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## Premier KP property sold to Pierce County



Photo courtesy of Pierce County

Devil's Head, a prime piece of real estate on the Key Peninsula as seen in an aerial view.

## Possible transfer to Key Pen Parks ahead

By Rick Sorrels  
Special to the KP News

Devil's Head, the 94-acre natural jewel at the southern tip of the Key Peninsula is now owned by Pierce County. Sale documents were signed on July 13 for a purchase price of \$3.4 million.

Devil's Head includes nearly one mile of shoreline (4,800 feet) on the east, south, and west sides of the Key Peninsula. The view to the south includes Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams, 100 miles to the south, towering over the Nisqually Valley. Mt. Rainier dominates the southeast view, with Johnson's Point, Harstine Island, Olympia, and the Olympic Mountains covering the

western horizon.

The site includes old growth timber, nesting sites for bald eagles, feeder bluffs for salmon, riparian habitat, and pocket estuaries.

"People who are interested in conservation and recreation have dreamed for years of preserving Devil's Head, which provides incredible views of the natural landmarks that make this such a special place to live," said Pat McCarthy, the Pierce County Executive.

A partnership between Pierce County and various state agencies and private organizations made the sale possible.

The majority of the money came from the state. The Washington

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## Purdy Spit swimming advisory lifted, shellfish closure in effect

By Marsha Hart, KP News

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has lifted the "no swimming" advisory for the Purdy Sandspit. Officials at the health department said water quality conditions are again safe for swimming and other water recreation activities.

Recent water samples collected by the Health Department as part of the Marine BEACH sampling program have shown good water quality at the Purdy Sandspit. Also, water samples collected by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) just off of the Purdy Sandspit have shown good results.

"Since June we have been sampling the beaches at Purdy and other public marine swimming beaches on a weekly basis and had several successive good sample results including July 19," said Jim Hoyle, environmental health specialist for Pierce County.

Of the seven identified failing septic systems that were contaminating the waters, four have been repaired, one is posted "do not occupy" while the owner decides what he wants to do, and two have a temporary fix, are capped and used occasionally and have a pumping contract to keep overflow from going on ground or in the bay, he said.

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# Key Peninsula bus service stays

By Rick Sorrels  
Special to the KP News

KP residents are no longer at risk of losing all bus service. If voters approve a sales tax increase at the ballot box on Feb. 8, the KP will actually see a modest increase in available bus service.

Until their board meeting on July 12, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners had been considering two proposals. One proposal would have eliminated all bus service on the Key Pen. This option was not even discussed at the July meeting.

Instead, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve their "growth plan" which is dependent upon passage of a sales tax levy by the voters at the ballot box in February 2011. If approved, the sales tax collected for Pierce Transit would increase from 0.6 percent to 0.9 percent (an additional three cents collected for every \$10 spent).

The motion to send the tax levy to the voters also passed unanimously.

Provided that the sales tax levy passes, the "growth plan" would increase the hours of service for Route 113 from the current 5 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Monday through Friday, changing to 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday. This growth plan would also add Bus Plus service on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m..

"An effective date has not yet been established", said Tina Lee, a Principle Planner for Pierce Transit. "Funds would not be received from the increased sales tax until three months after the February ballot (if approved by the voters)."

The current year budget for Pierce Transit is \$119 million. This is a revenue drop of \$40 million since 2007.

Revenue comes from sales tax (70 percent), fare box receipts (18 percent), and state and federal grants (10 percent).

At July's board meeting, Wayne Franshier, Pierce Transit's VP for Finance, Audit, and Administration, cited



Ryan Amundson of Federal Way boards the Pierce Transit bus in Key Peninsula Center in July. "I'm temporarily without other transportation," he said, "and this is the only way for me to see my kids who live on the Key with their mom."

Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

actions taken to reduce expenditures such as a 5 percent cut in personnel in 2008, a 5.2 percent personnel cut in 2009, and a fare increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Terry Lee, who represents the Key Peninsula on the Pierce County Council, is also the Chair of the Pierce Transit Board.

"We continue to make concessions and cuts," said Lee. "There is a lot of additional service that we would like to provide, but cannot."

Pat McCarthy, the Pierce County Executive, is also a member of the Pierce Transit Board.

"We have done our due diligence to provide sustainability for Pierce Transit", said McCarthy. "The future of this agency is in our hands, and we will put it in the hands of the voters to determine how important Pierce Transit is to the future of Pierce County."

Pierce Transit has not yet formulated a plan of action

in case the voters fail to pass the sales tax levy in February.

Only 3 percent of Pierce County residents use the bus service. A disproportionate percentage of these riders are the elderly, disabled, low income, those without drivers license, and those most affected by the downturned economy. They have few, if any, other transportation options.

The Mustard Seed Project, which is a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping seniors on the Key Peninsula, provides a free ride program for seniors and disabled individuals.

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# BRIEFS

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## Purdy spit accident sends one to hospital

By Irene Torres, KP News

Washington State Patrol investigated a recent accident on the Key Pen. On July 8, Mark Favre, 67, was riding a 2004 Harley Davidson Dyna Super Glide eastbound on the Purdy Spit just before 3 p.m.

In stop-and-go traffic, his bike struck a 1999 Honda Civic driven by 68-year-old Iva Kvamme from Gig Harbor. The Honda sustained \$1,800 damage and there was no report of injury to that driver. The motorcycle sustained \$2,800 damage and was impounded to a towing company. Favre was transported to St Anthony Hospital with minor injury. Trooper Brandy Kessler said in an email to KP News, "I was told it was a miracle he was not hurt worse." The State Patrol does not receive updates on medical condition unless there is a fatality. Favre received a citation for \$175 for following too close.

## Accident, injury on 302

By Irene Torres, KP News

A 70-year-old Gig Harbor man was injured at the intersection of State Route 302 and 118th Avenue on a Saturday morning early in July, the state Patrol reported.

The man was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado westbound on SR 302 when he swerved to the right and smashed into a tree around 11:35 a.m.

The Patrol said the man was wearing a seat belt. Neither alcohol nor drugs were believed to be a factor in the accident.

No further information is available on the condition of the driver. The pickup was totaled in the crash. At press time the cause was still under investigation. The Patrol reported that charges related to the crash are pending.

## Drowning victim recovered in Case Inlet

By Danna Webster, KP News

A Coast Guard rescue helicopter was working in the Case Inlet July 8 assisting Mason County Sheriff officers locate a drowning victim.

According to Chief Deputy Byrd of the Mason County Sheriff's office, the sheriff had boats in the water about one hour after receiving the call at 12:20 p.m. The rescue team found a 23-foot cabin cruiser in the water, running, with nobody aboard.

The Coast Guard helicopter crew located the owner's body less than a mile from the boat in several feet of water.

The victim was identified as 67-year-old Michael K. Neher, a resident of Union, who moored his boat at Jarrell Cove Marina on Harstine Island.

"Mr. Neher was alive when he went into the water," said Mason County Coroner, Wes Stockwell.

The coroner's office is trying to determine whether the cause of death was accidental such as a fall from the bridge of the boat; natural such as a heart attack; or possibly the consequences of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The coroner is waiting for a lab toxicology report.

## KP Smoke Shop damaged, burglarized



Early in the morning of July 11, unknown persons broke out a window at the KP Smoke Shop in Key Center. They made off with the ATM machine, using a chain to drag it away, as seen on surveillance video. The property owner prefers not to comment on this burglary, but damage to the building was estimated at \$10,000. Half an hour later the same morning, the smoke shop in Purdy suffered the same fate, losing an ATM and some merchandise. Pierce County Sheriff deputies indicated a stolen pickup was involved, had no suspects, and had not commented at press time. A few days later, it was alleged that the same pickup smashed into a convenience store in Aberdeen and two masked individuals carried off that ATM along with cigarettes. That vehicle was stolen from Kalaloch and was found abandoned in the Quinault area. This is a link to surveillance video from the Grays Harbor County burglary. <http://www.kirotv.com/news/24290840/detail.html>

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# EDITORIAL

## Voters should meet candidates

Eight candidates are vying for the chance to run for the District 7 Pierce County Council seat, and voters will narrow that down to two candidates on Aug. 17.

Voters will have opportunities to get to know these candidates prior to election day. On Aug. 3, a community forum will introduce the candidates and allow voters to ask questions.

It is important to exercise our right to vote, and equally important to know who we are voting for as we cast our ballots.

It can also be helpful to understand what these people are all competing to do. The first Pierce County Council began serving in 1981. The council members each represent one of seven districts in Pierce County and serve for four years.

During that time, they set policy and approve the annual budget for Pierce County. Duties of the council include land-use regulations, such as adopting comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, and others. They may also, as a council, investigate the affairs of the County, and the conduct of any County Department, office or agency, and may conduct public hearings on matters of public concern.

The forum on Aug. 3 is a great opportunity to learn more about the process, and get to know the candidates.

There will also be two views presented on the EMS levy for FD 16.

Join the conversation at 6:30 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center where you will meet each candidate and hear more about the EMS levy.

### To submit a letter

To submit letters to the editor, please email letters to news@keypennews.com, or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn WA 98394. Letters to the editor should be no more than 250 words and include full name and contact information for verification.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Good Samaritans on KP

I write to say thank you to the many kind folks who assisted me at the Union 76 station at Highway 302 & Key Peninsula Road on Monday, July 19. My red Subaru died at that place and good guys tried to help me get it started, borrowing jumper cables, and trying their best to revive the car. One gentleman, in particular, Randy by name, stayed with me, got it started and followed me to Key Center Auto Repair where the people there diagnosed and replaced the defunct alternator. Randy went so far as to accompany me to meet up with my son in law at the Key Center library. All of you should take credit for your giving spirit, which was so helpful to me. Thank you very much! God bless America.

*Beth Mackey, Port Townsend*

### Will you survive?

Although most heart attacks actually take days to run their course, many people suffering an attack wait until the last few hours or sometimes even minutes to seek medical attention.

The sooner you are transported to the hospital and treated the less likely the heart attack will have any serious consequences.

But we face another life threatening dilemma. Not only are many of our neighbors waiting too long to call for help, the question is, will help be there to call?

Four consecutive fire levies have failed. We now decide to re-new or reject the current EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Levy. Will we continue to have Paramedics in district or do we return to basic life support and contract our paramedic services from out of the community.

Having been a firefighter paramedic for years I admit that a well trained volunteer fire department can, and has been able to, protect the community from fire. However EMS is quite another thing. Eighty plus percent of all fire service calls are medical in nature. These are cared for by highly trained medical professionals whose very presence save dozens of lives every year.

Will we as voters approve the renewal of the upcoming EMS levy to assure our community a rapid response by well

trained life saving medical professionals, or will we tighten our purse strings and risk waiting 30 minutes to an hour longer for our advance life support to come from Tacoma or other areas?

*Ron Cleveland, PA.*

*President - Industrial Medical Consultants  
CEO - Washington Renaissance Faire*

### Canoe stolen

Piracy is an act that grates against everything I hold dear. An act of piracy occurred today, the ninth of July. This morning someone cut the rope to my son's old aluminum canoe and took it from my bulkhead. The name on the canoe was "STEELE PULSE", in green letters. I hope that someone will see this in your paper and turn that someone in, because he didn't "find it".

*John R. Dierck*

### Citizens need to attend meetings, be aware

Through the KP News and other sources, we have had our fill of the feud going on in our local fire department, and as we all know, it will not be over until the votes are cast. As one who plans to cast a vote, I think there is one very important message to communicate to our fire department. You are there to serve and protect, and you are accountable to the community you serve. This is your job and your obligation, and we are thankful to you when the job is done well. Though I am tired of the fighting, I do HOPE that the message gets through loud and clear. In reality, 10 years is a long time between votes, and it is easy to get comfortable. As citizens, we need to be attending the board meetings so we are more fully aware of the issues, and so you see and hear our concerns and know what is expected in order to maintain good standing. We want to know what is going on, and we want to see that you are being responsible with the funds and the duties entrusted to your care.

*Paula Vander Poel, Lakebay*

### Yes to continue paying tax

I keep seeing signs on the Peninsula saying "No New Tax" (referring to the EMS). Don't people know that the vote coming up in August is NOT A VOTE FOR A NEW TAX!!! It's a vote to continue paying the same tax we've all been paying for the last 10 years. The current tax is due

to expire and the vote is to continue it with NO INCREASE!!! A NO VOTE MEANS WE LOSE THE ONE AMBULANCE WE STILL HAVE on the Key Peninsula. A NO VOTE MEANS WAIT TOO LONG FOR HELP OR TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. I sure hope the people who are allowing signs on their property know what they're doing. If they mean for them to be there I hope they're the first ones who need help when we lose what little help we have left. Just how stupid and cheap can you get!!!!

*Pamela Smith, Lakebay*

### To the Editor,

The First Annual Croquet Tournament, held July 18, was a perfect illustration of why we wish to age in place on the Key Peninsula. What an extraordinary community!

We are so grateful to the Longbranch Improvement Club, the hard working Croquet Tournament Organizing Committee, the willing volunteers (including the Celebrity Judges), the creative and enthusiastic teams, and our generous sponsors: the Angel Guild, Peninsula Light, St. Anthony Hospital, Goin' Postal, Ducky Ladies, Bek Ashby, Key Center Massage, Committee to Elect Chuck West, Key Medical, Rosenbach Financial Services, and a number of individual donors.

Thank you all!! Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Edie Morgan*

*For The Mustard Seed Project*

### Not a new tax

Once again we have the opportunity to renew the current funding of emergency medical services in our community. This is not a new or an increase in tax, but one to continue receiving EMS coverage on our Key Peninsula. Without it our insurance rates will go up, we will pay for expensive private ambulance service and our quality of life will decline. In the past, issues unrelated to passing an EMS levy have put doubt in the minds of some citizens. One way or the other we pay for services. It is time to deal with those unsubstantiated accusations in a different forum and support the levy election on August 17. Vote YES for Emergency Medical Services! Your life and the lives of your loved ones may depend on it.

*Judy Mills*

# Live Fire

The sun is setting as our fire engine rolls up near the Herron Island ferry dock. I'd already spent a couple hours with C Shift, interviewing Key Pen firefighters for a news story, when the alarm came about a downed power line.

Now I am strapped into the rear bench of the cab between air bottles and fire axes, grappling with a headset and trying not to step on the lieutenant's fireproof "bunker" jacket and overalls at my feet.

The power line is not down but is glowing and melting and barely clinging to a transformer while sending sparks out onto the road below.

"Not much we can do here except keep people away if it comes down," says the lieutenant. He directs his partner, a young volunteer, to put some traffic cones around the base of the pole while he gets on the radio to the power company.

## Ted Olinger KEY NATION



A car slows down by the pole and the driver, an older man in need of a shave, leans out the window waving a cigarette.

"Hey fireman! Way to place those cones!" He drives off, laughing.

The lieutenant looks at his volunteer, shivering in an FD 16 sweatshirt.

"Dude, put on your bunker. It's freezing out here." The lieutenant has already pulled his gear on.

"It's still wet from last night," says the volunteer. He fought a house fire the night before, and didn't finish till 6:30 AM. The shift today started at eight.

I ask the young volunteer what brought him to the Key Pen.

"District 16 was recommended as a

quality place to work rural fire," he says. "But it's like having three full time jobs. You have medic school, you have ride time, and you have your own job you have to maintain. It's not easy."

And if the department can't afford to hire him after he graduates?

"I'll test in somewhere. But it's good here because the people are good."

Later I am riding in the back of the ambulance. I ask the medics up front why Key Pen voters haven't passed a levy lately.

"It doesn't require a commitment to vote 'no'," says the driver.

"How is that 'Responsibility First'?" says the other, turning to look at me.

"We're already 50 percent below where we should be on staffing and we need to renew the EMS levy just to keep us there."

"We've got a lot more to lose than our jobs," says the driver.

"But we're C shift," says the other medic. "Us having four guys on is like everyone else having eight."

"Did you hear how he just called me a guy?" says the driver.

It's after 9 p.m. at Key Center headquarters. Career personnel are conducting the twice-a-month volunteer training behind the building. I ask a firefighter there I met a month earlier if he got the job he was testing for in a neighboring district. After passing the tests and interviews, he says, "I was offered the position, but I turned it down."

"Working that hard to get that job reminded me how hard I worked to get this one," he says. "The pay was a little better, but this is my home. The department, this community. I decided to stay and fight for it."

Firefighters all over the lot are deploying and coiling large diameter hoses, hundred foot angry pythons, just so. When pulled from a truck they need to unwrap without tangles that would block water and damage the high-pressure hose or other equipment. It looks simple, but it's heavy, slow work, and the shift commander says something about each firefighter being responsible for the work of the other.

"Responsibility first," I joke. No one laughs.

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## EMS pro and con, candidate forum set for civic center

All of the Key Peninsula community is invited to attend the candidate forum Tuesday, Aug. 3. The Key Peninsula Council, in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Youth Council, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, Key Peninsula Business Association, and Key Peninsula News, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting to afford local residents a chance to meet and ask questions pertaining to the upcoming primary elections.

The forum will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the Key Peninsula Civic Center 17010 South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, Washington. The following candidates for the seat on the Pierce County Council which is about to be vacated by outgoing

Councilman Terry Lee will be present: Randy Boss, Stan Flemming, Todd Iverson, John Picinich, Betty Ringlee, Bill Sehmel, Chuck West, and Larry Wingard. Additionally, Jason Learned and Allen Yanity will be representing the "pro" and "con" viewpoints regarding the upcoming EMS Levy. All interested Key Peninsula residents are encouraged to attend this important event. The forum is intended as an informational evening and not a debate: candidates will make brief opening statements and the public will be afforded the opportunity to submit questions, in writing, for the candidates to answer. Refreshments will be provided by Ravensara.

## Burn ban in effect

A burn ban went into effect throughout Pierce County at 8 a.m. on July 15. It is scheduled to expire on Sept. 30.

The ban is declared by the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau in cooperation with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Department of Natural Resources, and in conjunction with the fire marshals in King, Kitsap and Mason counties. The ban is prompted by forecasts calling for continued dry weather.

The burn ban applies to all outdoor burning except for small recreational fires in established fire pits at approved camp grounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbecues will continue to be allowed under the ban.

Note: Effective this year, a county-wide burn ban will be implemented annually from July 15 through Sept. 30. This is being done in order to maintain consistency and increase awareness of fire safety during the hot, dry weather in the summer months. The defined dates do not preclude declaration of an earlier or longer ban, based on weather conditions for each year. Persons with approved DNR burn permits may call 1-800-323-BURN for information related to their permits.

The Department of Natural Resources announced a statewide burn ban on all DNR-protected lands as well on all forestlands except federal lands.

The ban applies to all outdoor burning, including currently permitted burns, with the following exceptions:

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The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbecues will continue to be allowed under the ban. This burn ban takes precedence over and supersedes all other burn bans currently in effect on forestlands except federal lands.

DNR is responsible for preventing and fighting wildfires on 12.7 million acres of private, state and tribal-owned forestlands.

Sources: Pierce County and Washington Department of Natural Resources

## Wine Making Contest

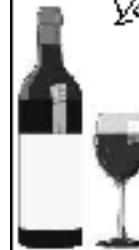
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# Changes in store for Key Center liquor patrons

By Danna Webster, KP News

One chapter of Key Center business history is coming to an end this September. The owner of the liquor store, Libby Rittenhouse, is retiring. The occupation of the building that has housed the Key Center liquor store since 1970 will change and the location of the liquor business will move. The new manager of the liquor contract, Lakebay resident Jeanie Weston, intends to move the liquor store across the highway into the building currently occupied by Red Door Realty which is next door to Capitol Lumber.

For Libby Rittenhouse and her mother, Shirley Marietta (1922-2009), the building has been more than just a liquor store. It has been a community gathering place.

On any given business day, the owners and customers engage in conversations about the local news; seek advice on topics from hair styles to real estate; complain about spouses and neighbors; brag on their children and families; and

exchange recipes. "My mother always said, 'Hang your shingle out here 'cause people tell their problems,' Rittenhouse says. Signs on the walls with wise sayings will also soon be gone: "Need a penny take one, need two get a job!"

Many customers express their regrets that she is leaving and bid her fond farewell. "For medical reasons, I did not renew my contract with the State," she explains and tells the story of the plane crash that left her with severe back and spine problems.

Key Center Liquor is an agency store. According to Rittenhouse, liquor stores in Washington are about half State stores and half agencies. There is no overhead for the State with an agency store. The building and staff are the responsibility of the manager who sells the liquor products on commission. "The State supplies me with bags and a computer," she says.

Rittenhouse is disappointed with the way the State selected the new agency manager. Four individuals applied for the agency and Rittenhouse's letters and calls recommending a manager who would



Photo by Danna Webster

Key Center liquor store owner, Libby Rittenhouse, chats with Morning Star Espresso co-owners and sisters Rose and Brie Wright about mutual ties between their Key Peninsula families.

keep the store in its present location were ignored.

"Now the contract manager is taking the country atmosphere out of the liquor store," she says. She resents the State's manager decision and the lack of consideration to her as a business partner for over 40 years with a store averaging a million dollars per year in sales. "The government screws small business owners," she says citing a few examples of other stores. Shirley Marietta gave her daughter advice about working with the State. "Mother said, 'When you take this over (dealing with the state) you're gonna need to drink more martinis,'" quotes Rittenhouse.

If the relocation plan of the new manager is realized, the next chapter for the liquor business will return the store to its original Key Center location in the 1950s.

It was housed between Dominic's Foods and Visell's Lumber and Hardware Company after being moved from the Home warehouse. For the story of the fire that consumed these buildings and nearly the entire Key Center one winter morning in February of 1970, go on-line to [www.keypennews.com](http://www.keypennews.com) and click Archives for the December 2007 issue of KPNews. "The fire that changed the face of Key Center" is on page 22.

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**Skate New Parks**  
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Sunday July 11, Key Peninsula Farmers Market goers enjoyed fine weather, a good assortment of booths offering fresh foods, flowers and handicrafts .

*Photo by Danna Webster, KP News*

## KP Farmers Market thrives

Fresh produce and flowers are offered each Sunday at the Key Peninsula Farmers Market. There are also cooking demonstrations, crafts and live music.

*By Kelly Maxfield, KP News*

The arrival of steady sunshine and warmer weather is bringing the farmers' bounty to the Key Peninsula Farmers Market. The market is held in the parking lot of O'Callahan's Pub & Grill each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. O'Callahan's is located at 92nd and Key Peninsula Highway in Key Center.

August will prove to be a busy month as shoppers can expect fruit such as peaches, apricots, and nectarines. Raspberries from Picha or Spooner Farms are available each week and sell out quickly. It is not uncommon for 40-50 flats to sell on market day. Wholesome vegetables continue to ripen but the hot commodity in August will be tomatoes. Fresh local beef, seafood, bakery items, and desserts round out the selection offered each Sunday.

Plants from local growers are available from Morgan Creek Farms and Raft Island Roses. Fresh flower bouquets will be prolific in the month of August. Many Key Peninsula crafters are offering beautiful arts and creations. There is face painting for the kids and music for the entire family. O'Callahan's Pub & Grill provides music in their outdoor garden area and all ages are welcome, even four-legged friends. Music is provided from noon to 3 p.m. each week featuring a different artist.

According to manager Dale Schultz the market averages 17 to 20 vendors per week and promises to add new vendors as the popularity with the shopper increases.

"Everything is fine. The market is doing well and the community is responding," said Schultz.

In his live cooking demonstrations, local Chef Dorne Webster creates mouth-watering entrees and desserts using vendor foods. Each week brings a new culinary adventure as the offering of the farmer varies. A recent creation featured sautéed garlic, green beans, and kale paired with fresh beef. The meal was topped off with Cherries Jubilee using fresh cherries from eastern Washington. Chef Dorne then directs market visitors to the booths selling his creation ingredients.

There has been a healthy by-product from combining the Key Peninsula Farmer's Market with the Gig Harbor Farmer's Market. Schultz has seen many Key Peninsula residents at the Saturday and Wednesday markets in Gig Harbor. He hopes to see more Gig Harbor Market attendees visiting the KP Sunday event as well.

Educating parents and children on the benefits of eating healthy, fresh, and locally grown food will be the focus of the market in August. A "teach kids to cook" event is planned, using grant money awarded to the market. Schultz quickly wrote a couple of grants when he took over management of the market in April 2010, he said. He is looking forward to applying for several grants for next year's market season. He has a strong commitment to educating families on food preparation and recipe ideas using fresh and locally grown food.

The market is open through Sept. 25 this season, unless the farmers have an abundance of farm products to offer. Dale Schultz says there is a possibility of extending the season if vendors are willing and have crops to share.

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## KP caregiver celebrates 30 years

Helen Macumber, owner of Key to Learning Childcare in Wauna, is celebrating 30 years of childcare service.

Macumber said her passion is children, and she wants to be the person people turn to when they need quality childcare. She cares for children ages 3 to 11 in her home during the week, but also has flexible hours.

"If there's an emergency, or for some reason people find themselves in need of childcare on short notice, I want them to call me," she said.

Her 24 hour availability is what sets her apart, she said, and when someone does call at an odd hour of the night in need of emergency childcare, Macumber said it makes her feel great to be able to help.

It is important to fill out the paperwork and have it on file, she said, so that when that emergency does happen there is no delay.

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# Candidates for County Council Seat

Compiled by Rick Sorrels,  
Special to the KP News

County Councilmember Terry Lee, who represents District 7, is term limiting out of office. His district includes the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor Peninsula, and on the other side of the bridge, University Place, Fircrest, and the western portion of Tacoma. Eight candidates will be reduced to two at the Primary Election on Aug. 17. The candidates are (in the order that they appear on the ballot):

## TODD IVERSON

Raised in Gig Harbor, lives on Wollochet Bay. Bachelor's degree in political science with minor in journalism.



IVERSON

Elected to Pen Met Parks Board in 2007. Served on Pierce County committee. Employed as a Longshoreman.

"I will work hard to continue Terry Lee's legacy of bringing everybody to the table to resolve the complex issues we face."

## BETTY RINGLEE

Arletta resident for 30 years. Six years of college. Two Associate's degrees in primary education and environmental science.



RINGLEE

Elected three times

to School Board (1997-2007). School Board President three years. Assistant to Karen Biskey who was councilmember prior to Terry Lee (1994-2002). Served on Pierce County committees. Employed 15 years by Pierce County Public Works.

"I will require equity in county services and responsive county departments."

## CHUCK WEST

Raised on Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas. Resides on KP. One year of college for fire and EMS. Was very much into studying the Constitution "years ago".



WEST

No elected offices. Currently chairs the KP Land Use Advisory Commission. Employed as Division Chief at FD16.

"I am not a career politician. I want to solve existing problems and then get out. There are a lot of pressing issues that need common sense fixes."

## WILLIAM (BILL) SEHMEL

Lives on Fox Island. Family home-steaded in Gig Harbor area 100 years ago. Seven years of college studying political science and architecture, but no degree.



SEHMEL

Elected twice to Pen Met Parks Board (2004 & 2009). Served

on Pierce County committees. A life-long "blue collar" worker.

"I am a strong supporter of the Sheriff's department through the budget process. I am a strong advocate of private property rights, and am especially concerned for our 179 miles of shoreline."

## LARRY WINGARD

Lakebay resident for 23 years. Bellarmine graduate.

Elected to KP Parks Board (predecessor of Key Pen Parks), served as Chair. Worked for railroad for four years, then for Pierce County Public Works for 22 years (1962-1985). Currently manages Shiloh Farms in Lakebay.



WINGARD

"My priorities are to (1) restore full funding for deputies, (2) fix the Purdy bottleneck, (3) get the State Legislature to do something, (4) push the State Legislature to complete the SR302 route."

## STAN FLEMING

University Place resident. Associate's degree. Bachelor's degree in Zoology. Master's degree from PLU. Osteopathic Physician (DO degree). Combat veteran (Persian Gulf and Balkans). Army Brigadier General.



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## Candidate forum

A candidate forum will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn on Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. Pose your questions. Get your answers. Choose your favorite. Cast your vote on Aug. 17. Then the two finalists will battle it out until November.

Served US Army 1974-2009).

Elected as State Representative. City Councilmember for University Place for 15 years.

"We face some rough decisions ahead. I have the experience of doing just that. We need a balanced budget and an accountable government. I am committed to the values and issues on both sides of the bridge."

## RANDY BOSS

Resides Artondale. Gig Harbor resident for 30 years. Four years of college studying accounting and business, but no degree. Combat veteran (Vietnam).



BOSS

Elected to Pen Met Parks Board. Served on numerous Pierce County committees. Well publicized "citizen activist". Small business owner and commercial real estate broker.

"I have fought for citizens' rights for over 30 years. I know the issues. I am not a rookie. I know what needs to be done."

## JOHN PICINICH

Gig Harbor resident since 1955. Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in education.

Elected to Gig Harbor City Council, served for 12 years. Served on local committees and associations. Middle school math teacher for 36 years.

"I have seen vast changes throughout this district since 1955. We must make decisions that reflect the needs of the people. I will listen and respond to the residents' needs."



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## Flavors of Fall committee seeks volunteers

By Marsha Hart, KP News

The Flavors of Fall committee is looking for volunteers to help with many tasks associated with the premier fundraising event of the year for the Key Peninsula Civic Center. This year's event, set for Oct. 2, is a formal affair with a James Bond theme, Shaken- Not Stirred.

Mark Roberts is the new chairperson of the committee, and has been working diligently with the members to plan this year's event. He said he is utilizing the expertise of Claudia Loy, the previous chairperson of the event.

"We've sent out over 100 letters to local businesses asking for donations, and now we need to follow up on those," Roberts said. "We need volunteers to make phone calls and go in person to visit those businesses."

In terms of procurement, more is more, and Roberts said in the past they have had generous and unique donations from businesses and individuals. A photographer took a group to Mt. Rainier to teach them how to use their cameras to get great photographs, someone donated a trip on their sailboat, and local businesses donate items large and small.

Once those items are procured, the work begins to make the display visually appealing to bidders. A cadre of volunteers will need to help design the information cards and displays for the auction tables, Roberts said.

"We could safely use dozens of people," he said.

Becoming involved with the Key Peninsula Civic Center is easy, he said.

"I used to drive by the civic center the first four years I lived here, and I just wasn't plugged in to the community. I didn't know anyone."

That all changed when Ben Thompson, then president of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, invited Roberts to a meeting.

"It has been a great way to get to know people in the community," Roberts said.

Volunteers can design decorations, help with data entry, and many will be needed the day of the event.

For more information, contact Roberts at mroberts@kemron.com.



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## Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at Albertson's every Monday from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Aug. 3 - Candidate forum

Meet the candidates running for election and learn about the EMS Levy at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center. This event is sponsored by the KP Business Association, KP Community Council, KP Civic Center Association & KP News.

## Aug. 3 & 10-Baby/toddler story time

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

## Aug. 5-Fuchsia club

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

## Aug. 6, 13, 20-Outdoor movie

Cinema Under the Stars, sponsored by CenturyLink, is held at Volunteer Park at dusk. Bring a blanket and enjoy a free family movie. "Inkheart" plays Aug. 6, "Shorts" plays Aug. 13 and "Up" will show Aug. 20. Non-perishable donations for the KP Food Bank are appreciated.

## Aug. 7-Beyond the Borders

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

## Aug. 9-13-Skate camp held

Key Pen Parks and All-a-Board Skate Shop holds skate camps at Volunteer Park with instructor Seth Ivers. There is fun and prizes for all participants. Helmets are required!

Ages 4-10 will skate from 10 a.m.-noon and ages 10-15 skate from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60/each. Kids MUST register by Aug. 4. There will be 10-20 participants per group. [chad@keypenpark.com](mailto:chad@keypenpark.com) or 884-9240.

## Aug. 9-13-British soccer camp

British Soccer Camp is held at Volunteer Park on upper fields 2 and 3. Mini-soccer camp for ages 4-6 is held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a fee of \$75. Half Day Development Camp for ages 6-12 is held from 12-3 p.m. for a fee of \$103. Each camp includes a free ball and T-shirt. [chad@keypenparks.com](mailto:chad@keypenparks.com) or 884-9240.

## Aug. 10-Knit or crochet

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 Aug. 26 at the WayPoint Church, 12719 134th Ave KPN. The group welcomes new members and donations of yarn, buttons and needles. Contact [lovingheartsonkp@aol.com](mailto:lovingheartsonkp@aol.com) or Virginia, 884-9619.

## Aug. 12-Water fun

Wild for Water is presented by Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium for children, 6 and up, at 11:30 a.m. at Key Center

Library. Participants must pre-register. 884-2242

## Aug. 16-20-String camp

Peninsula Youth Orchestra holds String Camp 10 for ages 9-19 with one or more years experience. The theme is "Fiddlin' Strings" and will feature Celtic, Scandinavian, Folk and more. Daily activities include rehearsals, learning from a professional, and snack and rest breaks. A free public performance will be held on Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Uptown Pavilion. Contact 253-534-5384 or [info@harborpyo.org](mailto:info@harborpyo.org) or check the website to download an application, [www.harborpyo.org](http://www.harborpyo.org).

## Aug. 17- Primary election

Please vote in the primary election today.

## Aug. 18-Visit skate parks

Bring a skateboard, helmet (required), a sack lunch or money, and a water bottle and head out to enjoy skate parks in University Place, Auburn and Gig Harbor. This trip is made possible by the Children's Home Society and is for kids 12-15 years old. The trip will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and costs \$12. Nine participants are necessary. Participants MUST register by Aug. 11 at [www.keypenparks.com](http://www.keypenparks.com) or at the KP Parks office in Volunteer Park.

## Aug. 20-Skate night

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

## Aug. 21-Poker run

A poker run is held for British car owners beginning at 9 a.m. Meet at 4th and C in Home. Call Bob, 884-2034.

## August 22-Outdoor church service

Lakebay Community Church hosts a worship service at 9:30 a.m. around the fire pit at Penrose Point State Park. A potluck lunch will follow the service. Bring folding chairs, picnic blankets and outdoor game equipment. 884-3899 or [www.lakebaycovenant.net](http://www.lakebaycovenant.net).

## Aug. 23-26-Junior academy camp

Key Pen Parks and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department present a camp designed specifically for younger students, ages 11-15, interested in law enforcement. Camp is held in the Concession Building at Volunteer Park from 9-12 a.m. Campers will collect evidence, see a K-9 officer in action, participate in many activities and receive a Junior Academy t-shirt with registration, which must be done by August 11. Space is limited; fee is \$40. [chad@keypenparks.com](mailto:chad@keypenparks.com) or 884-9240.

## Aug. 27 & 28-KeyFest 2010

KeyFest is held at Volunteer Park from noon until midnight both days. A parade starting in Key Center at 11 a.m. on Saturday will end at Volunteer Park. The Key's Got Talent finale will be held. Free admission and free parking! See [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org) for more information.

## Aug. 28-Community sale

The Key Peninsula Lutheran Church holds its annual community garage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in McColley Hall. All proceeds support the community outreach programs. Donations may be brought to the church on Thursday, Aug. 26. 884-3312

## Aug. 31-Junk to jewelry

Found Object Jewelry is presented to young adults, ages 12-18, from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Turn your junk into jewelry. 884-2242

Chris Forest and Barb Schoos, two members of the team Austentatious, were dressed in period costume. After elimination, the team served proper tea from their courtside table.



## First-ever croquet tournament a huge success for peninsula

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

The first Longbranch Improvement Club Croquet Tournament was a success. The event was held as a fundraiser for The Mustard Seed Project, a local non-profit agency that provides resources to help seniors on the Key Peninsula age in their own homes.

Forty teams of four each, most team members of which were outrageously, hilariously costumed, took to the courts in "serious" competition July 18. As part of the fund-raising techniques, the judges overseeing the play with impartial but brutal effectiveness were open to bribery in the form of chits – each purchased with real money – offered by the "offended" contestants. Every bribe went directly to support the Mustard Seed Project.

First place went to The Rhythm 'n Shoes Cloggers (Walston team); Second place, Old Croakies (Brones team); other awards: Maureen Sikora (Best costume), Anna Brones (Best Décolletage), Claudia Loy (Most enthusiastic), Computer lady (Best footwear), Norm Brones (Best Facial Decoration), Team Kick Arse (Best Team name)

Eddie Morgan, director of Mustard Seed, said, "We are very grateful to everyone who participated in this event and made it so successful, from the Longbranch Improvement Club, the Croquet Tournament organizing committee, and the volunteers who made it happen, to all the wonderful teams who took on the challenge of tournament play with a fairly unique twist. The costumes were amazing,

and the ambiance was magical. It won't soon be forgotten. People are already talking about next year!"

Tim Heitzman, the organizer of the event, wrote the rules for the game, and players who actually read them found them hilarious.

The trophies, which were given for everything from worst single stroke to best-dressed and most eligible bachelor on the Key Peninsula, were retreads of motorcycle contests, and a variety of other totally unrelated items. But, when receiving them, winners behaved as if they'd just been given the Super Bowl trophy.

"We wanted to stage an event for a good cause while giving neighbors and friends a chance to meet on the Key Peninsula," said Heitzman. "Baseball has been played on the LIC field since the club's founding in 1921, but croquet is much easier to play and engages dozens more players."

One observer as described the field "fit to be used as a military tank proving ground."

Advance registration for teams was \$60 and individuals \$15. The fee included commemorative T-shirts. Admission was free for observers including children, and pets were welcome. Upon order, box lunches were called in to the Home Port Restaurant whence, freshly made; they were delivered to hungry patrons at the LIC. Beverage service was also available.

The Angel Guild, St. Anthony Hospital and Peninsula Light, several local businesses, sponsored the event.

All participants were asked to bring donations for the food bank.

# OFF THE KEY

## Aug. 3 – Get healthy

Key Peninsula couple Dawn and Jeff Veraldo will be introducing the Healthy Edge Company to local residents from 7 to 9 p.m. at Gateway Fitness, located at 2619 Jahn Ave. NW, Suite G2 in Gig Harbor. The couple will speak about living a healthy life through exercise and nutrition. The event will feature co-founder of Healthy Edge Amber Thiel. The event is co-sponsored by Gig Harbor Chiropractic & Massage. Cost is free.

## Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24-Free concerts

Summer Sounds at Skansie are Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Skansie Brothers Park in downtown Gig Harbor. Danny Vernon (Elvis impersonator) plays on Aug. 3, My Fathers Manouche plays on Aug. 10, The Coats play on Aug. 17 and the Island Jamz will play on Aug. 24. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy this free family event.

## Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26-Summer concerts

The Multicare Summer Concert series sponsors a free concert from 6-8 p.m. at Uptown each Thursday. Aug. 5 will be Rob Rigoni, Aug. 12 is Blues Redemption, Aug. 19 is Mack Grout, and The Shy Boys play on Aug. 26.

## Aug. 6 & 20-Date night movies

Free Date Night movies for adults only will be shown at dusk (weather permitting) at Donkey Creek Park in Gig Harbor. The movie on Aug. 6 is "The Pink Panther (original)" and on Aug. 20 "Blindside" will be shown at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket.

## Aug. 7- Wine and food

The Gig Harbor Wine & Food Festival is held from 12-6 p.m. The Harbor History Museum and the Gig Harbor Waterfront Association present this event.

## Aug. 7-21-Family movies

The free Cinema Gig Family Night movie at Skansie Brothers Park on Aug. 7 is "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." The movie for Aug. 21 is "Finding Nemo." Bring a blanket or chair. Movie begins at dusk, weather permitting. [www.gigharborguide.com](http://www.gigharborguide.com)

## Aug. 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22-RenFaire held

The Washington Renaissance Arts & Education Society presents the Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Maris Farms, 24713 Sumner Buckley Hwy in Buckley. Admission is \$16/adults, \$12/seniors and students, \$10/ages 6-12 and under five free. Family passes are available. RV and tent camping are available on site. Tent camping \$15/per person/per weekend, RV camping \$35/weekend. We sponsor St. Jude's Children Hospital, the Royal Hounds Greyhound Adoption, and the Starlight Foundation. For information or to order tickets call 800-587-0172 or go to [www.washingtonfaire.com](http://www.washingtonfaire.com).

## Aug. 21-Bluegrass festival

The Olalla Bluegrass Festival is held on the Olalla Valley ball-field on Olalla Road. This is a true old-country tradition with great family fun and activities for the kids. Contact 857-5604 or [olallabluegrass.com](http://olallabluegrass.com).

## AUGUST PUBLIC MEETINGS

- KP Metro Parks, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex
- Fire District 16, Aug. 10 & 24, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station

- Key Peninsula Community Council, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m. meeting, KC Library
- Peninsula School District Board, Aug. 12, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office
- KP Civic Center Board, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room
- LIC potluck meeting, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. Longbranch Improvement Club

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# ✓ VOTE YES FOR EMTS AND SAVE YOUR AMBULANCE

Cast your vote Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

## EMS LEVY IS NOT A NEW TAX!

An EMS levy has been funding the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Medic One program for more than a decade! The EMS levy is limited to a 10-year term after which voters must renew it for another 10 years.

The current levy was renewed in 2000 at a rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value for a term of 10 years.

The fire department is asking voters to renew the EMS levy again at the same rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for another 10 years.

The Medic One Program, funded by the EMS levy, provides: ambulances, equipment, and highly trained, professional Paramedics and EMT's 24/7.

Without the funding that the EMS

levy provides the fire department will no longer be able to sustain the Medic One Program.

Allen Yanity is calling for Responsibility First & No New Taxes. Allen Yanity is **WRONG**; this is **NOT** a new tax!

Allen Yanity has opposed this department at every turn and is doing everything in his power to destroy the dept. for his own personal satisfaction; this is what he considers being responsible!

You **MUST** realize that this vote is about one simple thing; do you want the Medic One Program to continue on the Key Peninsula or not?

Please, Vote YES for EMS on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

## COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

### *Campaign Road Signs*

Don't have your roadside sign yet? You can stop by Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center to pick yours up for FREE while supplies last.

### *Sign Waving*

We will be waving signs in the evenings Monday-Friday from 3p-7p until the election on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet us in the parking lot at The Lake Kathryn Village Shopping Center at 2:30pm to get your sign and a free t-shirt while supplies last!

### *BBQ & Sign Waving*

On Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3p-7pm we will be hosting a FREE BBQ and sign-waving event. This is our way of saying thanks for your support! This will be held at Nimricks Furnishings Old and New. Bring as many people as you can, we would love to fill the parking lot!!

### *Election Day Sign Waving & BBQ*

We will be waving signs all day, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 8a-5pm, with an afternoon BBQ at Nimricks Furnishings Old and New in Key Center. Come for the whole day or part of the day. We will be meeting at Nimricks Furnishings at 8am.

Check out our website [www.saveyourambulance.org](http://www.saveyourambulance.org) for more info!



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# Thank You For Standing Up and Supporting EMS!

The Committee for H.E.L.P. would like to thank the following organizations, and individuals for standing up to support the KPPFD EMS levy renewal on the ballot August 17<sup>th</sup> 2010.

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Ruth Bramhall (KPPFD Commissioner)

Derek Kilmer (WA State Senator)  
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Terry Lee (Pierce County Council)

*"The notion that private-contracted emergency coverage will be adequate is just a planned failure...and this is a failure that will cost someone their life!!!" – Win Rumsey*

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*"I fully support your department. If it wasn't for your ambulance service I wouldn't be here today. I don't know what the Peninsula would do with out it. Thank You for being there all these years." - Jessica Wisberger*

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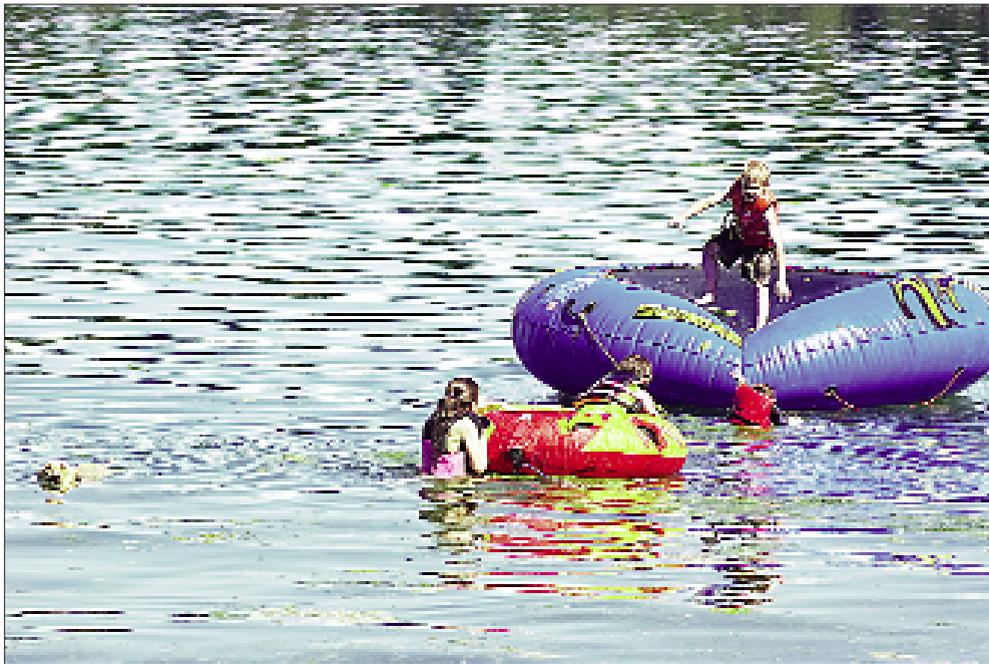
*"At St Anthony Hospital, we know first hand that in a life threatening emergency the first hour of care is critical for a person's survival. We believe the Key Peninsula Fire Department is a vital part of the Peninsula's emergency response network and we hope the community supports the renewal of the EMS levy."*  
- Kathy Bay  
Associate Administrator  
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## Fun in the sun



*Photos by Faith Rhodes, Special to the KP News*

Chloe the dog, Emily Ehrhardt, Jacob Bice, Max Allen and Jack Olinger make the most of summer vacation as they cool off from the heat of a July day. The Key Peninsula saw some near-90-degree weather in mid-July. Below, Emily souers plays at Rweder Sand Spit near Penrose State Park with her dog Chloe on a hot July day.



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## Whooping cough cases reported in Pierce County

Four confirmed and four suspected cases of pertussis, or whooping cough, were reported in Pierce County in July. California has reported 900 cases of pertussis and five infant deaths due to the disease as of June 15. On June 17, California declared a pertussis epidemic.

The disease can be prevented through vaccination. For children, the vaccine, called DTaP, protects against pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus. For maximum protection, children need five DTaP shots, given at age: two months; four months; six months; 12 months (at least six months since the third dose); and, when a child starts school, at 4-6 years old.

Physicians recommend boosters for adolescents and adults. This preventative vaccine has only been available since 2005. The vaccine booster, called Tdap, should be given to youth, at age 11 or 12 years. Adults who did not receive Tdap as a pre-teen or teenager should get a dose of Tdap instead of the Td booster (Tetanus and diphtheria only). Pregnant women not previously vaccinated with Tdap should receive a dose of Tdap before leaving the hospital after giving birth.

Adolescents and all adults who live or

work with infants or are trying to become pregnant should receive a catch-up vaccination against pertussis if they have never been vaccinated with Tdap.

While pertussis can be prevented by vaccination, it is highly contagious and one of the most commonly occurring vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States. People infected with the bacteria usually spread the disease by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others, who then breathe in the pertussis bacteria. Starting with cold-like symptoms, and maybe a mild cough, pertussis is often not suspected or diagnosed until a persistent cough with spasms sets in after one to two weeks of illness.

Pertussis is most severe for babies, who often catch the illness from a family member or other caregiver. More than half of infants less than one year old who get the disease must be hospitalized. Approximately 1 in 20 infants with pertussis get pneumonia (lung infection); and, about 1 in 100 infants will have convulsions. In rare cases, pertussis can be deadly, especially in infants less than 1 year of age.

Source: Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.



Photo courtesy Mark Runions

Correo Aereo will be the first act at this year's Beyond the Borders event. They play at 12:30 p.m.

## Music, fun from around the world

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

The Longbranch Improvement Club will again host Beyond the Borders, an annual Arts and Music Festival, on Aug. 7. Beyond the Borders will run from noon to 6 p.m. and feature music, art, and food from around the world.

Admission is FREE. As always, it promises to be fun for the entire family.

Featured music will include Correo Aereo, traditional acoustic rhythms from South America; MB Orchestra, ancient and contemporary sounds from Egypt and the Middle East; Trombanga, Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz; and Magical Strings, a local favorite by the Boulding family which features Celtic harp and dulcimer. Rhythm Intermission, drum ensemble, and the Washington Association of South Sound Ukulele Players (WASSUP) will provide entertainment between acts. Stage sound is provided by DEF Productions.

There will be a juried art exhibit with a People's Choice Award. Works will repre-

sent a variety of styles by Two Waters Arts Alliance member artists. There will also be art and craft items for sale by local artists. For artists who would like to participate information is available at [www.twowaters.org](http://www.twowaters.org).

Food from beyond the borders will be provided by Ali'i & Sumo's Hawaiian Grill, and "The Little Merc." There will be a Beer Garden featuring beers of the world, wines, and other beverages.

There will also be a kid's area, courtesy of Key Pen Metro Parks, where children can learn and play games from different countries.

"Beyond the Borders Arts and Music Festival is designed to offer our community a chance to experience the sounds, sights, and tastes of other cultures - without a passport," said Runions.

It is co-sponsored by the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Two Waters Arts Alliance with generous support from the Pierce County Arts Commission and Key Peninsula Metro Parks.

For information call (253) 884-4807.

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**12:30** Pan-Hispanic **CORREO AEREO** brings traditional acoustic rhythms from Venezuela, Mexico, Argentina, and Peru. Lush, smokey vocals combine with strings and percussion.

**2:00** Enjoy ancient and contemporary Egyptian sounds with tablas, oud and vocals by **MB ORCHESTRA**. A blend of traditional Arabic/Middle Eastern rhythms mixed with modern grooves.

**3:30** Nine-piece **TROMBANGA** is going to move you with Afro-Cuban merengue, salsa, cha-cha and Latin jazz. Tito-Puente style "heavy trombone" flavor is delivered by four trombones.

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# The Story of Charlie the Wonder Dog

By Dale Goodvin,  
Special to the KP News

Trish and I awoke to an early 7 a.m. telephone call on July 6. Paula, our neighbor, was calling to warn us that we might be shocked when we went outdoors and saw what was under the bushes next to our house—a hungry, bone-thin, trembling, crippled, old and seemingly dying sweet and beautiful German shepherd dog. Paula said that her husband Scott had found the dog on their back deck at 4:30 in the morning and that Scott fed him a plate of food which he furiously ate before crawling under safe, shadowy bushes for seclusion and sanctuary.

We immediately went to see if the dog was OK and found him barely responsive, eyes opening slightly when we talked to him, then closing to rest, to sleep, and perhaps, we feared, to die. Trish and I spoke gently to the dog, telling him that he was a good boy and that he was safe now; we covered him with two oversized towels so that he wouldn't be so cold. His shaking subsided but his responses became more and more distant. At one point I told Trish that I thought he had died, but when I spoke to him he raised his head ever so slightly and opened his brown eyes ever so slowly.

Along with a hungry, sick dog, we had the serious dilemma of not knowing how to find the poor animal's human parents, brothers, sisters, etc. Had he been dropped off the side of the road to die a lonely and painful death? Had he wandered off to die privately, away from his home and friends? Had the exploding 4th of July fireworks frightened him, causing him to run from the horrific noise?

After hours of concerned waiting, we at long last received an email from a wonderful person named Christina. She informed us that she had seen photos on Craigslist of a lost dog that looked like the dog I had described in a message placed earlier in the day on Facebook. When I saw the photos, there was our sad dog with a note and telephone number from his human mother, Pam

After calling Pam, an incredible



*Photo by Dale Goodvin, Special to the KP News*

Charlie is happy to be back where he belongs, with Annaka and Pam.

reunion took place between Pam, her daughter Annaka, and Charlie! As Pam and Annaka looked under the bushes and saw Charlie, Charlie raised his head and stuck out his pink tongue and tried to get up to see his humans, but he was so tired and weak that he needed their assistance. Charlie licked Annaka's cheek and leaned his head against Pam.

All of us then helped Charlie, who could hardly walk, to the car so that he could go home after three long days wandering alone over a distance of 4 miles. Pam told us that Charlie was 17 years old and that she and Annaka could hardly believe that he had gone so far and eaten so little and somehow survived!

On July 14, I called Pam to see how Charlie was doing, fearful that he might have already passed on. Charlie had not passed on! Pam told me that she had taken him to the beach the day before and that he joyfully swam in the water and that as we talked he was acting more like a puppy than he had for years. Pam told me about how sweet Charlie is, how she has had him for 10 years, and that he had been abused when he was young and still fears garden hoses and beer bottles and most males. She told me that he smiles and hugs and speaks to her and that she cried for the three days he was missing, and, finally, she thanked me for being so kind to Charlie.

I will always think of Charlie as Charlie the Wonder Dog and he will always live in my heart. Thank you, Charlie!

# KGHP manager set to break on-air record



Spencer Abersold on-air at KGHP radio station. He will attempt to break a world record for the longest radio broadcast on Aug. 20. Photo by Kyle Coster, KP News

By Marsha Hart, KP News

By attempting to beak the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest radio broadcast, Spencer Abersold hopes to bring awareness to KGHP FM. He will begin his attempt on Aug. 20 at noon.

Though KGHP has been providing local radio to the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor for more than 20 years, the station is in a precarious position. Located on the campus of Peninsula High School, the station relies on the Peninsula School District for funding. The district has already made major cuts in the budget and Abersold knows the future could be shaky.

Superintendent Terry Bouck said the district has no plans to scrap the station, and it will operate as is for the 2010-2011 school year.

Autonomy is preferable for both the station and the district, "They (the school district) want us to be able to raise money and keep ourselves afloat on our own and I think we can do that," Abersold said.

**"We played a lot of music on request and we had people sleeping on the floor at the station."**

-Keith Stiles

"We need to raise \$200,000 by September just to keep us going," Abersold said.

Abersold said he's been working up to his attempt for breaking the Guinness World Record for about four years. He said the record for staying on air as a DJ is 183 hours, and he's been working to build a team of people that will be crucial to his success. He expects to be on air from Aug. 20 through 27, and will need two witnesses for every four hours, a doctor on hand at all times, in-house every four hours, and a lot of community support.

Ultimately, he hopes that his quest to beat the record will get people talking about KGHP, and the important role it

plays in the community.

KGHP provides various programs and plays a variety of music, but it also part of the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness community, he said. "We are in charge if there is a disaster in this town," Abersold added.

A disaster came in 1996 in the form of an ice storm. The station had been on the air for eight years, and Keith Stiles, then assistant engineer of the station, said KGHP was the station people turned to for local information. The signal reaches Gig Harbor, the Key Peninsula and some parts of Tacoma. It is now worldwide on the Internet.

"We stayed on air during that entire period reporting new power outages, and people would call in with reports," Stiles said. "We played a lot of music on request and we had people sleeping on the floor at the station. Pen Light moved some of us around by 4-wheel drive to get something to eat, and we were beholden to Pen Light and the phone company."

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Some tips for working outside in hot weather:

Start work well hydrated and drink as much as a cup of water every 15 minutes; watch co-workers for signs of heat-related illness, such as headaches, dizziness or nausea; pace your work and take scheduled breaks; wear lightweight clothing and remove protective gear when it's safe to do so; avoid drinking

caffeine or eating a heavy meal.

Since 2008, Washington State has had a workplace-safety rule on outdoor heat exposure to protect workers from heat-related illness. This rule requires employers with employees working outdoors to train workers and supervisors on the symptoms of heat-related illness and what to do if someone develops them. The rule also requires the employer to provide plenty of water for the workers, be able to respond appropriately to any employee with symptoms of illness and include heat-related-illness hazards in the company's accident prevention program.

For more information, and tips to assist workers and employers, visit [www.lni.wa.gov/safety/topics/AtoZ/heatastress](http://www.lni.wa.gov/safety/topics/AtoZ/heatastress).

*Source: Department of Labor and Industries*

## Pets vulnerable in heat, owners beware

The Humane Society is urging pet owners to leave their pets home as the weather turns hotter than usual. Dogs left in cars are especially vulnerable to heat stroke. Even on a 78-degree-day, the interior of a car can reach 100 degrees in just five minutes. In 10 minutes, the temperature can reach 120 degrees and higher.

Even parking in the shade and cracking the windows will not help much. Officer Joe Hunt of Tacoma Animal Control regularly receives calls about dogs left in cars during hot weather.

"The most common location is store parking lots. People think they are going to just run in for just a minute, and they don't realize how quickly the car can heat up," he says. "They are inside where it's cool, and don't know how much their dog is suffering." The Humane Society encourages pet owners to take their dogs out to play in the nice weather, but be aware that dogs are more prone to heat exhaustion than their owners. Dogs with dense muscle or flat faces are the most vulnerable.

Rottweilers, Pit Bulls, Mastiffs, Pugs and Boston Terriers especially can become overheated quickly. If you do find yourself out with your pet and need to cool down, all Lowe's, Petco, and PetSmart locations are allowing people and their pets to come in and get out of the heat. Pets need to be on a leash or in a crate.

Owners must provide water if they plan on staying for long periods of time.

During especially hot weather, bring your dog inside during the day. If your dog is outdoors, provide access to shade throughout the day, and plenty of fresh, cool water.

When playing with your dog, provide plenty of breaks in the shade. And never leave your dog in the car when it's hot - even for a few minutes. Heatstroke symptoms in dogs include excessive panting, elevated heart rate, stumbling when walking and even vomiting and seizures.

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# Sculpture in place, artist jubilant

Sharon Hicks, KP News

On July 10, before an audience of some 200 attendees, including 10 descendants, the shroud covering the sculpture of Chloe Aurelia Clark was removed, and her life history was revealed. The date marked the 170th anniversary of Clark's arrival at Fort Nisqually, now the town of Dupont. The bronze was fashioned by sculptor and Vaughn resident John Jewell.

Clark's mission was to educate the Indians, teaching them to read and write. Besides being the first teacher, she lived in the first house built in the area, had the first American wedding and baby in the Pacific Northwest, Jewell said. At that time there was no permanent settlement north of the Columbia River. A portion of one of the plaques reads 'She went on to devote her life to the teaching profession. This dedication further honors all women and men who have followed Chloe Clark in the teaching profession,



Photo by Sharon Hicks, KP News

A bronze of Chloe Clark, the first school-teacher in the Pacific Northwest, was sculpted by Key Peninsula artist John Jewell. It was dedicated at the school in Dupont in July.

making significant contributions to the success of our country and its citizens.'

Written on another plaque are the

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I have a real sense of being an American and citizen of the United States. I couldn't feel better.

— John Jewell

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words "Chloe had the calling to teach. The education which you receive is not to elevate you above the sphere nor to remove you from it, but to qualify you to move in it with ease, grace and dignity."

Jewell did a lot of research through the Dupont Historical Society, reading her diary and talking with family descendants. He says it is important to know as much as you can about the

person you are about to duplicate, first in clay then the bronzing process. He added, "it's important to have heroes that are worthy of our esteem as a model."

"You just have to feel euphoria!" Jewell said of the completed work. "I've watched over 300 people and businesses working together as volunteers to make their community a better place for everyone. I've just witnessed our democracy at its best. Democracy is complex, involving valuing community, education, seeing possibilities, communicating with each other, and commitment toward a common goal.

"I've just been part of that experience. I have a real sense of being an American and citizen of the United States. I couldn't feel better. Chloe Clark lived her life sharing her talents and helping to make this country of people working together a better place for everyone. Wow! She continues to inspire us. I just feel plain good! I know she'd be proud of us."

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# Heavenly fragrance brings ministers to KP

By Faith Rhodes  
Special to the KP News

When people visit Blue Willow Lavender Farm and talk to Tracy or Bill Ketts, some ask questions about lavender. They want to know about the different varieties of lavender (approximately 400 and counting) and how to grow it successfully (full sun, well-draining soil, infrequent watering after it is established and an annual pruning in the fall). They want to know how they keep up with the weeding of 11 lavender fields, tend the large garden and maintain the other planting areas. But one of the most frequently asked questions is, "What made you decide to start a lavender farm?"

This is their favorite question to answer because it usually leads to an interesting and important conversation.

Bill has been a pastor since 1983 and has ministered with his wife in a number of churches in four different states, most recently in southern California. His longtime friend Mike, who had purchased the property where Blue

Willow Lavender Farm, located on Wright Bliss Road, invited Tracy and Bill to visit him here in the spring of 2004. They visited at least once annually over the next few years and fell in love with western Washington along the way. Mike asked the Ketts family to prayerfully consider making this their home and to use the property for ministry. After three years of prayer they said they believed that it was the Lord's will for them to move here and to minister here, and in the summer of 2007 they came on their annual visit to take another look at our future home.

Some people call it serendipity and others, like the Ketts family, see the leading of God in the wonderful weaving of the seemingly haphazard circumstances of life. The summer of 2007 presented them with a series of circumstances that collectively led them to believe that they should start a lavender farm on the property as a way to meet the necessary expenses of life and to serve as a context for ministry.

Before returning to California they planted 17 different lavender plants in

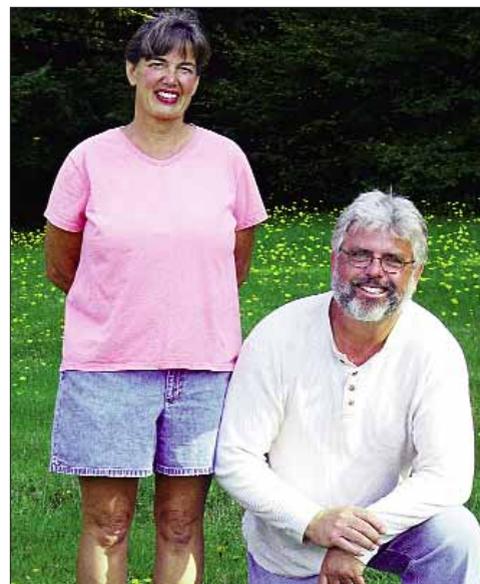


Photo by Faith Rhodes, Special to the KP News

Bill and Tracy Ketts say they were called to the Key Peninsula. They use their property for ministry, and grow a variety of lavender plants there.

one row in what they now call The Big Garden and left them for eight months to see how they would fare on the Key Peninsula. During this time they

planted 147 lavender plants in the front and back yards of their rented home in California and learned how to grow and use it. Bill says, "An online course, taught by Susan Harrington, proved invaluable in our lavender learning."

So with high hopes and tearful good-byes, they, along with their youngest son Timmy, said farewell to family and friends, and moved to the KP.

They arrived here on July 4, 2008, and discovered that 15 of the lavender plants they planted had flourished in their absence. Now the work of establishing a ministry and a lavender farm had begun. Nearly two thousand years ago, a woman anointed the feet of Jesus days before His crucifixion with spike-nard, a fragrant oil of an exquisite aroma, which filled the house.

Some biblical commentaries suggest that the oil may have actually been lavender oil.

Bill concludes, "For us, the smell of lavender is heavenly. It reminds us of our adventure, our spiritual journey with God, and that, like lavender, always makes us smile."

# Lakebay resident volunteers to work during summer vacation

By Danna Webster, KPNews

Some of the business at Lakebay Marina was put on hold this summer until Mark Hostetler returned from his trip to Africa. He wasn't there to attend the World Cup games; he went to Liberia on a mission to help a school project. Hostetler's church affiliation has been involved with the Hoover Mission School

for about 15 years. Assistance was usually needed for medical, dental and teaching jobs. This year, for the first time, there was an appeal for construction help. "I felt like it was time for me to make the opportunity to go," Hostetler says. "I decided to make the trip."

In July, Hostetler found himself looking at a 10-year-old boarding school and orphanage compound that looked

more like it had been around for 50 years. The school facility suffered from the hardships of 14 years of civil war which left most of Liberia, West Africa in economic ruin with electricity, water and sewage either limited or unavailable. According to the African Christian Fellowship International (ACFI) website, despite nearly six years of peace, Liberia is still one of the poorest countries in the world with thousands of orphaned and indigent children. Nearly 300 of these children reside at the Daniel Hoover Village Mission School and the Mission for Deaf Children outside of the capital city of Monrovia.

Hostetler and 19 other volunteers arrived at the Hoover School and reported for work. Only two of the 19 volunteered for construction work. "They needed tile work done, and that's what I did," he said.

While working there, he learned that relatively small donations to the project make a big difference. "To send a child to school, and pay schooling, housing and

food is about \$65 per year for elementary, \$135 for junior high, and \$200 for high school," he said.

The ACFI website reports that children at Daniel Hoover Children's Village and the Deaf Home are generally between 4 and 16 years of age and have been admitted by their birth parents or relatives. Some children have been in the care of ACFI for several years. The children have very limited access to electricity and no running water. Only basic medical services are available. Their daily diet is limited to fried bread and a bowl of rice with soup. The children are provided with schooling. However, books and school supplies such as writing tablets, pencils and text books are generally not available. Children are taught Christian values through daily devotions and bible classes. Hostetler recommends checking out the website for ACFI at [www.acfusa.org](http://www.acfusa.org) or watching the YouTube Liberia Video produced by his Tacoma Fellowship Bible Church at [www.fbctacom.org](http://www.fbctacom.org).

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# Key Pen Parks offers camps, activities

Key Pen Parks has many activities for the summer, and is looking for cross competition with Gig Harbor to utilize all of the parks in the area.

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

The key to your next adventure could be right here on the Key Peninsula. Key Pen Parks serves over 22 square miles of the Key Peninsula and works in conjunction with Volunteer Park, the Key Peninsula Civic Center, and the Peninsula School District to provide locations for their programs. Their focus and mission is to provide recreation and activities for a variety of ages and interests.

Chad Harvell is the recreation coordinator for Key Pen Parks programs and special events. Harvell is a 2007 graduate of Eastern Washington University with a degree in Recreation Management. This is his first job fresh out of college and he feels blessed to land in such a beautiful area. He recently celebrated his second anniversary with the organization. "I love the challenge of utilizing the positive programs we have and elaborating on our strengths to grow."

He hopes to work with PenMet Parks in Gig Harbor to develop relationships and leagues for cross competition utilizing the parks of the KP and the new Sehmel site in the harbor. "We are one big community. It's not an "us versus them" thing any longer. There are differences and similarities between Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor but we need to work closely to bring the best of both together. It's great to have two quality organizations so close to one another."

Harvell's goal is to develop new leagues and activities for all age groups. Currently he is trying to put together a co-ed Ultimate Frisbee League to utilize Volunteer Park's disc golf course. Plans are also in the works for an adult co-ed volleyball league in the fall of 2010. Another idea being developed is a non-contact flag football league for 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th grade students using

volunteer coaches. Softball continues to be a mainstay with leagues playing during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. There are mixed league co-ed softball tournaments scheduled for the months of September, October, November, and December.

This summer Key Pen Parks has offered numerous camps with several exciting events taking place in the month of August.

British Soccer Camp is Aug. 9 through 13 at Volunteer Park. This is the second year for the camp that focuses on maximum participation and touches with the soccer ball. Skate Camp 2010 occurs the same week at the Volunteer Park Skate Park. Both have space available and registration is both online, or by calling 253-884-9240.

Pierce County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with Key Pen Parks, is presenting a Junior Academy Camp for ages 11-15 who are interested in law enforcement. The camp is Aug. 23 through 26 at Volunteer Park and costs \$40. Space is limited. Officers will teach about collecting evidence, K-9 duties, fingerprinting, and other law enforcement activities. "It's a positive spin on building relationships with our officers on the peninsula," said Harvell.

For the entire family "Cinema under the Stars" is scheduled for the first three Friday nights in August at Volunteer Park. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. with the show starting at dark. Movies this summer include Inkheart, Shorts, and Up. A \$1 donation or a can of food for our local food bank is appreciated.

Harvell is also presenting opportunities for day trips around the area. Recently a group visited Forks and La Push to revel in the Twilight frenzy. On Aug. 18 a group is heading to skate parks in University Place, Auburn, and Gig Harbor. A visit to the State Capital in Olympia is slated for Sept. 15.

For more information on activities and events, visit [www.keypenparks.com](http://www.keypenparks.com). Key Pen Parks has also joined the social media rage and has pages on Facebook and Twitter. If you have questions or ideas to share, email Harvell at [chad@keypenparks.com](mailto:chad@keypenparks.com), or call 253-884-9240.

## Volleyball officials needed

The Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board is in need of individuals who are interested in officiating middle school, junior high, senior high, college, and recreation department volleyball matches throughout Pierce County.

A comprehensive training program starting Aug. 23 is offered for all new officials and the opportunities to advance in the organization are extensive.

For students, retirees, or former athletes looking to re-connect with a sport, officiating high school and middle school sports is also an excellent way to earn some extra income and provide a great service to the teams. Registration is due no later than Aug. 20. For more information on becoming a volleyball official, please visit [www.tpcvob.com](http://www.tpcvob.com) or contact Marc Blau at 253-848-1360 or [blau marc@qwest.net](mailto:blau marc@qwest.net) or John Wohn at 253-272-8543 or 253-272-8543 or [jwohn@yahoo.com](mailto:jwohn@yahoo.com).

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The Peninsula High School Marching Band represented the state in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. *Photo courtesy of Rickey H. Badua*



# PHS Band marches to a Washington D.C. beat

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Peninsula High School's marching band represented the state in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Rickey H. Badua, director of bands, posted a video of the band during the 2008 Fishbowl halftime show on Youtube. That video caught the attention of a representative of the National Independence Day Parade Committee, and the band was invited to participate.

The band members worked hard at fundraising until they collected enough money to equip themselves with new uniforms.

Badua took his position at PHS and learned to his consternation that the school had no marching band. He'd come fresh from Hawaii where that is simply unacceptable and resolved to correct the situation. He set about

recruiting musicians and setting them afire with his passion.

In too many years past, there had been a PHS marching band. The band's decrepit uniforms were unearthed and the kids suffered wearing them, marched in them and, although they didn't believe so, they looked good – thanks to their ever-improving performance.

Elated band members, their families, friends, fellow students and community members went to work with a plethora of fund raising projects to raise the money necessary to cover this great, but costly, expedition. To their credit, they did it! They made the impossible dream a reality.

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# Summer skating at the Key Peninsula Civic Center

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

Summer Friday Night Skate is back at the Key Peninsula Civic Center and will be held once monthly in the summer. June 25 was the first such event. It played to over 110 kids accompanied by adults and was a scene of intense, clean, orderly fun for everyone involved.

The next session will be Aug. 20, from 7- 10 p.m. All Skate Nights are only for children from pre-school through the eighth grade. The price is \$5 and skates are provided.

The evening is a mix of skaters swirling around the gym floor on skates or, in a separate roped off section, kids dancing to rhythmic music provided by a professional DJ. Hot and cold food and drinks are available at modest prices from the counter at KPCC's kitchen.

Peninsula High School senior Stephanie Stevens and junior Lauryn

Berg have both volunteered at the KPCC kitchen for various events for the past two years.

"It's great," said Berg. "It's a good learning experience." Her fellow helper, Stevens says, "it's fun and I love interacting with the kids."

The Whitmore Room off the gym area has an assortment of video games, air hockey, Fozz Ball, and other amusements all of which are included in the \$5 price.

William Lahue of Lakebay was there with his four children, three of whom attend Evergreen Elementary, one a freshman at Peninsula High School. "We've lived here for two years," he said. "We've been coming to Friday Night Skating ever since we came to the KP. It's great! The kids love it; it's something good for them to do. My wife and I find it a great time to get together in a safe place where our kids can have fun with their friends."

Questions? Please call 253-884-3456.

# KP Lions Club-sponsored 21st annual Volksmarch



At Penrose Point State Park, Boy Scouts of the Key Peninsula Lions-sponsored Troop 220 move in to set up a canopy for some of the 92 walkers.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

The Key Peninsula Lions Club sponsored its 21st annual Volksmarch on July 10. Once again it was held at Penrose Point State Park and played host to 92 walkers from many towns all the way from Bellingham to Portland to Pullman and even included a couple from Germany who boasted this to be

their second involvement with the walk in as many years.

Boy Scouts of Troop 220 assisted by providing and setting up shelters for those Lions who registered walkers. The day, flanked by a scorcher on Friday and a drizzler on Sunday, "couldn't have been better for Volksmarchers," declared Lion Neal Van Der Voorn, the event's chairman.

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(From **PARKS**, Page 1)

Wildlife and Recreation Program provided \$1.65 million. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board contributed \$500,000. The remaining \$1.25 million came from the Pierce County Conservation Futures Program, which is funded by a portion of property taxes that are dedicated to protecting certain lands from development.

"The acquisition of Devil's Head has been a goal of mine for four years," said Pierce County Councilmember Terry Lee, whose district includes the Key Peninsula.

There is currently no direct access, parking, or facilities. Devil's Head will remain closed to the public.

"I expect Devil's Head to be developed for passive recreation activities such as trails, hiking, picnicking, kayaking, and protecting wildlife and habitat," said Lee. "Pierce County does not have any money in its budget to develop Devil's Head at this time. We will be negotiating with Key Pen Parks on a possible transfer to their parks system."

"There is no big hurry for us to act,

now that Pierce County owns Devil's Head", said Lee. "The important thing is that this natural wonder is now saved from commercial development, for future enjoyment by all of our citizens."

Pierce County purchased Devil's Head from Tim Jopp, whose family has lived in Longbranch since 1896.

Jopp says he purchased Devil's Head in 2004, and that the county first started talking of a purchase in 2008.

Jopp had plans to develop a retreat and convention center at Devil's Head (see story in the August 2008 issue of Key Pen News, available online under archives at keypennews.com).

The downturned economy hit Jopp hard. The construction industry was especially hard hit. Business was off by 90 percent at Bo-Mac Ready Mix Inc. Jopp sold Bo-Mac in April 2009.

"I really hated to sell Devil's Head," said Jopp. "But when life throws you lemons, you must make lemonade. I'm ready to start anew, and get going."

Jopp said he will concentrate on his 137-acre farm in Longbranch, where

he will grow vegetables and dwarf cherries on a large scale.

"I'll grow vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, green beans, dwarf cherries) on a large scale in an extensive system of greenhouses, providing food products to grocery stores and farmers markets 11 months of the year," he said.

"My farm will be energy self-sufficient, powered by biomass compressed into pellets produced on site from poor quality hay and other vegetable matter. For every one gallon of petroleum used to create the biomass, the equivalent power of 16 gallons of petroleum will result to power the farm."

Jopp plans to create jobs through this venture.

"I expect to hire 50 employees starting in March 2011, with our first volume crop in late 2011," said Jopp. "I hope to be a good employer, offering great jobs, and contribute to the local economy."

Pierce County plans a public celebration of the Devil's Head acquisition, but no details had been announced at press time.

(From **PURDY**, Page 1)

"I think that it must be part of the improvement, no longer any flow we can measure in this area," Hoyle said.

Though it is subject to change, the advisory is lifted, and Hoyle said the DOH plans to test the waters weekly throughout the summer months, and go to a monthly or bi-monthly schedule for testing in the fall.

The State Health Department still does not allow shellfish harvesting on the public side of the beach, and Wash. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife doesn't allow harvest because resource is depleted there to support a regular harvest, he said.

"We hope people will continue to look out for signs posted whether they be shellfish or swimming restriction," Hoyle said. "We are aware there was use of the beach even when the signs were up."

The advisory had been in place since October 2008 when a number of failing septic systems were identified or suspected in close proximity to the sand-spit. Subsequent testing identified seven failing septic systems. All of the seven sites had numerous constraints and required complicated repairs or new systems.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mark Allan Deacon

1963 – 2010

Mark died on June 22, 2010, at the home of his sister, Lori Deacon-Boll. He had congestive heart failure and spent only five days receiving hospice home care before he passed peacefully. He was 46 years old.

Mark was born on June 25, 1963 in Vancouver, Washington. Mark's family moved to their Key Peninsula home in Home in 1966. Mark spent most of his life on the Key Peninsula except for a few years in California working as a mechanic and also in Alaska for a while, where he learned automotive painting.

He was well known as a mechanical genius amongst his friends and co-workers. The phrase "he could fix anything" was part of his legacy. If he didn't have the machine – he could make one. He loved to fish, dig for clams, make his own wine, garden and work in the forest. However, one of his greatest loves was his family of dogs he had through the years.

Many will miss Mark, including his devoted companion Pam Harris, his mother Jacqueline M. Deacon, siblings Mike, Linda, Lori, Lisa, David and Tony. Mark never married. Mark's father Jerry M. Deacon passed away in 1993.

Mark's memorial will be held Aug. 7, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at his sister Lori's home. His friends are welcome and we are asking for copies of any photos they may have of him. Call Lori at 884-4412.

The family would like to thank our wonderful fire department EMS for their

assistance in transport, Allenmore Hospital ICU team, and the wonderful team from Multicare Home Hospice.

## Robert T. Jardin ~ "Trader Bob"

Robert T. Jardin, 76, a Key Peninsula resident for 35 years, passed away July 10, 2010.

Robert retired from P.S.N.S. as a ship fitter. He served in the Air Force and retired from the Army Reserve. Robert was a member of Post 236 American Legion Post where he was the Post Historian. Robert was an avid garage saver. He belonged to Emergency Preparedness Team of Pierce County and was a lifetime member of the NRA and the Washington Arms Collectors.

Family members include his wife, Phyllis Jardin of Gig Harbor; daughters, Chris Jardin of Gig Harbor, and Jennifer (Bud) Ribitsch of Tacoma; one granddaughter, Olivia; and one sister, Louise Contento of New York.

Memorial services were held July 21 at Haven of Rest Chapel, Gig Harbor. Remembrances may be made to the American Legion Post 236, P.O. 993, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. Please leave online condolences or a favorite memory at [www.havenrest.com](http://www.havenrest.com).

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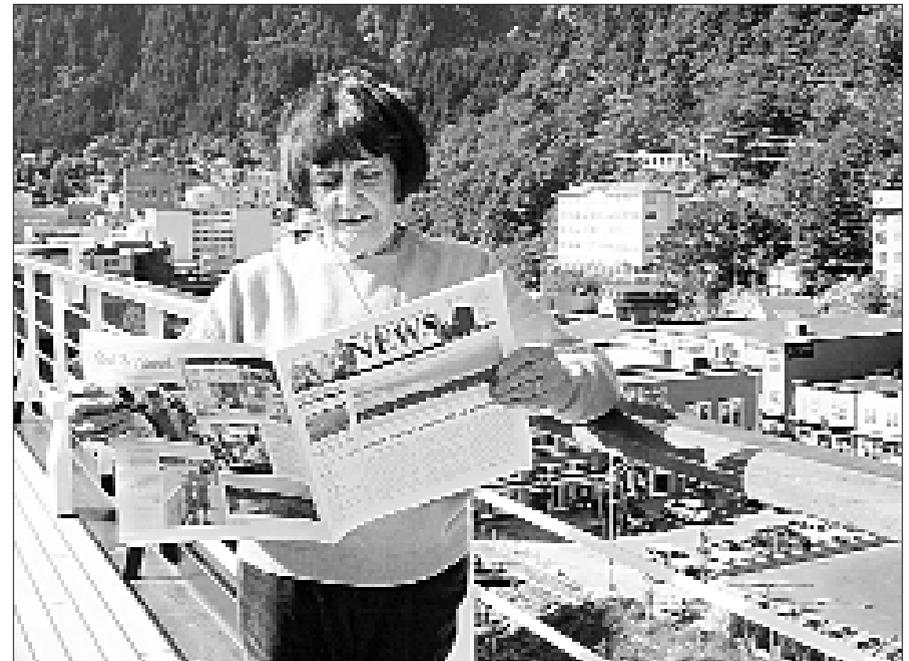


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On the sun-swept deck of Holland America Cruise Lines' Oosterdam docked at Juneau, Alaska, on the 8th of June, Janice McMillan catches up on the latest news in the Key Peninsula News.

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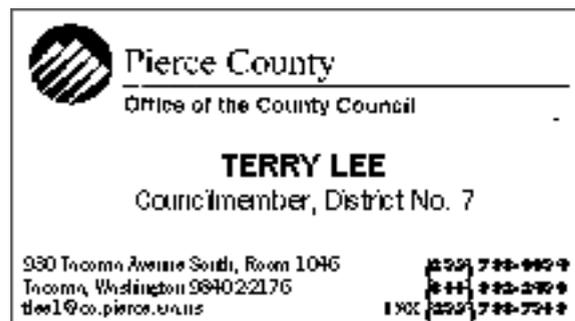
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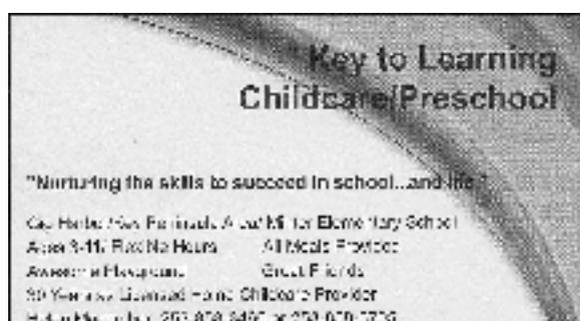
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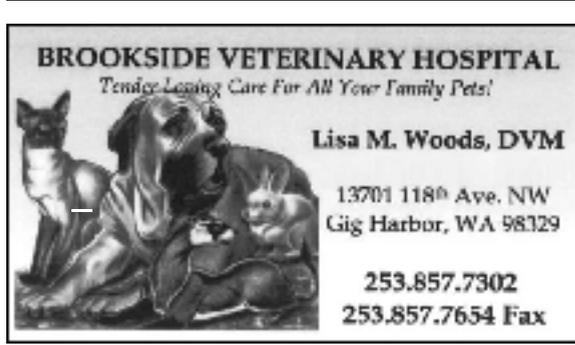
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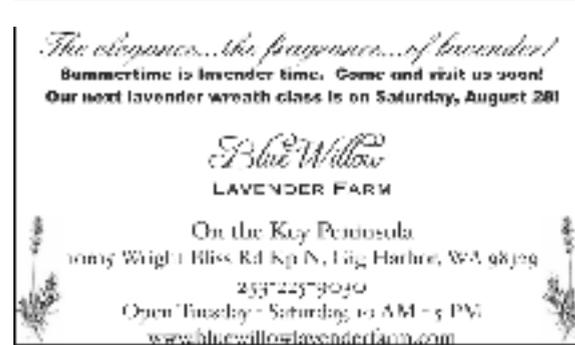
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These pirates made their way through Home during the July 4 parade.



*Photo by Ron Cameron, Special to the KP News*

A Sandpiper chick and its mother stand in the cool waters of the bay in Home.



*Photo by Ron Cameron, Special to the KP News*

Fireworks explode of Von Geldern Cove the night of July 4.



*Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News*

While pruning ferns at a friend's home, Joanne Baldwin chanced upon and slowly and carefully restructured the uncut ferns to guard these three baby birds in their nest on Von Geldern Cove. Baldwin then slowly retreated from the scene hoping that the wee guys' mom wouldn't desert them. Over the next few hours and days, the mom was observed to be taking care of and watching over her babies. Keep tuned.