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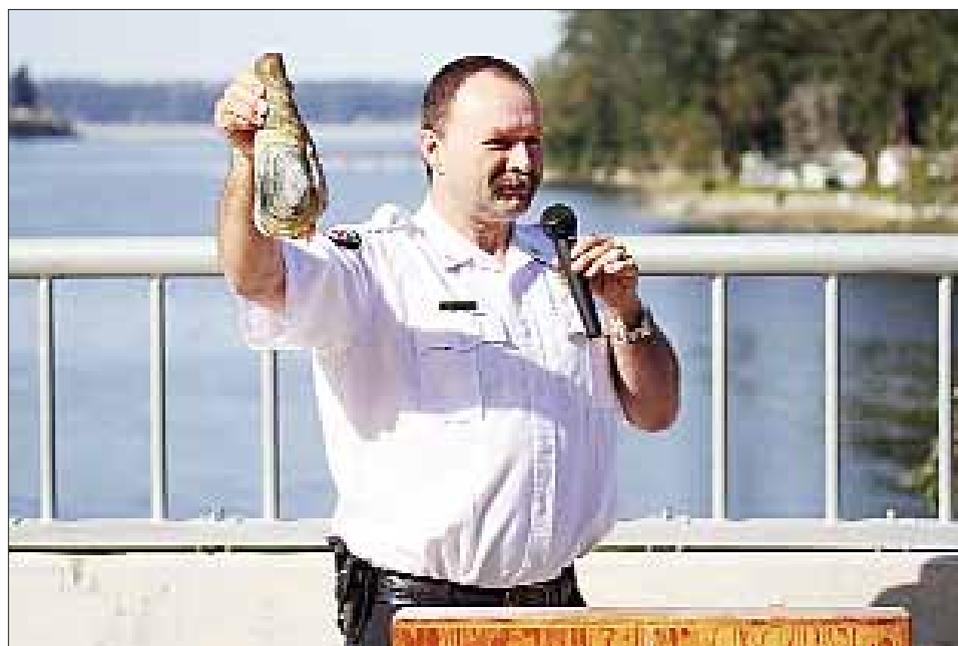


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FD 16 Division Chief Chuck West introduces the Key Peninsula mascot before having it "kiss" the new Vaughn Bay Bridge during the ceremony.

Vaughn Bay Bridge open to traffic

By Danna Webster, KPNews

The cool wet weather of early March caused a slowdown for the finishing stages of the Vaughn Bridge but the project finished on time. Paving requirements with specific temperature and drying times were finally met after St. Patrick's Day.

The project began last August, and some significant challenges were met along the way, according to the office of the Pierce County Construction Engineer. For example, environmental concerns caused certain aspects of the work to be done in restricted times; and the large cranes required for placing the pre-cast girders were not readily available.

The new 219 foot long single span concrete girder bridge replaces the 1966 five span concrete bridge at an estimated cost of \$3 million. Funds

came almost entirely from Highways and Local Programs Federal Bridge Replacement Funds. The construction used 129 employees, almost 10,000 man hours; 880 cubic yards of concrete; 171,600 lbs of steel; and 450 tons of asphalt paving.

Taking out the old bridge was the first step in the project and the job that was supposed to take six days took six weeks.

"Once we got the old bridge out, construction came and began digging for the footings for the pilings," said the county Chief Inspector, Jim Aske as he pointed out the pilings on the civic center side which are 30 feet down to the depth of bearing and the 20 foot pilings on the Lacey Roadside.

This was Aske's first bridge project. His previous professional projects were freeway ramps in the Seattle area.

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FD 16 Commissioner Yanity censured again

By Ted Olinger, KP News

Key Peninsula Fire Commissioner Allen Yanity has been censured again by both the Board of Commissioners of Fire District 16 and the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association (PCFCA). This is the third censure for Yanity since he was elected to serve as a fire commissioner for FD 16 in 2005. This censure will prohibit Yanity from attending county commissioner meetings, or participating if he is present. The Key Pen board of fire commissioners and the PCFCA have both requested the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association to take "similar measures."

A letter dated Feb. 15, 2010 from the PCFCA formally rebuked Yanity, stating: "Commissioner Yanity did, with knowledge of the illegality of his actions, knowingly divulge confidential information gleaned in a legally convened executive session of the Pierce County Fire District 16 Board of Commissioners."

The PCFCA described this as a violation of Washington State law (RCW 42.23.070, Prohibited Acts) and a breach of the association's codes of conduct and ethics.

This latest censure stems from Yanity's letter to the editor in the Key Peninsula News of October 2009, in which, "[Yanity] referred to a discussion of 'an employee's drunken behavior' and stated that it had been disclosed in executive

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Key Peninsula Farmers Market, Gig Harbor management

By Karen Lovett and Irene Torres,
KP News

It will be a season of change for the Key Peninsula Farmers Market. Vendors and board members met at the Key Peninsula Library on March 14 to discuss the coming season. The market is set to open April 11 with new hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With management being handed over to the Gig Harbor Farmers Market Board, the hope is that the KPFM will grow. The KPFM board redesigned the manager position to be a rotating guest vendor manager, according to a press release from the KPFM board. This decision redefined the role of Holly Hendrick, who managed the market for two years. She was asked to continue with the newsletter and the work she was doing for the Web site, but chose to step down.



HENDRICK

On March 5, the board made the decision to consult with the Gig Harbor Farmers Market for advice on how to increase the revenue, vendor list and customer base for the KP Farmers Market.

With the market season drawing ever closer, the board had to make a quick decision when faced with the offer from the Gig Harbor Farmers Market to take control of managing the KPFM for three years. The vote was 5-1 in favor with 1 abstaining.

This announcement at the March 14 meeting drew a shocked reaction from those in attendance. A number of participants complained of being blind-sided by the sudden involvement of Gig Harbor management and expressed anger at being denied input of the decision without time

to come up with an alternative plan.

Some vendors said the market will lose its autonomy and rural atmosphere, and others said they do not want to have the carnival atmosphere of the Gig Harbor market and want to preserve the market for local farms and crafts. They don't want to see Gig Harbor vendors push out the local vendors from the limited space available at the Key Peninsula Market.

According to the KP Farmers Market Board, local vendors will have top priority on KP market spots.

Jackie Aitchison, executive director of the Washington State Farmers Market Association responded to the KP News through an email saying, "One of the reasons for bringing the Key Pen Farmers Market under the Gig Harbor market is supposedly the market has not grown fast enough, and the governing group thinks by doing this the market will grow faster. Historically, all markets take 3 to 5 years to become established."

Economic climate and the rural base of the Key Peninsula Farmers Market are also factors that should be considered, Aitchison said.

"Many markets last year saw no growth in their sales due to the economic downturn. These markets include some of the largest markets in the most urban areas of our State. The Key Peninsula market truly reflected the community it is located in. It was unique and was a community gathering place on Sundays, where the locals could interact with their local farmers and food producers. Hopefully with this latest development it will still reflect that."

Dale Shultz, GHFM chairman and market manager since 2003 outlined the procedure, requirements and advantages for coming under the umbrella of the Gig Harbor market. A significant advertising

budget of \$4,000 will bring added visibility to the new Gig Harbor Farmers Market/Key Peninsula.

The market is held in the parking lot of O'Callahan's Bar and Grill in Key Center. Greg Calahan, owner of the property said, "This is an attempt to take it to the next level," under a business model. He indicated there is space for up to 30 vendors, but that last year the average was only 13-15 each week.

Schultz said he was upset by the negative response some of the vendors had given him. He told the group he was "invited to come to the meeting" and was "asked to manage the Key Peninsula market." He said he did not go looking to "take it over."

The Key Peninsula Council, the KPFM parent 501(c)(3) organization will retain a booth at each Market, to ensure small local farmers have space to show and sell their produce, according to Danna Webster, KPFM board member.

Outgoing KPFM Manager Hendrick said, "The original vision of the Key Peninsula Farmers Market was to build a venue for local farmers where they could sell fresh, healthy food directly to the public. What we got in the process was a magical place where KP residents connected with their farming neighbors and supported local agriculture in a meaningful way; all the farmers participating at the KPFM live and farm on the Key Peninsula. In 2009, the KPFM customers spent \$23,000 with the farmers alone (\$34,000 in the market, total), of which 80-90 percent stays with the farmer and approximately 40 percent stays within our local economy - with our neighbors, friends, and local business people. This is the success of the farmers market, producer sustainability and growth."

And though some believe this decision will take the market to the next level and

provide the growth the governing group was looking for, others believe that growth will be a negative impact on the market.

"Bigger isn't always better," Hendrick said. "By allowing the GHFM into our community in place of the KPFM, not only are we losing our Key Peninsula centered market, Key Pen residents are also losing the benefit of several programs, including the bumper crop sales, our local agriculture bulletin board and affiliated farmer map and referral, as well as financial assistance for a growing number of our residents through EBT/SNAP food stamp redemption, at a time when our local schools are reporting free & reduced lunch participation levels at 60 percent and 74 percent."

Those percentages are from the Key Peninsula Children's Home Society, she said.

"I received lots of positive feedback from producers and customers about the Key Pen Farmers Market. Plans to grow the market this year included food demos, community outreach and education, and kid friendly events. Our third year held so much promise; I am devastated to not be able to fulfill that promise," Hendrick said.

Barb Schoos, KPFM Board member said, "The board has never set target criteria for growth or success. In '09 vendor participation was a bit down, customer counts were about the same and average dollars spent per customer was up." She added, "The board rushed too quickly into this change. We were a successful market proud to have all KP vendors. There were other growth alternatives to giving away one of the best local projects I've ever seen to the GH

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No toll increase for commuters

By Marsha Hart, KP News

Commuters caught a break March 17 as the Washington State Transportation Commission voted not to increase Tacoma Narrows Bridge toll rates.

The rates will remain at \$2.75 for those who have a Good To Go transponder, and \$4 for those who pay at the booths.

The Legislature voted to postpone

the repayment of the \$5.3 million loan, bringing temporary relief to the debt.

Sen. Derek Kilmer, D- Gig Harbor, said the community involvement on this issue led to the decision.

"I'm really pleased that citizens from our neck of the woods got actively involved on this issue," he said. "Little by little we've got to find ways to keep tolls down at a time when folks are least able to pay them."

The budget proposal was contingent on the passage of a tolling violations administration bill that Kilmer amended to use fines assessed against toll violators. This could bring in \$4.5 million from toll violations to pay down the loan in the first two years, and could have the loan paid in full by 2014.

Once the loan is retired in the third year, those revenues would go toward maintenance and other costs associated with the Tacoma Narrows Bridge that would otherwise be passed on to motorists who pay tolls.

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No clamming at Penrose

There won't be a clamming and oyster season at Penrose Point State Park this year. The Department of Fish and Wildlife made the decision to close the beach to clamming and oyster harvesting due to the unusually heavy harvesting of 2009.

Beaches are usually open for digging from March through May.

Surveys indicate the population of shellfish currently cannot support a recreational season.

Clamming and oyster harvesting at Penrose are closed until further notice.

Fox Island resident announces candidacy for PC Council

Bill Sehmel, a Republican who lives on Fox Island, has announced he will run for the seat to be vacated by Terry Lee on the Pierce County Council, District 7.

Sehmel's family settled in the Gig Harbor area in 1884 and the family's homestead is about to become one of the

largest parks in the district.

Sehmel and his longtime girlfriend Suzanne Ellingson live on Fox Island. He has three grown children from a previous marriage and one granddaughter who all live in the area. His parents, Donald and Mary Ellen, still live in Gig Harbor.

Sehmel holds a real estate broker's license and works as a plumber. He is currently a Pen Met Parks Commissioner.

Home man killed in crash

A 39-year-old Home resident was killed March 14 when his motorcycle crashed into a concrete barrier on Highway 16.

Douglas F. Guy was thrown from his motorcycle during the accident and hit a fence after colliding with a concrete barrier where the highway intersects with Sidney Road in Kitsap County.

On March 20, members of the Legacy and Viet Nam Vet's Motorcycle Club gathered at O'Callahan's Bar and Grill in Key Center to raise funds for the family.

Many of the members washed cars for donations, and in cooperation with O'Callahan's, contributions were accepted for an all-you-can-eat lunch in the outdoor dining area.

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EDITORIAL

KP voices relevant to democratic process

Public involvement in political and social issues is something we at the Key Peninsula News encourage. The staff does its best to inform readers of upcoming political forums and meetings on topics that directly affect the residents of the Key Peninsula.

We believe that engaging in the process and voicing opinion is the best way to exercise our rights as citizens. To engage in the democratic process and make our opinions and needs known to those who represent us, whether it's at the local level, the state or national level is important.

Though it is sometimes difficult to know whether our voices are being heard on these issues, we believe public involvement elicits results.

While some public officials may not come right out and say it was public pressure that steered a decision, others do. Sen. Derek Kilmer pointed out just how powerful our voices are to those who represent us in Olympia.

Because residents took part in the forums that were held on the proposed bridge toll increases and made their concerns known, our representatives worked hard to ensure that those tolls were not increased.

In these difficult economic times commuting across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge can be a financial burden for families.

Decisions made by those we elect may not always align with our personal opinion, but by participating in the discussion we help our leaders understand what is important to our community.

The more Key Peninsula residents who engage in these public meetings, the better the Key Peninsula will be represented by those we elect.

Gain control of your finances

Money and the economy top the list of stressors for eight out of 10 Americans, according to an American Psychological Association survey in 2009. Today more than ever, Americans are struggling with their finances. Money problems run their lives, causing an enormous amount of grief and despair. Stuck with huge bills and limited funds, they keep spending while trying to pay what they can to ensure that the monthly necessities are met.

Many people also try at some point to free themselves from their financial shackles. However, very few of them meet with success, because they're often overwhelmed along the way by either the immensity of the effort or their own feelings of resignation and depression.

Most people do whatever they can to avoid facing their finances. However, if you dedicate just 15 minutes a day to work on these steps, you will be free to spend the rest of your day concentrating on the things in your life that are important to you rather than worrying about your finances.

Make your workspace comforting to you. Get a cup of coffee or your favorite beverage, turn on some music, relax your shoulders, take a deep breath and get started. Actions take a while to become habits. The sooner you start the sooner they will become habits.

Heather Bigger
IT MAKES CENTS



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Follow these steps to gain control:

Start Tracking. The first step is to know exactly where your money is going. There are three basic ways to keep track of your spending.

*Envelope method: Carry an envelope and put all your receipts in it.

*Check Book method: Get an empty check register or notebook and write down everything as you spend.

*Use cash: Carry cash in an envelope and write on the outside each time you spend some.

Use money management or budgeting system. Make it painless. Come up with techniques that are easy and mindless, and then make them auto-

matic. Find a money management system that works for you. There are many systems you can find online, however the problem with most of these is they only show you what you have already done. Make sure you use one that not only shows you what you have spent, but also where your spending will leave you at the end of the month and year.

Do your tracking regularly. The longer you wait, the more transactions there are to process. Once you start doing this every day you will see how easy it can be and what a great sense of relief you are feeling.

Develop self-discipline. Ultimately, this is a problem that only you can solve. Plan a reward for when you are done.

Create custom categories. Most money management systems have categories already built in. A good system will let you modify these to meet your individual habits.

Work with a partner. Spending habits are often not shared with anyone. It may seem easier to go this alone however; working with someone else can really boost your motivation.

Post a visible reminder. Any visual cue should help. Post a sign, a photo, etc.

Heather Bigger is a money coach and can be reached at 253-509-0283 or heather@biggermoneytips.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to Farmers Market Manager

News spreads fast on the KP, but if you haven't heard, Holly Hendrick is stepping down as the manager of the Key Peninsula Farmers Market, a project initiated by Tara Froode in February, 2008.

The market was unique: the first in unincorporated Pierce County, all

vendors hailed from the KP, and it had the best farmers market newsletter in the state of Washington.

I extend my deep appreciation to Holly who, over two years and 1,400-plus hours, built and managed our market with patience, humor and expertise, boundless energy and creativity and peerless dedication to our KP farmers.

I thank her for sharing her spirited vision for local food that filled our plates and nourished our common soul on summer Sundays.

Best wishes, Holly, in all of your future endeavors.

Barb Schoos

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Sustainable KP growth is a choice

If you drive down the Key Peninsula highway; you pass that large brown patch of clear-cut, commercial real estate. Have you seen it? It's hard to miss. It sits there, cleared of every visible living thing and scraped flat, while water puddles or runs off into sewers or streets. Scotch broom thickens along the road. New red, white, and gray pipes spring up in search of a building, and a yellow fire hydrant stands ready, should someone build something and then catch it on fire. Debris dots the ground, mostly plastic sheets, orange cones, plastic bins, pallets, and rocks. Cement barriers are stacked at one corner. A chain spans the main entrance, secured to cement blocks. Orange plastic temporary fencing curves up the small, bare hill on the south side. It's on the market for \$299,000.

The property is quiet except for the cars going by. You won't hear birds or frogs, or see insects, deer, bear, squirrels, or anything else. It's like a shark swam up and took a bite out of the forest, leaving a gaping wound to bake in the summer sun until someone

KEVIN REED
HERE'S SOMETHING



comes along and builds something. I wondered how it got that way, and concluded that it's just the standard way things work in our country.

Eighteen years ago a landowner clear-cut the trees, which were converted to cash and short-term gain for the owner. The company buying the trees turned them into products that they sold. Short-term gain for the company. Once a forest is gone, there is a normal pattern that nature uses to rebuild. First, annuals come in which are mostly "weeds". As this happens, fast-growing perennials like alderwoods take root and shoot up. After some years, madrona and maple trees grow and take over. After many decades, you have a mature forest again. Years after that land was clear-cut, as the weeds and alderwoods

grew, it was sold to a group that planned to build a church. Construction started and the land was cleared, the foliage burned. Then, with the bad economy, the bank delayed project financing one year, pushing the project out two years with construction. The church group learned that it could move immediately into an existing church in Gig Harbor, so it went that route. There's nothing wrong with the clear-cutting owner, the timber company, and the church looking out for their own short-term gains, and it's all perfectly legal. But the cleared, empty plot of land remains, regardless. Even if someone buys it tomorrow and builds on it, the whole plot will likely be filled with the building footprint, parking lots, and non-native grass, shrubs, and trees. The land is still lost to KP animals and plants, which hurts us all in the long run.

Imagine a different approach, starting with sustainable tree harvests that take perhaps 30 percent of mature trees and leave the rest, then repeating after a decade, with standing trees paid for with carbon credits. The forest remains; the native

species continue to thrive. Now a buyer comes along and wants to build a business or church. They design the project to minimize building and parking footprints, leaving native plants in place where they can. They design a super-insulated building that uses passive and active solar for power and natural light. Native plants and trees are used to landscape, and bird feeders and houses are put up to invite native species back after everything settles down. Instead of scraping every native plant and animal off of the land over time, a sustainable approach invites the natives to remain and minimizes the impacts of development on our ecosystem. As a community, we have a choice to either do things the old way, or to set a higher standard for our peninsula. Nobody is out to do harm or do a bad thing. But people develop to the letter of the law and look out for their own short-term self-interests. Maybe we should look at strengthening incentives to make development on the KP improve our standard of living instead of degrade it. When done right, sustainable solutions are proving to be cheaper to build and operate than conventional, and better for the overall health of the community as well.

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Private logging along 92nd Street has some residents concerned, but the county is not cutting any trees along the roadway.

KP trees spared from county

By Ted Olinger, KP News

The Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Department will not be cutting down any trees along Olson Drive or 92nd Street KPN.

"None of those trees are going to get cut down on 92nd Street," said Scott Moeller, Traffic Lead Engineer for Pierce County. "Nothing on Olson, either."

Numerous trees along those two historic routes were marked with blue spray paint months ago by the county for possible removal as part of a shoulder enhancement project to make roads safer.

Survey crews have determined that the trees on 92nd Street are not in the county's right of way. Some of the trees on Olson Drive are in the right of way, however the money from the Shoulder Enhancement Grant was used on higher priorities, said Moeller.

Other roads on the Key Pen sport trees with the same blue marks.

"We're still looking at them," said Moeller. A call for bids to cut down trees deemed hazardous will not be made until mid or late May, he said.

The blue paint will be removed from any trees to remain during that time as well, said Moeller.

But some trees have been cut down along 92nd near Key Center by a property owner, which has alarmed local resi-

dents.

"There are people raising the biggest stink in the world," said Ron Godwin of Washington Timberland Management Inc., the company that cut down the trees for the owners, Loman Olson Family Foundation LLP of Ames, Iowa.

"They have several tracts of forest land and we manage them all," said Godwin. "The county has no right of way through there [on 92nd] and the landowner owns up to the ditch line."

"The trees they cut down were on their property," said Moeller. "They are his trees to cut down."

"[Someone] was out there taking pictures of us saying we were stealing salvage timber," said Godwin. "The county called me up, raked me over the coals, and then I proved to them, no, they do not own that right of way through there, and they apologized."

Selective harvesting has been going on for some time there, but the sudden clearing of trees up to the roadside was a shock to some locals, given the county's project.

The site had not been cleared of fallen timber or uprooted stumps as of press time.

"We have a permit from the DNR [Department of Natural Resources] to harvest timber there," said Godwin. "We

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KP Senior Center and Food Bank gets facelift

By Karen Lovett, KP News

With a \$50,000 grant from Boeing that came in May 2009, the Key Peninsula Senior Center and Food Bank began renovations on the food bank, from the floor up that was completed in July.

The floor was resurfaced with a durable dappled epoxy, improvements were made to the delivery area in back and casings were installed around the outside windows. Two new sump pumps were added to take care of basement flooding and the gutters were cleaned, said Executive Director Penny Gazabat. New sheetrock and a fresh coat of paint put the finishing touches on the project.

A second grant of \$12,100 was awarded to the Senior Center from Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care to refinish the center that is upstairs from the food bank.

Tracy Rutt of Quality Painting, Inc. donated all the paint and labor. The stairway, halls, bathrooms, kitchen and dining room were all repainted. The

seniors were given color choices and voted on the color selection. Gazabat and assistant director Kyong Bertsch, painted their own offices after work, they said.

New doors were installed in the offices, bathrooms and lobby. All doors and materials were donated by Fircrest Prefit Door Company, Gazabat said. Rutt's carpentry crew installed all the doors free of charge.

By December, the remodel was complete. The \$12,100 of grant money was still unused. The money was available for other needs. New window blinds, lobby furniture, chairs, dishes, silverware, some kitchen supplies, and bathroom improvements were purchased with the remaining funds, Gazabat said.

Plans for the back room began. A volunteer shee-rocked and taped the room and it was finished by a hired contractor. Gazabat will be requesting a grant for funds in the near future for a six-station computer lab with internet access including instructional supervision for those who desire it. Users will

be able to apply for food stamps, do resume research and conduct job searches from the lab.

The Senior Center provides a comfortable, friendly place where seniors are encouraged to take advantage of the facility. Stay Active and Independent for Life offers exercise classes on Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. These include certified balance, aerobics, stretching and minimal use of 3-5 pound weights. Twenty-one participants currently make use of the program. Lunch on those days begins at noon. Seniors can come in anytime between noon and 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays when they can play board games or work on puzzles.

Improvements are funded by grant money. Donations provide money for programs and operational support.

High unemployment has diminished supplies at the same time increasing demand at the Food Bank.

Karen Lovett is a part time volunteer at the Food Bank.

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Pilings under the marina are deteriorating, and would cost more than \$100,000 to repair.

Longbranch Marina could be in jeopardy

By Rick Sorrels
Special to the KP News

A letter, from County Engineer Brian Stacy, dated Feb. 8 notified the Longbranch Improvement Club that the Grant of Easement that has been in existence since 1991 would terminate effective in 90 days. Termination of the easement would deny LIC members and the public access to the Longbranch Marina and the Filucy Bay docks.

When interviewed on March 11, however, Stacy stated, "Public Works has not yet started the 90-day clock. We are still working amicably with the LIC to determine our options. The first option is to do nothing, which would ultimately close down the deteriorating pier. The second option is to develop a plan to fix, looking for an interim solution pending repair and replacement.

"The bottom line is that the county has no money to fix the pier. In such case, the contract provides LIC the opportunity to make repairs to avoid terminating the easement."

A complicating factor for the county is that recent legislation does not allow the county to vacate access to waterways.

When pressed for the cost of needed repairs, Stacy balked, claiming that the original design drawings and specifications have long since disappeared over the past 100 years.

"We have not yet done an engineering analysis. We do not know the internal structure of the concrete pilings, their depth, soil types, and other important details."

Stacy admitted that repair and replacement cost would be more than \$100,000, but most likely less than \$1,000,000.

Patricia Muchmore, president of the LIC, said the LIC doesn't have the money for the repairs.

Stacy had not yet heard of Michael and Denise Hays' offer to relocate a stairway and dock access to their property to the North, in front of the old Longbranch Merchantile.

"That would make a third option," said Stacy. "No access permits would be required for a pedestrian-only access from the county road, but a building permit may be required by Pierce County Planning and Land Services Department, who would also ensure that the new structures meet existing design standards to protect the public."

Pierce County Councilmember Terry Lee stated that he would be looking for any county funds that might be available to assist. "But the county budget is extremely tight right now."

More details are available at longbranchimprovementclub.org.

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Auditor's office appoints residents to animal advisory panel

Staff Report

Purdy resident George Robison, and Gig Harbor resident Lisa Woods are two of 12 people selected by the Pierce County Auditor's Office to serve on the new Animal Services Advisory Panel.

The panel will give recommendations to the auditor who oversees animal control services in unincorporated Pierce County. Members will provide technical expertise and represent a variety of interest groups concerned with animal welfare, said Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson.

Robison was an instructor for law enforcement, including brand inspectors and animal control. He serves as president of the Key Peninsula Lions Club and has been an animal supporter.

Woods is a veterinarian who has been

owner of a veterinarian hospital for 16 years. She owns horses, dogs, cats, rabbits and goats and would like public safety and community awareness involving attacks on pet livestock to be key items addressed as a panel member.

Prepare now, wildfire threat could arrive early

Staff Report

Those yard and garden tools are beginning to dot the landscape, and the Department of Natural Resources is urging homeowners to use those tools to prevent fires.

By acting early, homeowners can protect their property and prevent disaster. The winter has been unseasonably warm, and wildfire season is just around the corner.

"Before wildfire season is upon us, we are encouraging people to take steps to create defensible space around their homes," said Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark. "Early action could save your home, as well as protect firefighters from wildfire."

Some simple ways to do so include

keeping grass green and trimmed, pruning tree branches and vegetation away from the home, and move wood-piles away from the house, fencing and outbuildings.

Other tips include clearing debris from gutters and roofs and be sure there is a spark arrester on the chimney.

If a roof needs to be replaced, the DNR suggests consideration of a non-combustible or fire resistant material such as Class A asphalt shingles or metal.

The leading cause of wildfires is outdoor burning.

Follow the outdoor burning regulations specific to the area, and take steps to reduce the threat of wildfires.

For more information on how to create defensible space around your home or community, contact the local DNR office, or go to firewise.org for more information on fire behavior and ways to reduce the risk to your home and property.

Key Peninsula couple receives awards

New York Life agent Greg "Paco" Wong has been recognized for his

achievement of 34 consecutive years of qualifying and life membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, the Premier Association of Financial Professionals.

Wong is one of the less than 1 percent of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals who comprise MDRT, an international, independent association of financial professionals founded in 1927.

His wife, Lalaine Wong, manages Creviston Valley Farm and received the 2009 Commercial Farmer Award from the Pierce Conservation District. Wong was given the award during the annual meeting Feb. 24 in Puyallup.

The award recognized her support for conservation and natural resource stewardship, enthusiasm and support of community organizations that encourage sound farming practices, market opportunities and promotion of local business, and willingness to consider or adopt suggestions that reduce impacts and improve efficiency.

Wong and her farm manager were also accepted into the NRCS EQIP program for organic producers.

The Wongs also were awarded the 2009/2010 The Best of the South Sound Magazine's pick for the best bed and breakfast. They own Aloha Beachside Bed and Breakfast in Wauna.

Talent show contestants wanted

The Key Peninsula Community Fair Association will present KeyFest 2010 at Volunteer Park, on the Key Pen Highway on Aug. 27 and 28.

The theme of KeyFest is celebrating the Key Peninsula and those who choose to live here. In keeping with that theme, KeyFest will present "Key's Got Talent," a judged talent show open to all ages 5 and up. The first try-outs will be held at the Vaughn Civic Center on Sunday June 6.

Details will follow. Finalists will present at KeyFest on Saturday Aug. 28. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

Contestants must reside on the Key Peninsula within Fire District 16. For groups, at least one participant must live within Fire District No. 16. Interested persons may contact KeyFest at entertainment@keyfair.org, or by letter to KeyFest at P.O. Box 520, Wauna, Wash. 98395

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Key Peninsula students gain board certified teachers

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Nine Peninsula School District teachers have achieved National Board Certification and were recognized at the School Board meeting in February.

All nine of them are teachers of Key Peninsula students. These latest board certifications bring the total of PSD National Board Certified teachers to 64.

According to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Washington state ranked second in the top 25 states of 2009 for the number of teachers with board certification. North Carolina was first.

National Board Certification is recognized as a model of pay-for-performance and is supported by teachers and administrators nationwide. Many states and local school districts provide salary incentives and cover the cost for teachers who pursue and achieve this advanced teaching credential.

A voluntary assessment program designed to develop, recognize and retain accomplished teachers, National Board Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. While state-licensing systems set basic requirements to teach in each state, NBCTs have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices.

"Prior to becoming involved in the National Board Certification process I didn't realize exactly what it entailed but I wanted to learn more about it because I am always trying to find ways to improve my teaching practice," said Vaughn's Deborah Kalmbach.



KALMBACH

"It was one of the most difficult tests I have ever experienced, but I know that I am a much better teacher because I am much more conscious of what I am teaching and why, making sure to match my teaching to the standards and the academic learning goals of our state and district."

A third grade teacher at Vaughn Elementary, Lori Harrison-Hagen has a master's degree in education with an

endorsement in Early Child Education, she said. She now has the national board certification as well.

"The amount of time it took was staggering. Essentially, nine months of my life was dedicated solely to this pursuit," she said.

Peninsula High School's Jennifer Nichols, who is certified in Adolescence/Young Adult Mathematics, said she was encouraged by her peers to go through the NBC process.

"I had heard that the process, while challenging and time consuming, was a great way to stretch myself as a teacher and become more intentional about what I do in the classroom," Nichols said. "The portfolios forced me to look closely at everything I do and to think hard about the effectiveness of those strategies. The process made me look at my teaching from new perspectives and has made me aware of both my strengths and my weaknesses. I know that I am a better and more effective teacher because of it."

Vaughn's Marci Cummings-Cohoe said she decided to go through the process to get more of a leadership role working with new teachers, stretch herself educationally and have an opportunity to earn more.

"After 16 years at the top of our pay ladder, the only way we can get any pay increase is if the state adds a cost of living increase," she said. Something the state has on hold due to the budget problems.

Purdy's Kathryn Campbell was in Guatemala studying Spanish whence her comments, written in an Internet cafe in Quetzaltenango, originated.



HARRISON-HAGEN



NICHOLS



CUMMINGS-COHOE



CAMPBELL

"The National Board process put my teaching under the microscope. The cameras rolled in my classroom day after day, and I spent agonizing hours analyzing, reflecting, and writing about my teaching practices. I'd like to thank the district, my principal, Jim Rudsit, and most of all my family for being so supportive."

Minter Creek Elementary's Susan M. Stone said she was yearning to find a way to look differently at the way she practices her craft.

"The best part was getting to work so closely with colleagues whose teaching experiences and specializations were vastly different than my own," Stone said.

Katherine Moore of Vaughn is grateful for the experience and that it is over. "My family is grateful that I passed, as we now don't compete over which student has more homework."

Doug Smith, a teacher at Vaughn, said he is thankful for the support of his colleagues and the school district.

"My community also supported me as James Bosch lets Vaughn's students release salmon on his property and (a friend) shares his newspaper writing skills with my students," he said. "The process also improved my teaching skills in innumerable ways from working with colleagues, connecting to families, and reflecting on lessons always with the goal to improve student learning."

PSD's Trish Drage: "Achieving National Board Certification has impressed upon me the need to be consciously thoughtful about who my kids are, and what

they need to move forward. It reminds me to answer every day the question, "So what?" to determine if my teaching is relevant and reaching kids."

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. NBPTS advances the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching; creating and administering National Board Certification, a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards; and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts. Today, more than 82,000 National Board Certified Teachers are making a positive difference in the lives of students across the nation.

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“It’s been an exciting two months on the KP.”
 ~Dallas Amidon, associate broker

Real estate market looking better on KP

By Irene Torres, KP News

Yellow daffodils are some of the first signs of spring, but a different sign is visible on the Key Peninsula this year: Sale Pending. These signs could be the bit of optimism the real estate market needs, and an indicator that the economy may be turning around.

Dallas Amidon, an associate broker with Windermere Key Peninsula Real Estate, is optimistic, based on new listings and purchase offers made over the past few weeks. He noted that homes have been selling for an average \$225,000, down 18 percent from their top valuation. He credits lower prices, government tax credits, Rural Housing Development loans, other financing incentives, and historic low interest rates for this upswing.

“It’s been an exciting two months on the KP,” he said.

Amidon and his partner in excellence on the Herron Team, Janette Weister, use their 31 years of collective experience to help sellers set a fair price for their property, and “to help buyers achieve their dreams.” “We’re real people. We’re not commission-driven, but if we do our jobs right, everybody gets paid,” they said.

Another busy agency is Key Peninsula Real Estate. Broker Dean Lovitt said, “Sales are starting to pick up. We were

almost double in sales for 2009 over 2008.” He reported 115 residential home sales in the past six months. About 10 percent of the Multiple Listing Service properties are bank owned—10 percent of the 220 active listings on the market.”

Lovitt said, “There are some fantastic deals for those with good credit scores and good income.” He added, “The \$8,000 home buyer tax credit ends April 30. This is not a loan, and you do not have to repay it.” He noted that prices are down 12-14 percent from last year, and are selling at 15-20 percent below assessed value. In Feb. 2010, KPRE’s average sale was \$228,000, compared with Feb. 2009, when sale prices averaged \$257,000.

Lovitt said his all-local agents doubled their sales volume over the last year, selling 42 homes on the Key Peninsula. The 2009 annual gross sales total for the entire Key Peninsula was 221 properties, worth \$52.7 million.

Banks holding foreclosure properties are not reducing prices significantly, and short sales are difficult to negotiate, according to Lovitt. A property for sale by owner may produce a better bargain, he said.

Lovitt added, “We’re excited about future growth, the possibility of commercial growth with the improvements planned for the Wauna curves.”

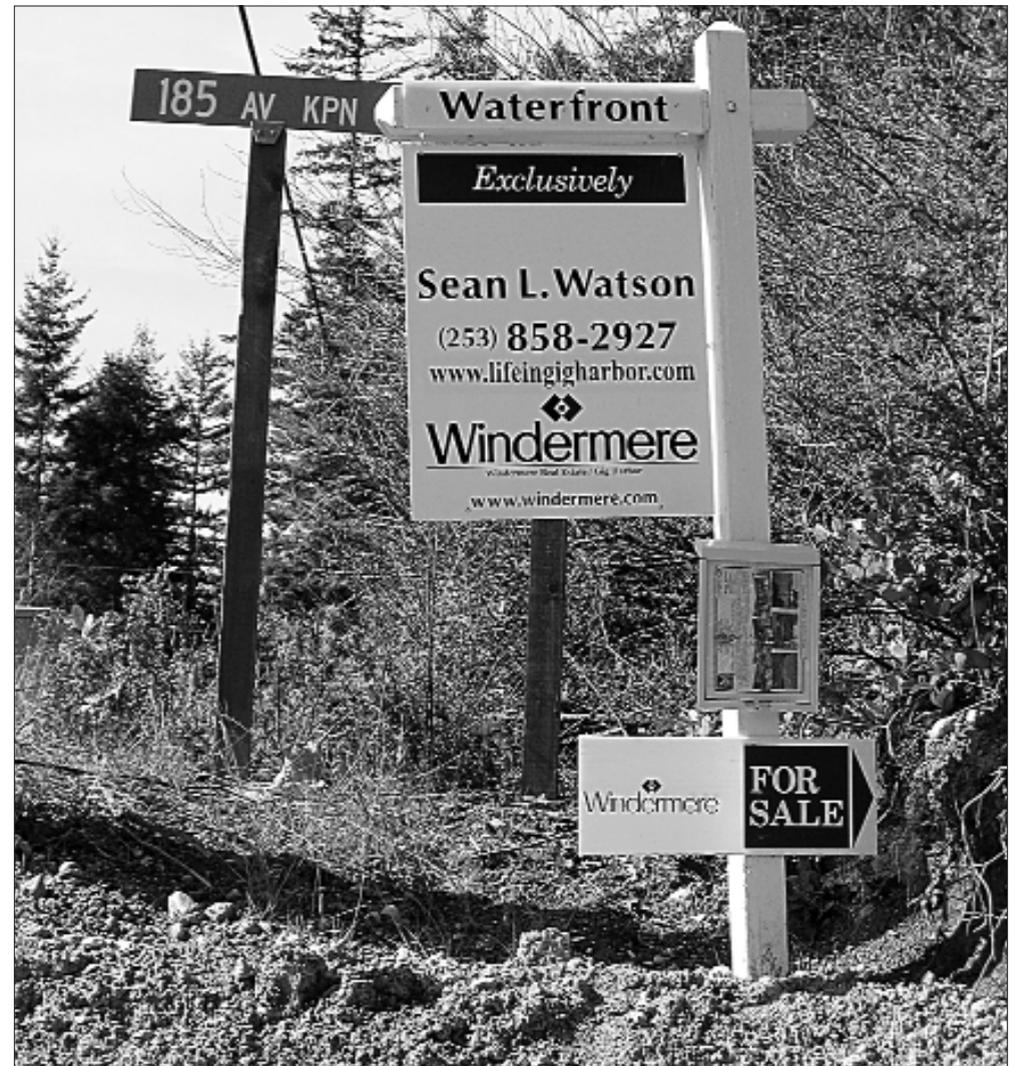


Photo by Frank Slater, KP News

Real estate signs are popping up all over the Key Peninsula, and that is good news for both buyers and sellers. Industry professionals say the market is beginning to turn around.

He notes that the real estate investor has “lots of opportunity out here.”

In anticipation of that growth, Key Peninsula Real Estate is recruiting 13 new agents as they move into their new

building across from Charboneau near 118th Street on SR-302. “There’s an opportunity for training, and one-on-one coaching,” he said. It’s going to be good year — a really good year.”

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Easter services on the KP

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Several special events and services are scheduled on the KP for Easter week.

Lakebay Community Church is partnering with some local KP artists to hold an Art installation based on the Stations of the Cross. The display opened to the public March 28, and is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or by appointment during Holy Week.

Curator/artist Roshni Robert says the stations will be based on "the 'Scriptural Way of the Cross' that Pope John Paul II instated in 1991. We have chosen this Way because some of the traditional stations are not actually found in the passion story as it stands in scripture.

"There are no limits to medium, size or content, provided the intended station is actually portrayed. Some stations will be interactive, some purely visual, all invoking the viewer to re-contemplate each action leading to the death and resurrection of the Christ," says Robert.

Maundy Thursday celebrations include a soup supper at Longbranch from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal, in Allyn, holds a service with Altar Stripping and Garden Visitation at 7 p.m., **Lakebay Community Church** hosts a Seder Service adapted for Christians at 6:30 p.m. and the Last Supper Drama at **Key Peninsula Lutheran Church** begins at 7 p.m. This is the fifth annual re-enactment, with participants from four different area churches this year. Communion is served near the close of the program.

On April 2, **Longbranch Community Church** holds a Good Friday Vigil from noon - 6 p.m. All are invited to stop for a time of silent meditation and prayer.

Good Friday Evening services will be held at **Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, WayPoint Church, and St Hugh's** includes Seven Last Words, all at 7 p.m.

Easter morning Sunrise services will take place on Herron Island, at Penrose State Park and Vaughn Bay Cemetery as follows:

Herron Island - a special ferry run from the mainland by 7 a.m., service at 7:25 a.m., and return ferries at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Music, messages, and refreshments. This is for islanders and invited guests. For more information, call 884-6166.

Lakebay Community Church at Penrose Point State Park at 7 a.m., complete with bonfire.

Historic Vaughn Bay Church at Vaughn Bay Cemetery, at 7:30 a.m. If rain prohibits that location, they will meet in the VFW Room at the Civic Center.

Key Peninsula Baptist Church plans a cantata for their Easter morning worship service, and **Lakebay** will have a small orchestra at theirs. All churches listed hold regular worship services that day. Times vary.

All are welcome to attend the various events. To contact individual churches: Historic Vaughn Bay Church - 884-9303; KP Baptist - 853-6761; KPLC - 884-3312; Lakebay - 884-3899; Longbranch - 884-9339; St Hugh's - 360-275-8450 or 884-3603; WayPoint Church - 853-7878.



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KP artist wins award for wool sculptures

Sharon Hicks, KP News

Cindy Peterson of Minterwood has taken on a new art called Needle Felted Sculpting. Using materials such as sheep's wool in the fiberform stage called wool roving, she uses a barbed needle in various sizes to sculpt animals into shape adding pieces of wool where needed then poking it into place. This can take from up to two weeks to make depending on the size and complexity.

Some of her creations have been monkeys, dogs, elephants, horses but most are custom made from pictures clients give her as models. The noses, tongues and teeth are hand molded from polymer clay then hand painted and fired.

Recently Peterson won an award in the 2010 TOBY Industries Choice Award Competition. This is a worldwide organization bearing popular names as the Bearington Bear Collection, Gantz and Steiff. She will soon be announced in the summer issue of Teddy Bears and Friends.

Peterson started this unusual form of art one year ago after attending a craft show. She loves animals and was inspired to create a one-of-a-kind art, which has turned into a thriving business. Peterson has sold over 75 sculptures in the past year.

"I am currently working on the head of what will become a life sized panther with an open mouth showing his tongue and life size teeth. I buy most of my wool on ebay and it comes pre-dyed in every imaginable color."

Peterson is also designing with wet felting, which give a watercolor effect and uses a slightly different technique. This form is used mostly for flat items such as flowers and scarves and if successful she plans to teach a on-time class in scarves or possibly hats in the future.

Peterson is not new to art. She said she has delved in oils, acrylics and most recently watercolor painting and she has taught classes. Born in Seattle, she went to art school in Texas and married her teacher's son. They have lived on the Key Peninsula more than 10 years.



Photo by Sharon Hicks, KP News
 Peterson poses with one of her needle felting creations.

Bluegrass with shades of evergreen

By Kelly Maxfield, KP Nws

Among the quiet solitude of the Key Peninsula resides a woman ready to fulfill her dream of becoming a published songwriter and recording musician. Nashville may be 2,500 miles from Puget Sound, but bluegrass with a west coast feel lives right here on the Key Peninsula.

Thea Wescott is celebrating the release of her CD, "Cromwell and Other Roads," which she produced with her band Timberland Ridge.

It's what she's been working toward for most of her life.

Born in southern California, she moved to Washington in the mid 1970s and has lived on the Key Peninsula for the last six years.

At the age of 8 Wescott was introduced to music, including violin, piano and voice. She has played guitar for over 20 years and considers it a cornerstone of her craft.

Wescott fell in love with folk music

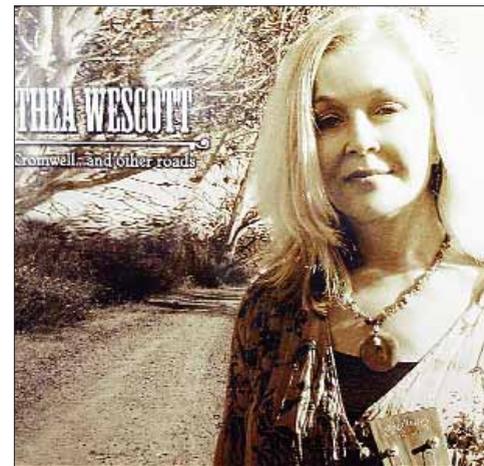


Photo courtesy of Merri L. Sutton

Thea Wescott's CD "Cromwell and Other Roads" has been released and is available now. It will be released to bluegrass radio in April.

around the age of 21 and began writing songs, she said. Her father was a poet and a book lover.

"His gift to me was a love of words. I love a well-written song. I love telling

stories," Wescott said.

Her songs reflect personal experiences from growing up, life, and travelling around the country. Her biggest influences include Crosby, Stills, & Nash, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, and Dire Straits.

Big music dreams sent her to Nashville knocking on doors and presenting demo tapes from 1987 to 1992. Her tenacity was rewarded when she secured gigs at the famous Nashville Bluebird Café.

She was back in Gig Harbor in 1991, a single mother. She didn't pick up her guitar again for six years, she said. "I truly believed the dream was over."

It was church that reconnected her with her music roots, and got her performing again. In 1999 she had her first taste of pure Bluegrass music, and it was a way to combine music with her love of story telling.

In 2007, Wescott formed her own band and has played with Timberland Ridge

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COMMUNITY WORKS

Submit calendar items to news@keypennews.com • Deadline 15th of the month

April 1-Fuchsia club

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

April 3- Pet treat hunt

The annual Pet Easter Treat Hunt will begin with check in at 10 a.m. and the hunt at 10:30 a.m. at Volunteer Park. Dogs must be on a leash, bring a collection bag for treats, and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Concessions will be open at 9 a.m. This event is sponsored by PetCo, Gig Harbor Kennel Club and Brookside Vet Hospital. 884-9240

April 3 – Easter egg hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by Boy Scout Troop #220 in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Civic Center, will begin promptly at noon at 17010 S. Vaughn Rd KPN. Children ages 12 and under are invited to search for Easter eggs filled with candy and prizes and visit with the Easter Bunny. The troop is also seeking donations of candy prior to April 3. Contact John O'Dell at Odellcher@aol.com

April 5, 12, 19, 26- Bloodmobile dates

The bloodmobile will be at the Albertson's in North Gig Harbor from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. For other dates and locations see the online calendar at Keypennews.com.

April 5 - KP travel club

Dale and Claudia Loy will recap their trip to New Zealand with a slide show at 7 p.m. at the KC Library.

All are welcome at Travel Club meetings. No dues, no officers, just enjoyable "armchair" travel.

April 6- Spring tumbling

Beginning tumbling for kids 4-7 years old will be held on Tuesdays, April 6 to

May 11, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Fee is \$49. Kids should wear sweat pants, tights and gym shoes. KP Parks, 884-9240

April 6, 13, 20, 27- Baby time

Baby Explorers presented at 11 a.m. for infants 0-24 months at the Key Center Library. Children must be accompanied by a care giver. 884-2242

April 7, 14, 21, 28-Family story time

Family story time presented at 11 a.m. for families with preschool children at the Key Center Library. Children must be accompanied by a care giver. 884-2242

April 7, 21-Lions club hosts speakers

The Lions Club will host State Representative Larry Seaquist on April 7 at the KP Civic Center. State Representative Jan Angel will speak at the April 21 meeting. See public meetings box for times.

April 8 - Geology talk

The Friends of the Key Center Library present a talk, "Ring of Fire: Geology of the Pacific Northwest," by Dr. William P. Steele, Director of Information Services, Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, University of Washington, at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Learn about faults, plates, volcanoes, and earthquakes and how they might affect the Key Peninsula. Donations for the Key Peninsula Food Bank encouraged. 884-2242

April 8-Teen jazz classes

Jazz classes for children 10-15 will be held on Thursdays, April 8 to May 13, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Fee is \$49; jazz or ballet shoes are required as are comfy clothing. Class will be canceled if minimum of 6 is not met. KP Parks, 884-9240

April 10-FD open house

The Fire Department is hosting an open house from 1-2 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Meet firefighters, chiefs and commissioners, tour the station and fire engines and enjoy some refreshments.

Edible plants walk

Ranger Dan will lead a walk to learn about local wild edible plants beginning at 2 p.m. at Penrose Point State Park. The program is limited to 15; call to register in advance. The walk is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. 884-2514

April 11- Farm productivity class

Join the Pierce Conservation District from 1-4 p.m. at a working small farm to review techniques that boost forage quality and quantity including installing safe and effective cross fencing, fertilizer application, new seed varieties and alternative forages, and grazing management strategies. Contact Erin to register and receive directions; erine@piercecoun-tycd.org, 884-9474

April 11, 18, 25- Films featuring seniors

The Silver Cinema Series 2010 will present films at 2 p.m. each Sunday at the Key Center Library. A discussion will follow each film. "Been Rich All My Life" will be shown on April 11; it is a 2006 documentary about five 1930s showgirls who retake the stage in 1985. "Young @ Heart" is a 108 minute 2008 documentary about a choir of elders who perform contemporary rock music; it will be shown April 18. The third film, "The Cats of Mirikitani" is about an elderly Japanese-American who becomes friends with a filmmaker. This film, a 2008 documentary about 74 minutes long, will be shown April 25. All films are sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and the Mustard Seed Project. Free admission; refresh-

ments served. Donations for food bank welcome. 884-2242

April 13, 22- Loving hearts meet

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 April 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.

April 15- Community forum

The Mustard Seed Project's Third Thursday Community Forum meets from 10 a.m.-noon at the Key Center Library. The new Community Volunteer Network will "launch" in honor of National Volunteer Week. Make a difference in the lives of local seniors and check out the new Volunteer Opportunity Catalog. Contact Volunteer Coordinator at 884-2216 or 884-9814 or Janice.mustardseed@gmail.com

April 15- Coed softball offers registration

Adult coed softball teams play eight games on Thursdays until June 24. Fee is \$525/team. See the KP Parks website for new registration procedures. 884-9240

April 17- Volunteer work party

Penrose Point State Park will be holding a volunteer work party to remove English Ivy, a noxious weed that is overtaking native vegetation in the park, from 1-3 p.m. No registration is needed, just show up to lend a hand for a few hours; meet at the parking lot near the dock area. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and hand pruners. This event is part of the Washington State Parks Community Partnership Month. Contact 884-2514.

April 17-Spring tennis

Tennis clinics for children will be held on Saturdays, April 17 to May 15, at the KP Civic Center tennis courts. Classes for ages 5-8 will be from 10-10:50 a.m. and ages 9-12 will be from 11-11:50 a.m. Cost is \$40/child. There will be 6 to 12 in each class. Registration deadline is 4 p.m. on April 12. KP Parks, 884-9240

April 19-Adult dancing class

Doug Henry, a local dance instructor, will lead adult waltzing classes for ages 16 and over on Mondays, April 19 to May 24, from 6-7 p.m. Fee is \$45; classes held in the gym at the KP Civic Center. Register w/KP Parks, 884-9240, by April 14.

April 21- Tour the tulips

KP Parks sponsors a tour for folks 18 and over of the Roozengarde, Tulip Town and Skagit Valley Gardens from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The \$43 fee includes transportation; bring a sack lunch or money to buy lunch at the café. A minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 will go. Call Chad, KP Parks, to register, 884-9240.

April 24-Parks appreciation day

Join KP Parks, PenMet Parks and the city of Gig Harbor for the 5th annual Parks Appreciation Day by cleaning up trash, brush trimming, and light construction in your local park from 9 a.m.-noon. No registration is required. Bring your enthusiasm and tools. A hot dog lunch will be held for park volunteers at the LDS parking lot at noon. (The areas around the KP Civic Center are also in need of volunteer clean-up/work.)

April 24 – Scrapbooking day

Celebrate “National Scrapbooking Month” from noon to 10 p.m. at the Civic Center. Registration fee of \$30 includes lots of room to work, dinner and snacks, gift bags, prizes, a peek at new products, demos and two small workshops. Learn about traditional and digital scrapbooking and organization. Limited supplies are available. Register at www.kpciviccenter.org.

OFF THE KEY

April 16-Free movie

The Gig Harbor Welcome Club presents “The Passage to India” at 10 a.m. at the Galaxy Theatre. Coffee and discussions follow the movie. 238-6490

Mondays-Play to learn

Seasonal songs, games and activities in preparation for school are offered for children under 6 and their caregivers from 10-11:30 a.m. at the HOPE Center: Boys & Girls Club Cheney Family Branch, 8502 Skansie Drive. Thanks to generous community support, these

classes are free.

Thursdays-Wee Ones

WOW: Wee Ones Weekly is held from 9:30-11 a.m. for toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers at the HOPE Center: Boys & Girls Club Cheney Family Branch, 8502 Skansie Drive. Cost is \$7/family/class for members; \$10 for non-members.

Fridays-Power play

Power Play Fridays are from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Children’s Museum of

Tacoma, HOPE Center of the Boys & Girls Club. Drop in and play with art adventures, sensational sensory fun, melodious music, beautiful bubbles and more. Cost is \$6/child; adults and infants under one are free.

Birthday parties in Gig Harbor

Children from 1-8 may party with the Children’s Museum of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$180 for members of the Boys & Girls Club or \$200 for non-members; reservations required two weeks in advance. For reservations, call 627-6031

April 24-25-Fishermen’s yard sale/breakfast

The Key Peninsula Sportsmen’s Club’s annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Sportsmen’s Club on Jackson Lake Road in Lakebay. The proceeds from this sale helps make it possible for local youth to attend summer camp, participate in Little League, and provide other services to our community, especially the Key Peninsula Community Service Food Bank and Senior Center.

The annual Fishermen’s Breakfast at the Key Peninsula Sportsmen’s Club will be held from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday. The ‘all you can eat’ breakfast includes pancakes, ham & eggs, fruit juice and coffee for \$5. Children 6 and under are free. Contact Bill Smith, 884-2655.

May 4-Kindermusik classes

Kindermusik will feature African music in classes for ages 4-6 from 4:30-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 4-25, at the Volunteer Park office building. Kindermusik helps sharpen listening and attention skills and also finding audio patterns. Fee is \$49; minimum of 5, maximum of 12 kids. KP Parks, 884-9240

May 8 – Livable community fair

The Key Peninsula Civic Center will host the 9th Annual Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

17010 S. Vaughn Rd KPN. In addition to the open house for area non-profits and organizations supporting and based on the Key Peninsula, the Livable Fair also includes the Lakebay Fuchsia Society’s plant sale, KP Historical Museum displays and plant sale, kid’s craft area, and entertainment. Key Pen Park’s “Touch a Truck” activity returns this year, inviting kids and adults, to get up close and personal with local and regional service vehicles from Peninsula Light, Fire District 16, Pierce County, and more.

Registration deadline for exhibitors (\$25/booth) is April 26; kpciviccenter@centurytel.net or 884-3456.

May 12-Pee wee T-ball

Pee Wee t-ball for ages 3.5 to 5 will be offered on Wednesdays at Volunteer Park, 5-6 p.m. from May 12 to June 16. Adult involvement is required during the sessions. Cost is \$43. Call Chad, KP Parks, 884-9240, to sign up.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays-Evening lap swimming

The heated pool at Camp Stand by Me has adult lap swimming from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Cost is \$4.25/person; punch cards are available for 10 swims for \$40. Donna, 884-2722

Tuesdays-Family swim times

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers family swim time, in the heated pool,

from 4:30-5:30. Cost is \$4.25/person or \$15/family. Children under 2 are free and must be accompanied by an adult. 884-2722

Tuesdays & Thursdays-Adult morning swimming

The heated pool at Easter Seal Camp Stand by Me has adult open swim from 8-9 a.m. and adult water aerobics from 9:20-10:20 a.m. Cost is \$4.25/per session paid monthly. Donna, 884-4473

APRIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Lions Club, April 7 & 21, 6 p.m. social, 6:35 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, KP Civic Center
- KP Metro Parks, April 12, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.; at Volunteer Park Annex
- Fire District 16, April 13 & 27, 3 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station
- Key Peninsula Council, April 14, 6:30 p.m.-business meeting, KC Library
- KP Civic Center Board, April 8, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room
- Peninsula School District Board, April 15, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office
- LIC potluck dinner meeting, April 21, 7 p.m. Longbranch Improvement Club



Photo by Danna Webster, KP News

About 224 people packed the civic center for the annual Crab Feed on Feb. 20. It was a successful fundraiser for the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Crab Feed huge success

By Marsha Hart, KP News

It wasn't the same old Crab Feed this year at the Key Peninsula Civic Center's annual Crab Feed event. Festive decorations, a DJ and video were just a few of the improvements. More than 200 came through the doors for the crab and spaghetti dinner.

"It went quite well and we had plenty of crab," said Loyd Miller, first member at large.

Next to the fireworks stand the civic center has during the July 4 holiday each year, the Crab Feed brings in much-needed funds for the center, Miller said. Totals were \$3,000 from Crab Feed, he said.

Fresh crab was purchased from Winks Boat Fresh Seafood in Purdy. A video of Winks on his crabbing trip was edited by Dan Towey, and played on a big screen

during the dinner, Miller said. The crab that was cooked for the dinner was caught on Monday.

"We bought 700 pounds of crab, because last year we had 500 pounds and ran out of crab," he said.

To add to the ambiance, Winks provided some decorations for the occasion.

"Winks brought crab pots that sat out front and hung netting on the wall," Miller said.

There was crab left over, and Miller said they sold it for \$5 per crab as people left the event, and were able to sell all of it.

The DJ played music for the dinner crowd, Pat Medveckus cooked up some spaghetti sauce that was a big hit, and the setup was a little different this time around.

"We served on the lower balcony," he said. "It went better, and we moved people

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Icy plunge raises funds for local youth

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

The Polar Plunge that took place in Allyn Jan. 23 was another successful fundraiser for the North Mason Boys & Girls Club, raising over \$7,000 in pledges from community sponsors and participants. The North Mason Teen Center and After School Program will reap the benefits and continue to provide a place to gather for local kids.

Branch Director Katie Smith said she would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, and community for the outpouring of support the event generated. Nearly

100 people attended the plunge to cheer on the 25 souls brave enough to dive into the icy waters of Case Inlet.

"We exceeded our fundraising goal of \$6,000 which is always exciting. I really want to thank everyone for their generous support."

Next year's event will focus on working strategically with North Mason High School teams and clubs to make the fundraiser beneficial to all groups that get involved. The 2011 plunge will take place the weekend after the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at Port of Allyn Waterfront Park.

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for three years, performing in festivals and for private parties. It's a seven-piece band comprised of talented Northwest residents encompassing the traditional bluegrass instruments of banjo, fiddle, Dobro, guitar, acoustic upright bass, and mandolin.

Bruce Watkins, Nashville producer and session musician, heard her play at the Bluebird Café in Nashville and a mutual respect and friendship was born. He wanted to record with her but circumstances waylaid the project.

They've kept in contact over the past 15 years and last August Watkins found Wescott on Facebook. His first question was "Hey Thea, when are we going to record?"

She was ready.

"It is a huge commitment both financially and time-wise but I knew this was the right time to fulfill the dream."

Watkins asked her to name her choice of players. She threw out a "who's who" list of her Nashville heroes thinking he would be unable to sign them up for the recording session.

"I wanted the best and I asked for them."

Watkins was able to amass every single musician she requested while Wescott worked on her list of back-up singers.

"I manifested the perfect support team," Wescott said.

She was in Nashville for about two weeks recording the CD. The final product arrived at her house on the Key Peninsula on Christmas Eve 2009.

Wescott along with her band Timberland Ridge had a CD release party March 25 at the Mandolin Café in Tacoma. Bruce Watkins flew out from Nashville to attend the event and the evening was recorded and videotaped for future release to CD and DVD. The CD "Cromwell and Other Roads" is available now on Amazon.com and cdbaby.com and on Thea's website www.theawescott.com.

The songs are originals written by Wescott with the exception of a personal favorite by Sting. "It's a fresh feel to Bluegrass, what I like to call West Coast Grass," says Wescott.

Ten percent of her proceeds go to Horse and Animal rescue organizations. "I love dogs and horses, especially thoroughbreds. Horse rescue is close to my

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Community garden sprouts on KP

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

Key Center Community Gardens will become a reality by the end of April thanks to a collaborative effort between Healthy Communities of Pierce County, Key Pen Parks, and Sunnycrest Nursery.

The Key Center Community Gardens will be located on land donated by Sunnycrest Nursery. The business has generously agreed to a five-year plan and the garden will border the business at 9004-B Key Peninsula Highway North in Key Center.

The idea behind the project, established by the Pierce County Medical Society, is to promote healthy eating and address the issue of childhood obesity. Their mission is three-fold; provide education, physical activity, and nutritional food choices featuring organic produce. A grant from Key Pen Parks is providing startup funding for the gardens. The first year will be the most costly and ongoing operation expenses will be covered by donations to rent the plot space and countless volunteer hours.

Barb Carr, head of the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Community Garden Steering Committee, helped get Wilkinson Farm Gardens in Gig Harbor off the ground last year.

Pat Thompson, a Key Peninsula resident, has agreed to be the garden manager and brings many years of gardening experience to the project. He participates in flower shows and is responsible for drawing up the site plan. The final number of plots will be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Many local individuals and businesses are collaborating to break ground, clear brush, and erect fencing by early April. Carr expects the first seeds and plants to enter the ground by the end of the month.

"The garden on Rosedale Street was strictly grown for the FISH Food Bank but this year the public will have the opportunity to grab plots for their personal use. Fifteen of 17 plots are already reserved."

The Master Gardener's of Pierce County will provide mentoring and instruction on organic gardening to plot residents. The preliminary plan is to hold educational sessions at least once a month. Seminars will take place at the Key Center Library. Information will be forthcoming at the library, in local newspapers, and via a community garden newsletter.

An area of the garden is being set aside to benefit the Key Peninsula Food Bank. Master Gardeners will participate in caring for the plot and organizers hope to garner support from services groups looking for community projects.

"This would be a perfect senior portfolio for a local student or a project for a scouting group," Carr said. "This is a way to learn about gardening and give something back to community members in need at the same time."

Applications for plots will be available at the Key Center Library and Sunnycrest Nursery.

There is a suggested donation of \$30 for a single or \$50 for a double plot. The plots are slated to be approximately 100 square feet with final details still emerging. Ongoing volunteers are needed to assist with the planting and harvesting of the gardens. Donations of equipment are also needed and include tools, seeds, hoses, and other basic gardening supplies.

Individuals or groups interested in obtaining a garden plot or volunteering to assist with the gardens should contact Barb Carr at 253-228-0538 or via email at ghcommunitygardens@gmail.com.

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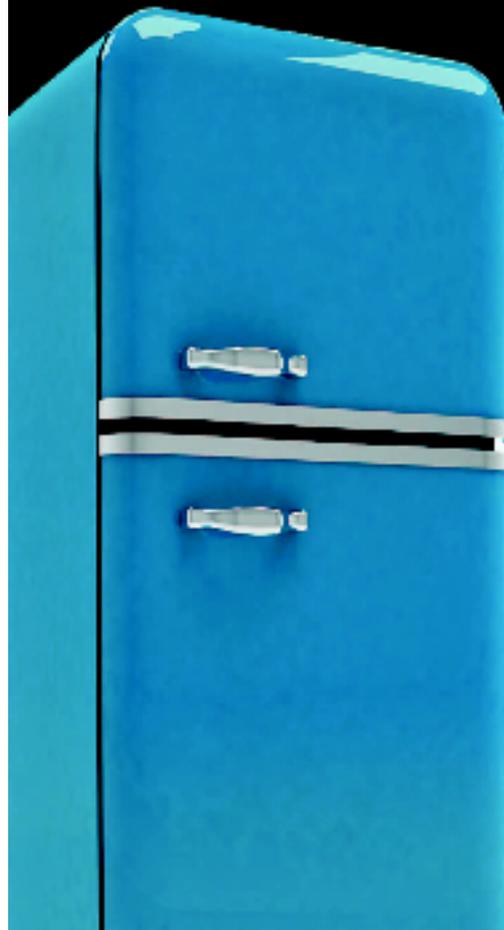
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The Spelling of Glencove

By Colleen Slater, KP News

"I went to Glencove School and we learned to spell it right!" says Joyce Niemann, president of the Key Peninsula Historical Society. "I see red when I see Glencove spelled with two words."

Niemann understands that Longbranch and Lakebay were each originally two words officially changed by the post office, but that was never the case with Glencove.

Glencove was originally called Balch or Balch's Cove in 1891 when mail was first delivered there, but when the post office name changed in 1896, it was one word.

The author of the post office history says Glencove was on Glen Cove, but Niemann says he got it wrong. Glencove was the whole area.

Dale Boquist, who lives on Glencove Rd KPN, has assorted records from his grandparents and great-grandparents. One set includes certificates of shares in the Glencove Community Hall, dating back to his great-grandmother Agnes Petersen's in 1922.



Photo by Colleen Slater, KP News

Glencove Hall Association share certificate from 1922 for Agnes Petersen, great-grandmother of Dale Boquist.

Glencove School is on the Pierce County Register of Historical Places. Its former address was 4627 Vaughn-Glencove Road, which was the original road from Glencove over the hill (now 92nd St) past the Vaughn log cabin school to the bridge at the head of the bay.

Some local history books, including Floyd Oles' autobiography and the new Celebrate the Key Peninsula, have it correct, notes Niemann. R. T. Arledge's Early Days of the Key Peninsula has it both ways, although copies of the Tyrus sailing schedule, a map, newspaper clippings and personal notes all proclaim Glencove. He also notes it is Glencove on various maps and historical documents.

Niemann says she was disappointed the author of An Automobile Tour Through Key Peninsula History used two words.

"Our property deeds all say Olson Road is the 'relocated Vaughn-Glencove Road' spelled as one word," says Niemann.

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Peninsula School District is estimating to save more than \$100,000 per year thanks to energy projects funded through partnerships. The district will be replacing light fixtures at five schools—Gig Harbor and Peninsula High schools, Key Peninsula and Goodman middle schools as well as Harbor Heights Elementary—to more energy-efficient systems. In addition, aging boilers will be replaced at Harbor Heights and Goodman.

The total project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million, including a \$500,000 grant received from the state. PSD was one of 59 districts statewide, out of 81 applicants, to receive an energy grant, and one of only 15 districts to receive the highest possible amount.



In addition, the district has teamed up with Peninsula Light Co. to receive an estimated \$300,000 in rebates once the projects are completed. PenLight helped the district write the state grant following an energy audit commissioned by the district through Quantum Engineering.

The district's portion of the projects, about \$1 million, will be funded through money left over from the 2003 voter-approved bond, thanks to matched state funds that paid for other projects.

"It's a great partnership, and it will help us save in operating costs," says PSD Deputy Superintendent Chuck Guzema. "We are leveraging funds left over from the bond that were identified for energy efficiencies to do quite a bit of work."

The district selected the five schools based on which buildings would receive the maximum benefits and cost-

savings from retrofitting. The Board of Directors recently approved the project list, and some work will start in the spring, with the remainder expected to be completed this summer.

The energy savings will help the district continue its efforts of becoming more environmentally friendly. They will also benefit the entire community—the district is one of the largest power consumers in the area, and the energy savings will positively impact all PenLight customers.

District's facilities rental program popular in the community

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At a Glance

The 2010-2011 school year calendar is available at the PSD website www.psd401.net under the Calendar scroll down menu. Also available for your viewing is the new state testing brochure located at the right hand side of the main page at the link labeled State Testing Information.

April Events

- 1-2 No school—spring break
- 10 Kindergarten Registration Kick-Off at all PSD elementary schools from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon
- 15 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the District Office

May Events

- 4 Superintendent Forum—third in a series of four forums to be held at Key Peninsula Middle School Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 13 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary School
- 31 No school—Memorial Day observed

June Events

- 1 Superintendent Forum—fourth in a series of four forums to be held at Kopachuck Middle School Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 10 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
- 11 Henderson Bay High School graduation ceremony 7:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill
- 13 Graduation ceremonies at the Tacoma Dome for Gig Harbor 1:00 p.m. and Peninsula 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Key Peninsula Middle School moving on ceremony
- 18 Last day of school

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration kicks-off Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at your neighborhood school. Registration will continue throughout the school year beginning Monday April 12th from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. We look forward to meeting you!

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Skarsella Brothers completed the construction, under the supervision of Keith Johnson, project superintendent.

One of the final stages for the project was seeding the land where construction crews parked equipment. Aske said workers will return in September to complete the final phase of the project. That will be the removal of the last of the false work under the bridge.

"We need to caution the boaters, at mean high tide (to be aware), there is still false work underneath the bridge," he said.

Vaughn residents gathered to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony on

a beautiful sunny March 24. The ribbon cutting scissors were handed to Chief Inspector Aske and the first to cross the bridge was a Key Pen geoduck riding on a Fire District 16 gurney. The geoduck was followed by the fire district's newest emergency vehicle, "A46" driven by Division Chief Chuck West. The first cars were Chevrolet's, a 1932 hot rod Roadster and a 2008 Corvette. Over 100 neighbors, historians, public officials and Key Peninsula dignitaries strolled along the bridge and admired the view pointed out by County Executive, Pat McCarthy. "There aren't too many views that typify the beauty of the Pacific Northwest like right here in Vaughn," she said.

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heart."

"Cromwell and Other Roads" is being released to bluegrass radio in April and a single off the CD "Santa Ana Wind" is being released to country radio stations.

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through quicker."

Some 30 or so volunteers worked to make it all happen, from selling tickets at the front door, kitchen workers who prepared the spaghetti meal, to a Cub Scout Troop acting as bus boys, Miller said.

This story first appeared on the March 2010 Web Edition of the Key Peninsula News.

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can't touch the stuff on the shoulder until the DNR comes in and takes a look," he said, though he didn't know when that would be.

The DNR did not respond to repeated requests for comment on this report.

The property owners also could not be reached for comment. However, Joyce Niemann, a longtime Key Pen resident of pioneer stock who lives down the road from the cutting, said she recently spoke to one of the owners: "I said, 'You don't know how people think about our trees.' She didn't want this to happen," Niemann said.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Two Waters Arts Alliance hosted the 2010 Spring Fling art gallery and sale at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The non-profit organization provides opportunities for Key Peninsula residents to engage in the arts.

Students showcased at Spring Fling

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Each year, patrons and visitors to Two Waters annual Spring Fling discover something new as well as being impressed with the number and variety of artists who live and work on the Key Peninsula and surrounding areas. It was no different at this year's event held March 6.

The Whitmore Room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center displayed an expanded collection of work from Peninsula High School and Key Peninsula Middle School students, coordinated by Merrilee Kennedy. She noted it was difficult to fit all the entries

into the available space.

For the first time, the students could place their artwork on sale just like the adult participants. One entrant each from high school and middle school levels received an award.

Katerina Stefanoff's batik titled Walking in Sunshine captured the high school honor, and Kim Westenhiser's striking layered photography won the middle school award.

The gymnasium held an eclectic display of mediums and subjects. Photography, paintings, sculpture and pottery all attracted attention from the crowd.

Pat Meras, featured artist, was also the judge for the student work.

Jazz Musette entertained with music, and the crowd enjoyed the attractive and tasty hors d'oeuvres catered by Jacquie Hick.

Art and Photo Art Teachers whose students participated were Chris Bronstad, Christine Burris, Mike Hunziker, Gaye Johnson and Karen Peck. Volunteers included Erica Arnett, Phil and Kathy Bauer, Lisa Bryan, Jan Buday, Ramona Dickson, Kathy Barrett and crew.

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Evergreen celebrates Title I award

By Marsha Hart, KP News

It was a day of celebration at Evergreen Elementary School March 17, and not just for the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Students, teachers, community supporters, and representatives from the Peninsula School District and the Office of Superintendent of Instruction gathered to acknowledge a big accomplishment.

The school received the Washington State Title I Distinguished School Award for 2009-2010 for closing the gap in its reading achievement. The announcement came more than a year ago, and the day finally came for the award to be presented.

Principal Jacque Crisman expressed gratitude for all in attendance, including those from the District office, and OSPI. They included Gayle Pauley, director for Title I and Larry Fazzari program director for Title I from the OSPI office, and Claudia Thompson, assistant superintendent for learning and teaching from the Peninsula School District office.

"You don't know how much it means to



Photo by Karrina Whitmarsh, KP News

be recognized," Crisman said.

It's the student achievement that Crisman is so proud of, and the dedication of teachers, support staff, parents and community supporters. She said the entire Key Peninsula community should be proud.

"It's a collaborative effort," she said. "It was getting all of those team members to go for the same goal."

Part of the strategy used at Evergreen to close the gap in reading scores included what Christine Garrison's first and second grade split class called the Five Keys to Reading. Garrison wrote a song about the Five Keys that the students performed during the celebration.

Given the atmosphere at Evergreen, Pauley said it isn't surprising that the school received the award.

"The climate is wonderful, the teachers and students are welcoming, and I met community members who support the school," Pauley said. "It's a great environment and a good learning place."

The award is given to honor Title I schools that have raised achievement in math and/or reading through a specific strategy for three consecutive years. The academic growth is measured through state assessment, and there are other factors that determine what schools receive the awards, Pauley said. Such as a shared vision, high standards and expectations for students, a supportive learning environment, and high levels of community involvement.

Evergreen received \$10,000 to be used for professional development, team building, additional research and development of new strategies.

Crisman said the money will be used to focus on mathematics.

"The thought is that we could go for this (award) again, but I really want to see the progress we can make in mathematics and hold true to our plan," she said.

Vaughn resident awarded scholarship

Joaquin Antoine, a resident of Vaughn, received a scholarship through Bates Technical College Foundation. Antoine was among those honored at this year's Scholarship Breakfast on March 3. The annual breakfast celebrates student achievement and donor generosity.

Recipients in various career education programs may use the scholarships, which range from \$150-\$1,000 per student, to help pay for tuition, books and supplies. Students who are awarded the Associated Student Government (ASG) Child Care Scholarship will receive \$500 toward childcare expenses at the college.

Antoine, an Electrical Construction student, received both an ASG Scholarship and an ASG Childcare Scholarship.

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Injury benches Carlson

By Ted Olinger, KP News

Peninsula High School freshman Hannah Carlson will not reach her goal of playing on the Seahawks boys' baseball team.

This year.

After the first of the three-day tryout in March, Carlson aggravated an old wrist injury while swimming, she said. Doctors would not clear her to return to tryouts following a trip to ER.

Carlson had sustained a buckle fracture to her right wrist three years ago when she leaped to grab a ball flying over her head and came down hard on her throwing hand, said her mother, Tricia Carlson.

"It's bothered her sometimes, but now we think it didn't ever heal properly," she said.

Describing her one day of tryouts with the boys, Carlson said, "It went good. There were a lot of people I'd played with before, on little league and stuff."

Carlson faced resistance when she told the school she wanted to play on a boys' team, although league regulations permit it.

"I had some coaches and people tell me she should switch to softball," her mother said. "Once her story got out there, she got a lot of support from a lot of women and girls who said they were so proud of her."



Photo courtesy of Ed Johnson, KP News

Carlson takes a swing during a 2009 game in Olalla.

Whatever opposition she may have had, Carlson said she felt good about going into the practice.

"The coach talked to me a little bit before practice," said Carlson. "He said he was going to give me a fair shot."

The coach said it was difficult to tell from that one practice if Carlson could have made the team.

"I think she's a pretty good athlete, looking at her and all the things we put her through," said PHS Baseball Coach Marco Malich.

"As far as competing with the boys, she did OK," he said. "I don't know whether she would have made the team or not. We kept a lot of freshman. She was right in that area, of maybe making it or not. But only looking at one practice it's pretty hard."

Twenty-five freshmen turned out for tryouts and 17 will play, said Malich. "That's more than I'm used to keeping. This was an outstanding class."

Malich has coached Seahawk baseball for 31 years and won 397 games. But the team had a losing season last year, and then graduated some key players, he said.

"I think we're going to be competitive this season," Malich said. "We're going to be pretty young compared to the rest of the teams, but they're pretty solid."

Carlson was "pretty disappointed" she didn't even get to finish tryouts.

"I told her, 'There's always next year. Make sure you come back,'" said Malich.

Carlson will be playing senior ball in the Key Peninsula Little League this season, depending on her wrist, and plans to tryout for the Seahawks baseball team again next year.

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Cougar wins tournament



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Roger Kaffer, a Cougar, gets a victory during the Peninsula Youth Wrestling Tournament March 6.

OBITUARIES

Richard "Dick" Radonich

Dec. 10, 1920 – Feb. 23, 2010

Richard (Dick) Radonich, a Longbranch resident for the past 53 years, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 23 while wintering in Yuma, Arizona. He was born to John Radonich and Naomi Winters at a mere 1 pound 12 ounces in Mukilteo, Wash. On Dec. 10, 1920. He was raised in a waterfront home on McNeil Island until they were forced off the island in 1936. The family then moved across the bay to Home.



RADONICH

After graduating from Vaughn Union High School he served in the Navy for four years. Dick then returned to Tacoma and worked at his family's restaurant "The Towers." Dick married Marjorie Rickert in 1950. While working as a milkman for Darigold, they bought the Rickert homestead in 1957, where Marge was born and still resides. They raised three beautiful daughters, Cynthia Walters, Robin Radonich, Becky Olsen and cousin Pam Baebler, the "4th daughter". Dick retired from Pierce county Road District in 1982. He and Marge spent their retirement years canoeing all over the U.S., including 520 miles down the Yukon River.

They also spent the last 26 years wintering in Yuma, Arizona where they enjoyed many close friends, horse-shoeing, cribbage, pinochle, dances and jam sessions.

Dick loved music, he was always whistling a tune while doing dishes or listening to his favorite songs on his radio.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and his beautiful daughter Robin who he now joins in Heaven. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 59 years, Marge, daughters Cindy Walters of Wenatchee and Becky Olsen of Longbranch, granddaughters Heidi Jackson of New York, Molly McAllister of Seattle and Gretchen Olsen of Longbranch, and a new great granddaughter Harper McAllister Sather.

He meant the world to his girls. He was the most loving, kind man with a quick wit and always a joke on hand. He will be missed not only by his girls that he adored and were crazy about him, but also his many close friends here and in Yuma.

A celebration of his life is being planned and will take place April 24 at 3 p.m. at Longbranch Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of Robin.

Terry Raymond Valley

June 9, 1958 – Feb. 17, 2010

Terry was born in Tacoma and resided in Vaughn for many years. He was a man of many talents and hobbies with a quirky sense of humor. He enriched the lives of all who knew and loved him.



VALLEY

Our beloved Terry is survived by his parents, Mallin and Dale Valley, son Matt,

grandmother Myrtle Valley, sister Cindy and brothers Steve, Jim, Bob and Dan. He is preceded in death by his sister Kandy.

Together they are walking with the Lord and dancing with the Angels.

Joseph W. Rhea

July 31, 1930 – Jan. 17, 2010

Joe Rhea was born in St. Louis, Mo. to Joseph W. Rhea Sr. and Evelyn R. Rhea.

Joe attended Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. and Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. Joe also served in the Army during the Korean War and was later stationed at Fort Lewis where he met his wife of 55 years, Beryl (Bea). Joe moved his family to Gig Harbor in 1973.

Joe had many business and community interests: Joe was Central Regional Manager for E.H. Sheldon Equipment Company from 1958-1966, Owner of Educational Interiors from 1966-1973, Owner of The Crab Pot in Purdy from 1973-1981, Owner of Hansel and Gretel in Federal Way from 1975-1983, worked for Victor L. Lyon Realtors (Commercial Investment Division) in Tacoma from 1978 – 1984, Western

Regional Manager for Structural Concepts Corporation of Spring Lake, MI from 1985-1994 and Western Regional Manager for Interior Specialties Corporation of Spring Lake, MI from 1994-1997. Joe was active in the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce and served on its Board of Directors for several years as well as numerous chamber committees. He was President of the Chamber from 1980-1981. Since 1978, Joe was Developer and Project Director for Northwestern General Development Corporation, which built the Lake Kathryn Village Shopping Center in Gig Harbor.

Joe was a gifted pianist, baseball pitcher and loving father. His humor and wit were always entertaining.

Joe touched many lives and will be dearly missed. Joe is survived by his wife Beryl (Bea); son Steve and wife Mare of Bellingham; daughter Sue Rhea of Port Orchard; daughter Carol Dorothy and husband Mark of Camano Island; and three grandchildren Cristina, Mike, and Allison Rhea of Bellingham.

A private family service was held in his remembrance. Donations in his memory may be made to your favorite charity.

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session,” the PCFCA said.

Yanity also made a reference to that incident in his statement against the fire levy lid lift published in the Voter’s Guide for the November 2009 election, writing, “Can a firefighter be so drunk that he falls on a patient and not have an alcohol problem?”

Fire Chief Tom Lique was quoted in an article in that same edition explaining, “There was an incident with alcohol at a training conference... It didn’t happen in an emergency situation. It didn’t happen with a real patient. The member was immediately removed from the conference and returned to the department and disciplined. It’s not what Commissioner Yanity is leading people to believe.”

The FD 16 fire commission also voted at its March 9 meeting not to reimburse Yanity for travel expenses to county meetings should he attend in spite of his prohibition, which could amount to \$1,100 a year. His annual commissioner’s salary of approximately \$9,100 is unaffected.

Directing his sometimes heated remarks to Fire Commission Chair Ruth Bramhall, Yanity responded to the censures in part by saying, “What you’re really doing, Ruth, is you’re proving to the public that anybody who tells them the truth is going to be punished and punished severely, and that’s going to come around and hang you.”

However, the department’s attorney said Yanity can’t violate the law just to

make his point.

“He seems to think that because he wanted to correct some greater wrong that it’s okay to violate the law, but you can’t breach the confidentiality of an executive session,” said Joe Quinn, the department’s attorney.

EARLIER CENSURES

Commissioner Yanity was elected to the board in 2005 and began his six-year term in 2006. He was first censured at the county level after being convicted of fourth degree misdemeanor assault on then fellow commissioner Jim Bosch with a coffee mug during a commission meeting recess in April 2007. Yanity, who said he was defending his wife, was arrested at the scene and Bosch was transported to a Tacoma hospital for stitches to his head. Yanity received a one year suspended sentence, two years’ probation, and was ordered to pay court costs of about \$700. He spent \$30,000 defending himself at trial, he said.

Later, in 2008, Yanity was the subject of a workplace harassment investigation prompted by a complaint from Administrative Manager Christina Bosch, wife of Battalion Chief Robert Bosch and daughter-in-law to former Commissioner Jim Bosch. An outside investigator concluded that Yanity had created a “hostile work environment.” He was censured by the PCFCA for that complaint, as well as the coffee mug assault.

The harassment complaint was referred to the Pierce County district attorney’s office, which declined to pros-

ecute.

“I got a letter from the prosecutor warning me I wasn’t to have any hostile contact [with Christina Bosch]” said Yanity.

“Commissioner Yanity and Christina [no longer] interact directly with each other,” said Lique, Christina Bosch’s supervisor. “He’s made comments about incompetence and things like that in the past, but I don’t know how much of it is that, and the conflict between those two families [Yanity and Bosch],” said Lique.

“RESPONSIBILITY FIRST”

Commissioner Yanity based his 2005 campaign for fire commissioner on establishing random drug testing and new physical fitness standards for firefighters, or “Responsibility First.”

“I believe there is [a drug and alcohol problem]. I can’t bring out names, I can’t even tell you what my suspicions are because I know I’ll be censured again,” he said.

Since his election, Yanity has campaigned against four different levy measures to fund fire suppression, citing the need for “Responsibility First” before continued funding.

During his campaign against the 2006 levy, Yanity asked the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) to investigate the Key Peninsula Fire Department Funding Committee, a volunteer campaign group, for alleged misuse of public funds in producing a fire levy fact sheet.

Then Captain Mike Riegler (now Battalion Chief), the committee chair, took responsibility for what he called an

unintentional oversight made in the last 12 hours before the fact sheet was printed and mailed out to Key Pen voters without properly identifying the sponsor. He was fined \$250 by the PDC and the district was reimbursed \$4,000 by the campaign committee for use of material the department had paid to create.

An EMS levy voters approved 10 years ago to fund emergency medical services on the Key Pen expires this year. A ballot measure to reauthorize it will run in the August primary election. The replacement EMS levy would continue to provide approximately 25 percent of the department’s total budget.

“This district, to pass a levy,” said Yanity, “is going to need to go to the union and bargain and come back with some kind of a program that I can go to the people with and say, ‘Hey, look, we’ve settled it, the drug problem is going to be over, we’re going to have testing. Within a year you’re going to see marked improvement in the physical fitness of some of the officers or they’re going to be gone.’ ”

The district has a suspicion-based drug testing policy nearly identical to surrounding and comparable fire districts, including Gig Harbor, South Kitsap, Mason, South Pierce County 17, the Seattle Fire Department and the Washington State Patrol, according to a survey conducted by the Key Peninsula News.

Any FD 16 member, career or volunteer, suspected of being impaired is tested immediately, said Lique. Two

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members have been tested over the last 10 years; one was cleared and the other terminated, he said.

All firefighters and officers also perform daily physical conditioning, including individuals working to lose weight, in the new exercise room at Key Center headquarters, said Lique, in addition to their annual physical and fitness for duty tests.

"It's difficult for me because if he [Yanity] does know of somebody abusing drugs on staff, you'd think he'd bring it to me," said Lique. "I don't know if it's a trust thing or what, but I don't know why he won't just bring me a name."

It's something Bramhall would like to hear as well.

"He's talking about these things that happened six, eight years ago, and we keep saying, 'Who has a drug problem in there?'" said Bramhall. "Come forward."

But Yanity insists the issues are not adequately addressed.

"The problems I've brought out in executive session are never addressed," said Yanity. "They can talk all they want

about 'Well, if he'd just tell us.' Well, I'm sorry, when I tell them in executive session, that's exactly where it stays."

The only event close to a violation of department policy, since the training incident publicized by Yanity last year, occurred in December when Key Pen personnel were involved in an altercation outside the district where alcohol played a role, said Lique.

"The members were off-duty. They were invited guests to a Christmas party where there were members from an affiliate agency," said Lique.

"Their behaviors didn't fall in line with how I felt our guys even off-duty should be interacting with an affiliate agency."

The members each received a written reprimand and one day suspension.

RISK OF RECALL

The new censure letter from the PCFCA alluded to the possibility of recalling Yanity, stating, "A copy of the [censure] action, as well as all documents will be made available to a recall committee on request."

Commissioner Jim Bosch filed a petition for voters to recall Yanity in October

2007, after the assault, but failed to collect the approximately 1,700 signatures needed within six months to get it on the ballot.

"I think they'll probably try another recall but I don't know," said Yanity. "The last one was a real embarrassment to them."

Recalling Yanity is something only the voters can do.

"The board can't remove another board member," said district lawyer Joe Quinn. "Because he was put in by the people, he can only be removed by the people."

But voters could recall Yanity on two counts, said Quinn.

"He assaulted another member with a coffee cup and got convicted of fourth degree assault," said Quinn. "Number two, he violated the confidentiality of an executive session, which is violating a statute, and the recall cases hold that if you violate a statute, that's violation of the oath of office, and also misfeasance and maybe malfeasance."

Yanity expects a fourth censure before the year ends.

"I'm probably going to be censured

again because before the [levy] election I'll come out with at least one more case of substance abuse in this district," said Yanity. "I'm doing the best job I can do to represent my constituents."

Yanity will be up for reelection in 2011. He has not decided whether to run again, he said.



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market. I will miss our market dearly."

Donna White, a farm vendor at both markets said, "The Gig Harbor market has a great management team. The (new KP) market will be in good hands."

Crafters will no longer be limited to the

previous 3:1 farmer to crafter ratio. The new agreement gives Key Peninsula vendors a 3-year trial contract under Gig Harbor Farmer's Market management. The KPFM board will dissolve, and some vendors were accepting of that.

The booth fee is \$15 per week. There is a \$40 membership fee and that applies to

all markets—Sundays, Saturdays and Wednesdays. The calendar is flexible. The vendor booths are filled on a first come first served basis. There is a farm visit requirement for farmers and an art jury for crafters. Applications and more information are available online at: <http://gigharborfarmersmarket.com>.

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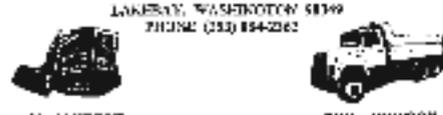
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On the balcony over the "Casino Night" activities, PHS Senior Max Shave on drums, Junior Hunter Clark on Guitar, and Senior Camerin Johnson as one of the school's Vocal Jazz Ensemble's vocalists backed by teacher Melanie Harris on keyboard kept the mood of the evening mellow with their fine renditions of a plethora of songs. Other members of the Ensemble included Libby Williamson, Cameron McMillan, Mariah Roberts, and Courtney Applegate. Gig Harbor's Boys and Girls Club provided the space for the first ever Peninsula High School "Casino Night" and even though the chips used to play the games had the same value as Monopoly money, the crowd behaved as if fortunes were being made or lost. A good time was had by all who paid \$30 to join the fun-filled fracas to raise funds for the school's many un-or-under funded activities.

About 60 children attended the Two Waters Arts Alliance sponsored puppet show put on by Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre, "When Animals Were People." Brayden Blout, was there with his father Sean, and mesmerized by the show.

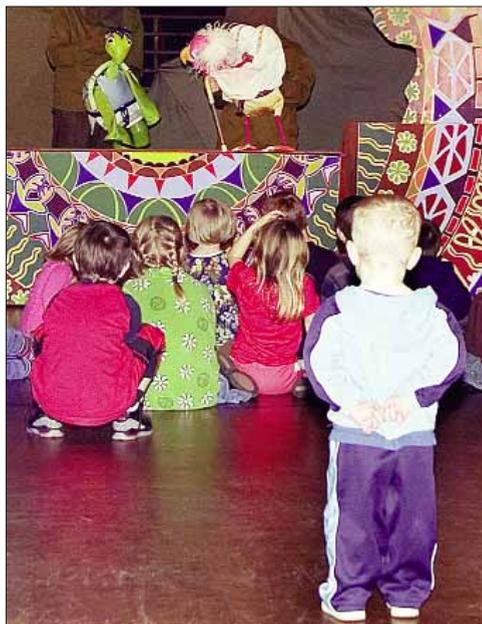
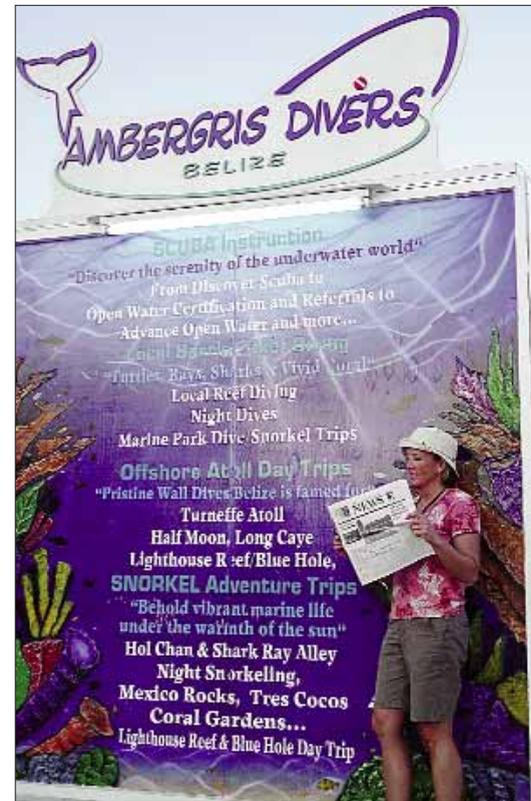


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KP News 'Where in the World'



Kerri Forrey and her husband Terry, of Lakebay, took the Key Pen News on their trip to Ambergris Caye Belize, Central America Feb. 3-12. The couple enjoyed scuba diving and snorkeling at the second largest barrier reef, took a trip to the Great Blue Hole and visited a Mayan Ruin. How far do you go with your KP New? Send us a pic at news@keypennews.com.

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