being charged with assault.

I write this commentary with the hope that it will promote each of you to evaluate the rumors. Take time to talk to and get acquainted with your fire fighter/paramedics. In so doing I am sure each of you will be impressed and take a positive position on the upcoming EMS Levy vote in August, IT MAY SAVE A LIFE!

I also ask you to take moment to realize the effect failing to vote for this levy could have on you local economy. Your area hosts many sporting events in Volunteer Park, as well as having an abundance of fishing waters and beautiful camping sites. I for one will certainly have second thought of attending events in this area knowing the limited emergency services available if this Levy is not passed! The visits to Trillium Winery, the wonderful burgers at the Burger Hut and other purchases at the local merchants will certainly diminish. I would also reconsider the purchasing of Real Estate in an area with limited EMS Fire Services.

In closing I again say Do Not Go Back In Time, Please Vote YES For the EMS LEVY, August 17, 2010! It may save your life.

# Key Pen sculpture goes to Dupont

By Sharon Hicks, KP News

**A**fter a year of waiting, the sculpture of Chloe Clark is going to be on permanent display in Dupont. John Jewel, a Key Peninsula resident and sculptor, began working on the piece in 2007.

Clark was the first classroom teacher in the Northwest. She graduated from Wesleyan Academy in 1837 and taught young students in Montpelier, Vermont. From there she was recruited by Jason Lee to go out to the Northwest to teach and convert. She arrived at the Hudson Bay Company's Fort Nisqually on July 10, 1849, as the first classroom teacher. She taught up to 50 Native American students.

After a short time in the Nisqually area, she and her husband moved to Chemeketa, now Salem, Ore. There she

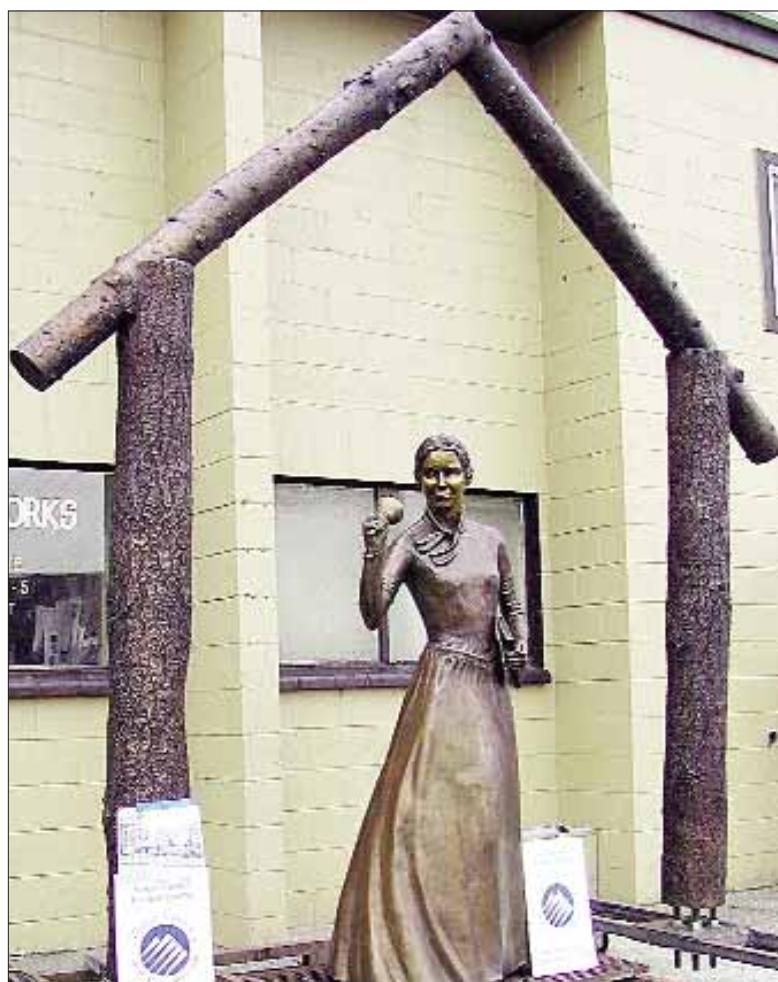
was the first teacher for the Oregon Institute, later Willamette University.

Clark and her three daughters moved to Massachusetts where she boarded students. One of them was Joseph K. Gill, founder of the J.K. Gill Book Co.

Returning to Salem, she served as governess of the Ladies Department for Willamette University. She became the first Dean of Women and served eight years. Clark died in Portland on June 2, 1877 at the age of 56.

She believed, "The education which you receive is not to elevate you above the sphere, or to move you from it, but to qualify you to move in it with ease, grace and dignity."

The bronze sculpture of her will be dedicated July 10 at 11 a.m. at the Chloe Clark Elementary School in Dupont, 1700 Palisade Blvd. The public is invited to attend.



Key Pen artist John Jewel will deliver the finished sculpture of Chloe Clark to its permanent home in Dupont.

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# July 4th on the Key Peninsula, early years

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Contemporary Key Peninsula celebrations on July 4 are families gathered for barbecue and picnics with approved fireworks purchased from local organizations set off on waterfronts or other safe locations.

Some of our current "old-timers" recall real community gatherings to celebrate Independence Day.

Evelyn Evans remembers community picnics on the point across the bay from her home. She thinks her dad, David Dadisman, probably put on the picnics.

"Dad sold fireworks at his store, and, and we shot off the ones that didn't sell," says Evans. "There were races on the beach, swimming races, and prizes for the kids."

Marguerite Bussard and Marge Radonich say the baseball games in Longbranch were the big event in their youth. A team from Tacoma came with some supporters on the boat to play the locals. Afterwards, a large community

dinner was enjoyed before the visitors returned home on the last boat of the day.

Races and games also took place for all ages and nickel ice cream cones were a treat for all.

"One year I won a quarter for pounding a nail into a board the fastest," Radonich says.

Her sister, Shirl Olson, remembers her dad setting off a stick of dynamite in the yard. "It was too far to go down to the beach then," she says.

In Vaughn, the first 4th of July celebration was in 1889, according to Bertha Davidson's record. Alfred Van Slyke gave the young men of the community permission to build a floor in a grove of trees on his property. They put up a roof of branches, decorated it, and called it the "Bowery Dance Floor."

Although Van Slyke didn't approve of dancing, his son, Chester, and son-in-law, Jim Haines, played fiddles for dancing.

The young men's dance floor later became the Vaughn Library Hall, a



Agnes Bill plays an organ as young people prepare for a 4th of July parade on the Vaughn ballfield ca 1920.

*Photo courtesy of Colleen Slater*

private residence today.

Dulcie Schillinger says Van Slyke, her great-grandfather, always dressed up as Uncle Sam on the 4th, and proudly carried his civil war flag to lead the local parade.

A photo taken about 1920, shows a group of 20 or more young people gathered with some kind of banners or flags on the Vaughn ballfield, now Vaughn Elementary School property. A small organ, played by Schillinger's grand-

mother, Agnes Bill, was transported to the field for the occasion.

The community still held an Independence Day parade there at that time.

Don Olson, husband of Shirl, recalls baseball games at Vaughn. Everybody who wanted could play. His great uncle, D'Arcy Buckell, was probably the umpire.

A highlight of 4th of July at Vaughn was a coin to buy a bag of peppermints from the Jones boys.

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# KPMS' NEEMO, the NASA Extreme Environment

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Recently, students at the Key Peninsula Middle School, the first NASA Explorer School in our State, spoke real time with NASA astronauts half a world away. This time the conversations were exchanged with astronauts, not in space as before, but 60 feet under the sea off the coast of Florida.

The exercise, led by KPMS science teachers Phyllis Isbell and Ron Stark, was "The Digital Learning Network" supporting five events during the "Aquarius Mission." Each hour-long event included an overview of the mission, a live tour of the Aquarius habitat, and a question-and-answer session for students.

It involved NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston in the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) activity and was the 14th expedition since 2001. NEEMO 14 contacted schools in Texas, South Dakota, New York, California, Washington and North Carolina. On this special day, Dunbar Middle School, Lubbock, Texas, Cole Middle School, Lancaster, Calif., and KPMS followed one another with questions for the astronauts.

KPMS students Donnie Olson, Jessica Watson, Libby Everett, Leland Kibler and Melissa Ozman were the lucky ones who asked questions.

"How does being underwater for weeks affect the human body and how long does it take being in the water for the whole weight thing to get annoying?" asked Olson. Watson asked, "How is controlling a rover under water different from on the moon?"

"How do you get (electrical) power down to Aquarius?" asked Everett, and Kibler asked, "What did you have to do to train for this mission?" Ozman asked if it's "harder to cook underwater in Aquarius? When you boil your water for your food does it take longer than if you were at sea level?"

"I learned so much!" Brandon Miller said. "It is so amazing that the technology (enables us) to talk to people all the way around the world."

"It was a once in a lifetime experience I will never forget! Epic!" declared Stevie Elston.

Nikayla Bond found it, "amazing how you can talk to us while being in a total different state and under 60 feet of water!"



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Below, Along the back wall of the darkened classroom at KPMS, KPMS NASA Explorer School Science teachers Phyllis Isbell and Ron Stark monitor the two way conversations in which their students are involved with NASA Aquarius Mission personnel in NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

I want to be part of NEEMO some day."

"I'll never forget it," said Antonia Daniel. "It was cool to see an aquanaut swim past the window."

"When I was asking my question, the aquanaut left his microphone on," said Libby Everett. "I could hear my voice in the background. Pretty cool."

NEEMO 14 used the ocean floor to simulate aspects of another planet's surface in a low-gravity environment. It is designed to gain better understanding of how astronauts might interact with equipment like the rover lander and robotic arms, and tests exploration concepts increasing understanding of working in a treacherous environment.

Canadian Space Agency astronaut and veteran spacewalker Chris A. Hadfield led the NASA team on the 14-day undersea mission aboard the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Aquarius Underwater Laboratory.

"I am so glad I go to a NASA Explorer

School," said Melissa Ozman. Gustavo Lavana agrees, "You get more opportunities than other schools."

Kids and teachers navigated a rover along a predetermined course on the ocean floor and connected with the DLN to navigate someone driving the rover. They recorded the distance and time the rover traveled noting landmarks such as coral or rocks on the path so they can map the ocean floor where the rover traveled. In follow-up classroom activity, students created a map of the ocean floor including locations of landmarks based on the rover's travel.

Similar in size to the International Space Station's living quarters, Aquarius is the world's only permanent underwater habitat and laboratory. The 45-foot-long, 13-foot-diameter complex is three miles off Key Largo in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A surface buoy provides connections for power, life support and communications. A shore-based control center monitors the habitat

and crew.

Leland Kibler thinks, "it is really exciting to go underwater for two weeks and see all the sea life but it will be cool when we go to the moon in the years 2012 and 2013."

For more information about Middle School Aerospace Scholars, visit [aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/MAS](http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/MAS).

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# KPMS expands space exploration

By Danna Webster, KP News

The NASA space program is still flying high at Key Peninsula Middle School. Although NASA is cutting back their flight missions, the space program continues and so does its influence on science and math studies. When asked how changes at NASA would affect STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education at KPMS, science teacher and NASA coordinator, Kären Borders, said, "We are expanding next year." The school will add one more elective to the science curriculum offering three options: aerospace, mission specials, and robotics. "Once a NASA school, always a NASA school," Borders said. "I don't think the space program is over with, it just may end up looking different." She explained that putting the moon mission flights on hold doesn't end NASA programs. For example, NASA satellites are observing and recording the Gulf oil spill while others are monitoring earth's ground water.

The success of the science program at KPMS has helped to develop community partnerships and grant funding. Each year Galaxy Theater in Gig Harbor hosts the NASA family night lecture presentations free to the public. Outside funding from such companies as AMGEN Corporation and Starbucks supports student travel to space centers, the Family Night program at the end of the year, and the Kick-off program in the fall. Borders emphasizes that no school funding is used for the NASA program expenses.

Presentations of student investigations are a highlight of the KPMS program. This year, the Aerospace Class designed lunar water recycling stations and also designed Mars landers. Six students and their teacher, Amy D'Andrea, traveled to NASA Ames Research Center, in California; and two students traveled with teacher Cindy Knisely to the Kennedy Space Center, in Florida. Outside funding paid the bills.

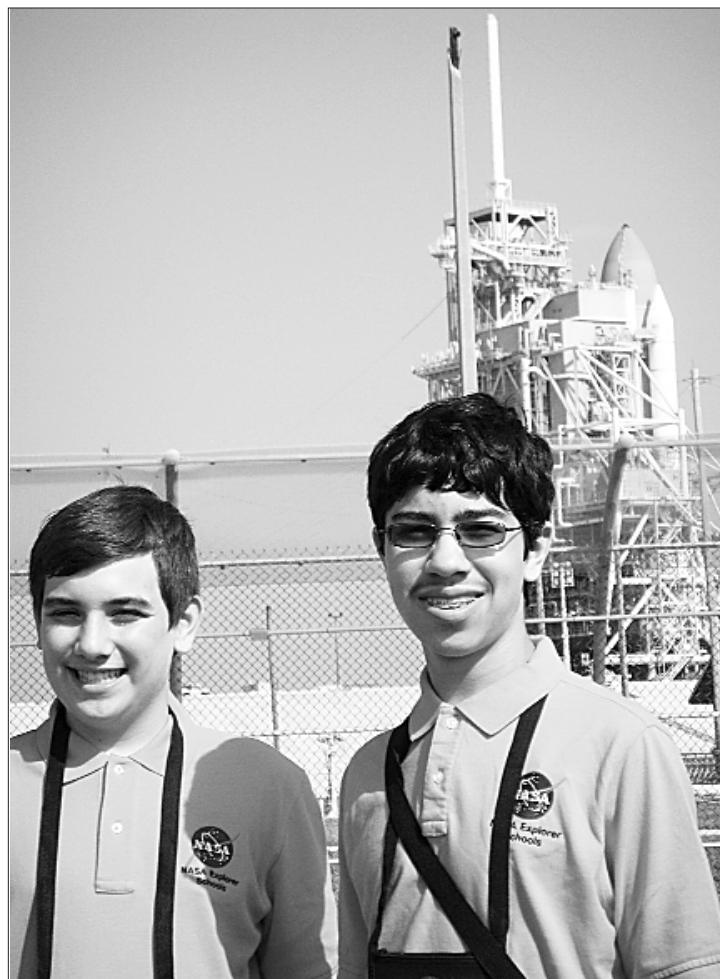
At the Ames Center, Kevin Pszczola,

Brendan Greetham, and Joe Mendenhall presented their lunar water recycling investigation. "The entire trip was fun, from the moment we woke up (3 in the morning) to when we exited the airport. Everything we did was exciting. I learned that if there are strong winds in Cape Canaveral that the shuttle lands at Dryden, an area south of Ames. This trip gave me information about how to start a career with NASA!" writes Brendan Greetham.

Also at Ames, Dakota Ochs-Brown, Whitney Jackson, and Ashleigh Hicks presented their Mars lander investigation. "The most exciting part of Ames was definitely the fluid dynamics lab. They put a car in a wind tunnel and sprayed some ink in front of the car. The ink looked like a flame! I learned that air currents are rougher closer to the ground. We even listened to the currents using a tube. Now, I want to design aerodynamic homes for people who live in tornado zones!" writes Dakota Ochs-Brown.

Students from 37 other schools across the country met at the Kennedy Space Center where Kelson Mills and Alex Ramirez presented their lunar water recycling investigation. "...The presentation of our water recycling system went well. We did activities such as seeing the crawler, visiting the launch pad, touring the astronaut hall of fame, the Kennedy Visitor Complex, and the Saturn V rocket Center..." writes Alex Ramirez. Along with the space center experience, the state of Florida impressed Kelson Mills, "... It is a completely different climate. We saw about eight alligators, five ospreys (including a nest of chicks), flamingos, and egrets, and some pelicans. We also got to see the Saturn 5 rocket museum and touch a piece of moon rock! We saw the space shuttle landing strip and the humongous crawler used for transporting the shuttle, liquid fuel tank, and solid rocket boosters. It was an awesome trip!" he wrote.

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KPMS students, Kelson Mills and Alex Ramirez, were one of three teams from the school to present their investigation at NASA space centers. Their study on lunar water recycling was presented at the Kennedy Space Center.

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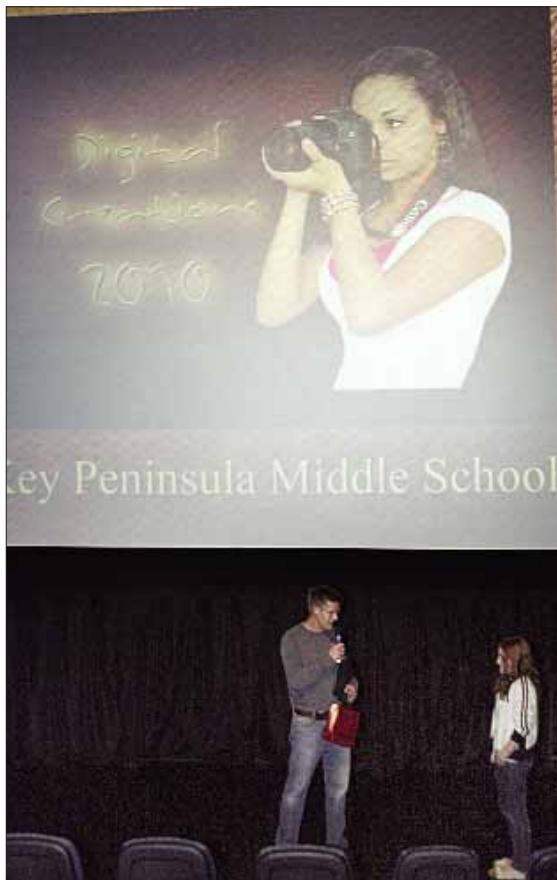
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# KP cowboy holds on in rodeo circuit

Local athlete Austin Wright took third in the Washington State High School Rodeo Championships in May.

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

The Key Peninsula may seem an unlikely place for a rodeo cowboy, but bull riding champion Austin Wright calls it home. He recently placed third in the Washington State High School Rodeo Championships in the bull-riding category. That qualifies him to ride at the National High School Rodeo Association Championships in Gillette, Wyo. July 15 through 25. Austin is a 2010 Peninsula High School graduate and was an accomplished varsity wrestler for the Seahawks during his high school career.

Practicing bull-riding isn't an easy task on the peninsula so Austin drives to Mossyrock or other western Washington locales several times a month to hone his talent for riding bulls. When he isn't practicing, most spring weekends are spent travelling to eastern Washington towns for a full two days of competition. Cities on the circuit this past spring included Wiley City, Asotin, Toppenish, Coulee City, Mount Vernon, Walla Walla, Goldendale, Chelan, and Colfax.

The Washington State High School Rodeo Championships were held May 28 through 31 in Moses Lake. Going into the final weekend of competition, the top riders were bunched tight and any one of them could have come out the winner. Austin ended his senior year of high school competition by finishing with 37.5 points and earning a third place rodeo belt. Unfortunately, Peninsula School District doesn't recognize high school rodeo as a sport so Austin was unable to earn an athletic letter of achievement to pair with his wrestling letters. He has the

belt to prove that, indeed, rodeo is a very athletic accomplishment.

The bull-riding cowboy's only security when riding a wild, bucking bull is a braided manila rope. The rope is wrapped loosely around the bull and a weighted cow bell hangs underneath the belly. The rider then pulls the rope free when the ride is completed. A bull rider is disqualified for touching the bull with his free hand or bucking off before the eight-second ride is over. Bull riding is considered the most dangerous of all rodeo events and requires a clown in the arena at all times during the ride. Not only does the athletic prowess of the rider matter, but a kicker is added when the riders draw to see which bull they will ride. Often there are bull "favorites" among the contestants. A cowboy can be practiced in the finer details of riding, but the bull's temperament and reactions on any given day can take the challenge to new heights.

Wright recently rode in the Roy Rodeo on June 5 and 6, a famous local competition for the past 50 years. He was thrown from the bull before the eight-second timer sounded but on that particular day, he drew the best bull and rider "favorite" named Bad Romance. Roy hosts rodeo weekends twice per year; once in June and again over the Labor Day weekend.

Wright's summer breaks are spent riding the junior rodeo circuit and this year his focus will be on preparing for the High School National Championships in mid July. The NHSRA supports over 10,500 high school students from the United States, Canada, and Australia. The National High School Finals Rodeo features 1,500 student participants and has become known as the "World's Largest Rodeo." For more information visit [www.nhsra.com](http://www.nhsra.com).

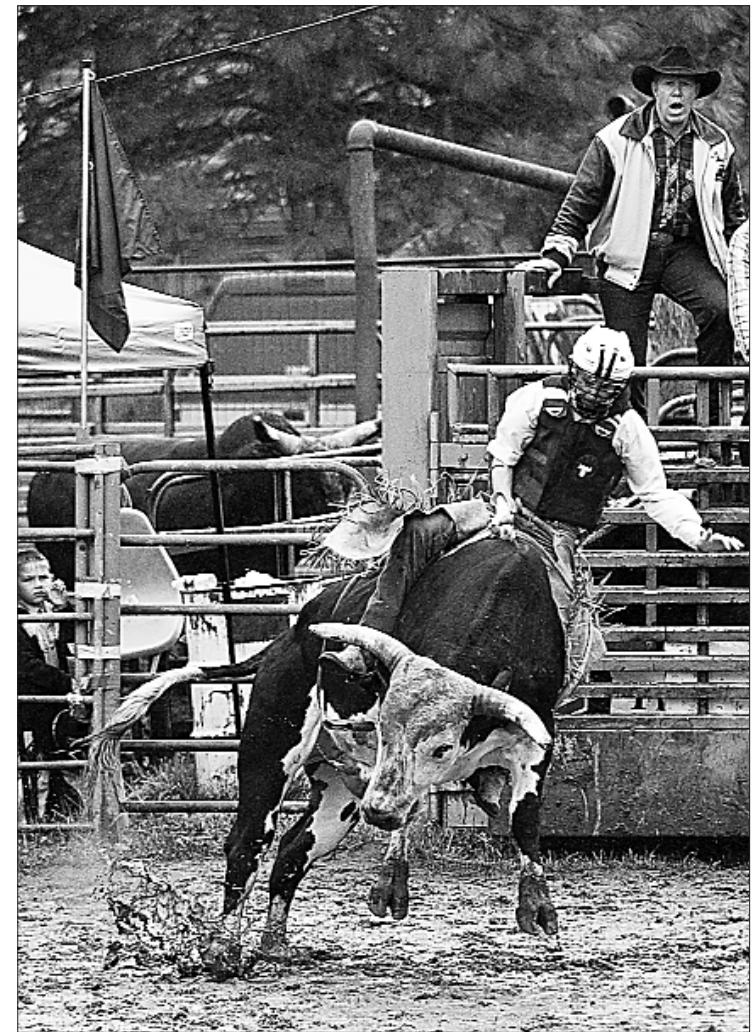


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Austin Wright holds on as his bull Bad Romance begins to buck during his ride at the Roy Rodeo in June.

## PHS Track has good showing at State Meet

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

Peninsula High School track athletes finished off the season with a good showing at the Washington State Track and Field Championships over Memorial Day weekend at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma. The event featured athletes from across the state at the 2A, 3A, and 4A levels. The Seahawks sent 11 athletes from the boys and girls teams after placing second to Clover Park at the class 3A district track meet May 21 and 22.

On the boys' side, senior Chris Borg placed sixth in state in both the 1600 and 3200-meter races. His time of 4:19.85 in the 1600 meter was a personal best. He achieved a lifetime best in the 3200 with a 9:14.42. Borg attended the state championships as a Seahawk in both Cross Country and Track this year. He will run at the collegiate level for the University of Portland. Senior David Lee ran a personal best in the 3200 meter and placed thirteenth in the state at the class 3A level. He also plans to continue his running career while attending college.

In the 800 meter, senior Keegan Hall ran a 1:57.78, placing him in ninth place in the preliminaries. The top eight runners moved onto the finals. Spencer Payne placed fifteenth in the prelims running a 1:59 even.

Sophomore Luke Plummer had a great success in the Triple Jump and Long Jump events. His best finish was in the triple jump with a 44 foot, 11 inch finish that earned him fifth in state. Plummer finished seventh in the long jump with a 21-foot, 7-3/4 inch leap. He competed with a sprained ankle

suffered during the district meet but persevered and made a strong showing for himself and the Seahawk squad.

The boys' field events were represented in the Shot Put and Discus categories. Jeffrey Jordan placed 11th in the shot with a 48-3 1/4 throw. In the discus, Bronson Ward threw 128-08 to finish 13th in the state competition.

The Seahawk girls sent three athletes to the state meet in four events. Addi Johnson finished 11th in the 3200 meter and 14th in the 1600-meter event. Chandler Mason threw a personal best 110-1 in the discus event giving her an eighth place finish. Ginelle Peterson finished 14th in the hurdles with a time of 48:82.

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law enforcement support agency," Watson said. "Online reporting is available, but if they call our office we refer them to the non-emergency number. That number is 253-798-4721."

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Meanwhile at the Deli, Larsen and her seven employees continue to serve their customers. Repaired and new signs are in place. Larsen wishes for the return of her drive-thru sign. Plans are being made for a fifth anniversary week-long celebration beginning Aug. 15 with barbecue, music and eight flavors of ice cream. "We'll just keep working," Larsen says.



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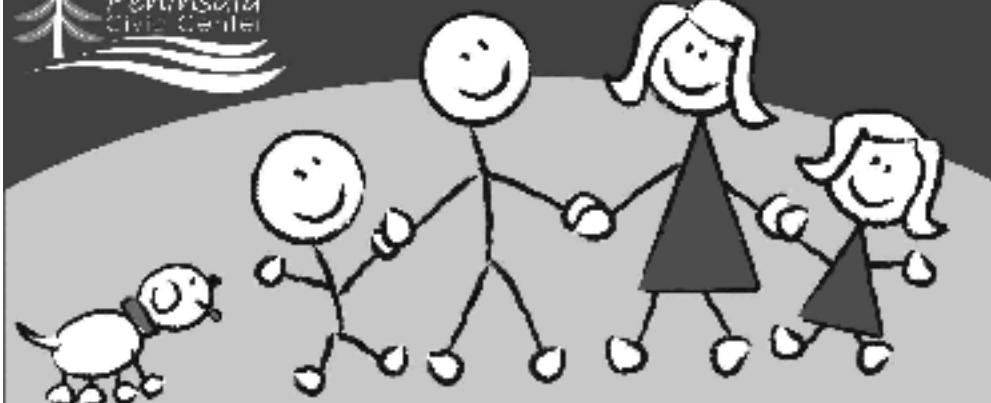
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## Davie

Beverly Joyce Davie 72, passed away June 4, 2010 in Lakebay, Washington. Beverly is survived by her loving husband of 55 years James Merle Davie, her sisters, Genevieve McIntosh and Carol Smaage, as well as her five children Billy Davie, Barbara Anderson, Patti Black, Jim Davie and Peggy Keenan. Beverly is also survived by 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, family and friends are invited to make donations in Joyce's memory to James Davie.

## Glennon, Sr.

(Oct. 15, 1925 - June 17, 2010)

John B. Glennon, Sr., age 84, of Lakebay, Wash. is now dancing the night away with his wife, Rita, who preceded him in death in 1975.

John passed away June 17, 2010, at St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor. He was born to Alice and Hugh Glennon in

Catskill, N.Y. on Oct. 15, 1925. He was 17 and a Junior in high school when he joined the United States Navy. John was stationed in England and was a boatswain's mate on board a tank landing ship during the Normandy invasion on Omaha Beach. His tank landing ship was sunk during the second wave and he swam ashore with the Marines on board.

While in the Navy, he met his wife, Rita Trask, in upstate New York. They married in 1950 and had six children. He served on various boats throughout the world and retired in 1963 and moved to Tacoma where Rita and John finished raising their children.

After retiring from the Navy, John went to work at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton. After Rita's death in 1975, he met and married Alicia Lile in 1980. He retired from the shipyard in 1980, but continued his involvement with many organizations and began his travels.

While in England to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of D-Day, John was asked to join a receiving line for the Queen



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He was involved with the Longbranch Improvement Club, the Key Peninsula Community Services, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 91, the Eagles, Children's Hospital, the Marines Toys for Tots, local schools and The Home Port in Home, Washington.

John is survived by his brother, James Glennon (Carol); children, Patricia Glennon, Colleen Johnson, John Glennon Jr. (Wendy), Bernadine Olsen (Leonard), Mark Glennon (Tracy), Kathleen Glennon; stepdaughters, Linda Henderson and Lori Lile; 19 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 25, in the Chambers Creek Chapel at New Tacoma Cemetery, University Place, Wash.

A memorial service was held that same day at the Eagles Club, Gig Harbor, Wash.

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This statement makes the hair on the back of my head bristle. In 2004 six deputies were hired; however, since then it has been all downhill. On March 22 of 2009, Stacey Mulick of The News Tribune reported that there were seven law enforcement agencies within Pierce County seeking federal stimulus funding for 36 officers. Sheriff Pastor pointed out that "We need people" and requested funding for 25 of these additional deputies. Most notably, the Tacoma police department and the Washington State Patrol (WSP) did not submit an application.

- ☛ *Tacoma Police Department considered themselves fully staffed at the time!*
  - ☛ *WSP is exempt from hiring freezes and continued to fill positions until fully staffed!*

This request was dismissed, and in fact, more deputies were eliminated. To quote Sheriff Pastor, as stated in the January 31, 2010 edition of the The News Tribune:

**"If you are concerned about community safety, removing 15 deputies from us is not the way to do it."**

Our Sheriff, Paul Pastor, needs full funding instead of cutbacks to the available deputies to ensure the safety of our community.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

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*\*Larry Wingard is a candidate for the Pierce County Council District 7 seat, Rep. Visit [www.electlarrywingard.org](http://www.electlarrywingard.org) for more information about Larry Wingard.*

**SURVEY QUESTION-**

**YES    NO** Do you agree with me that the full funding for our community safety should be the number one priority in the  
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Please count my name among the several thousand being submitted to the Council in this survey. The survey tally sheets will be presented to the full Pierce County Council BEFORE the budget hearings start on September 23, 2010. You may request additional copies of this survey, or make your own, to distribute at your place of business, church, public meetings, neighborhood (door to door), even your garage sale. Just call me, 884-4544, 24/7. You may drop off your survey questionnaire at my Shiloh Farm, located at 1127 188th Ave, KPN (one mile west of the Key Peninsula Hwy on Herron Road) or mail it to; PO Box 503, Lakebay, WA 98349. Up to 8 (eight) questionnaire sheets may be mailed with one 44 cent stamp in a business size envelope.

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## (From TUBES, Page 1)

regulatory affairs is Diane Cooper. She has worked in the Shelton office since 1995 and says that Taylor is always looking for better ways to grow geoduck seed.

"We are working quickly and aggressively to find different ways than PVC tubes," she said. Cooper attributes the debris found at the Boysen beach cabin a result of the high wind and wave energy enhanced by storms in the first two weeks of May. "That particular area really gets knocked."

Neighbors can call Taylor to report debris. Patrols are available immediately after a call, according to Cooper. Taylor is permitted to monitor and patrol up to a half mile on each side of a farm site which they do regularly. However, "Vaughn Bay is more than a mile from the (farm) site," Cooper explains, "Some homeowners don't care for us to be there." The patrols and activities are viewable on their website by clicking on "Taylor Shellfish Farms" and clicking on "Farm activity log" at the bottom of the page.

Cooper's point about being unwelcome is emphasized in the activity log on

the Taylor website which reads: "On Dec. 6, Taylor Shellfish had a crew patrolling the beaches south and north of our Stratford-Meyer geoduck farm ...as required by Condition 8 of our shoreline permit. That conditions reads, 'Area beaches within ½ mile on either side of the project site shall be patrolled by the applicant every other week to retrieve debris that escapes from the farm.' Strong winds and rough waters dislodged some tubes that the crew was retrieving north of the farm. The homeowner approached and threatened the crew with a gun and told them to leave. Our crew left. It is not possible for us to retrieve debris that may have landed on that homeowner's property, nor will we attempt to access that property again."

It is Taylor's policy to make immediate response to debris reports. Patrols are sent at low tide and people are put out on the beach to clean up. "We're responsive and sympathetic. We are imbedded in the community where we live," Cooper said. "We want to make sure we are good neighbors."

In addition to the scheduled patrols and on-call cleanups, Taylor crews schedule spring and fall cleanup patrols each year. The public is invited to join the



*Photo courtesy of the Boysen family*

PVC pipes used for geoduck farming littered the beach south of Vaughn Bay on May 15.

crews on these occasions.

Taylor Shellfish has been a family-held business for over 100 years. The company farms about half of the 9,000 acres it owns. Cooper describes shellfish farming as an industry in a rural area, growing food, providing family wages for employees, and producing a green product. As a scuba diver, Cooper has explored the geoduck, oyster, mussel and clam shellfish farms belonging to Taylor.

"There is an increase in biodiversity on our farms. They are not a monoculture, they are a riot of life," she says. The farms become their own eco-system. The PVC

becomes mini-tidal pools — under nets — that attract native shellfish. We are putting out a 3-dimensional structure that allows all sorts of creatures to move in," says Cooper and offers to make available a video to KPNews featuring her scuba experiences.

Public education is a focus of Taylor farms from providing K-12 field trips to following the research of University of Washington programs about shellfish planting and harvesting. In March of this year, owner Bill Taylor was presented the Joseph P. McCraren Award for Distinguished Lifetime Contributions to the Aquaculture Industry at the World Aquaculture Conference in San Diego. He was praised for sharing successes, failures and lessons learned with other shellfish growers and for the active role he and his employees take in shaping public policy regarding shellfish farming.

Public visits and boat tours are available, by reservation, to the shellfish farms courtesy of the Taylor Shellfish company. Information is online at [www.Taylorshellfish.com](http://www.Taylorshellfish.com) or phone 360-432-3300.

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Full Focus, a documentary series that airs on KBTC Public Television, has won an Emmy Award from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Full Focus won Best Arts/Entertainment Program Special for the episode "Ideas."

Christopher Sherlock won in the category for Best Editor-Program for the documentary Purdy. Purdy gives an intimate portrait of five offender mothers and their infants at the Purdy Women's Correctional Facility. It explores the struggles of mothers

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KBTC has won seven Emmy Awards and has garnered 20 Emmy nominations since 2007.

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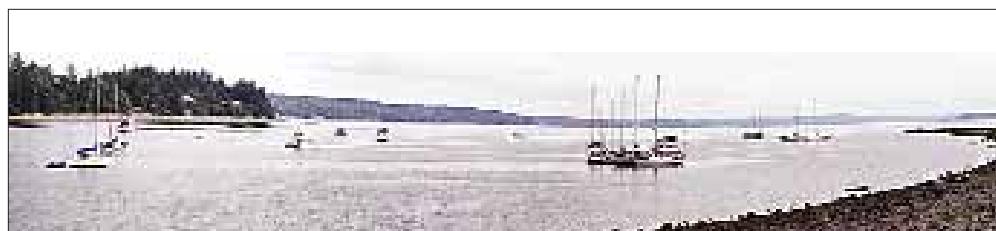
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Josh Burkey of Vaughn Bay salutes the flags placed for the Memorial Day Remembrance at Vaughn Cemetery. *Photo courtesy of Bryan S. Peterson, Vaughn*

Below, Boaters delighted in a long weekend at Penrose Point on Memorial Day weekend. *Photo by Ron Cameron, Special to the KP News*



The staff of the Key Peninsula Windermere office took time off for a community service day at Home Park. Liz Gefre works with Chad Harvell of Key Pen Parks, and Dallas Amidon to rake the beauty bark and Sue Davis pulled on some gloves to help weed the area. Windermere offices across the country take part in this day of giving back to the community.

*Photo by Karina Whitmarsh, KP News*



Above, Keaton Mathis uses a bubble maker to create a huge, long bubble during Evergreen's field day on the last day of school. Below, Cameron Lutz enjoys a game called 'the snake' as he leads his class back in victory. *Photos by Faith Rhodes, Special to the KP News*

