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KP man returns home after 32 years in military

By Scott Turner, KP News

Morrey Grymes' still-chiseled 52-year-old body has been through the ringers of war. He was in pain and after serving his country for 32 years, he'd had enough fighting.

Shortly after his Sept. 8 Camp Murray retirement ceremony, the soft-spoken U.S. Air Force senior master sergeant and his wife, Nona, were making the rounds with their friends at a party in his honor at the Roadhouse on the Hill in Key Center.

Grymes was born in New York. After age 6, he bounced around the world with his family. His father worked with the U.S. Department of State, so Grymes was raised living inside embassies in India, Belgium, Pakistan and Germany. He grew up knowing the many U.S. marines who guarded them and said they were very kind and professional. When he turned 19, he decided to join their ranks.

He began in the infantry in 1979, then served security duty on a ship during the botched 1980 Iran hostage rescue and then worked at Bangor (in Bremerton) until 1982.



Photo by Scott Turner KP News

Last month, Key Peninsula resident Morrey Grymes retired from the U.S. Air Force after 32 years of service. For most of his career, Grymes served multiple tours of duty in battle as a tactical air controller. Here, he is pictured with images taken while fighting in Afghanistan.

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KP library groups looking for help to upgrade meeting room

By Scott Turner, KP News

New improvements are slated for the Key Center Library and should start near the end of this year.

Something else community-oriented has recently been added to the construction agenda.

The Pierce County Library Foundation and the Friends of the Key Center Library are garnering public support to help fund some upgrades the allocated \$250,000 budget does not cover.

According to Mary Getchell, Pierce County Library marketing and community relations director, the foundation and Friends are seeking an additional \$33,270 to pay for improvements to the branch meeting room in time to coincide with their scheduled three-month window of construction.

Getchell said the popular room is heavily used and the timing is right to flip the spot into something grand.

"We use it for our events, our programs, our story times and

activities like that. The community also uses the room for various free activities," she said.

Getchell wants to see the meeting room transformed into a flexible, high-use community space. With donated funding coming in, the groups want to add new carpet and paint, wheeled tables and chairs, a youth computer station and a "cyber bar" where people can plug in laptops and electronic devices and have Internet accessibility.

The funded library improvements will benefit many, but the foundation and Friends are working together on the extra project as a mutual purpose.

"We truly believe this space is important for the community and we know it's important for the kids. There really isn't a place for the kids to go after school so we want to identify that meeting room space to be a Monday through Friday after-school concept,"

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Key Peninsula community 2012 Farm Tour

By Ted Velasquez, KP News

Autumn is the special season of the year when local farms and artisans display their harvest, art and fruits of their labor.

On Saturday Oct. 6, the Key Peninsula 2012 Farm Tour will celebrate its sixth annual community event.

The tour was started by the Trillium Creek Winery in 2006 as part of the Pierce County/ Washington State University HarvestFest. Shortly after government funding ran out, local farmers established the Key Peninsula Farm Council, which has assumed responsibility and sown the seeds for a rich tradition that has grown in size and popularity ever since.

The farm tour, which include the Fiber Arts Festival at the Longbranch Improvement Club, is a family-oriented event that offers a variety of fun, education and the unique opportunity for visitors to acquaint themselves with the diversity of food grown and items produced on the Key Peninsula.

Key Peninsula Gateway Park will be introduced to the community during the tour. It will serve as the information center where visitors can get farm tour directions and a list of activities and products offered for sale. Visitors attending and exploring the newest Key Pen Park's property will have access to the park facility, which include a house, a barn and a greenhouse. The park is located at 10215 SR-302.

The participants for the Key Peninsula 2012 Farm Tour are:

The Creviston Valley Farm is the tour headquarters. They grow organic produce for which will be showcased sold during the event. They will have a petting zoo complete with a selection of livestock such as sheep, pigs, ducks, turkeys and chickens. Visitors will be allowed to tour the farm at their own relaxed pace. The farm is located at 14401 Crews Road KPN.

Bea's Flowers will have a petting zoo featuring goats and miniature horses. They will also host "stupid goat tricks," an event showing off humorous antics of their goats. They will showcase local artists and be displaying the paintings of Tweed Meyer and featuring the country music of Jenny Jacobson. Bea's Flowers grows a wide variety of multicolored dahlias, which will be available for visitors to cut and create personal bouquets. They will show and sell their harvest of squash, pumpkins, zucchini and apples. Hamburgers and corn on the cob will be available for a small fee. Bea's Flowers is located at 11918 Creviston KPN.

The PackLeader Farm specializes in training herding dogs. Their most unique program is to train dogs for wildlife researchers. According to owner Barbara Davenport, during the tour they will demonstrate herding techniques and the abilities of corder collies, Rottweilers, Icelandic sheepdogs and cattle dogs. The PackLeader Farm will display a variety of sheep breeds, some with woolly coats and others that shed their fur. Kids will be able to participate in a duck herding event and be able to pet lambs. The

farm is located at 14401 Crews Road KPN.

Rocky Bay Equine is a veterinary clinic for horses and ruminants, such as cattle, goats, sheep and llamas. Personnel will host an open house and conduct tours explaining what veterinary care procedures occur in each area of the facility. According to Dr. Bo Weeks, visitors will be able to pet some of the animals currently under Rocky Bay Equine's care. The clinic is located at 12406 189th Avenue KPN.

Blue Willow Lavender Farm will show visitors several varieties of lavender. Owner Bill Ketts will demonstrate how lavender is processed, which will include removing of buds, drying and preparation of the plants for cooking, crafts and soap making. According to The farm will also offer two craft projects where visitors can make a lavender wreath for \$20 or a lavender wand for \$10. Lavender plants will also be available for sale. The farm is located at 10615 Wright-Bliss Road KPN.

The Bee Lady & Barefoot Boys Garden will offer numerous products including fresh produce, wildflower honey, bee pollen and honey sticks. They offer many beeswax products such as scented candles, soaps, lip balm, lotion bars and beeswax for crafts. They are located at 16305 Pollack Drive KPN.

The Cape-E Farm and Vineyard owner will guide visitors on a tour of their vineyards where they grow pinot noir grapes. Owner Lori Deacon will host cooking demonstrations to showcase her cooking school. A petting zoo for kids will have chickens,

geese, sheep, cows and a donkey. Representatives of the Mustard Seed Project will be on site to highlight the work they provide for Key Peninsula's senior citizens. Artists and vendors will show their antiques, art and music. A picnic area will be available so visitors can buy a warm bowl of soup made by the Beach Hut. The Cape-E Farm and Vineyard will sell its wine, squash, greens and other produce. It is located at 17215 7th Avenue KPN.

The Trillium Creek Winery will provide tours of the vineyard and the 1500-square-foot wine cellar. They make pinot noir, muller thurgau, riesling, cabernet, syrah and fruit wines. Owners Claude and Claudia Gahard will host a wine tasting event featuring their riesling. Potter Gary Anderson will display his unique works in clay. They are located at 17812 G Street KPN.

The Fiber Arts Festival will display and sell the works of more than 30 fiber artisans. There will be numerous demonstrations such as fly hook tying, wool spinning, weaving and knitting techniques. Vendors will showcase various mediums in the fiber arts including silk paintings, felt wool hats, hand-sewn quilts and embroidery. There will be display of antique tractors, farm animals, and a demonstration on how to harness horses for plowing, carriage pulling and riding. This stop is located at 4312 Key Peninsula Highway South.

For more information about the Key Peninsula 2012 Farm Tour visit kpfarmtour.com.

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The College Board Selects Five SpringBoard® National Demonstration Schools

SpringBoard Program Prepares Students for AP®, College and Career Success

NEW YORK — The College Board has announced that five schools located in Florida, Pennsylvania and Washington were chosen as SpringBoard® National Demonstration Schools for the 2012-14 school years.

These five schools were selected because of the outstanding practices of their teachers and administrators during the implementation of SpringBoard. These schools will serve as model sites for future SpringBoard implementations throughout the country. In addition to this recognition, the schools will receive additional professional development, registration and recognition at College Board events; a customized school banner and plaque; and opportunities to preview new SpringBoard-related teaching resources.

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Designed to align with the Common Core State Standards, SpringBoard provides teachers with a rigorous curriculum and highly informative student assessments. SpringBoard is used in more than 1,400 schools, and it serves over 1.4 million students across the country.

The five SpringBoard National Demonstration Schools have implemented SpringBoard for a minimum of two years with ongoing professional development and improved student achievement. Their teachers have established a professional learning community within the school, so they and their peers can learn from collective experiences and share best practices.

Each of the five schools selected produced a brief video of SpringBoard in action, featuring student, teacher and administrator interviews that highlight the benefits and successes achieved. Additional evaluation criteria

included classroom walk-throughs, student and staff interviews, and portfolio review by the SpringBoard National Demonstration School site selection team.

“SpringBoard provides rigorous learning opportunities with a curriculum that engages and empowers both students and educators,” said Pamela L. Nelson, vice president and general manager of SpringBoard at the College Board. “These five outstanding schools have been recognized and honored because they have shown that by aiming higher, rigor can be achieved by all students.”

This year’s SpringBoard National Demonstration Schools are:

Washington

Gig Harbor High School — Peninsula School District
 Peninsula High School — Peninsula School District

Florida

Bloomingle High School — Hillsborough County Public Schools

Pennsylvania

Quakertown Community Senior High School — Quakertown Community School District
 Strayer Middle School — Quakertown Community School District

“It is inspiring to watch our teachers work together in their Professional Learning Communities as they discuss common assessments, share data and talk about teaching strategies that work,” said Tim Winter, Principal of Peninsula High School in Washington.

“Our students are learning more, which is evident in our state assessment scores, now at their highest in not only reading and writing, but also in math and science.” Winter said. “We have also seen an increase in our scores in AP English Language and AP English Literature.”

These five outstanding schools, combined with the 14 schools selected in 2011, bring the total number of SpringBoard National Demonstration Schools to 19.

Class Supply Lists

You may have noticed a difference in the 2012-2013 supply list for your child. The lists were much shorter. The district was able to increase funding for school supplies, due to community support of our recent levy. Many of the supplies that we have asked parents to bring in the past are now provided by the schools. Once again, thank you for the support that allows us to serve our students and families.

Parent Portal Note

Parents, when accessing Parent Portal, please use a browser other than Internet Explorer. (Mozilla Firefox is a good choice!)

Internet Academy

Peninsula School District has an online education option for high school students, the Peninsula Internet Academy (PIA). PIA is a fully accredited program that allows students to take high school classes online and graduate with a PSD diploma. PIA is designed for high school students who feel they will be successful learners taking 4-6 classes online per semester.

Friday Y Kindergarten

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our partnership with the Gig Harbor Y Friday Kindergarten Care Program at Artondale, Harbor Heights and Minter Creek elementary schools. For more information, please contact Jessica Dean at 253-534-7835 or download the registration packet at www.ymcapkc.org.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 11 School Board Regular Meeting 6 p.m. Vaughn Elementary School
- 16 Henderson Bay High School Open House 6 to 8 p.m.
- 18-19 Elementary and Middle School Conferences
 Early Release: elementary at 12:15 p.m. and middle school at 11:30 a.m.
- 22-23 Elementary and Middle School Conferences
 Early Release: elementary at 12:15 p.m. and middle school at 11:30 a.m.
- 25 School Board Regular Meeting 6 p.m. District Office

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Grymes married his first wife and had a daughter named Brittany. She graduated from Peninsula High School and now serves in the U.S. Navy.

During his time with the Marine Corps, a visit to an airbase in the Philippines changed his life.

"I saw how the Air Force lived and figured if I ever got out of the Marine Corps, I was going into the Air Force," he said.

In 1986 Grymes joined the Air National Guard for a six-year stint just "to check it out." A few months later, he knew it was going to be his career.

He worked airbase ground defense during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 1995 he joined the U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) — a group of specialists known for guiding in air-supported firepower to battlefields.

Grymes got months of radio schooling and extra physical training.

"You become a shooter at that point and actually go out and do raids and stuff," he said.

He was embedded with the Army and was highly trained to operate under any conditions alongside the military's most elite, special operations teams.

He married his wife Nona in 2000.

His first Air Force deployment was to Ramadi during the Iraq War in 2003, on a mission to capture the most-wanted combatants during "the War on Terror."

"I was air cover. If you go in and something happens, then you've got the air cover (aircraft with guns, missiles and bombs) to get you and others out of there," Grymes said.

He engaged in many raids and captured many people. He said the battles were very important, real "messy" and a mix of good times and bad.

Grymes returned to Lakebay for six months then went back to Iraq in 2004, and became a senior controller in 2005.

In 2006 he went to Afghanistan as a master sergeant and joint terminal attack controller (JTAC) working with teams tracking warlords and high-ranking Taliban and al Qaeda fighters. He served in Pakistan in 2009 and went back to Afghanistan in 2010, responsible for many JTAC controllers serving in-country.

During his service, Grymes got injured

but was never wounded. He received four Bronze Stars for courage under fire. Since his last deployment, he has many surgeries due to "falling out of planes, hitting walls when getting ambushed and years of walking on steep terrain."

He said it was all worth it for his brothers at arms.

"I just kept going back because it was one less time some younger guy would have to go back and fight. I had more experience, better training and a better chance of surviving," he said flatly.

About six months ago, he knew he needed to get out. His was a young man's job and his body was too busted up to keep the pace, he said.

He ended his career as an operations superintendent in charge of seven TACP squadrons throughout the United States.

"I'll miss the camaraderie. It's a really small group of like 2,000 of us. So, we know everybody and it's really tight," he added.

THE PARTY

About 100 family and friends took over most of the Roadhouse restaurant.

The landmark spot was buzzing with activity.

Grymes showed up in his dress uniform decked in rows of colorful decoration ribbons (medals). Others showed up in "casual biker attire" and enjoyed hours of live music, drinks, spontaneous hugs, and shared similar stories about this silent community hero.

Michelle Lockhart, one of the friends present, said Grymes was known for taking care of people.

"He's so nice and genuine. He looks after everyone around here, making sure everyone is safe," she said.

Roadhouse Manager Samone Baker agreed and said Grymes has been a "pillar" to the Key Peninsula community.

"He has helped out our country and our community. Morrey is an incredible man and willing to lend a hand to anyone. He and his wife, Nona, are both amazing," Baker said.

Nona Grymes said the party was for her husband but mainly for the community he calls home.

"So many people love him out here. If we didn't have a ceremony for him, they would be upset," she said with a smile.

The Grymeses plan to spend more time together and travel the country on motor-cycles.



OCTOBER 2012

Key Pen Parks PROGRAM GUIDE

Recreation Coordinator: Jessica Smeall, jessica@keypenparks.com 253-884-9240 x22

REGISTER ONLINE: www.keypenparks.com

ADULT ART CLASSES

2nd Saturday Art Classes

Learn a new art concept and project every month with our new art series for adults. October's project is wire wrap beaded earrings, you'll make at least 3 pairs of earrings and learn a basic beading technique that can be applied to more advanced projects. Learn from amazing local jewelry artist Sara Gray of June Moon Beads. November will be stamped cards, and December is polymer (Fimo) clay ornaments.

Location: Volunteer Park Office
Day & Time: Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Session Dates: 10/13, 11/10, and/or 12/8
Fee: \$25 for 1 class, \$60 for all 3

ALL HALLOWS HARVEST CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 13 6-8pm

Join us for a wild & spooky night at Volunteer Park!

A FREE event—please bring canned food donation

CONTESTS

Schedule of Events

- **PUMPKIN CARVING:** CARVE YOUR JACK-O-LANTERN AT HOME & BRING IT TO BE JUDGED!

6:00pm Haunted Hayrides begin (roast yourself a S'more too!)

- **COSTUMES:** WE ENCOURAGE CREATIVE AND UNIQUE COSTUMES, NOT TOO SCARY!

6:10pm NANCY STEWART performs (a sing-a-long concert!)

What to Bring:

- a flashlight for the ghoulish goodie hunt
- roasting sticks for s'mores

7:00pm Costume & Pumpkin awards

7:15pm Spooky Storytelling

7:45pm Ghoulish Goodies Flashlight Hunt

ADULT FITNESS

OUTDOOR BOOT CAMP



Location: Volunteer & 360 Park **Instructor:** Shannon Reichl
Day: Tues & Thurs **Time:** 6-7pm **Dates:** Oct. 23 – Nov 29
Fee: \$30 for 1 class/week, \$60 for 2 classes/week

INDOOR BOOT CAMP

NEW! Boot Camp is so popular, we are expanding to an indoor location. This class will be a "baby & me" class—young children can join in the workout!

Location: Civic Center Gym **Instructor:** Shannon Reichl
Day: Mon & Wed **Time:** 1-2pm **Dates:** Oct. 8 – Oct. 31



ZUMBA

Location: Civic Center
Instructor: Kirsten Gallacher
Day: Sat. **Time:** 9-10am
Fee: \$53 for a 6 class punch card

Music 'n Motion

Youth will explore music and movement with a range of fun, age-appropriate activities. We will dance, sing, play instruments, practice tumbling, discover rhythms, and create a performance for the last day of class.

Ages: 4-9 **Location:** Volunteer Park Multipurpose Rm.
Day & Time: Thurs. 4:30pm **Session Dates:** 10/11-11/15
Fee: \$45 for 6 classes

PeeWee Indoor Soccer

Learn basic soccer skills, confidence on the field, sportsmanship and teamwork. Play some small-sided, non-competitive soccer games. Session time will be determined by age (oldest age group at 9:30, youngest at 11:30).

Ages: 4-7 **Location:** KPMS Gym
Day & Time: Saturdays: 9:30, 10:30, or 11:30am
Session Dates: 10/13 – 11/17 **Fee:** \$45

Upcoming Public Meetings

2013 Budget Meetings are at the Volunteer Park office, at 7:00pm on the following dates:
October 8 • October 22 • November 13

Save the Date

Our 2nd Annual "Breakfast with Santa" at the Key Center Fire Station will be on Saturday, December 1st, 9-11am.

Peninsula Views

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

November ballot includes fire levy

You have a decision to make next month.

If you are a voter inside the Key Peninsula Fire Department response area, you will have a choice that will affect your wallet, a life and maybe even your home or business.

By now, most of you know that the department's board of commissioners has approved and placed a new fire levy on the November ballot.

What you may not know is that I have experienced things from the inside out. I have been on emergency calls and have heard the in-house squabbling for years.

Although I'm not currently a resident on the Key, for some 11 years I was an active Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One volunteer lieutenant/EMT (based in Purdy) responsible for crews that often responded to emergency calls in that neck of the woods.

I know the caliber of individuals with the KP department and understand what they have done with fewer resources than most other fire districts.

It's been a few years since I left GHFMO but I'm here to tell you that the career and volunteer personnel on the Key Peninsula department are highly trained and dedicated to serving you.

The decision you have to make next month is whether you want your emergency services to improve or to stay the same.

The department is looking to fund eight new firefighters. If approved by a 60 percent supermajority vote, the levy would help provide a full-time response to fires and reduce response times for medical calls.

If passed, it would cost the owner of a \$225,000 home an additional \$7.70 per month (approximately 41 cents per \$1,000 based on 2012 assessed valuations) and last for four years.

According to fire Commissioner Keith Davies, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards recommend that the department have a five-minute response time to fire and medical-aid calls 90 percent of the time.

He said the Key Peninsula Fire Department has never been at that level.

Responders have failed to meet the five-minute standard 85 percent of the time on fires and 92 percent for medical aid calls for 2011. For years, the times have not grown worse but fire and medical call volumes have skyrocketed, he said.

In the short time I have been covering this fire district I have noticed a sense of solidarity and a desire to tweak leadership from the inside out.

Commissioner Davies said he came onboard last year to be a sharp tooth in a cog of change.

"One of the things I have watched over the last decade was an unhealthy board of fire commissioners who appeared to have either issues with one another or personal agendas and basically took their battles to the public. That destroyed the image of the Key Peninsula Fire Department as well as the public's trust in the organization," Davies said.

With a new board of commissioners, he said the five of them are committed to rebuilding the trust in the organization and the confidence within the fire department.

"My belief is that ultimately the citizens get to choose what they want and what they pay for as far as their fire service is concerned. My goal is to make sure the citizens of our community are educated and making informed decisions.

"Passing the levy and improving the response times to our citizens will benefit in the saving of lives and property," he said.

Regardless how you vote, as editor of this paper I'm dedicated to you, the reader. The KP News will continue to report the facts and offer insights of value about your fire district because it's important.



Scott Turner, editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KP resident will vote 'no' on upcoming fire levy

Several weeks ago I asked our fire department four simple questions:

Has a particular firefighter been tested for any controlled substance abuse since his demotion, or been tested for any controlled substance abuse since his return to work?

Has any firefighter taken any test for controlled substances other than new hires?

Has there been any instance of abuse by any member of the Key Peninsula Fire Department since Jan. 1, 2010?

The first two questions refer to the two chiefs who were involved in the "near death" incident from alcohol abuse dur-

ing a training conference by an underage volunteer firefighter.

"We won't answer any of your questions" was the only answer I received from them.

To me, this is more of the same hide-the-truth, cover-our-behind that has been the policy for many years. I suspect things remain the same or worse at department.

Until there is a policy of substance abuse testing to include random testing, those who abuse alcohol and drugs will remain hidden and those who cover their actions will remain a threat to our safety.

Until there is an attitude change at the Key Peninsula Fire Department, I cannot support any new taxes.

Allen A. Yanity
Lakebay

KP News seeks columnists for 2013

The Key Peninsula News is recruiting for the next round of guest columnists, whose one-year term will begin in January. We are looking for fresh, creative voices and topics relevant to our local readership.

Columnists will be selected by a panel and contribute a column every two to three months; the schedule will depend on the number of finalists.

To be considered, please submit a short bio, a proposal of your column including theme and potential topics, and two publication-ready columns. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Email your materials to news@keypennews.com by Oct. 15. Finalists will be announced in the December edition.

Correction

Last month's Out and About pictures of Sheila and Randall Hugh and Phran-
que Lancaster should have been credited to Hugh McMillan of the KP News.

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Many issues on the ballot

The voter turnout for the August primary was shameful: a record low of only 36 percent for Pierce County and 38 percent for Washington state. Pierce County, with a population of 807,904, has 419,234 registered voters. With only 151,542 ballots cast, and with only a "majority plus one" required to pass a ballot issue, this means that only 9 percent of the population could control which ballot issues pass or fail in November. It is hard to believe that our citizens have become so apathetic.

Let's take a look at the November ballot issues that may soon become the laws we must live under.

R-74: Referendum to revoke or affirm gay marriage legislation that adopts the word "marriage" for gay "civil unions." Washington's 2009 Everything But Marriage Act granted marital rights to gay couples, except for the use of the word "marriage."

Pro: Affirms the legislative change. It's just a word change. They already have all of the other rights. Lets gays use the words "marriage" also.

Con: Rejects the legislation. "Marriage" has held a strictly religious meaning for millennia. It has only had an additional secular usage for a couple of centuries. Retain the word "marriage" for its well-established traditional usage.

I-502: Legalize and regulate recreational use of marijuana. (State law only, still illegal under federal law.) Establishes a regulated distribution system, criminal consequences for driving under the influence, and illegal for under 21 years old.

Pro: Use is popular, enforcement is a waste of resources, makes driving while toking criminal, and eliminate black market.

Con: Still illegal under federal law. Black market would shift to supplying minors. Accuracy of blood level testing is questionable. Tokers want to drive while high.

I-1120: Establishes charter schools. Tax money for public schools can be shifted to nonprofit charter schools.

Pro: Better quality education option for poor performing public schools.

Con: Loss of tax money would compound the performance problems for public school districts.

I-1185: Reinstate two-thirds majority requirement for tax increases. Legislature has

Rick Sorrels
The Pragmatic Sophist



either ignored or worked around similar initiatives passed by the voters in 1993, 1998, 2007 and 2010.

Pro: Makes it harder to pass new taxes. Legislature must listen to the voters.

Con: Makes it harder to pass new taxes. The Legislature knows best.

ESJR-8221: Constitutional amendment regarding debt limits. Minor changes for calculation and accounting of debt and revenue for the state.

Pro: Nitroy accounting details.

Con: None known.

SJR-8223: Constitutional amendment regarding University of Washington investment funds. Allows UW to invest funds in stocks and bonds.

Pro: More flexibility for UW investments.

Con: Stocks and bonds remain a risky investment.

Advisory vote No. 1: Under I-1053, passed in 2010, a tax increase passed by the Legislature with less than two-thirds vote must also obtain voter approval. ESB 8225 — eliminates the business and occupational tax deduction for certain interest received by banks for residential loans.

Repeal: A vote to repeal the tax increase would result in no change to the state budget.

Maintain: A vote to maintain the tax increase would see \$170 million in new revenue over the next 10 years.

Advisory Vote No. 2: Under I-1053, a tax increase passed by the legislature with less than two-thirds vote also must obtain voter approval. SHB-2590 extends the expiration of a tax on petroleum products.

Repeal: A vote to repeal the tax increase would create a \$24 million loss in revenue over 10 years.

Maintain: A vote to maintain the tax increase would recapture the \$24 million.

Pierce County charter amendment No. 40: Requires two-thirds vote of county council to raise taxes.

Pro: Makes it harder to raise new taxes. Citizens cannot afford any more taxes.

(See **Ballot**, Page 8)

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We live in a busy world and often we are so caught up in the rush that we never realize life is slipping past.

For many it's nonstop activity from dawn to dusk. Some are out the door for the morning commute even before the sun rises, returning long after it sets. Some are busy feeding babies and changing diapers. Some are in the fields all day, raising the crops that feed the rest of us. Some spend the day in their cars making sales and meeting clients. Day after day, the maddening pace carries us along.

One result of this modern life is a lack of time to take stock of our lives and all that is happening in and around us. One day slips into the next, we get older, our children grow up, seasons come and go, but we're often so absorbed in the moment right in front of us that we never see and understand the larger picture.

Within the Christian tradition, there is a

practice known as the Prayer of examen. First developed by Ignatius in his Book of Spiritual Exercises, the Examen is a method of sifting the moments of life in order to discern the presence of God.

Ignatius taught that by prayerfully thinking through the events of the day, people would learn to recognize the presence of Christ in the everyday things of life. The examen is a tool used to create a quiet, reflective space, a guided journey across the breadth of life and into the depths of the soul.

Of course, self-examination didn't begin with Ignatius. Jesus challenged religious leaders to examine their hearts rather than their actions. The Hebrew prophets called people to pay attention to their hearts. And certainly this kind of prayer isn't unique to Christianity. Most religions involve self-reflection and contemplation, attending to the shadowy world of the soul in the midst of the tumult of life.

For many, practicing a form of examen is the difference between a full, present life and

Dan Whitmarsh
Writing by Faith



ments tonight and attend to your soul. God is speaking in the midst of our lives; we need only to stop and listen.

Rev. Dan Whitmarsh is pastor of Lakebay Community Church

(From **Ballot**, Page 7)

Con: Makes it harder to raise new taxes to pay for services.

FD-16 property tax levy: Increases property taxes 44 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

Pro: Best option to protect your home from burning down, insurance rates from increasing and surviving a medical emergency.

Con: Property owners cannot afford any tax increases in this economy.

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Agencies douse KP wildfire

KP News Staff Report

During Labor Day weekend, more than 100 firefighters fought an 11-acre wildfire in the Alpine Evergreen timber property near Wright Bliss Road and 150th Avenue.

According to a Key Peninsula Fire Department report, the fire was found on Aug. 31 and considered completely out on Sept. 3.

Firefighters from many county departments and agencies responded to the blaze.

There were no reports of injuries or structure loss, but Alpine Evergreen Manager Ryan Sandstrom said two acres of 3-year-old seedlings were destroyed and will be replanted.

"I want to thank the Key Peninsula Fire

Department for their efforts and remind people to be careful. Washington summers are typically dry. Be aware to watch your cigarettes. Warn your children to be careful," Sandstrom said.

Key Peninsula Fire Department Chief Tom Lique said wildfires are manpower-intensive. During the recent fire, multiple calls stretched his district's emergency resources "dangerously thin," and a quick response from the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies was key to the operation, he said.

"Mutual aid is critical with fires of this size," Lique said. "We couldn't fight a fire like this without it."



Last month (from left), Marianne Gibbons, Kellie Judt, Marcia Gibbons and Key Center librarian Holly Smith were spotted assembling duct tape wallets during a craft project at the Key Center Library meeting room.

Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

(From Library, Page 1)

CenturyLink offers Internet basics

CenturyLink is offering its Internet Basics program to economically disadvantaged families in Pierce County. In an effort to get more low-income families online, CenturyLink is offering discounted high-speed home Internet service.

The program is available to anyone who qualifies for the FCC's Lifeline program

or federal assistance programs like food stamps, public housing assistance, Head Start or the National School Lunch's free or reduced lunch program and does not currently have internet access at home.

For information about CenturyLink Internet Basics, call (253) 851-8118 or visit centurylink.com/internetbasics.

she said.

During similar (but more expensive) library upgrades in University Place and Lakewood, Getchell said community members graciously donated in \$20 to \$1,000 increments and made a huge difference in the projects' completion.

"The library is a community library. We want to make these improvements

in the meeting room and in order to do that we need the community support. If we can get them to help this particular element, that would be incredible," Getchell said.

At the time of this report, they have raised more than \$10,000.

For information or to donate call the Key Center Library at (253)548-3309 or the Pierce County Library Foundation at (253)548-3460.

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Restoration project to begin at Penrose Point park

By Karen Lovett, KP News

Penrose Point State Park is targeted for an upcoming shoreline restoration project. The creosote-emitting wood bulkhead will be replaced by environmentally friendly, aesthetically pleasing rock wall and steps.

Volunteers conducted a marine life survey in August under the direction of Salmon Restoration biologist Kristin Wil-

liamson, project manager for South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group (SPSSEG). They identified and counted numbers of various species.

Public awareness for the project was a focus of the event, which included participation from Puget Sound Partnership, Pierce County Shellfish Partners and Harbor Wildwatch.

Children from the YMCA day camp in Purdy were thrilled with the unexpected

presence of the conservation event. They were divided into smaller groups, and under the direction of volunteers, turned over rocks and counted squid egg cases, brittle stars, worms, crabs and a variety of mollusks and crustaceans. After recording their findings, they turned their attention to the touch tanks, set up by Harbor Wildwatch, to feel some other local marine creatures.

This was the first survey of the site to itemize numbers and varieties of species currently living at this location. Further studies will be done following the dismantling of the bulkhead discover its replacement. Short-term damage done to the beach during construction will be monitored to determine consequential disruption of species populations and discover how much time will lapse before species recovery is complete.

“Work is scheduled to begin on the project sometime between October 2012 and February 2013, but is waiting on permits from Pierce County and the Army Corps of Engineers, who are required to be part of the project because work will

be done below ordinary high water levels,” Williamson said.

“The starting date may be pushed back a year if permits take too long. NOAA and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife have already been involved in consultation,” she said. “Funding is limited, but more resources will be available for salmon once the project is complete, both from the state and federal governments.”

Demolition and reconstruction is expected to cost \$380,000.

A contractor has not been selected yet. Competitive bids will be accepted following announcements in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce. Interested companies must own or have access to a barge and all necessary equipment. Creosote-coated wood must be disposed of at a certified landfill.

This is a recovery project of chinook salmon, with sand lance and surface smelt being target species as prey source for the salmon. Williamson is hopeful that population levels for these species will rise following the removal of toxic creosote from the beach and surrounding water.

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High school students band together for common cause

By Scott Turner, KP News

Last month, a group of local teenagers put their heads and hearts together to raise money and educate the many.

During the Fish Bowl rivalry, students from Peninsula and Gig Harbor high schools manned a booth and introduced peers, friends and community members to Students Working Wonders (SWW) — a flagship program tied to Multi-Care's Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

The youth are representatives of many Puget Sound-area students bent on helping one of two children's trauma hospitals west of the Cascades.

According to Peninsula High sophomore Ben Weymiller, his group is engaged in raising \$50,000 for the Mary Bridge Tree House, a place of comfort where family members can stay for just a small offering while their children are seeking medical treatment.

The Tree House program runs mostly by donations. The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula students decided to raise funds for this home-away-from-home as their first major project, Weymiller said.

According to Weymiller, the Mary Bridge SWW Advisory Council created the Youth Executive Council to bring the new student-run program to life, to strengthen youth leadership skills and to educate the community.

Weymiller said their group (mostly ASB/leadership students) is responsible for reporting ideas and other information to the adult council twice a month. He feels that using youthful talent is both unique and smart because they are an "untapped resource for fundraising" and



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Students Working Wonder members (from left) Mikaeyla Allen, Julie Kealy, Gretchen Golden, Ben Weymiller and Hillary Lawrence (not pictured) are raising funds and awareness for Mary Bridge's Tree House.

receive quality life experiences from the program.

Wendy Holcomb, SWW task force chairperson, said 13 high schools are involved and the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula youth are the "pioneers for helping us create this program."

"From Mary Bridge's perspective, the

program is not just about raising money. It's very student-centered and they are gaining a lot of leadership skills. They feel that Tree House is a really tangible and important community resource," Holcomb said.

GHHS student Julie Kealy said the group is always looking for new ways to

raise money and to get people involved.

"It's a big whoop because they need the money so bad at Tree House. We have so many resources as high school students and so many different ways that we can raise money that they can't do on the council," Kealy said. "We can have bake sales and go to the football games whereas the older generation doing that may not get the same feedback."

Kealy said the students are starting clubs at their schools with plans to quickly expand to leadership programs at middle school level.

Their first goal is to create awareness and to have a Tree House room named and sponsored by the SWW.

"We understand the importance of this project. We've gone in there and have read the diaries of the people who stayed and have really been touched by them. That's why we chose Tree House," Weymiller said.

For more information or to donate to Tree House, visit multicare.org/foundations/tree-house or call (253)403-1264. For information about Students Working Wonders, call (253)403-1599.

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Volunteer mentors needed

Communities in Schools of Peninsula needs reading and math mentors to give one hour of time each week after school to help a child learn/improve skills. Mentors are guided by staff in student instruction. Programs are scheduled for the fall at these school sites: Evergreen Elementary, Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.; Minter Creek Elementary, Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45; Vaughn Elementary, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30; Purdy Elementary, Thursdays, 3:45-5:45; Key Peninsula Middle School, Tuesdays, 3-4:15; Peninsula and Henderson Bay High Schools. For details call CISP at 884-5733.

Swimming schedule

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers community swimming in warm water on the following schedule: Morning adult water aerobics on M/W/F from 10-11 a.m. and T/Th from 9:20-10:20 a.m. Adult open swim is offered T/Th from 8-9 a.m. Evening adult open swim on T/Th from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$4.25/class paid monthly on the first of the month. Call Donna, 884-4473 to register.

Evening open swims on M/T/Th from 5-6 p.m. and adult lap/open swim on T/Th from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Family Swim is on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. Open swims cost \$4.25/person or \$40 for 10 swims. Up to \$15 per family; children under 2 are free and must be accompanied by an adult.

Call camp office, 884-2722, or email campadmin@wa.easterseals.com for swim

schedule or to be added to email list.

OCT. 1

Meet an author

Kathryn Arnold, a novice author, will sign copies of her book "We'll Meet Again" from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Cost Less Pharmacy in Wauna.

OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bloodmobile dates

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

OCT. 5, 19, 26

Friday skate night

A new skate night time geared for kids 5-13 is held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. This is a safe place with roller skating, arcade games and concessions — all for \$5 including skate rental. Parents are welcome to attend and visit with others on the observation balcony. Kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

OCT. 1-24

Swim lessons begin

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers swim lessons in warm water on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from Oct. 1-24. Beginning Level 1 are from 4-4:30 p.m. and Intermediate Level 2 are 4:30-5 p.m. Oct. 1-Oct. 24. Cost is \$40 per session. Call Donna to register, 884-4473. Swim with Baby (ages 0-4 with/parent) swim time is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Cost is \$40 for 8 sessions. Call Donna, 884-4473 to register.

OCT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Baby & Preschool time

Baby Play and Learn time begins at 10:15 a.m. for babies 0-24 months and their adult caretakers. Preschool Play and Learn begins at 11a.m. for children 3-6 years old and their caretakers. Baby time is approximately 20-60 minutes and preschool time lasts 30-60 minutes. Both events are held at the Key Center Library. 543-3309.

To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please email news@keypennews.com, or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Family time

Family Story Time is held on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. for families with preschool-aged children. Enjoy art activities, stories, rhymes, singing and finger plays at the Key Center Library. 253-543-3309.

OCT. 4

Fuchsia Club

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

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OCT. 6

Fiber, farms open house

The annual KP Farm Tour is hosted by 10 local farms. The 5th annual Fiber Arts Tour, "Thread through Time," is held at the Longbranch Improvement Club. This year the new Key Peninsula Gateway Park is hosting an open house at 10215 State Route 302. All events are free and go from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fundraiser for victim

A spaghetti dinner and silent auction

fundraiser for David Long, who was seriously wounded in the recent shooting at Lake Kathryn Mall, is planned from 4-8 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. All proceeds will go for David's medical and personal expenses. Price is \$10 per person, \$30 for a family of four, and donations for children under 5 who attend with their family. Contacts: Ian at 253-988-1463, Claudia at 884-2054 and Nadean at 857-6404.

OCT. 19, 25

Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts voluntarily knit and crochet hats for chemo patients and the backpack program for kids, and make baby items, blankets, wheelchair/walker bags and fingerless gloves for veterans in the community. They meet from 1-3 p.m. and on Oct. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at the WayPoint Church. Donations of yarn and needles are always welcome. Virginia, 884-9619 or lovingheartsonkp@aol.com.

OCT. 10

Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Longbranch fire station. Francine, 253-569-1381.

Levy discussion

The levy for Key Peninsula Fire Department is the topic of the public presentation at the Key Peninsula Community Council meeting at the Key Center Library at 7:30 p.m. 884-6455.

OCT. 11

Music 'n' motion

Youth will explore music and movement with a range of fun, age-appropriate (ages 4-9) activities on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the VFW room at the KP Civic Center. Sessions will be held Oct. 11-Nov. 15. Cost is \$45 for six classes. Kids will dance, sing, play instruments, practice tumbling, discover rhythms and create a performance for the last day of class. Jessica@keypen-parks.com or 884-9240x22.

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Friends meet

The Friends of Key Center Library meet at 5:30 p.m. at the KC Library. All Friends are welcome.

Mycologist speaks

Roger Ryno will speak on "Forest Mushrooms of the Puget Sound" at 7 p.m. at the KC Library. The adult free presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Donations of non-perishable food or cash are always welcome for the food bank. 253-543-3309.

TWAA meets

Two Waters Arts Alliance holds a general board meeting at 7 p.m. in the VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. Visitors are welcome. 884-3685.

OCT. 13

PeeWee soccer

Children ages 4-7 will learn basic soccer skills, confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork in the KP Middle School gym on Saturdays from Oct. 13- Nov. 17. Fee is \$45. Sessions time is determined by age with the oldest at 9:30 a.m. and the youngest at 11:30 a.m. Jessica@keypenparks.com or 884-9240x22.

All-Hallows Harvest Celebration

Key Pen Parks host the annual free family fun, All-Hallows Harvest Celebration, from 6-8 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Enjoy the carved pumpkin contest, a hayride, a costume contest, a flashlight hunt for goodies. Bring roasting sticks for S'mores. 881-9240.

OCT. 16

Candidates' forum

The annual forum at 7 p.m. features the 10 candidates or their representatives for the major races affecting the Key Peninsula. Bring your questions and your judgment to the KP Civic Center. The forum is a cooperative event presented by KP Business Association, KP Civic Center Association, KP Community Council and KP News. 884-3456.

OCT. 20

Lyme group

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

OCT. 16

Third Sunday jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session is held at Longbranch Church, 16518 46th Street KPS, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. for all acoustic instruments, ages, and skill levels. Everyone is welcome to play, sing, or simply listen. Bring music stand and finger food to share; music and beverages are provided. 425- 492-4177.

OCT. 26

Cosmic skating

Club Cosmic features a "Monster Mash" theme from 9 p.m.-midnight for teens. Group games and activities, DJ battles, arcade games in the Whitmore Room. Concessions are offered. The \$5 fee includes skate rental.

OCT. 27

Celebration of life

The family of Allen Moren hosts a Celebration of Life from 1-4 p.m. in the gym of the KP Civic Center.

OCT. 31

Halloween carnival

All ghouls, goblins, and ghosts are welcome at the annual free, family friendly Halloween event featuring costume contests, games, candy and prizes for children of all ages. The carnival is at the KP Civic Center from 6-8 p.m. 884-3456 or kpciviccenter.org.

NOV. 3

Musical performance

Two Waters Alliance brings back the Bottom Line Duo of Spencer and Traci Hoveskeland to the Key Peninsula for a 7:30 p.m. performance at the KP Civic Center. The duo performs on a cello and bass in a chamber music 21st century style featuring multiple musical genres. The Bottom Line Duo has played at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center as well as in many community halls throughout the country. Tickets are \$15 for adults or \$1 for students, and are available at Sunnycrest Nursery, The Blend Wine Shop, online at the door or at twowaters.org. 884-4423.

NOV. 5-28

Swim lessons

Easter Seals Camp Stand By Me will be offering swim lessons Monday and Wednesday afternoons beginning Nov. 5 with Level 2/ Intermediate from 4-4:30 p.m. and Level 3/ Advanced from 4:30-5 p.m. Cost is \$40 for 8 lessons. Call the camp office at 884-2722 or email campadmin@wa.easterseals.com for a schedule and registration form.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Clogging

Mike and Watona Williams instruct beginning to advance clogging for all ages in the Whitmore Room of the KP Civic Center from 6-8:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

TOPS #1325

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

Key Singers

Key Singers meet at Lutheran Church, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. New members welcome. 884-5615.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Preschool play time

The Children's Home Society KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome and can stay for as long as you wish. A \$1 donation per child is suggested. 884-5433.

WEDNESDAYS

Lakebay writers

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

Watermark writers

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

THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

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

Senior Society

The Key Peninsula Senior Society meets at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck, fellowship and games at the Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981.

Thursdays & Saturdays Historical Museum

KP Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Current displays feature Penrose Point and KP logging. 884-2511 or 884-5403.

FRIDAYS

Mom's Connections

Mom's Connection, a group to support moms with young children, meet on the first and third Friday of the month from 9:30-11 a.m. at the KP Civic Center. Drop-ins welcome. Janice at 884-5433 or camandjanice@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS

Writers' guild

The Writers' Guild meets from 9-11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-6455.

Zumba

Zumba for ages 16-plus is offered on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$53 for a 6-class punch card that is good for two months after purchase date. For information, call 884-9240 or email jessica@keypenparks.com.

SUNDAYS

Singalongs

Southern gospel singalongs are being hosted at the Longbranch Community Church 6-7 p.m. the first Sunday of each month. Bring wind, brass and string instruments. All are welcome. 884-0767.

MORE CALENDAR

See Off the Key listings and Public Meetings on page 14.

OFF THE KEY

NOW through JAN. 20

Tapestry display

The Harbor History Museum's newest temporary exhibit "NWxSE: A Collaborative Small Tapestry Project of Northwest and Southeast Weavers" is a cross-country exhibit showcasing the works of weaving artists from Puget Sound ("NW") and the Southeast United States ("SE"). More than 40 small tapestry pieces will be on display, showcasing the incredible talents of tapestry weavers from Tapestry Weavers South and Tapestry Artists of Puget Sound (TAPS).

OCT. 6

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Safeway on Pt. Fosdick from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

OCT. 13

Children's concert

The Fox Island Community and Recreation Association is hosting the

band "Recess Monkey" to raise money for the Fox Island Playground. The band will be performing at 4 p.m. at the Nichols Community Center. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased via PayPal on the website FICRA.org. The receipt is your ticket.

This second annual children's event is sponsored by Ken Uddenberg State Farm Insurance and Abigale's Concierte.

OCT. 19-21, 26-27, 29-31

Haunted house

Paradise Theatre presents guided tours through the "Theatre of Lost Souls" with more than 20 scenes with spirits of horror celebrities, both inside and outdoor. The new location is at 9911 Burnham Drive NW. Friday-Saturday hours are 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sunday and weekday hours are 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is \$1 off on Oct. 21 and 29. Price for kids 10 and under is \$6, ages 11 and up is \$9, or buy a VIP Pass for \$18 and come

as often as you want (ID required-nontransferable). 851-PLAY or paradisetheatre.org.

OCT. 20

Gardening workshop

Pierce County sponsors an Edible Garden Workshop called "Putting the Garden to Bed for the Winter" 10 a.m.-noon at Schmel Homestead Park. Call 253-363-1846 prior to the workshop if you plan to attend.

OCT. 27

Pumpkin carving

A "Giant Pumpkin Carving" will be held at Uptown. For info, visit uptown-gigharbor.com.

OCT. 31

Trick or treat

Uptown sponsors trick-or-treating for kids. Trick-or-treating is also being held in historic downtown Gig Harbor on Harborview Drive.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Lions' dinner & program

Oct. 3 and 17, 6:30 p.m. in VFW Room, KP Civic Center 853-2721.

KP Historical Society Board

Oct. 4, 11 a.m. in museum; members welcome.

Key Pen Parks

Oct. 8 and 22, budget meetings at 7 p.m. at Volunteer Park; keypenparks.com.

KP Community Fair Association

Oct. 9 (new day), 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room. For information, visit keyfair.org.

Fire District 16

Oct. 9 and 23, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station. For information, visit keypeninsulafire.org.

Key Peninsula Council

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. at Key Center Library; kpcouncil.org.

Peninsula School District Board

Oct. 11, 6 p.m. at Vaughn Elementary, Oct. 25, regular meeting at district office; psd401.net.

KP Civic Center Board

Oct. 11, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room; kpciviccenter.org.

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Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. at Longbranch Improvement Club; longbranchimprovement-club.org.

KP Citizens Against Crime

Oct. 18, 7 p.m. at Home fire station; kpcitizensagaincrime.org.

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FIRE DISTRICT 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for Aug. 16 to Sept. 15

Total calls: 195
 EMS: 127
 Fire/service: 24
 Other: 44

Aug. 18

The engine compartment of a motor home burst into flames while parked at the fuel pumps of the Home Shell station. The driver quickly ran to the station's emergency shut-off, then to the fire extinguisher located inside the building and extinguished the fire. He then rolled the RV away from the pumps where firefighters found it still warm upon their arrival.

Aug. 20

The parents of a man in his 50s called 911 complaining of back and leg pain after a low-speed motorcycle accident. The man was stabilized and transported by ambulance to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment of his injuries.

Aug. 22

The parents of an 8-year-old boy called 911 after he fell from a rope swing. The boy, who sustained a femur fracture, was stabilized at scene and transported by ambulance to a Tacoma hospital for further treatment of his injury.

Aug. 28

A 55-year-old man with a history of cancer was treated and transported to the University of Washington Medical Center Emergency Room for acute care of his symptoms. The Key Peninsula Fire De-

partment transports most of its EMS patients to local facilities in Gig Harbor and Tacoma, but in extreme cases and when able to do so has transported patients to Seattle and Olympia.

Aug. 29

Medics responded to the home of a 14-year-old male with a history of seizures. The teen was transported to a Tacoma hospital for evaluation and treatment for more of the same.

Aug. 30

Crews were dispatched to reports of a vehicle into a pole in Key Center. On arrival, they discovered that there was actually a second vehicle involved with reports of a t-bone type collision. Occupants were evaluated at scene and several were transported to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Sept. 4

Crews responded to the aid of a 69-year-old man in Home with general illness. The man was treated and transported to St. Anthony hospital in Gig Harbor.

Sept. 7

A woman in her 50s called 911 after collapsing from abdominal pain in the driveway of her home. The patient was unable to drive herself to the hospital, so she was transported to an area hospital for evaluation and care.

Sept. 7

Firefighters were dispatched to a 911

report of smoke in a heavily wooded area near Herron Island during wildland fire season. Neighbors were alarmed to smell the smoke in the early evening following a day in which temperatures reached 85 or higher. The investigating engine company located a couple who were burning green shrubbery clippings and maintained that they were unaware of the countywide burn ban. The property owners extinguished the fire and were issued an "open burning contact notice."

Sept. 9

Family members of a 32-year-old Herron man called 911 after he threatened to harm himself. Deputies and firefighters arrived to find the man had calmed down and agreed to be evaluated. He believes that recent changes in his medications have not been adequate. Key Peninsula Medic One transported

him to a local hospital for follow-up care.

Sept. 11

Units responded to a rear-end accident in the 11000 block of SR-302 NW. Although the accident did not result in any injuries, traffic was snarled for a time while the blocking incident was investigated by Washington State Patrol.

Sept. 13

Key Peninsula firefighters were sent out on multiple reports of smoke in various neighborhoods. Each time, no specific local source of the smoke was found. However, most of the lower Puget Sound was enveloped in a smoke haze from the Eastern Washington fires, coupled with smoke from wildland fires in Kitsap and Mason counties. The smoke found in each neighborhood was consistent with the haze covering the entire area.

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Shiloh Farm, in Home, is set to please pumpkin fanciers with a wide variety of colors and sizes. It is located at 1127 188th St. KPN off of Herron Road and is open from 9 a.m. until dark starting Oct.1.



Photo courtesy of Larry Wingard



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Peninsula Seahawk players storm the field in colorful flair before this year's Fish Bowl game at Roy Anderson Field. Bragging rights went to Peninsula High School. The Hawks beat the Tides 37-6, with the only score by the Tides coming on a 70-yard quarterback keeper.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Peninsula Athletic Association soccer season opened Sept. 8 with a Jamboree of 20-minute games played between all the teams in the league. Here, Lady Sounders first- and second-grade girls from Vaughn and Evergreen elementary schools display their sportsmanship by congratulating a team from Gig Harbor after their game.

Where in the World...

Josh Rorie, owner of KP Indoor Garden Store, took his KP News to Las Vegas in August to attend Sunlight Supply's Indoor Gardenfest.



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Vaughn Elementary School second-grade teacher Carianne Ferencik talks to Conor Rosenberger about the importance of class recycling during the first day of school.

Spaghetti feed fundraiser planned for shooting victim

By Colleen Slater, KP News

David Long, victim of the Lake Kathryn shooting in August, remains in the hospital with serious medical concerns.

Because of the shooting, Long lost a kidney and needed a tracheotomy. He's currently in Regional Hospital in South Center, but will be transferred to a Gig Harbor facility when he's stable.

Long, 40, raised in California, broke his arm at age 11 and went into a coma from an allergy due to the anesthesia. He also suffers from phenylketonuria (PKU).

Heidi Michaelson, Long's sister, describes him with affection as a "Rocker, Harley, Horse," she said.

She said her brother enjoys heavy metal music and playing the guitar, and would love to have his own ranch and be a cowboy.

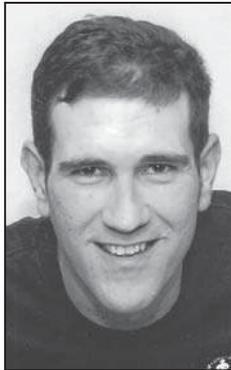
Long enjoyed his job working with Harbor Mobile Crew landscapers and liked to keep his own yard neat, she said.

Claudia Jones, who first met him when he moved to the Key Peninsula, said that "David is a sweet, kind man." They re-

newed their acquaintance when she began working at Lake Kathryn Peninsula Market while he went through her cashier line. That's where he was when the shooting occurred.

Jones and Cost Less employees Nadean Hopper, Ian Warren and Gina Menard are organizing a spaghetti feed and silent auction to cover some of Long's medical and personal expenses. It will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Oct. 6, at the KP Civic Center.

Roger Gemelle and Rusty Roots Bluegrass will provide live music.



David Long

Tickets are available for \$10 per person, \$30 for a family of four, or donations for kids under age 5.

Store Operations Manager Kip Bond said The Food Market is donating spaghetti and sauce, and United Salad will provide the salad. Peninsula High School

football players will be serving the dinner. Tabletop-sized silent auction items are being collected and can also be taken to Purdy Cost Less before Oct. 2 and left (for Ian) in the pharmacy. Call (253) 988-1463 about auction item pickup or (253) 884-2054 for event information.

Last-chance crabbing for Area 13

By Steve Whitford, KP News

According to Rich Childers, Puget Sound shellfish manager for the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, chances are good that there will be a winter season for rock and Dungeness crab.

A decision will be made in early October, based on catch reports. If state and tribal quotes have been satisfied, there will be a late season from mid-October through Dec. 31. If it happens, unlike the summer season, late crabbing will be open seven days a week but all other catch regulations will remain the same.

Childers said that September was the

month for reporting sports catches.

"Even if there wasn't any catch, it must still be reported, either by mail or online. If you don't report your catch, you are going to pay a \$10 penalty. I consider it a voluntary tax," Childers said.

Recent closures due to "red tide" will not affect crabs or season lengths, and they are still safe to eat, he said.

Childers confirmed that there has been some illegal commercial fishing and that some arrests have been made, but theft is not factored into season length.

Current information regarding shellfish harvesting can be found at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov.

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Marshalls donates to KP Children's Home Society

By Karen Lovett, KP News

In celebration of its new Gig Harbor location, Marshalls contributed to the local community by presenting a \$5,000 donation to the Children's Home Society Key Peninsula office during its official Uptown ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept 6.

Cheerleaders and a large crowd packed the storefront as Jud Morris, Children's Home Society (CHS) program manager, accepted the monetary donation along with three storage bins full of new clothes donated by customers of Marshalls.

According to Morris, the Marshalls team members stayed at the Inn at Gig Harbor while they were setting up the store. The inn hosts an auction of homemade gingerbread houses to earn money for donations to the CHS on the Key Peninsula. When someone from the team asked about worthy charities, the hotel manager gave them the name of the CHS in Vaughn.

To celebrate the opening of every new store, Marshalls partners with a local charity organization to find ways to enrich



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Marshalls Regional Manager, Bret Adam, hands Children's Home Society's Key Peninsula Program Manager Jud Morris a check for \$5,000 during last month's grand opening celebration at Uptown Gig Harbor.

the community they are joining through monetary donations and associate volunteerism, said Carrie Garfield, Marshalls spokesperson.

"We selected Children's Home Society

because of their strong commitment to families in the Gig Harbor community as well as the excellent volunteer opportunities they provide for our associates to give back and continue the relationship," Garfield said.

The Children's Home Society was originally established in Seattle in 1895 exclusively to facilitate adoptions. The organization grew, establishing offices in all large cities. The CHS in Tacoma opened in 1956. The Key Peninsula CHS opened in 1995 and handles all family services except adoption. Morris joined the office in 2005.

Emergency money to pay rent and utilities comes from FEMA. Families in need can apply for assistance through CHS. Financial donations go to pay for staff time since all services are free, Morris said.

"The single best thing about the Children's Home Society is it gives people hope, opportunity and dignity," he said.

According to Garfield, Marshalls will have a positive local economic impact. In addition to providing a new shopping option for residents, the new store will add approximately 60 full- and part-time jobs to the area. During the holidays, they will put out boxes for customers to donate new clothing purchase.

For information about the Children's Home Society call (253) 884-5433 or visit childrenshomesociety.org.



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KP Sportsmen's Club celebrates anniversary

The Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club celebrated its 65th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The Sportsmen's Club, one of the oldest nonprofit organizations on the peninsula, held an open house at the club house located on Jackson Lake Road. Members, family, friends, former club members and guests attended the event.

The club history, which began in 1947, was on display in the form of old photo albums with founding members, to recent pictures, newspaper articles and business minutes in chronological order.

Current members, as well as past members and friends, remi-

niscated about earlier days on the peninsula and the history of the club.

Refreshments and cake were served, and there was a silent auction and raffle to raise money for the various charities the club supports.

The raffle was for a beautiful dollhouse that was constructed by club member Jim Smith. Proceeds from the auction and raffle will be used to support the food bank, Little League Baseball and sending kids to camp.

Anniversary Committee Members included, Barbara Bellinger, Ruth Bramhall, Ray Viers and Teresa Ives.

Annual youth writer program back on Key Peninsula

Watermark Writers sixth annual Young Writers' Program will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Each year the group offers workshops to teen writers, ages 13 to 18, pairing them with successful authors, poets and songwriters so they can learn from those who make a living from their words.

This year Randall Platt will offer her

knowledge to fiction writers. Jenifer Brown Lawrence will chair the poetry program and Matt Price will be presenting the songwriting workshop.

The workshops are aimed at anyone interested in writing for pleasure or a career. The fee is \$10 for materials, lunch and a day of instruction. A book of workshop results will be published and each attendee will receive a complimentary copy. For

information or to register call (253)778-6559. Scholarships are available.

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Metal detector often uncovers hidden treasures

By Karen Lovett, KP News

Tom Boardman's fascination with treasure hunting began in 1979 when he was in sixth grade. His father brought home a brochure on metal detectors and young Boardman knew he had to have one. He painted the family garage to earn the money needed to buy it and has been hooked ever since.

Boardman, of Minter, said that knowing the history of an area improves chances for locating buried treasure. Schoolyards and beaches can be fertile ground in the quest for coins and jewelry. He has found coins dating back to the 1800s.

He said hotspots are generally "places where people are most likely to lie or trip, or where kids would roll down a hillside."

Boardman makes new friends too, especially after being introduced to Bill Trandum, of Vaughn.

Trandum's daughter-in-law lost an expensive ring at a beach when she

tossed a ball into the water. Unfortunately, it happened during high tide.

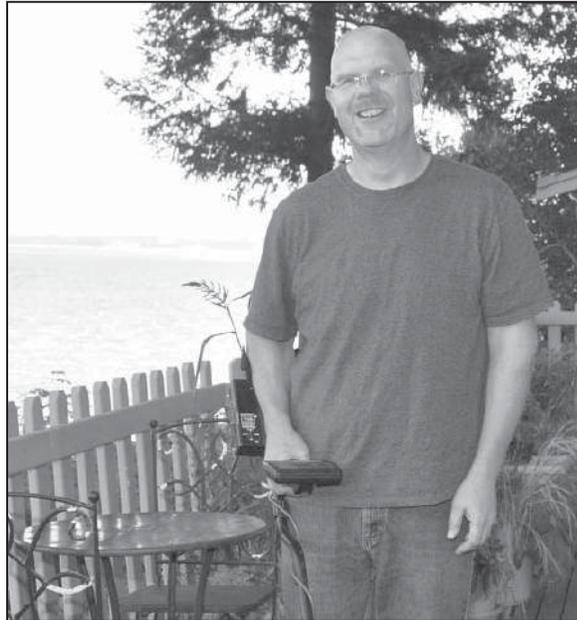
Boardman spent nearly three days searching for it. He could only work at low tide. He laid out a grid pattern and started at the lowest tide mark and worked up the shore. He found it, but did the work for fun since he doesn't charge for the service.

A friend of his once found a Rose Bowl ring. The owner of the lost ring, a former Husky, was tracked down playing pro-football in Canada and was delighted to receive the irreplaceable treasure he'd never expected to see again.

Boardman has taught classes on metal detecting, to interested children at the Children's Home Society and Evergreen Elementary School. He is willing to teach anyone who is interested in learning.

When he isn't out metal detecting he runs the family's Master's Dry Carpet Cleaning business.

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Tom Boardman's metal detecting hobby has helped him find new friends, hidden treasures and fun ways to educate many area youth.

Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

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Old schooner recalls Mosquito Fleet days

By Colleen Slater, KP News

The Pleiades, a replica of an 1830 Eastport Pinky Schooner, set sail from Olympia to Longbranch this summer carrying organic produce from Olympia farmers as well as a few passengers.

"I can sail from Olympia to Longbranch almost as fast as a truck can drive there, even faster with the right currents and weather conditions," said Hoyle Hodges, owner of the Olympia Schooner Co., and captain of the Pleiades.

Hodges said the goal of his operation is done in a "sustainable manner without contributing to the pollution of our beautiful Pacific Northwest environment."

He uses fuel only for safety and docking.

The idea of using his boat to carry produce and passengers, and perhaps other products in winter months, began with a "Business and Sustainability" class at The Evergreen State College. The goal is to establish an alternative, emission-free shipping service that brings together local

farms, businesses and individuals in South Sound communities, he added.

Boston Harbor Marina, the first destination from Olympia, was soon followed by Longbranch Marina, where a few people met the boat to purchase fruits and vegetables.

Don Greetham, his sons Jim and Mark, and his granddaughter Ann traveled back to Olympia on the boat.

"It was a very pleasurable, mellow afternoon, including the sighting of dolphins and stimulating conversation about Mosquito Fleet days," Greetham said. He remembers some of those days.

Hodges hopes to add other communities, such as Steilacoom and perhaps another place on the Key Peninsula, to the destination list.

The produce is purchased from organic vendors at the Olympia Market and carried on bicycles by Evergreen students to the boat. Hodges offers 10 percent discount to anyone who picks up the ordered groceries with a vehicle that doesn't use gas or diesel.

He hopes to contract with growers rather than go through the market process.

Hodges bought the 59-foot wooden boat a year ago with one purpose: to give his 5-year-old daughter Heidi the experience of sailing and being outdoors. Heidi gives visitors quite complete tours, pointing out small details such as a mirror and how the kitchen faucets work, he said.

Elmira, his wife, is in charge of the produce sales.

Sister Betty calls herself galley cook and steward, John Prins is first mate, and volunteer Richard Hoffman completes the crew.

Hodges offers chartered half-day or full-day cruises around Puget Sound. He can carry six passengers at a time, and the boat sleeps seven people for overnight charters.

Hodges wants to reproduce the sense of community from the Mosquito Fleet era in a sustainable manner.

To place an order for their next delivery or arrange passage, call Hodges at (360) 867-1932 or email hhodges@olympiaschoonercompany.com.



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The Pleiades heads back to its Olympic home after recently dropping off some supplies and passengers at the Longbranch Marina. Pleiades owner Hoyle Hodges is replicating some "emission-free" trade and transporting habits first started back in the Mosquito Fleet days.

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Johnnie Jeanneane (Jeanne) Price

Johnnie Price died on Aug. 18, 2012. A memorial service was held at Haven of Rest in Gig Harbor.

She was born Dec. 3, 1945, and was an avid animal lover who raised horses, dogs and children. She is survived by her loving significant other, David Grandia, daughters Theresa (Art) Montalvo, Danna (Russ) Robinson, son Rick Langford, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Lois Mae Sanders

Lois Sanders, longtime Lakebay resident, died on Aug. 22, 2012.

Born Aug. 27, 1921, to Ralph and Myra Foster in La Mesa, Calif., she was married for 56 years to Dick Sanders, who died in 1995.

She was a loving mother and grandmother. Surviving family members are Shirley Hansen, Judy Sohl, Lois McMains, Helen Gallagher, Dickie Sanders (deceased), Lynda Woodgate and Mick Sanders.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 6, at the Sequim Masonic Hall, 700 S 5th Avenue, Sequim, WA.

Donna L. Ennis

Donna Ennis, longtime Key Peninsula resident, died at home on Aug. 19, 2012.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1932, and was the youngest of six children born in Tacoma to Henry and Daphne Colin.

Her inurnment was held on Aug. 29, 2012 at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. A celebration of life gathering was held Sept. 2.

She was an amazing wife, mother, businesswoman and friend. She was always there to help those in her life. She is survived by family members Dean, Cheryl, Jess and Jami.

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