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Dear friends, neighbors and community visitors

Greetings! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2008 Key Peninsula Community Fair (KPCF). For the Eighth year in a row, the KPCF will bring together folks from near and far to enjoy and celebrate life here on the Key Peninsula. Our hard-working Board of Directors has spared no effort to bring you this year's array of entertainers and events. They will inspire, entertain and may even enchant you. This year we'll have that same great carnival, and the entertainment lineup will feature "locals." We're putting a little extra effort this year to emphasize the "P" in KPCF. Sunday evening is Polka-Fest!

Over the past seven years, the fair has grown from modest beginnings to an event spanning four days with a little bit of everything for everybody. Come for the music, the rides, vendors, the petting zoo (Agri-Vision), or simply take a break to enjoy lunch. Come and enjoy "your fair." Did you know the fair is a nonprofit entity, there is no paid staff or board members? The fair is yours — come and enjoy it! Afterwards, every penny the fair makes goes right back into the commu-

nity through its owners: the Key Peninsula Business Association, the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Every year the fair grows and innovates. Last year we added a wine competition, which will return for 2008. This year we're adding a Farmers Market and moving the Beer Garden next to the main stage. We are improving on what has been a year-to-year improvement process.

We hope that your experience as our very welcome guest is a fun and rewarding one. We are delighted to provide so many opportunities for you to meet and greet old and new friends. As you will see, a great deal of planning and hard work has gone into making this fair one of the best ones ever. But only you can validate our endeavors — your pleasure is both the reason for and the measure of our efforts. *Enjoy the fair!*

Mike Hays, KPCF president



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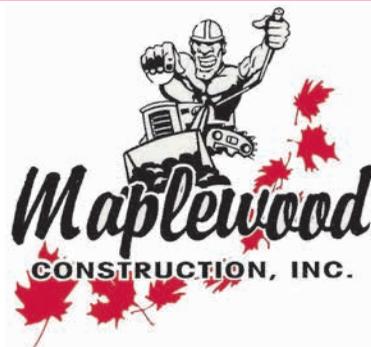
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⇒ Parking – \$2 for close-in, observed parking; free behind KPMS

⇒ Admission tickets – \$2; children 5 and under free

⇒ Carnival tickets – ride prices vary. All-day pass \$25 at gate; pre-sale \$20 at Sunnycrest Nursery, Beach Hut and Sound Credit Union in Key Center, includes admission, available until Thursday, July 10.

⇒ Hours – Thursday Teen Night 6 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to Midnight; Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

⇒ Take map and schedule with you to help you find what you want easily.

Tips for families with kids

⇒ Plan ahead on what to do and see, and schedule tentative time frames. Allow some sit-down time, to watch a show or demonstration, enjoy food, or to just take time out on a bench or bale of hay.

⇒ Set up a meeting place in case people get separated. Cell-phones are good.

⇒ Locate the restrooms ahead of time.

⇒ Take bag or backpack (unless you have a stroller) with water, sunscreen, Band-aids, sunhats, waterless hand cleaner, or baby wipes. If rain is a possibility, include umbrella, rain covers, towel.



⇒ Bring tide-you-over snacks, or cash to buy from food vendors.

⇒ Don't forget a camera (and if you get some really good shots, consider sharing them with KPNews for next year's fair guide!)

⇒ A fabric or canvas bag for carrying all those neat things you and your children might pick up from vendors. Include a bag for garbage, in case you don't spy a can nearby.

⇒ Be a good citizen. Toss your garbage in the proper receptacles instead of on the ground. Containers for recyclables will be available.

⇒ Say thanks to the security people patrolling the area, to the Boy Scouts who collect garbage and run errands, to all of those wearing volunteer tags, for contributing their time and effort to make the KP Fair a great place to spend a day.



Eighth year for Key Pen event

Eight years ago, three community non-profit groups — Key Peninsula Business Association (KPBA), Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA), and the Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) — joined together to create the Key Peninsula Community Fair (KPCF). Under a common vision, a safe, affordable and wholesome family entertainment venue was created where people can gather to experience the spirit of the community.

These organizations provide many of the volunteers for the fair, and the fair board, representing each group, plans and manages the event. Profits are equally divided among them, so all profits from the fair are returned to the community.

Volunteers in all areas and local sponsors help make this fair a success every year.

The Key Peninsula Community Fair is a family oriented 4-day event showcasing exhibits, entertainment and competitions at the Key Peninsula Sports Center (Volunteer Park).

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Karaoke highlight of Teen Night



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Thursday, July 10, brings Teen Night to the fair, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with free admission for sixth grade through high schoolers. Karaoke will operate all evening, and a pizza eating contest will be held. Teens will need spending money for carnival rides, food, beverages, and other items available from vendors.



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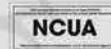
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Musical entertainment highlights

By Irene Torres, KP News

Blues Passage

Friday 6 – 8 p.m.

The Blues Passage band returns to the KP Fair again this year to the Main Stage. They are a Puget Sound group with a talent for making good blues music. Enjoy hearing KP resident Dan Wilson play a mean guitar.

Donn Allard & Renegade Train

Friday 8:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Local country artist Donn Allard and his band, Renegade Train, are back at the fair again. On Friday night, they will play a selection of music for listening and dancing. Allard has written a number of original songs. In his trademark white hat, Allard's sense of humor will delight the audience, and the music is guaranteed to tap a toe.

Swing Fever

Saturday 2 p.m.

On Saturday afternoon, the Big-Band sounds of Swing Fever will take you down memory lane. The soulful voice of Andrea Densley of Shelton is showcased with rich harmonies of the 18-piece band, directed by Stan Yantis of Mason Lake. Band members come from five different counties. The KP Fair is one of Swing Fever's two or three concerts or dance engagements a month. Expect songs of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Les Brown and others to bring back the music of the 1930s to the 1950s.



Little Bill

Jazz Musette

Saturday 6 – 8 p.m.

Enjoy the jazz music of local artists Jazz Musette as they perform on the Main Stage. This is a six-piece musical combo, with Lorraine Hart, Tom Hume II, Tom Hume III, Mark Runions, Ed Seymore and Anna Hart. Tom, Mark, Anna and Lorraine live on the southern end of the Key Peninsula. Ed and Tommy are from the Tacoma area. Lorraine Hart's blogsite says, "As a performer it's important, first and foremost, to entertain..." This group is sometimes booked at Jazzbones in Tacoma, but you can see them at the KP Fair.

Little Bill & the Blue Notes

Saturday 8:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Little Bill Englehard has played nearly every club and concert hall in the Northwest over his 40-year career. Bill has become a Blues "Icon" for seasoned musicians and newcomers to the blues scene. Bill and his band give their best performance every time they play.



Down Home Band debuts

The Down Home Band, organized in 1990 to get some kids involved in the Pioneer Day parade playing kazoos, graduated to a group of assorted ages playing traditional brass band instruments. Founded and directed by Dr. William Roes, with help from Dr. John Olsson, the group became a fixture in Pioneer Day parades, at Old-Timers Day, and to prepare for Santa's appearance at the KC Corral Christmas tree lighting. Roes wanted today's younger people to know the rousing march music played a century ago by brass bands for parades and special occasions. This marks their first appearance at the Key Peninsula Fair, playing Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.



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Friday: Donn Allard & Renegade Train
Saturday: Little Bill & the Blue Notes

FRIDAY

- Noon**
- ♦Opening Ceremony
 - ♦VFW #4 District Color & Honor Guard Flag raising
 - ♦Whitney Moore sings National Anthem
 - ♦Welcome to Fair; special guests
- 1:00 p.m.**
Kevin Wolfe, Magician
- 2:00 p.m.**
Music TBA
- 2:45 p.m.**
Announcements
- 3:00 p.m.**
Kevin Wolfe, Magician
- 4:00 p.m.**
Music TBA
- 5:00 p.m.**
Mazey-T-Clown
- 6:00 p.m.**
Blues Passage
- 8:30 p.m.**
Donn Allard and Renegade Train

SATURDAY

- Noon**
Mazey-T-Clown
- 1:00 p.m.**
Valentine Pigs
- 2:00 p.m.**
Swing Fever (Big Band Sound)
- 3:45 p.m.**
Announcements
- 4:00 p.m.**
Valentine Pigs
- 5:00 p.m.**
Shahdaroba Dancers
- 6:00 p.m.**
Jazz Musette
- 8:30 p.m.**
Little Bill and the Blue Notes

SUNDAY

- Noon**
Mazey-T-Clown
- 1:00 p.m.**
Dr. Roes & the Down Home Band
- 2:00 p.m.**
Happy Hans' Polka Band
- 6:00 p.m.**
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Kevin Wolfe, Magician

Kevin has been performing a comedy magic show for the past 20 years, performing over 200 shows per year. He has appeared with his own show on Discovery Channel & The Learning Channel. He has even appeared live on stage with illusionist David Copperfield. This family-oriented show is a rollicking blend of comedy, magic, illusion and audience participation that will keep any crowd scratching their heads but laughing at the same time. The magic show is excellent all by itself or in combination with the hypnosis show. Both shows are geared for families and teenage audiences.

Mazey-T-Clown

She is witty, fun, funny, and magical! With her long, lush lashes and bright clothing, Mazey brings excitement and a sense of wonder to children and adults as she creates animals from balloons, face-paints, and tells amazing stories. Mazey is enchanting and delightfully approachable. On stage and walking the fairgrounds to delight one and all.



Shahdaroba Middle Eastern Dance Troupe

Shahdaroba, a Middle Eastern dance troupe, has been performing at fair, community festivals and professionally produced shows in the Pacific Northwest since 1985. Performances feature use of canes, baskets, veils, fans, and swords, incorporating a variety of authentic Armenian, Egyptian, Lebanese and Turkish music. Belly dancing is one of the world's oldest art forms, passed down through generations of dancers. Shahdaroba's programs are designed to please audiences of all ages. They encourage the audience to support the dancers by clapping along with the music.



A dancer with the Shahdaroba troupe.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Anderson

Valentines Performing Pigs

Valentines Performing Pigs is a unique, fast-paced act that consists of mini pigs doing tricks and incredible athletic feats on a large stage. The chubby celebrities dance, jump in the air, play catch with the audience, run up teeter totters, slam dunk basketballs, pop balloons, roll barrels and madly roar across the stage on scooters and skateboards.

Corporations like Microsoft hire the porkers for meetings, professional sports teams feature the athletic pigs at half-time, and schools hire the clever hams for assemblies.

They amaze, educate, and amuse audiences all over the country.



The Davis Carnival

The Davis Carnival from Clackamas, Ore., one of the largest shows in the Northwest, returns for the third year and is already booked for next year.

They advertise fun for the whole family, regardless of age or income level. Thrilling rides, challenging games, and zesty foods highlight a time of fun, laughter, and excitement for all. Davis holds a high safety record, and its employees are screened, and instructed to be clean and courteous.

Amateur wine makers showcased at the fair



By Danna Webster, KP News

Wine judging is a feature event of the Agri-Vision show at the fair again this year. Key Peninsula winemakers will have their wines judged among the many wines made by amateur vintners in the region. The Puget Sound Amateur Wine and Beer Making Club provides the judges. Each contestant submits two bottles of the same wine. One bottle will have no identification other than an entry designation. The second bottle will have the vintner's label and will be used as a display bottle. Awards will be posted on the display bottles after the judging, which is expected to be completed by noon on Saturday, July 12. The wine making event was established last year by Claude Gahard of Trillium Creek Winery and Mike Salatino of The Farm. They wanted to provide the opportunity for local winemakers to become acquainted and form an information network.

The wines of our region range from delicious fruit wines such as blackberry and huckleberry to cultivated grapes such as pinot noir and Muller-Thurgau. Today, it is rare to find a wine made from the Island Belle grape. The Island Belle started commercial wine making in Western Washington and the place where it started is just across Case Inlet on Stretch Island. The island winery was



Photos by Danna Webster

Some photos from 2007 Wine Judging Booth. Daniel Boone is shown holding his winning entry.

called the Old St. Charles Company. It holds the distinction of being the first bonded winery in the state of Washington. The company started soon after the repeal of prohibition in 1933; and its state license number is "1." By comparison, the Trillium Creek Winery, located in Home, holds state license No. 83913.

"That number indicates how many wineries were approved in the state of Washington. A lot of them don't exist anymore," Gahard says. Like many of the wine making contestants, Gahard started

making wine in his kitchen. But, as many Key Peninsula residents know, he has lost his status as an amateur and so there will be no Trillium Creek Winery bottles in the KP Fair contest.

Last year, a third place ribbon was awarded to Home resident Daniel Boone, for his Rose? entry. Boone says the early July fair dates mean that his prize-winning tomatoes don't have a chance of getting there, but he thinks the wine judging event is a good idea. "Anything new that encourages produce and local crafts, I'm all for it," says our own local direct descen-

How to enter

This is a free event for amateur wine making contestants. There is no fee to enter. The entry form must be received by the fair staff no later than July 3. The entry form and rules are posted on the KP Fair Website at www.keyfair.org. Click on "The Fair" and then "Wine Judging." All entries must be delivered to the competition site at the fair on Friday, July 11, between 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

dant of the famous frontiersman of the same name.

The wines are entered into a category: Fruit/Berry; Country/General; Dessert/After-Dinner; Non-Varietal Grape; and Varietal Grape. Varietal wines are made primarily from a single variety of grape, and that grape is identified on the label. They are then judged by the types of wines within those categories: red, white, blush, sweet, or dry. There will be first, second and third place awards for each category of wine; and there will be one Best of Show award.

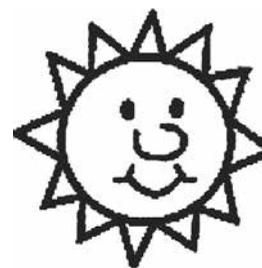
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Happy Hans' Oompah band jams

By Jeanette Brown, KP News

Hans Rainier Jr. and his teenage son, Erik, are carrying on a family tradition at the Key Peninsula Community Fair this year on Sunday, July 13 between 2 - 6 p.m. They will perform on the Main Stage to bring residents of the KP a wide selection of their traditional and lively European/American music along with the rest of the Happy Hans' "Oompah" band.

"I really enjoy this old-time music and don't want to see it disappear. This music is in my blood," Rainer says.

The "Happy Hans" group was formed over 30 years ago by Hans Rainier, Sr., who was born in Austria and immigrated to the United States via Canada. Hans, Jr., born and raised in the Seattle area, started playing with his dad when he was about 12 years old in 1976. Now Erik Rainier, who also plays the bass guitar, will join his dad as the substitute drummer while Rolf Sellhast vacations this year

in San Antonio, Texas.

Sellhast, who is 80 years old, will be back to play the fall Octoberfest line-up with the other two original members of the group, tuba player Bert MacDonald and Kory Tideman, who plays the button box accordion.

"The band really enjoyed playing at the Puyallup Fair last year and we have been a mainstay at the Leavenworth Octoberfest celebration for over 10 years now," Hans says.

Rainier, who can yodel with the best of them, picked up the skill naturally from his father and also plays the trumpet and button box accordion. He has a CD titled "Happy Hans Presents Total Yodel" and maintains that "no home is a happy home without Happy Hans' music."

"This music is rich in tradition and great family fun for everyone. I am looking forward to performing at the KP Community Fair with my son," Rainier says. Learn more about the Happy Hans music band at www.happyhansmusic.com

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— Hans Rainier Jr. ”



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Happy Hans, second from right, and son Erik on drums.



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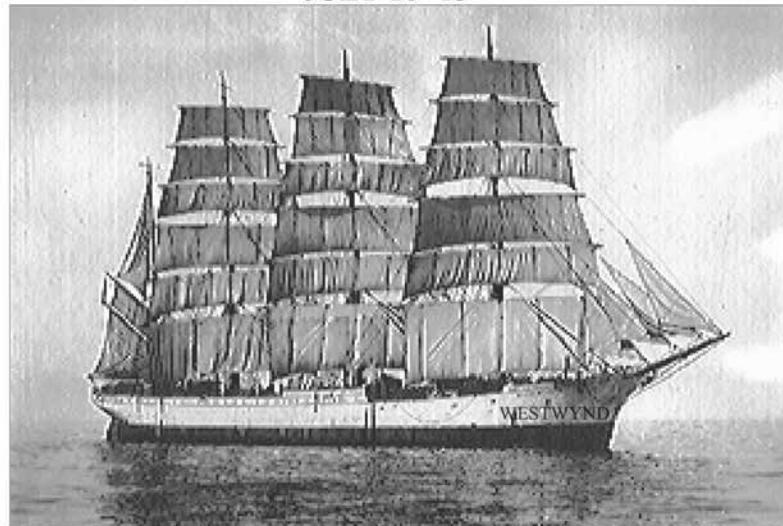
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Commander Gary Helmick organized a full Military Color and Honor Guard team in 1999 at Post #4990 of Vaughn, to perform full honors at military funerals at Tahoma National Cemetery and various military and related functions throughout the region.

In 2001, the Honor Guards became the VFW District #4 Color and Honor Guard Team, representing the VFW on the west side of the Narrows Bridge to just west of Kingston. The team performs many local events for several organizations, and visit schools, too.

Their Memorial Day duty is at the Ivy Green Cemetery in Bremerton, where they perform a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown, the only one in the country outside Arlington National Cemetery. Entombed at Ivy Green are the remains of 21 military unknowns.

The Color Guard represented the Key Peninsula when the South Korean consul general presented medals to veterans of the Korean war.

They have received Veterans



Photo courtesy of VFW

VFW #4 Color and Honor Guard at Ivy Green Cemetery for Memorial Day ceremonies. Left to right: Karl Bonn, Paul Dulac, Gary Helmick, Bob Cate and Steve Kuhn.

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Carl Bonn, Bob Cate, Steve Kuhn, Dale Spitler, Rick Stout, and David Till.

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Bunnies both for petting and for showing are featured at this year's petting zoo.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

Petting Zoo and more in Agri-Vision

The petting zoo is a regular highlight of the Agri-Vision area at the fair. Kris Sherman says various animals will be in the zoo, including including a miniature horse and donkey, a peacock, sheep, chickens, rabbits and ducks.

4-H members will show their rabbits and compete for ribbons. A 4-H sewing competition will also be held.

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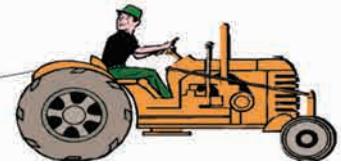
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KIDS' PEDAL TRACTOR PULL



By Donna Smeall, KP News

Bring your children ages 4 through 12 down to the Key Peninsula Fair, where they will become the Star of the Show during the Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull Competition.

The children are encouraged to participate in the show and learn a bit about the importance of farming in a fun way. Tractors designed with modified pulling weights are attached to a weight transfer sled. These John Deere tractors make it easy for the children to demonstrate their skill at pulling the tractor all the way down a 25-foot path.

All children get introduced to the audience, invited to do their best and given recognition for their accomplishments during their pull. Some of them do incredibly well at the pull and enter the finals — which is where the fair's entertainment gets wilder. Whatever the outcome, it is the mission of the show director to raise each child's self-esteem with this fun activity.

The Fast Track Entertainment group has been performing at shows across the nation since 1994. The tractor pull for the children has always been "tops" for audience participation, educating them about farm life and just plain down-home fun!



Above, An antique tractor displayed at last year's fair. *Courtesy KPCF*

Left, A pedal tractor contestant gets ready to pull.

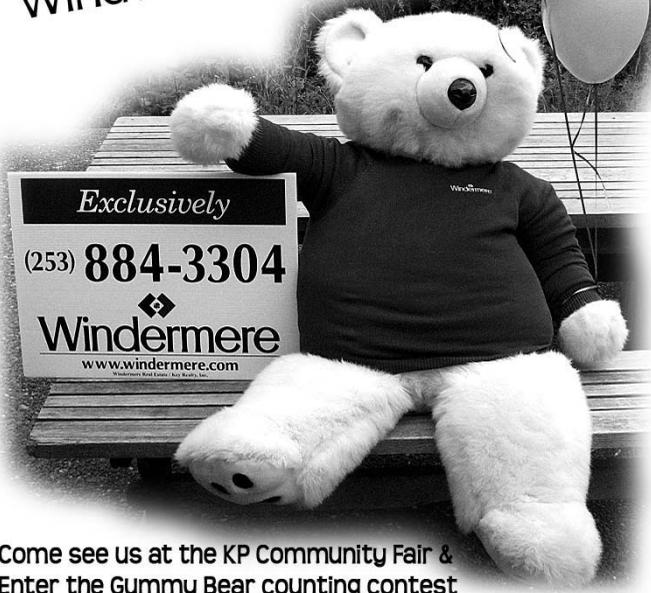
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