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Thanksgiving comes early for the KP fire district

By Danna Webster
KP News

The month of September was busier than usual at the Key Center firehouse. It was a time of elections, promotions and Labor Day commotion. Along with his routine duties, Fire Chief Eric Livingood Nelsen helped wage a campaign to lift the lid on a levy and at the same time was in the middle of filling staff vacancies.

The appeal for the levy lid lift was approved by voters. Responding before the certification date, Christina Bosch, administrative assistant at Station 2, said, "I think we can feel pretty confident that



Photo by Hugh McMillan

The new firetrucks that rolled onto Key Pen over the summer bring many improvements to the local emergency services. This one even serves up a rainbow on a hot summer day.

this levy lid lift is going to pass...This shows that we really do have the support of our citizens out here and they want what's best for our community."

According to unofficial election results

from the Pierce County Auditor's Office in mid-September, the levy was passed by a vote of 52.77 percent out of the 4,303

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Mud Bowl celebrates 20 years: The deeper the mud, the better

By Hugh McMillan and Danna Webster
KP News

On a rainy weekend in September, Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park hosted the final day of the 20th Annual Mud Bowl Championship games in the on-again off-again mud-producing rains. The players were oblivious to the wetness and mud in which many of their uniforms were slathered. They were, in the words of Hy iu Hee Hee's MVP for the day, Ed Fairbanks, "just here to have fun."

Hy iu Hee Hee's Sue Boczak explained that there were 18 teams involved in the tournament, which is sponsored by the Bosom Buddies. "Seven of the 18 teams are local," she said. This is a Jack and Jill Tournament for the "Rec League" of softball, lowest of the softball divisions. The rules are nevertheless

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Photo by Hugh McMillan

L-R: Jon Scholer, Tiffany Stork, Cindy Douglas of the Key Pen Softball League.

Civic Center hosts German Oktoberfest

By Danna Webster
KP News

This year's fall fund-raiser for the Civic Center steps away from the glamorous evenings of recent years and celebrates with the informal traditions of Oktoberfest. There will be the grilling of the brats and the pouring of the brew.

Key Pen's own sausage maker, Doug the sausage guy, will be providing the brats. The Oktoberfest bier will come from a local brewery. After celebrants enjoy the German style bratwurst dinner, the music starts.

"Little Bill and the Blue Notes" will fill the hall with some of the peninsula's favorite sounds of music. Little Bill is no

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Home Park has a new owner

By Danna Webster
KP News

All the paper work was in order. The "t's" were crossed and the "i's" dotted when two Key Peninsula park commissioners sat down to sign the Home Park transfer agreement. The agreement designates Key Peninsula Metro Park District as the official owner of the Home Park property. This is a big step toward completing the business of the Key Peninsula parks board (KPPRD) and moving all park properties, contracts and agreements into the jurisdiction of the Metro district (KPMPD).

All aspects of each and every transaction must be covered to allow the transitions to move ahead. The Metro District president, Paula DeMoss, said the process isn't exactly a snowball down a hill but that all the work is constantly moving forward. "It's exciting," she said. "Each meeting is very beneficial." She adds that the Home Park transfer was "actually a little bit earlier than expected."

Home Park is one of three park properties to be transferred and about



KPPRD Chair Mike Salatino and KPMPD Chair Paula DeMoss sign the transfer of the park, with broker Joyce Tovey and escrow officer Gail Latteri assisting.

Photo by
Danna Webster

five other properties are under consideration for new acquisition, according to Mike Salatino, chairman of KPPRD. The progress is slow but steady, he said.

DeMoss said, "We are making sure we don't take the funds we have just received and spend them too fast."

The actions of good neighbors in the Key Pen community are helping to protect park funds. The real estate transaction was

written and delivered to escrow as a donation of Joyce Tovey, owner of Windermere Key Realty. The staff at First American Title, Manager Jannae Mitton and Escrow Officer Gail Latteri, donated the escrow fees and title search.

Home Park is appreciated as a jewel in the newly crowned Metro Park district but there was an immediate reality check for DeMoss. "Now we have to get out there and mow the lawn," she observed.

News brief

Phone service interruptions possible during upgrades

CenturyTel will upgrade its phone system in portions of the Key Peninsula from Oct. 11 to 30. The upgrades will be done overnight, from midnight to 6 a.m. The company said during these hours, customers may experience intermittent phone service interruptions. Local police and the fire department will be notified of this system upgrade project. The upgrade affects customers in this order:

Oct. 11-16: Longbranch/Rouse Road and Longbranch/38th Street.

Oct. 18-23: Longbranch/38th St (continued and Lake Bay/Herron Road.

Oct. 25-30: Minter/Cramer and Minter/118th.

According to Steve Densley, field plant facilities manager for CenturyTel of Washington and Oregon, this upgrade provides for expansion of broadband capabilities and service offerings to customers in these communities. Total investment in this project is over \$550,000 and will benefit more than 2,000 customers in the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula.

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Editorial

More than being an important fundraiser for the Civic Center, Oktoberfest fall event could signal a last deep breath for this grand old institution.

Mixed into all the celebration and gaiety is the sobering fact that an insurance bill of more than \$23,000 hangs over the head of the center's governing board. Attempts to re-evaluate the insurance coverage and achieve a better status have failed. The fees go up and the money in the coffers is going down.

In spite of that gloomy predicament, the Civic Center will host a rousing

Oktoberfest party for the peninsula. It will continue to provide events and space for the organizations that call upon it for as long as it is possible to do so.

The roller skates will roll, the cloggers may dance, the churches can meet. But they all must be aware of the plight under the roof that is housing them. In spite of the good times and comfortable spaces, as they say, all that glimmers is not gold.

Oct. 23 may be a last time for KP residents to show their support.

The least we can do is come on out and kick up our heels, tip up our steins, put our hands together for the beat and appreciate one more grand night at the Civic Center.

Letters to the Editor

Writer asks for park support

I am writing in support of the acquisition of the Devil's Head property at the southern tip of the Key Peninsula by the Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC). Devil's Head is an approximately 93-acre undeveloped property with almost a mile of pristine Puget Sound shoreline, with views to both Mount Rainier and the Olympics. Look at a map of south Puget Sound – Devil's Head is a great location! The acquisition of this property would preserve this natural gem and prevent inappropriate development.

Furthermore, it would allow eventual creation of a park and trail system, overseen by Key Peninsula Metro Parks. This property would be a community treasure which could improve the image of the Key Peninsula, encourage tourism, and enhance the recreational environment of the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas. Those who support this idea can help by contacting Councilman Terry Lee (tleel@co.pierce.wa.us), Grant Griffin at Pierce County Parks (ggriffi@co.pierce.wa.us), and Caril Ridley of Key Peninsula Metro Parks (carilridley@hotmail.com) in support of this purchase.

*Lee Quinn
Key Peninsula*

Writer thanks neighbors

This is why I live here on the Key Peninsula: I received a letter from Tacoma Department of Health telling me that I was in violation of having solid



Photo courtesy of Debbie Hanna

Good Samaritans Larry Mayer and Al Yanity use Dean Latshaw's tractor and help landscape Debbie Hanna's yard when she needed help.

waste on my property and it must be removed. The solid waste being my landscaping tires.

Not being able to do it myself and finding landscape help is hard. But a big thank you goes to Sunnycrest Nursery. Extra big thanks to Barb Whittman for the beautiful landscaping work she has done. She is a true angel.

When the health department came out again they okayed the landscaping yard. But wouldn't accept the tire wall. All of the tires were not all filled and planted. There is only so much one person can do.

Since I am a member of Citizen's Against Crime-Citizens Patrol, I called out an S.O.S. Having only 19 days to do it, I knew I needed a lot of help. Well, a big thanks goes to Larry Mayer, Al Yanity, and Dean Latshaw who had a tractor. They volunteered to fill the tires so they can be planted and finished. Thank you Citizens Against Crime for helping me with my problem. I cannot thank you all enough for all your hard work you do. All in God's hands.

*Debbie Hanna
Jackson Lake*

A battle is brewing

By Rick Sorrels
Special to KP News

There's a new dog in town, and it's growing some teeth. I'm referring to the Key Peninsula Community Planning Board whose members were recently appointed by the Pierce County Council and

held their first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21. Over the next two years this group of carefully selected citizens will be developing local plans affecting land development, land use, zoning, etc. which will be presented to the County Council for adoption into law with criminal penalties for violations. Will these 15 citizens accurately represent the interests and desires of the 15,000 residents of the Key Peninsula? Only time will tell.

Historically, the Key Peninsula has been a very rustic, rural environment with its residents embracing and cherishing independence, privacy, and freedom from government intrusion. A very significant percentage of our residents still hold these values dear. But times are changing. Over the past decade or so more and more people have moved out here with a "condominium" mentality, being used to living in tightly controlled and overregulated apartment style complexes. These type of people expect and go out of their way to create extensive rules and laws to regulate all aspects of their lives, and their neighbors' lives.

I can imagine no other two groups of people more opposite from each other than the independent type and the condominium type. They are so different that neither side can understand where the other is coming from or why. They look upon each other as alien, disregard what they don't understand, and go on living their lives without acknowledging the other's existence. But not for long, something is happening now that will force these two ideologies to confront each other, and nobody will leave happy.

The Washington State legislature has compelled Pierce County to develop Growth Management Plans, and its spinoffs such as Comprehensive Plans, Shoreline Plan, etc. The problem will not go away. The confrontation cannot be

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avoided. The newly created Key Peninsula Community Planning Board will be drafting detailed plans for the Key Peninsula for adoption by Pierce County into Law.

Zoning decisions will be made that will restrict the use of your property (residential and commercial). You may not be able to start that business that you had always planned. You may not be able to subdivide or use your land. Your taxes may skyrocket because your house is now located in a more valuable business zone. Your land may end up condemned because of plans to use it as a park or a new roadway. The building permit process may include a multitude of additional hoops you have to jump through. Will mobile homes be banned from the Key Peninsula? Will taxes skyrocket because your land is included in a new P.U.D.? Will the County "take" more of your land without compensation through sneaky regulations, or will we all sleep better at night knowing that all aspects of our life are protected and controlled by several new volumes of laws?

Without any other input, those 15 newly appointed members of the planning board will make decisions based only upon their own individual personal prejudices and desires. If you care at all about the direction of this community, you need to provide input. Attend the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 19 at the Key Peninsula Middle School Library. Answer and mail back the questionnaire that Councilman Terry Lee mailed to all Key Peninsula residences last month.

Contact those 15 appointed board members and let them know what direction this community should take.

A battle is brewing. If you remain silent, then the "silent majority" will surely lose out to a vocal minority. Let your opinion be known.

Rick Sorrels lives in Glencove.



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votes cast. The results are not official until they are certified.

The hiring process, which occurred after extensive search and testing procedures were met, also kept Chief Nelsen busy. He was pleased to announce that two candidates within the force stepped up to meet the qualifications. Paul Bosch was promoted to division chief, in charge of training and technical services, and Hal Wolverton was promoted to shift captain. He is an EMT/firefighter in charge of water rescue and, with the promotion, now inherits all the duties of

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-Christina Bosch, administrative assistant at Station 2

shift captain. Nelsen asked the wives to pin the new badges on the officers. He said that the wives are very important support staff for a most demanding job.

The Labor Day holiday put a few extra demands on their job. KP residents may have heard the sirens or may have been caught in the traffic delays. Operations Chief Tom Lique said it felt busy. There

were three calls Friday, Sept. 3. The most time consuming call was to the 8700 block on SR-302. Three people were transported from the scene with injuries, but none appeared to be life threatening. Both east- and westbound traffic was tied up for about 30 minutes. Saturday had four calls with the most time consuming call at KP Highway and

SR-302. Four patients were transported and units were involved in this rescue for nearly an hour and a half. Sunday had 11 alarms, one of which included an inner-tubing accident at the Home-Carr Inlet. Two patients were transported to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital from that accident. Monday was the quietest day of the holiday weekend, with two medical and two burn complaint alarms.

Meanwhile, the work of moving into the new Wauna fire station has begun. Final inspection is complete and Nelsen expects the station to be open and operational in October. A grand opening celebration is being planned for next spring.

Area legislators give their support to the CHS

By Danna Webster
KP News

The KP Children's Home Society (CHS) hosted an open house Sept. 23. It was an effort to bring all concerned parties together to learn the current status of funding for its programs. This was an opportunity for the general public to learn about the CHS programs.

The work of the neighborhood social worker, home health nurse, school support program coordinators were introduced and explained by their facilitators.

Most moving were the testimonials by young mothers who had turned to the agency and received the help and support that completely changed their lives, and one mother claimed her life had been saved.

CHS' Edie Morgan said she was very pleased with the broad spectrum of people who attended the open house.



TERRY LEE

"I will do everything in my ability to make the continuation of this family resource center a reality."

-Councilman Terry Lee

There were directors and leaders from state and local family health programs, government officials, community leaders, and clients of the CHS programs in the audience.

The keynote speakers were state Rep. Patricia Lantz and Pierce County Councilman Terry Lee. Each outlined their interest in supporting the CHS.

Rep. Lantz said she was disappointed that after working so hard to find capital funding for seed money, it was lost due to the lack of matching partners. She said her involvement as the senior member on the budget committee put her in a position to be able to ask for

support for CHS and that she expected she could get it.

In addition, Lantz said she will work to help the budget committee understand that a 20 percent budget cut has a much greater consequence when cut from a small budget like that of CHS, than when cut from a large urban entity.

"We need to readjust the formula for a more equitable result," Lantz told the audience.

Councilman Lee outlined his endeavors over the past two years to bring financial support to the Key Peninsula. He credited his success with a county council that works in a non-

partisan cooperative effort to help one another provide for their constituencies.

He said this council had allowed him to bring money to help the KP Little League, to help support the Metro-park initiative and on Nov. 2, the peninsula will have 24 hour police protection and five more deputies. Lee said he is making it his goal to get predictable annual funding for the people who work with the CHS programs for their sake and for the sake of the people who use it.

"I will do everything in my ability to make the continuation of this family resource center a reality," Lee said.

After adjourning the meeting, Morgan said she felt good about the wide cross-section of people who turned out for the open house.

There was universal support for CHS from the audience and an increased awareness of a need for interagency communication.



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Left to right, Spc. Michael Smith, Sgt. John Richardson, and Pfc. Davon Smith hold an appreciation plaque awarded to their unit by Rep. Lois McMahan.

Vaughn soldier, friends return home

By Danna Webster and Cristi Watson
KP News

The last weekend in August saw a homecoming party for the return from Iraq of National Guard Unit 1161. One of the soldiers in that unit is Michael Smith, son of the Cindy and Dean Draeger of Vaughn. Michael and some of his friends were welcomed home to the Key Peninsula, complete with the VFW Color Guard, signs all along the highway, banners on the bridge, and a barbecue feast. Michael's mother, Cindy Draeger, called it "a real Key Peninsula welcome home."

When the unit landed in Seattle July 31, they were given a police escort from Boeing. This was the first National Guard unit from the state of Washington to serve in a war zone for a time period of over one year and the third in the nation since World War II. They drove around Iraq for a year and suffered only three injuries, four hardship cases and no fatalities — and became "the Miracle Unit."

The Draeger family was very appreciative of all the Key Peninsula support. The signs and banners were donated by the business association, neighbors offered their pastures for parking and lots of food was provided by the food bank. It was indeed a real "Key Peninsula welcome home."



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Reader sheds some light on truck fate

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

Last month, in an article about the Pierce County Responds program, the Key Peninsula News wrote about a truck that has been sitting for months near the intersection of Key Peninsula Highway and 134th. The vandalized and broken down truck, which has been piling up garbage, finally disappeared sometime this summer.

A reader, who asked not to be identified, wrote to tell the KPNews that she called the nuisance into the Pierce County Responds hotline (798-INFO) in the spring and received a letter saying it could take up to three months for removal—and just as the three months were nearly up, it was gone!

"I watched over the months as it was vandalized and trash including tires thrown into the bed of the truck," the reader wrote. "I noticed the tires are still laying on the dirt road, so I assume it becomes the property owners job to remove those...I waited for months to

report it because I kept thinking someone would call it in but apparently no one did."

That seemed to have solved the mystery, especially since an inquiry into Pierce County Responds confirmed that two complaints that came into the hotline, one in March and another in May, were forwarded to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, because it appeared the vehicle was on county right-of-way (the vehicle had been moved around from the road to the nearby property and back a few times).

If it had been determined that it was state right-of-way, the sheriff's office would have sent the abatement request on to Washington State Patrol, according to the county's Craig Swanson.

So the "mystery" seemed to have been solved — until Swanson, at KPNews' request, asked both WSP and the sheriff's office whether either had the vehicle impounded. Neither had.

In either case, driving down Key Peninsula Highway with a visitor is a little less embarrassing now, thanks to whatever powers that made the junk go away. But



Lost, stolen or strayed? Another dumped vehicle adds to the Key Pen collection.

Photo by Danna Webster

not to worry, it seems there are more where that one came from. A new car that had been recently dumped on Wright-Bliss Road at press time was getting worse by the day, with frequent passers-by reporting that what was at first merely a broken-down car was becoming a demolition project.

If you see a junk vehicle in your

neighborhood, call Pierce County Responds hotline at 798-INFO and leave as much information as possible as well as a contact number so you can be called back if more information is needed.

Due to the backlog and limited funds, the removal takes a few months—but when it comes to keeping the community clean, later seems better than never.

IMPact's Domestic Violence safe house funded

By Hugh McMillan
KP News

Penny Gazabat of IMPact, Key Peninsula, reported that Wanda Kamahely of the Geneva Foundation awarded \$59,300.00 to IMPact-KP in late July to continue IMPact's work in providing a safe haven for victims of domestic violence.

John and Shirley Nederlee, representing the foundation, awarded the check to the IMPact-KP board saying that, "We feel the work being done to aid victims is very important and that your first year of operation certainly reflects a need for this service."

Gazabat, safe house manager, said, "Our first year of operation has been very successful. Working with women and children many of whom have left everything behind, who exhibit the courage to seek safety for themselves and their children is personally a privilege for me.

"Although we have served 23 clients this past year we have had to turn away

many requests for help. It's hard when you know they are coming from the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas and there isn't shelter available," Gazabat added.

IMPact KP is not alone in its efforts to create a community-wide response to domestic violence issues. Gazabat said.

"The Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Family Violence Prevention Project, IMPact's sister organization, has been working alongside IMPact since 1998 providing domestic violence education to the public and developing resources on this side of the bridge for victims of abuse," she said.

While IMPact-KP represents several churches in the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas, the domestic violence prevention project is comprised of public agencies including representation from the Pierce County Health Department, the Pierce County court system, the Peninsula School District, as well as individuals and nonprofit organizations.

"Our focus is not intervention but instead, prevention," said IMPact Chair Nancy Hibbing. "Both of the groups

work on community programs aimed at changing attitudes and beliefs that foster domestic violence into attitudes, beliefs, and actions that support safe, healthy families."

"Partnering has produced resources locally for victims," said Sue Winskill, group facilitator, adding that, "Protection orders can now be obtained at Gig Harbor city hall through a kiosk system. Advocates are available to assist with online service."

A domestic violence support group is also available and has grown tremendously this past year as victims learn about resources available to them, she said.

As October Domestic Violence Awareness Month was approaching, work from these groups continued to build momentum.

For more information on any of these programs or to contact the above groups, call Penny Gazabat at 253-884-5086, or contact her by email at IMPactkp@aol.com.

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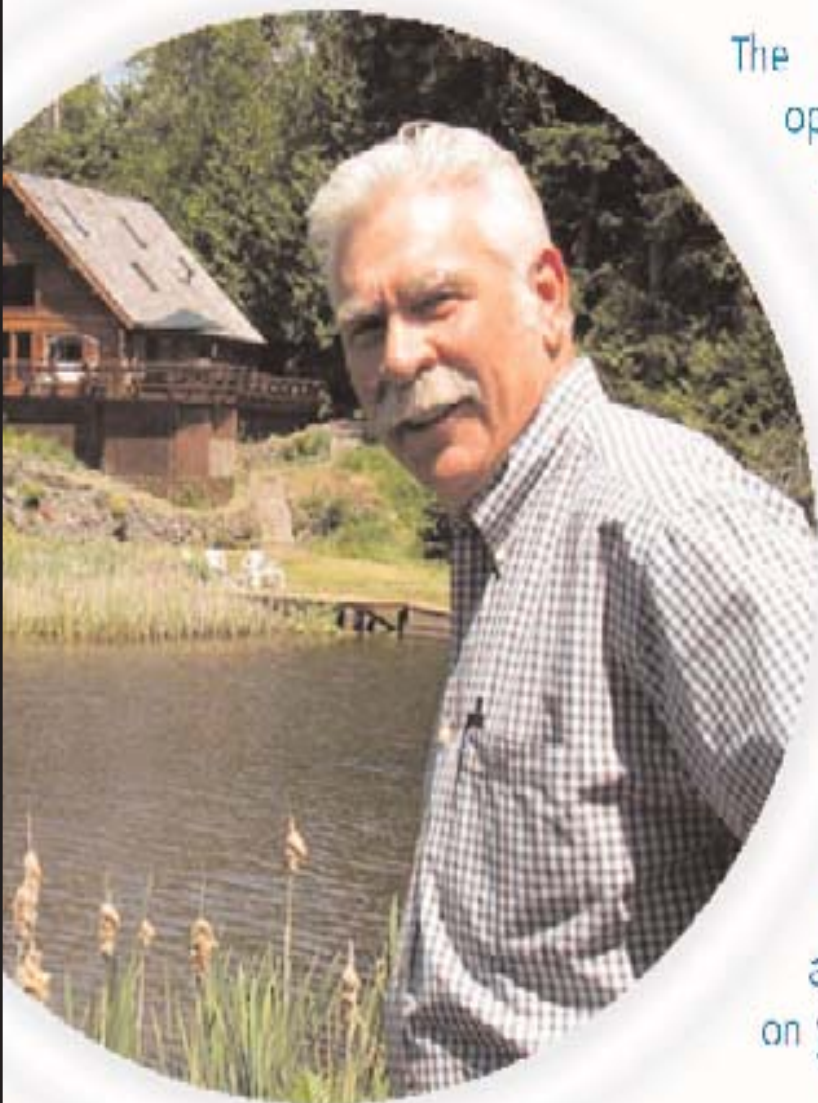
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Body found in Allyn

By Karen Hale
KP News

On Sept. 10, at 2:26 a.m., a Blue Knight security officer working in Allyn noticed a car parked in the parking area adjacent to the Port of Allyn building by the town's recycle containers.

Noticing that it appeared someone was sitting in the car, he took a closer look, and it was obvious the person was not alive.

Mason County sheriff and coroner were called to the scene to investigate the mystery. According to Mason County Inspector Dean Byrd, the person was a young male who had no ID on him, and based on the body's condition, could not have driven himself to the location as he had been deceased for more than a day. There was no apparent trauma to the body and nothing would be known until after an autopsy.

On a follow-up phone call to Byrd, the autopsy had been performed, which revealed no trauma and no cause of death. Toxicology reports will be needed for determination of cause of death.

The only information at press time is that the victim was 38-year-old Lyndon Lawrence Abel, and he was the registered owner of the car.



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Don't be confused by the 'road to nowhere'

By Danna Webster
KP News

There is a new street to cruise in Allyn. It is not very long. It starts at State Route 3 and ends at the shoreline of North Bay. Many citizens of Allyn were surprised to learn that the driveway and parking lot for Lennard K's restaurant is really a street named Evans. The restaurant owner, Lennard Manke, sent pictures and a letter to his county commissioner. "As you can see this is an 80 ft. wide by 150 ft. long 'Road To Nowhere,'" he wrote in the letter.

Evans Street suddenly materialized in June 2004. It is nicely paved and painted. It has a centerline, turn lane, stop sign and some parking slots. On the same road across the highway, Evans Street is named Lakeland Drive.

"Evans Street is not a continuation of Lakeland Drive. Those streets have been two different designations since 1966," reports Bill Bullock, transportation engineer for Mason County Public Works. "Evans Street was a main public access to salt water in 60s. It is still public



Allyn has a new street to cruise, but make sure you keep one foot on the brake.

Photo by
Danna Webster

access — just for traffic."

According to Bullock, it was a hotel proposal that brought Evans Street to the attention of Public Works. Service truck traffic for the hotel, added to the restaurant traffic, meant an increased need for road maintenance and parking controls.

The county "explained to me that this 'road' was necessary for the future development of the proposed complex

going in north of this 'road,'" Manke wrote in his letter of objection. "I have voiced STRONG opposition to the project from the first time Mason County approached me with the idea that they were thinking about turning what had been a small parking area into full blown 'road.'"

Bullock explains that paving the road allowed for enhancements that cannot be made to a gravel road. A storm

drainage system was put in and the utilities were moved. There is now the capability for pedestrian facilities such as sidewalks and crosswalks. However, there are no plans for those facilities at this time.

A major factor for Public Works was cost. Sixty percent of a paving job is mobilization. The ability to pave Evans Street in conjunction with the paving of North Bay Road was a great savings, the county said. The cost to pave a road is \$120,000 per mile. If Evans Street waited to be paved as a single item job, the price of paving that 0.03 mile would triple. "It was the right time," Bullock says.

At the termination of Evans Street, along the shoreline of North Bay, a few parking places have been marked including a handicap designation. Lennard K's customers walk up the middle of the road to the front entrance of the restaurant. "The handicap parking is as far from the front door as you can get," Janice Manke, co-owner of Lennard K's, points out. "The road was dumb but that was dumber."

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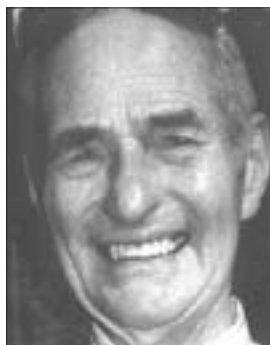
As part of our paper's effort to provide our readers with information they need to make informed decisions, KP News wrote to the candidates for the 26th Legislative District and asked them to address issues that pertained to the Key Peninsula. The elections will be held on Nov. 2 and the Key Peninsula News encourages everyone to vote.

Below are the questions and the candidates' answers.

Question 1. What three legislative issues will most affect the Key Peninsula during your term in office?

Question 2. If elected, what are your specific goals that directly affect Key Peninsula residents?

Position No. 1



HALEY

Theodore Haley
Libertarian candidate

Question 1: Taxes are vitally important to the Key Peninsula and the B&O tax is most unfair, especially to small business, because it taxes not only profit but expenses. We should replace it with a graduated income tax, like the experts advise, and most states have. Also, the



highway from Purdy to Longbranch needs widening and other improvements. It is very dangerous. A third issue is health care. The cost should be lowered by capping high malpractice awards, and encouraging universal health care, and WA should pressure congress to do about it. Also, the Key Peninsula has its share of drug addicts and we should be treating them like Canada does, not putting them in prison. Also, we should pressure Congress to legalize marijuana so we can tax it and sell it in liquor stores. Finally, we should enact instant runoff voting, like Maine and Holland, solving the third party problem.

Question 2: Harvest organs for transplant from executed criminals. Last year 6.5% of kidney and 14.3% of heart patients died waiting for transplants.

Invite private companies to build and operate rapid transit from Everett to Tacoma to relieve the congestion on I-5.

Invite private companies to build and operate a nuclear power plant like WPPSS started to do in the 70's. Nuclear is very safe and environment friendly.

Enact assisted suicide like Oregon. Compassion is paramount.

New handguns should have locks. Children playing with Dad's gun are commonest victims. Register handgun buyers, check background.

Stop state police from arresting prostitutes and marijuana users.

Protect the environment by setting a date, as CA did, to stop selling new gasoline powered cars in WA.

Legalize same sex marriage. WA has 1,500 foster children needing parenting and gay couples often adopt.

Repeal capital punishment. Lethal

injection is too easy a way out. Make them do hard labor.



LANTZ

Rep. Patricia Lantz
Democratic candidate

Question 1: Key Peninsula residents can depend on me to advance their interest in the issues that matter, whether it be educating our children, building a transportation system that works or helping families be safe and healthy. My eight year record in the legislature shows. I have the experience and proven ability to get things done.

Education is a top priority- from early childhood to K-12, to higher ed and workforce training. Providing the funding to meet the new, higher state and federal standards for basic education is the challenge. The expectation that every child will succeed given the high standards we have set cannot be achieved without adequate, stable funding. Evergreen Elementary, Vaughn, Minter and KPMS

need to have the fiscal means to continue their commendable progress. Success depends on essentials like small classes, after school programs, and higher salaries for hard-working faculty.

Transportation improvements are critical to a prosperous Key Peninsula and to the safety of those who drive Highway 302. The construction of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge evidences the need for strong engagement with DOT in making certain the Highway 16 corridor works both on the mainline and with secondary roads. The Purdy interchange is a vital link. Legislative transportation efforts prioritize projects. The Key Peninsula needs attention.

Encouraging healthy communities that support healthy families is high on my legislative agenda. This means affordable health care for everyone, and having drug companies being part of the solution, not the problem. It means shutting down meth labs and moving ahead on issues like domestic violence prevention, and attracting family wage jobs. It means enhancing senior and mental health services and providing affordable housing.

Question 2: The Key Peninsula faces a crisis in its ability to deliver important social services. An escalating number of families are unable to meet their basic needs. I will focus attention on making certain that the Family Support Center at the Civic Center and Key Peninsula Community Services can continue to be the vital social safety net the community depends on. I will assure programs like Readiness to Learn, Headstart /ECEAP continue to offer children and their families the resources they need to succeed in school and at home, and that every child has access to healthcare. I will work with Safe Streets, law enforcement and the courts to identify what legislative actions are needed to make a safer Peninsula.



RICE

Matt Rice
Republican candidate

Question 1: Improving the business environment by eliminating unnecessary

and burdensome regulations so business can survive, begin and flourish in ways appropriate to the KP area. This includes auditing government spending and using "found" dollars to diminish taxes while providing incentives to private enterprise to grow and develop.

Enhancing public transportation and safety programs in meaningful ways by resourcefully adding security protection and making wise transportation funding and project decisions.

This will involve collaboration with community, regional and state authorities.

Innovatively addressing health care access and affordability while ensuring educational opportunity and resources are available to facilitate a high quality of life and future growth and opportunities in a competitive world economy.

Question 2: I would vote to conduct performance audits on government operations and spending to close the gaps between funding for infrastructure needs and available dollars while reducing government bureaucracy and regulations. These changes would help maintain existing and attract appropriate new business while preserving life style choices and maintaining a healthy environment. Such changes would enhance jobs locally and not require as much travel thus improving transportation.

Working collaboratively with the state and neighboring jurisdictions and the KP business association and community planning board I would enhance public transportation and improve public safety through elevated police and medical coverage. This can be done with limited expense if done creatively and by using revenues from new business and by eliciting maximum community involvement along with crime prevention and health revenues.

I would collectively work with local schools and teachers to find a dynamic process to improve education and training opportunities by providing excitement and incentive to students and teachers in a wide-community based model with enhanced local input. Creating a new approach to education by modeling it after a business environment would bring appropriate tools to local children's education. An audit of the state education structure would find and legislation would allocate additional dollars to areas such as the KP without increasing taxes. I would also work to reduce state interference in local school function.

I would work collaboratively with local and county officials to ensure the maximum preservation of individual rights with considerations of environmental impact issues.

Position No. 2



KILMER

Derek Kilmer

Democratic candidate

Question 1: 1) Local jobs: I've spoken with hundreds of Key Peninsulans concerned with creating local jobs while protecting our quality of life. As a member of the Key Peninsula Business Association, I've experienced our area's competitive challenges. We have an opportunity for improvement through the current comprehensive planning process. I'll be a strong partner in that effort.

2) Healthcare affordability: While serving food at the KP Community Services, seniors told me of their struggles for affordable health care. This comes up at nearly every home I visit. One woman's finances are so tight she cuts her pills in half. Another chooses between food and medicine. I will strive to enable our citizens to purchase pharmaceuticals through large quantity purchases from the lowest priced, safe sources including Canada.

3) Transportation: We must improve safety on State Highway 302 and fight for funding to pay down the tolls on the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

Question 2: 1) Creating local jobs: As a manager for our Economic Development Board, I work daily to create good jobs in our area. As your representative, I'll fight for a bold strategy to recruit new businesses, ensure success for existing employers, and help new local businesses get off the ground. See my plan: www.derekkilmer.com.

2) Health care affordability: I plan to increase access to healthcare by creating purchasing pools for small businesses on the Key Peninsula and throughout the State to use bulk purchasing power to provide health care benefits to employees more affordably. I'll fight for the State to use

its purchasing power to buy prescription drugs in bulk to lower costs for our seniors.

3) Improving transportation. I will fight for our fair share of transportation dollars to improve safety on Highway 302 and pay down tolls on the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge. In Olympia, I hope to represent us on the Transportation Committee as a leader who can work across party lines to get our projects funded.

4) Schools: As a board member of Communities in Schools, I've worked to establish after-school programs for our kids on the Key Peninsula. In Olympia, I'll fight for full state funding of basic education, so our kids get a great education and our local businesses get the skilled, educated workers they need.

5) Community safety: Supported by the Washington Council of Police & Sheriffs and Key Peninsula Firefighters, I'll work to ensure public safety organizations have adequate resources to protect our families.



MCMAHAN

Rep. Lois McMahan

Republican candidate

Question 1: 1. Transportation needs have reached crisis proportions on the Key Peninsula and especially on the gateway to the KP, the Purdy bridge.

2. Jobs close to home are important to the residents of the Key Peninsula. We must make the state more business-friendly to attract businesses to the Key Peninsula which will create family-wage jobs so people living here won't need to leave the community to find a job and will have more time to spend with their families and for involvement in the community.

3. The safety of our communities on the Key Peninsula requires that our laws take offenders out of our communities and use resources to fund justice for the victims of crime.

Question 2: 1. I will continue to work to put the straightening of SR302 on the schedule in Olympia, to move up the

construction of the full Burley/Olalla interchange to coincide with the opening of the second Narrows Bridge, and to secure federal funds for the second Narrows Bridge project to buy down the tolls. Making sure that transportation funds are being spent in a responsible manner to solve our transportation problems is very important to Key Peninsula residents; so I will work for streamlining of permitting and regulations and for outside audits of the Department of Transportation.

2. To facilitate the creation of jobs on the Key Peninsula, I will continue to work to streamline regulations for business, enact L&I and workers' compensation reforms, adopt health insurance reforms so small business owners can afford to offer their employees a health insurance package, get rid of the threat of frivolous lawsuits and relieve businesses of onerous B&O taxes. We need to keep the businesses we have and attract new businesses into our community.

3. As we worked on my bill, the Child Protection Act of 2004, we realized just how dangerous our communities can be for our children and for other vulnerable citizens such as the disabled and seniors. Since justice for victims of crime is indisputably a primary function of government, we must use more resources to responsibly achieve this justice.

Drugs and theft are real problems on the Key Peninsula. Often the thieves go scot-free because officers are spread too thin. My goal is to make it unprofitable for a criminal to steal anything on the Key Peninsula or to manufacture methamphetamine.

Ed Jurkovskis

Libertarian candidate

No response.

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The wreck of the 'Sloop John B'

By William C. Dietz
KP News

Sunken vessels have a romantic quality, and are often fun to look at, unless you happen to run into one of them while you're water skiing! And that's what Key Peninsula resident Bill Trandum worries might happen to a wreck that he nicknamed the Sloop John B, after the boat in the popular Beach Boys song. But the real name of this vessel remains unknown for the moment, although that could change, if the object that the state Department of Natural Resources refers to as "Derelict Vessel KP04-008" is ever raised. That is a welcome possibility for Trandum and other local residents. However, it might not be so positive for the sailboat's owner who, in words of Sarah Wilson, derelict vessel removal program manager, would be "...liable for all costs."

Although there isn't any proof yet, locals like Trandum believe that the John B could be the same 50-foot concrete boat that spent approximately two years anchored off Dutcher's Cove before coming loose in a storm, and washing



The "Sloop John B" lies at the bottom of the sea and can only be seen at low tide.

*Photo courtesy of
Bill Trandum*

ashore back in 2002. When last seen, the sail boat was beached on its side, but mysteriously disappeared one night, never to be seen again. Unless, as Trandum and others suspect, this is the same vessel that lays in about 30-feet of water about 500 yards West /Southwest off the entrance to Dutcher's Cove.

The Sloop John B's superstructure and rail are visible at a minus-3 tide, and judging from the sheen that can be seen in water above it, is leaking some sort of petroleum product. "You can't see it


unless there's a minus-3 tide," Trandum says. "Sooner or later it's going to snag the lower unit of an outboard motor and could jerk the transom right out of the boat."

Trandum took pictures and sent them along to Wilson. That is why the object known as KP04-008 by the state is "priority 2B." Govspeak for "let's do this soon." The problem is money. Wilson put it this way. "When DNR acts as an authorized public entity for a vessel removal we use two pots of money — 75 percent of the money

If you're are a Beach Boys fan, and can't remember the lyrics to the Sloop John B, or you want to buy that particular song, or you wonder who came up with concrete boats, then visit the Key Pen News Website at www.keypennews.com for the necessary links.


comes from Derelict Vessel Removal Account funds, which result from vessel registration fees, while the other 25 percent comes from the government agency that is acting as the authorized public entity for the removal... Right now it's the next one we plan to move. The work would most likely be carried out towards the end of this year, or next summer, depending on how much money we have in the matching account."

So, if the owner of the Sloop John B is reading this, he or she might want to consider raising hull KP04-008. There may be evidence aboard, the kind that could lead back to them, and Wilson says that if the state carries out the work the total bill will run from \$60,000 to \$80,000.



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Stories and photos by Danna Webster

Two favorite summertime events, Old Timers' Day and the KP Fair, have already gone to next year's planning tables.

Old Timers' Day

KP News asked the cleanup committee for Old Timers' Day about their 2004 event. Even after working long hard hours cleaning up, they were still enthusiastic. Joe Dilly, the muscle arm of the committee, says that Old Timers' Day is "a community tradition repeated every year for 19 years and it should happen for 19 more years." Sisters Hellen Saxer and Marge Adams claim it is the loggers who make Old Timers' Day and they do it every year. Delores Ulsh tells about her great time when "we took a hayride up to see the buffalo at Maplewood Buffalo Ranch."

Then the whole committee jumped in at once, firing their favorite special attractions for the day. They liked that the Old Timers come "reminiscing about the olden days. Rhys Woods was here. He was a cornerstone of the Community Center." And, the Zanny Firetruck is always a big hit but there's nothing quite like the "Onion Girls" grilling Walla Wallas on the outside grill.

Bud Ulsh added a thoughtful summary. "One of the best things that make this a tradition is that we always try to keep it local. Local musicians, cloggers, loggers,

Boy Scouts, high school students, Station 2 Fire Department. And ... everything is free ... except for the concession stand," he said.

KPCS Executive Director Cristi Watson agreed with Ulsh about tradition. Old Timers' Day is "a true example of keeping a tradition alive." To participate with the planning for next year's Old Timers' Day contact Watson at 253-884-4440.

Key Peninsula Fair

The Key Peninsula Fair committee held their first meeting for the 2005 fair in mid-September. Naturally, they looked back to the August fair to determine the direction for next year.

Before the rains, this year's fair had success written all over it. The woodcarvers and auction, tractors and oxen were the best events ever. Many teen-agers were involved and strengthened the volunteer corp. According to Sharon Kaffer, program director, the 2004 fair was "on track to break every single record ever set."

Kaffer reported that this year's Friday and Saturday "almost tied what we did the whole week last year." The vendors were excited and so was the fair committee about the promising first two days. Then the rains hit.

Kaffer says her research indicates that it was "only the sixth time on record that it has rained that weekend." Next year's fair



Above, Grandpa Mike almost broke Anthony Browning's heart when he said, "The show is over." The Olalla pair sat through the rain and watched performer Linda Severt. Left, Old Timers' Day cleanup committee muscle man, Joe Dilly, takes a pause and recalls the highlights.

will still be held the third weekend in August.

The only show that didn't seem to suffer with the rain was the tractor pull. The rain poured, the mud flew and the crowds grew. The tractors and drivers were unstoppable, even in the pour down rain, and the crowds loved it.

Kaffer said the vendors understood that the fair was a victim of the weather conditions and she greatly admired all

the fair "volunteers who were wet to the bone but stayed there and worked." There was some recovery for the fair on Sunday, which had a good steady attendance.

Kaffer says the foundations are set to make next year's fair bigger and better. People who have suggestions, or who would like to get involved, are encouraged to call. The contact number is 253-884-4FUN.

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stranger to the peninsula and also enjoys national fame. He is a noted musician at the EMP in Seattle and has been honored by the Washington Blues Society and received several Best Blues awards. Civic Center representatives said they are honored to have Little Bill as their featured entertainer. Special thanks goes to Little Bill's drummer, Tom Morgan, a KP resident who no doubt influenced the decision of the band to play for the peninsula.

There's great music, great food and great bier promised at the Civic Center's "Blues, Brews and Brats." Mark your calendars, Oct. 23. For information contact Claudia at 253-884-3937. It will be another magic evening by old Vaughn Bay.



Photo courtesy of Little Bill and the Blue Notes
Little Bill (pictured) sings tunes from Hank Williams and Ray Charles song books.

News briefs

Burn ban lifted, pollution still a concern

The countywide burn ban in unincorporated Pierce County was lifted on Aug. 30, due to the change to cooler weather, Fire Marshal Wayne Wienholz announced. The ban has been in effect since July 10.

The lifting of the bans doesn't mean all burning is OK, according to the the Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency. Outdoor burning increases air pollution, the ORCAA said. The agency recommends that citizens find alternatives such as recycling and composting.

In those counties where the fire safety burn bans have been lifted, it is important for residents to remember that outdoor burning is still subject to restrictions.

Permits for burning of yard waste (natural vegetation) may be acquired from local fire agencies.

For information on outdoor burning, see www.orcaa.org/residential.html or contact your local fire department.

Blondie's hopes for December opening

The pace is picking up for the opening of Blondie's Restaurant, located on the hill above the Key Center fire station. Hopefully the doors to this family-friendly restaurant will open before December, owners say. They planned to include live blues and jazz music in the lounge.

The septic has been approved, the flooring is done, the kitchen is being put together and the interior is becoming beautiful.

Owner Lisa Marshall says to watch for the opening announcement banner, which will be placed on the back of the Blondie's new building and visible from Marshall's current establishment, Lisa's Deli, in Key Center.

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Jim Penfield lived a full, outstanding life

PENFIELD PART I:

Editor's note: This is the first of a two part series on the life of the Honorable J. K. Penfield

By Keith Stiles
Special to KP News

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Key Peninsula Community and friends from many other areas bid goodbye to Jim Penfield, one of the area's most traveled and honored servants of this country's government who was named one of America's "Outstanding Young Men" by President Herbert Hoover in 1932, and a founding member of several of the services and institutions of our local scene today.

Jim Penfield was born in New York City on April 8, 1908, to Charles Orin Penfield and Adele Ernst Penfield. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Bordman Penfield, and is survived by his daughter, Kedzie Penfield-Fox, her husband Steven Fox, and their two daughters Kate and Jane, all of Ashkirk, Scotland, and by his second wife, Georgia Gallert Penfield. He passed away on Sept. 11 in Seattle.

Penfield first developed a love for the Key Peninsula in the summer of 1915, having traveled by himself at the age of 7 from San Francisco on a coastal steamer to visit his aunt, Sally Chandler Sloan, at her "summer place" on the shores of

Longbranch. The Sloans are said to be among the very earliest of purchasers of property in the first development of "Long Branch." He followed that initial solitary journey with two more in the next summers, exploring the Longbranch area and the far end of the Key Peninsula.

Following his primary education in private school (Principia), Penfield entered Stanford University, graduating with his bachelor's in 1929 and entering government service with the State Department shortly after. He was an outstanding member of the Stanford swim team; he continued recreational swimming for almost all of his life, and in the later years he held titles for male swimmers in his age group. His Foreign Service career was enhanced by the fact that he spoke five different languages fluently.

Penfield spent his early service years in China with the State Department, and became entrapped there when the borders were closed as a result of the Chinese-Japanese War. Unable to return home by normal transportation, he walked out over the high mountains of China into Burma, and eventually took passage home from Rangoon.

Just before and during the early years of American involvement in World War II, Penfield represented U.S. State Department interests in Greenland, where U.S. troops were stationed on military bases. Someone is said to have



Photos courtesy of Penfield family

Jim Penfield was an avid swimmer and has received several awards.

remarked that Penfield was "the first important member of a foreign government to visit Greenland since 'Eric The Red.'" In the period of 1943-45, it was back to the Pacific area where he handled various State Department affairs for Adm. Chester Nimitz on Guam.

Tim Kezele, Fred Ramsdell, Andy Rebsamen, Bruce Daily, Carolyn Else, Ruth Bramhall, Nat Knox, and Dori Myers contributed to this story.



Above, A family portrait at Jim's beloved home, "the New Madrone," in Longbranch. Left to right: Jim Penfield, granddaughters Kate and Jane, daughter Kedzie Penfield-Fox and wife Georgia Gallert Penfield. Right, J.K. Penfield on assignment in Greenland.



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Angel Guild News

Lots of harp music and angel wings flying at Angel Guild this month. We have so many "Honorary Angels" that we are very grateful to.

Dave Dohmann, donated LOTS of time installing our new window in the back of the shop. It looks so nice and we truly do tip our halos to him for his tremendous help.

Peninsula Market gives us a big monetary boost for the grocery slips that are left at the shop, we have a jar for this purpose on the counter and appreciate all slips that are left. What a great and gracious addition to our community Peninsula Market is.

Mindy of the Cutter Bug donates her Mickey Mouse Bank tips to Angel Guild. We are so grateful to our many friends in the community.

Halloween decorations and costumes are in the shop now so shop early and get yours while the selection is good.

We have new stock in the shop daily and have surprise specials very frequently so shop often and take advantage of them.

It has been a beautiful and long summer but now it is back to business and we have lots of nice school clothes so come in and check us out. Remember, every penny we make goes back into the community.

— By Betty Barkubein

Communities in Schools

Communities In Schools of Peninsula is a non-profit agency that connects community resources with our schools to help kids learn, stay in school and prepare for life. Guided by a local board, CISP rallies community support for children and families. Current programs include Reading Mentoring and Tutoring programs at Vaughn and Evergreen Elementary Schools; the Family Advocate program; and other specific school and community projects. For more information, contact Colleen Speer, executive director, at 884-5733. www.cisnet.org/peninsula.

AARP 55-Alive at Key Pen Sportsmen's Club

The Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club will be hosting an AARP 55-Alive Driving Review Course on Wednesday Oct. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Participants age 55 and older may receive a discount on their car insurance for attending this course. Contact A.E. Dolfin at 884-5767, or Marj Hurley at 884-4884. The deadline for reservations is at 4 p.m. on Oct. 4. The Key

Caught in the act



Photo by Danna Webster

Joyce Tovey's KP Windermere Realty staff were caught in the act bringing school supplies to the Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resources Center. The staff donated the supplies for the children served by the CHS and delivered them to the agency's office at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Left to right: KP Windermere's Joyce Tovey, Mike Maroney and Dottie Mazza with CHS Washington Regional Director Jim Laugen.

Peninsula Sportsmen's Club is located at 3503 Jackson Lake Road KPN, in Lakebay.

FPD board meeting date changes

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 28, and for the foreseeable future, the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Board of Commissioners will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the District's Headquarters station in Key Center. Call 884-2222 for more information.

KP Lutheran Church Lecture series

The Lecture Series continues at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, with Edie Morgan presenting "Building Assets for Youth." A focus on youth for churches, schools and community.

Trunk or Treat at Minter Creek

Minter Creek Elementary will be holding its 2nd Annual Trunk-Or-Treat on Oct. 30 behind the school gym. Car parking and

decorating starts at 5:30 and no cars will be allowed into the trick or treat area after 6:15 for safety. Trick or treating begins at 6:30, and at 7:00 everyone can vote on whose display they liked best.

All who enjoy a safe, fun celebration dress up and come watch the kids trick-or-treat from the decorated trunks of cars! All cars will be entered into a judging contest, with great prizes for first, second and third place. First place prize is a family membership to the Point Defiance Zoo/Aquarium, value \$49. Second place is a \$25 gift certificate to Silverdale Harley Davidson. Third place is a large 3-topping pizza and 2-liter pop from Purdy Pizza.

Sportsmen hold rummage sale

The Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Club will be holding its semi-annual rummage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at 3503 Jackson Lake Road in Lakebay. The sale will be held inside the clubhouse so you don't have to worry about the weather. Lots of treasures and crafts will be available. Come browse and buy, and join us for some fun.

Community planning board meeting notice

The next meeting of the Key Peninsula Community Planning Board is 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Key Peninsula Middle School Library, 5510 Key Peninsula Highway. The subject of the meeting is "Visioning - Description of a desired community."

Please note that input from the general public on agenda items is encouraged. The final 15 minutes of Community Planning Board meetings are reserved for general public comment. For more information, see www.piercecountywa.org/landuse.

Parenting class offered at Vaughn Community Church

Vaughn Community Church is hosting a parenting class at 7 p.m. Tuesdays weekly. Space is limited so take advantage of this opportunity to walk and learn together as parents. Child-care provided. Call the church office at 884-2269.

Pink Panthers host party

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) - Chapter "G" (Pink Panthers) of Gig Harbor and the merchants of Key Center will host an "Oktoberfest" event on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Key Center. Key Center merchants will offer goodies and fun to both adults and kids alike. GWRRA will offer face painting, pumpkin painting, beanbag toss game, and pictures with a pink panther. They will also have their motorcycles on display.

The community is invited to participate in the motorcycle-judging contest by placing a canned food item into the box in front of their favorite motorcycle. All donations will be given to the local food bank.

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On the first and fourth Sundays, the food is prepared by Chef Oliver Coldeen. Coldeen has been a chef in many local restaurants. His favorite, of course, was Oliver's Smokehouse and Grill at the KP Corral. He is also well known as the chef for the Longbranch Salmon Bake.

Coldeen has been a KP resident for 20 years living first in Longbranch and now in Home. He grew up on Vashon Island and graduated from high school there. He says the Key Peninsula is like Vashon was back then.

Coldeen greatly appreciates the work

"The people love his food but more than that they love the one on one, the conversations he has with them."

-Charl Blackwood, meal coordinator for IMPact

of the Interdenominational Mission Pact (IMPact), which provides the Sunday dinners with the cooperation of five local churches. "It gets churches around the area working together," he says, and it's "always good home cooking."

When Charl Blackwood, the meal coordinator for IMPact, was asked about Chef Oliver's Sunday dinners," she said. "The people love his food but more than that they love the one on one, the conversations he has with them."



Chef Oliver Coldeen prepares meals for more than 40 people each Sunday at the Key Peninsula Community Services and Food Bank.

Photo by Danna Webster

Volunteer opportunities

Children' Home Society

High School "Big Buddies" wanted to spend time with "Little Buddies" from local elementary schools. Qualifies as community service hours. Adult volunteers are also needed. Contact Edie Morgan at 884-5433.

Peninsula School District - AFTER 'OURS Program @ Evergreen & KPMS

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New Shoreline and Wetland Regulations Proposed

As many of you know, a Pierce County Council Committee has just made a recommendation to the full council on new shoreline and wetland regulations as part of the Directions Package to be voted on by the council in October. The committee, at this time, is recommending an increase in the amount of land set aside for conservation, but allowing homes to be built on smaller lots to offset land set aside for wildlife habitat. The committee has also deferred any changes in proposed marine shoreline regulations with that issue to be revisited in 2006. These proposed shoreline changes would have included a 100 ft. buffer zone on any salt waterfront property. This buffer zone would have to be planted with several large trees (30 per 100 ft) and would be a "no-touch" area with no decks, picnic areas or buildings – in other words, very restricted use of your own waterfront land. Opponents of this proposal have indicated that waterfront property owners generally are very good stewards of their land and that such drastic changes are not necessary. Their alternate proposal would be a 50 ft. setback which would be a no-build zone, but would allow use of the land.

This argument will evidently continue for the next few years and it is necessary for interested Key Peninsula citizens to stay involved and vocal about their desires regarding land use in their area.

You can make your wishes known by contacting the Pierce County Council at 253-798-6654.

Windermere/Key Realty Agents presented fifteen backpacks filled with school supplies to Children's Home Society in Vaughn to help families who were unable to provide their children with the required supplies. This project was in conjunction with the Salvation Army – who provided the barrel to collect supplies and some backpacks at a discount.

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KPMS greets teachers, students with makeover

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

There were plenty of dropped jawbones the first week of school at Key Peninsula Middle School, as students and staff returned to see the outside cleaned up and beautified. But when the teachers saw their lounge inside, some just broke down into tears.

The Key Peninsula Middle School had a makeover in August — in the style of interior design television shows in which a drab place is redone while the owners are gone. But while the outdoor project was well anticipated and included teacher and staff participation, the lounge transformation was hush-hush.

Even to someone who's never seen the previous unfriendly look of the lounge, the warm and welcoming new version looks enticing. For the teachers who have put up with the old one for years, it's simply an energizing feeling, in the words of one staff member. Cheery colors, Adirondack chairs made by KPMS woodshop students and painted by other students, a bookshelf in the shape of a bamboo hut, dainty curtains, and artwork are some of the elements of the new design. Teachers have been "caught" using their lounge now for meetings or breaks, where they simply ignored it before.

It all began with a student project and some wishful thinking. Students in Rya Diede's seventh grade needed a community service assignment. When parent Victoria Hawkins heard about it and the fact that students weren't able to complete it before year-end, she offered to help make calls for donations.

"They (the students) made a comment like, 'I wish we had an interior decorator,' and I said, 'I wish my mom



lived in the state," Hawkins said. "Mom," when she heard the story, decided distance was not an issue, and flew in —not once but twice—from California to design the students' concept and then to help carry it out.

Hawkins, who organized both the inside and outside projects, said a number of local and other businesses donated everything from paint and labor to plants and cash. A crew of about 40 people worked on the outdoors part, painting old signs, cleaning up junk, planting and spreading beauty bark. About a week and a half later, a smaller group returned for the supersecret lounge part, which took three 10- 12-hour days.

"I think the community pride radiates out of a school, and the community support was overwhelming," said Principal Dennis Nugent.

Part of the summer improvements included a new HVAC system, some new light fixtures, a repainted gym and new or refurbished portables. These projects were funded with the bond approved by

voters last year.

The cosmetic changes, Nugent said, reflect what's happening with the school internally, as it focuses on academic improvement. "I couldn't think of a more positive way to start the school year," he said.

Below, The teacher's lounge before the makeover was hardly used, according to some staff, because it was a "dreary" place.

Left, The transformed lounge brings a little sunshine to KPMS.

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KPMS students have two new leaders

By Rodika Tollefson
KP News

Aside from starting the new school year with an attractive makeover inside and outside, the Key Peninsula Middle School opened doors with a new principal and assistant principal on board.

Dennis Nugent, a veteran Peninsula School District employee who retired last summer — for about a month — is the school's new principal, following the resignation over the summer break of B.J. Bolson.

Nugent, whose last job was as an assistant superintendent, returned to full-time duty at the request of Superintendent Jim Coolican, and will stay on board for a year. It will be a busy year, he said, as the school pursues several improvement goals.

"I want to zero in on best practices," he said. "The staff here really cares and they have a passion...but we didn't always do everything consistent with that passion."

Nugent's entire educational career was at PSD, including as a principal at Purdy Elementary and as a teacher.

Working in the district headquarters, he had visited all the district schools but had a special fondness for KPMS, he said. During his visits, more students would approach him as a visitor and strike up conversations, he said.

Building up on that perspective as a visitor, Nugent said he could see some things that longtime building staff may not.

One of the immediate changes when the school year started included changing to a four-period schedule that allows for longer instructional blocks. As part of this year's school improvement program, educational specialists will be

brought in to train staff.

Another change made was in the school's discipline system. Detention booths that were set up previously in the front office are now gone, and the area had undergone some design improvements, along with the school entrance and the courtyard, providing a more welcoming atmosphere.

The discipline program is among the tasks that the new assistant principal, Thom Worlund, will focus on.

Worlund, also a long-term PSD employee, is an occupational therapist and certified teacher, and has most recently co-ordinated the career and technical programs for the district. He was hired to the new post last spring, after co-principal Jim Adams' retirement, and for a while worked his old job and his new one so he could become familiar with the

school.

The new disciplinary approach at KPMS focuses on keeping students in the classroom as much as possible, and is based on the work of a committee that revised the approach last year. It is based on the belief that

"students need to be in class and treated with respect, given positive strokes and realistic consequences," Worlund said.

Staff training, along with instructional leadership that utilizes peer training, the new schedule and disciplinary process, the focus on literacy and mission redefining are all part of the school's improvement plan that will review those and other aspects with the goal to have a stronger school within the next three to five years.

Nugent said his objective is to move the school forward so it is ready for a new principal next year.

"The school is at a turning point, and the energy is very positive," he said.



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-Dennis Nugent, KPMS principal

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A little bit of everything: A day in the life of a school bus driver



A DAY IN THE
LIFE

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Dave Stratford leaves home with time to pick up his “shot of coffee” from Close to Home Espresso in Key Center at 7 a.m. He likes his morning chat with whoever’s on duty each day.

He’s been driving a school bus for Peninsula School District for “three years this time,” he says with a grin. When he attended Olympic Junior College after high school, he and four classmates from the area all drove school buses. Some days it was a dash to get to and from classes on time, but he enjoyed the job, and it helped pay for college.

Traffic on the Wauna sandspit is slow this morning, but sometimes coming from the Transportation Center or Peninsula High School on the bus is the most frustrating part of the route. One day he left the school at 2:07 p.m. and it took nearly 20 minutes to get to the Wauna/Purdy bridge. The toughest part is often getting out onto 144th Street.

Stratford checks in at the Transportation Center, picks up keys, and heads out to his bus – No. 73. It’s one of the older ones, but it drives well.

He double-checks his route sheets, gets out and checks tires, emergency door, windshield wipers. Inside he checks lights and each seat to make sure it’s secure and safe.

After retiring from his job with a telephone company, he was asked one day to be a substitute driver by friend Annette Marlow. She said there were so few subs, nobody could take time off. He’s now a regular.

First stop this morning is Palmer Lake, with 24 students getting on for Key Peninsula Middle School. The lake is “just a big puddle,” comments one boy as it comes into view.

Up the highway from the middle school, with one fifth-grader on board, Stratford pulls off near the Fire Station at Key Center to let traffic go by.

“People don’t like to get behind a



Photo by Colleen Slater

Dave Stratford with bus No. 73.

“Dave is a good driver... He actually tries to know his riders.”

-Peninsula High School student rider

school bus,” he notes, and he likes to be able to let them by when he can.

Another student along the highway, then he drives to Lake of the Woods. By the time the bus is on Highway 302 again, over 40 students are aboard.

The noise level is a bit higher with this group, some singing silly ditties, and Stratford reminds them to stay in their seats and keep hands to themselves. In the early days of school each year, rules have to be reiterated for some students.

Kindergartners sit in the first couple of rows. This way the driver gets acquainted with them, and knows where they’re supposed to get off. If no adult is there to meet them, the driver doesn’t let them off. The dispatcher is called, parents are called, and if there is no response, the child is returned to the school.

By 9 a.m., Bus No. 73 is back at the Transportation Center. Stratford checks the exterior of the bus again, then the activity bus schedule. He signed up for most of them this time, but no assignments yet.

There are currently 56 drivers for the district, only six of whom are men. The six subs are not enough, and the district hopes to hire more.

Stratford has a few hours to run errands or work or relax at home. Last year he had more hours of driving, including the morning high school run, and had to have his bus warming up by 6:05 a.m. He appreciates fewer hours and a later start this year.

He’s back at the Center about 1:30, and finds he has an activity run tomorrow – he’ll take the tennis team to Olympia. Drivers take their own buses for activity runs, but older buses only travel as far as Tacoma or Bremerton. Tomorrow, he’ll drive a newer one.

He washes the front windows. Mechanics take care of the big jobs, and the buses are washed as needed, but each driver has to keep his own bus tidied up inside. After each route, Stratford checks to see whether items have been left behind by the students.

The dispatch radio crackles with almost constant messages between drivers and dispatcher. Craig is the morning dispatcher, and Stephanie takes over the afternoon shift.

The buses go out in order shortly after 2:00, as they did in the morning. About 20 high schoolers board at Peninsula.

seats, as there isn’t time when he gets to Vaughn Elementary. Windows open for ventilation earlier are closed, as the day has cooled and sky darkened. Raindrops appear before long.

After the Lake of the Woods route, as the bus heads to Key Center, the dispatcher reports a “lost child.” Drivers are asked to check their passengers, as the kindergartner is apparently on the wrong bus. The lines are busy as drivers report in.

The dispatcher has just asked all drivers from Vaughn to pull over and see if there is a sleeping child, when one driver calls to say she has the child on her bus.

“That’s the fourth lost child this year,” says Stratford, noting they’re usually kindergartners, who are still learning their way around.

He is, too. He asks the boys left on the bus about their stop, verifying which side of the road they need to be let out on. Yesterday they stayed on one side. Today they tell him they need to get off across the road.

School bus drivers take training and a state test to obtain their commercial licenses with bus driving endorsement.

The bus turn-around in Key Center is the Fire Station, and at 4:30, No. 73 is backed into its slot at the Transportation Center. Stratford checks the bus all around outside again, and inside, closes windows and picks up a blue sweater without a name.

Tomorrow is deadline for students to fill out their information slips. He has reminded each group today. “If you haven’t turned in your slip, then you don’t get off the bus until you’ve filled one out and given it to me,” he says.

Driving a school bus is a little bit of everything, Stratford notes. He likes the kids, and the camaraderie of the other drivers and office staff. They’re a good group of people to work with, he says, as he returns to his own car and heads for home after another interesting day on the road.


“Dave’s a good driver,” says a boy sitting near the front. “He actually tries to get to know his riders.”

At 144th Street, an incoming car holds the traffic so the buses can get out. Stratford notes it’s another driver, well aware of the difficulty at that intersection.

Stratford drives down Purdy Drive far enough to the right to prevent high school drivers from racing ahead, a common problem.

First stop is at the Texaco Mini-mart after a turn onto Wright-Bliss. The route isn’t all the way to the county line, but the last drop-off is some distance from Highway 302.

The route from the middle school to Palmer Lake is reversed. Several more students are on the afternoon run. After all students are dropped off, Stratford pulls the bus to the side and checks the



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Key Pen teens lend a hand to Guatemala

By Irene Torres
KP News

Teamwork. That theme emerged from the Guatemalan mission trip by a youth group from Vaughn Community Church in July.

From the fund-raisers they undertook to finance the trip, to their partnering with Operation Mobilization (OM) teams from the United States and Guatemala, there was teamwork, every step of the way.

KP teen-agers Morgan Roddy, Drew Pappas, Nate Hedin, Carli Speer, and Buckley's Hannah Amburgey were chaperoned by Youth Pastor Rory Adams and Colleen Speer on their three-week mission. Speer said, "The team did a wonderful job in transitioning into the Guatemalan culture. We received intensive training from the missionaries working at the OM offices in Guatemala City. We were equipped with evangelism tools and we were taught how to perform in mime to Spanish tapes for church and school performances throughout the region. The team learned quickly and we



Photo courtesy of Vaughn Community Church

The Vaughn Community Church mission team works in Guatemala during their summer trip. Their mime and dances performances were a hit.

had fun getting outside of our comfort zone with drama and dance. Adams said the group spent five days acclimating to the Guatemalan culture and learning to

evangelize. In eight days, the group performed their program at two dozen public and private schools, and even the police station, sharing their testimony.

Roddy was hospitalized and underwent emergency surgery in a Guatemalan hospital. While he recuperated, the rest of the team traveled the countryside. They visited a mountainous jungle region called Ixcán. "Our base was a small church where local people provided us with well water to bathe and lots of black beans and tortillas," said Speer. The first village they visited was called "New Hope." "We fell in love with the children and were able to provide Vacation Bible School for the villagers and we performed our mime and dance in the evenings in a church that had no electricity. A generator powered our night services," she added.

Amburgey recalled the experience, "First off, slathering on thick face paint in 90 degree weather was something that I'd never done before. Being a mime, I felt a little goofy at first, but as soon as I remembered why we were there, I really didn't care anymore. Our time spent in

Guatemala City as mimes was awesome, but the real experience came while we were staying in the villages. Just seeing how giving and positive people who don't have much can be toward total strangers, was a wake up call."

"The team was amazed at the number of insects we don't normally see - like tarantulas, scorpions, huge centipedes and cockroaches," said Speer. Amburgey reflects on the memory of the insects and laughs, "I sure am glad I don't have to deal with them now."

The second village where they ministered was named "Adam's Paradise." "Again, the children loved our presence there. Many of them had never seen Americans before. We were the first OM team to travel that far to witness and evangelize. We got to bring a large pinata for the village children and they had a ball hitting it and wrestling for the candy that fell to the ground," Speer recalled.

Near the end of the trip, the group visited a beautiful protected lake. "Its clean, 80 degree, clear blue water was a stark contrast to most of the rest of the country," said Adams. The last day, the troupe visited the old capitol city and learned some of its history.

"Our team was awesome. I don't think I've had the pleasure to spend time with such mature, selfless 15- and 16-year olds. Rory and Colleen were great examples who taught me a lot about leadership and staying focused. Most of all, my team taught me about how to work hard and have fun while you do it," Amburgey said.

Speer added, "We developed many strong and lasting friendships with the people of Guatemala. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve and I will never forget the experience." Speer said she looks forward to returning to the mission field with her family, in Guatemala or another country.

"We felt like God blessed us with great team unity. We felt like we had a purpose and the people appreciated us being there," Adams said.

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Arts brief

Local arts organization selected for state award

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The Key Peninsula residents attending the Battle of the Bulge veterans' semi-annual dinner were, from left to right: Richard Matthies, 145th Combat Eng. 3rd Army, from Wauna; Robert Lind, M Co. 393rd Inf. Regt. 99th Inf. Div., from Home; and Wickie Winsor for Luther (Lu) Winsor, 16th FA Obsn. Bn. (founder and first president of NW VBOB). Absent from this dinner was VBOB member Franz Rose, 11th SS Panzer Grenadiers, German Army, from Lakebay.

Strong showing at NW VBOB tribute, 150 attend

By Danna Webster
 KP News

The Battle of the Bulge was fought 60 years ago this December. The Northwest chapter of veterans (NWVBOB) from those battles held their semi-annual dinner on Sept. 11. President Phil Robbins observed, in his opening remarks, that the United States experienced an action of war three years ago on this date. "There is little doubt we are at war," he said. "Sixty years ago and now are essentially the same thing, war actions do not change."

Twelve thousand soldiers died in the Battle of the Bulge. Three soldiers for every one soldier killed on Sept. 11. When news of the 12,000 soldiers killed in that battle reached America, "our country remained strong, without any division... I think we've lost that," the president of the veterans said.

At this dinner, members of "The Friends of Willy and Joe" were there to celebrate with the veterans. They are an organization dedicated to the collection of WWII memorabilia. One table in the dining room was filled with artifacts and outside a parking lot was full of authentic

WWII vehicles. The club members were disbursed around the room dressed in authentic uniforms of that period.

All were there to celebrate the memories from the famous Battles of the Bulge. These battles turned back the bulge the Germans had created in American lines. They remain the bloodiest and deadliest battles ever faced by Americans. The fighting took place in the winter months from Dec. 16, 1944 to Jan. 25, 1945.

Four Key Peninsula residents have been active members in this brotherhood of veterans. One of those members, Lu Winsor, has recently passed on and was represented by his widow, Wickie. Lu and Wickie Winsor worked to re-established the Northwest chapter of VBOB 10 years ago when interest and activity had dwindled. The 150 people attending this dinner showed that a strong surge of interest has been regained.

For information about the NW VBOB contact President Phil Robbins, 360-674-7175. For information about The Friends of Willy and Joe, Living History Group, contact Stephen Gay at 360-426-1876.

From Pioneer Stock Transplanted to old roots

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Edward (Ted) and Georgiana Buckell, grandparents of Daphne Moynihan, arrived in Vaughn in 1908 and purchased a home and 20 acres on the north side of Vaughn Bay. At one time three generations of the family lived on that property, but now only two Buckell descendants own some of that land.

Bruce, great-grandson of Ted, lives with his family where his grandfather D'Arce Buckell once had a garden.

Daphne bought acreage in 1975 that Charlie Whitfield had purchased from Ted Buckell over 50 years before.



Whitfield had a Sears, Roebuck & Co. house barged into the bay in 1925, trucked up the hill and put together. His son Warde added a second bathroom for Daphne.

Ted Buckell's

family of parents and six children emigrated from England to Kansas in 1871 to be "pioneers" in a new land. Twenty-four years later most of them moved to Alberta, Canada, to homestead.

Daphne's father, Alfred, and his brother D'Arce were involved in baseball, hockey, track and field events in Alberta. Alfred, an outstanding all-around athlete, competed in a number of sports events down the Pacific Coast before he headed to Portland, Ore., to study medicine in 1902. D'Arce and wife Edna settled in Tacoma in 1907, after a honeymoon trip to the area.

Ted and Georgiana traveled to Tacoma to see their newborn grandson in 1908. D'Arce was involved with the development of Camp Seymour in Glencove, and encouraged his parents to consider moving to a nearby community. Vaughn appealed to them, and their new property stretched from Vaughn Bay back to what is now 100th Street.

Ted Buckell had an extensive vineyard



Relatives of Daphne Buckell Moynihan visiting in Vaughn. Back row: Ted Buckell, Tom Bill. Middle: Dorothy Bill, Elsie Bill, Georgiana Buckell. Front: Bus Buckell, Bob Bill, Daphne Buckell (cousin to Daphne Moynihan) and Kathleen Bill.

Bottom left, Daphne as a child.

Photos courtesy of Colleen Slater

above his home, as well as orchard and vegetable garden. When his son D'Arce decided to move to Vaughn, they built a house farther up the hill.

Alfred settled in Oakland, California, after searching for "an equitable climate" more pleasant than the cold winters of Kansas, Alberta, Oregon and Nevada, where he interned. He liked the "equal temperatures year-round" of Oakland.

Daphne, daughter of Alfred, grew up following in the footsteps of her athletic father, but her expertise was tennis. From ages 8 to 21, her summers included five weeks of tennis tours — Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria. After that the family spent a week in Vaughn, staying with Grandpa Buckell or Uncle D'Arce. Baseball games, where D'Arce was often umpire, were a highlight of the Vaughn vacation.

When Daphne tired of the Oakland hassle, and was ready to make a change in her life, she moved to Vaughn, where most of her relatives lived. She taught algebra in Catholic schools in Oakland, and became a substitute teacher for the Peninsula School District.

She had a group of high-level sixth grade math students at Key Peninsula

Middle School for a few years, then switched to Belfair, where daughter Daphne Walker — another California transplant — taught.

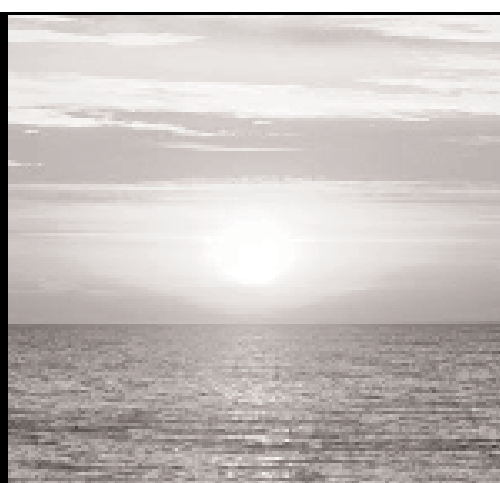
Megan, youngest daughter of Daphne Moynihan, lived in Vaughn between high school graduation and college. Cousin Clint (Buck) Buckell coached baseball, and convinced Megan to be scorekeeper.

The name of Buckell on the Key Peninsula has a strong association with baseball. When Daphne's cousin Ed Olson sold property to Volunteer Park, he had a gate dedicated to his great-uncle D'Arce Buckell.

A highlight of Daphne's life has been seeing her six children participate and excel in sports. She treasures a picture of "the Moynihan mermaids and mermen." Son Michael, "a natural athlete," was Most Valuable Player of all East Bay high schools when he graduated.

Although Daphne didn't grow up in Vaughn, she shares with her local relatives a love of the area. She continues to work with math students at an age when most teachers have long since retired, and to nurture an orchard and garden on the north-western corner of her grandparents' land.

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The Key Center Saloon Team didn't win any softball ribbons but they were champions when it came to the barbecue.

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Players are not allowed to hit an over the fence homerun, the men must bat opposite of their power arm, and

"timeout" will be called when the umpire is out of beer. For all the fun, the tournament makes serious charitable contributions. This year they are donating \$1,000 to breast cancer research.

Cristi Watson contributed to this story.

Softball league benefit

Several teams who played in the 20th Annual Mud Bowl event are members of the Key Peninsula Softball League. The KP Softball League invites all interested parties to join them for the JayRod Benefit Tournament, Oct. 23-24. All proceeds from this tournament will go to benefit JayRod who has experienced

extraordinary medical expenses recently.

Participating teams will pay \$150 entrance fee for a guaranteed three game, co-ed softball challenge. Teams must register by Oct. 9. Visitors are welcome to come and watch the games, and participate in the raffle and barbecue. In the spirit of the mud bowl, games are played rain or shine. Contact Kym Carpenter at 853-3502.

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KP's Cheri Ausboe coaches FI tennis team

By Hugh McMillan
KP News

Key Peninsula has a tennis enthusiast in the neighborhood. Tennis coach Cheri Ausboe moved to Gig Harbor in 1976 when she was a 6th grader.

"My family joined Town and Country Tennis Club which is now the Gig Harbor Athletic Club," she said.

Not long after, she entered her first tournament sponsored by Nordstrom and a shoe company called Famoulare. She won in her age bracket and advanced to a Seattle tournament. There she won a private lesson with Dave Rasmussen, the head pro at Town and Country, shoes from Famoulare and assorted prizes from Nordstrom. With that, her tennis future was sealed.

"Before I moved to Gig Harbor in 6th grade, I lived in a housing development that promoted community tennis and swimming," Ausboe said. "My parents signed my sister and me up for group tennis lessons. I was the only left-handed

"I completed my student teaching at Vaughn Elementary with Ernie Donehower in 1991. During this time I became familiar with the Key Peninsula area and knew this is where I wanted to call home. We have lived in the area ever since."

-Cheri Ausboe

person in the group and had a very difficult time keeping up because every time the instructor demonstrated a stroke, I was always on the opposite side banging rackets with the person who was right-handed." Her decision to become right-handed proved to be an advantage to her tennis career.

She played singles as a freshman at Peninsula High School under Roland MacNichol. When the new Gig Harbor



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Tennis coach Cheri Ausboe is planting the seeds of tennis passion on the peninsula.

High School was built, she played for Gig Harbor. She made it to State in singles, placed 4th in State and became a ranked junior in the Pacific Northwest in sanctioned USTA (United States Tennis Association) tournaments. In her senior year she played in the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona, a national junior tournament. She then traveled Southern California playing in tournaments from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Ausboe was accepted at the University of Puget Sound and awarded a tennis scholarship. Her college team ranked in the top twenty nationally and qualified to go to nationals in Kansas her junior and senior year.

After college she played USTA Team Tennis, worked at some tennis facilities teaching tennis, taught private and group lessons, summer tennis lessons for

the Peninsula School District, and started working full time as a school district teacher.

"I completed my student teaching at Vaughn Elementary with Ernie Donehower in 1991. During this time I became familiar with the Key Peninsula area and knew this is where I wanted to call home. We have lived in the area ever since," she said.

Ausboe is currently coaching the boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Tennis Teams at Peninsula High School. "I cannot tell you what a privilege it is to coach a high school team that you actually played for. It just makes the connection with the kids worth that much more," she said.

Ausboe also coaches the Fox Island Tennis Team. Fox Island tennis is the only program offering both lessons and team tennis. Ausboe said, "Kids in the clinics become part of a mentoring program and give back to the program when they are older as mentors and assistants. There are about 80 kids in the clinics and about 60 on Team Tennis."

Ausboe's daughters, Emily age 9, and Dylan age 6, have been involved the last two years in summer tennis leagues on the Key and Fox Island. The girls attend Minter Creek Elementary.

"This year my oldest daughter played in her first tournament and plans to take lessons during the winter as well. Whether or not they pursue my passion for tennis is up to them, my hope is that they will learn to play the lifelong sport I keep returning to on and off the court," Ausboe said.

Ausboe hopes to expand Tennis Welcome Centers in this area. She wrote and received a grant from the United Tennis Association from which Key Peninsula Middle School received 28 tennis rackets to support tennis in the AFTER 'OURS tutoring program. For information about tennis programs in our area contact Cheri Ausboe on 857-4519 or cell 973-2281.

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To Your Health

By William F. Roes M.D.
Special to KP News

I've always been proud of my Wyoming heritage, but although I know it's a remote place, I never thought it was remote enough to have an influenza strain named after it. This year I guess I'm wrong. Each year the Center for Disease Control selects the three strains of influenza virus they feel are most likely to cause widespread infections. This changes every year, so the vaccine also changes, although it frequently has two of the three strains from the previous year.

This year's vaccine will cover A/Wyoming, A/New Caledonia, and B Jiangsu. We are hoping to have this year's flu vaccine by the end of October, and plan to start giving flu shots this year on Saturday, Oct. 23, beginning at 9 a.m.



at the Key Medical Center (15610 89th St in downtown Key Center). This flu shot clinic will be open to all residents of the Key Peninsula, not just the patients in our practice.

Once again, the vaccine is recommended for virtually everyone over 65, as well as younger residents with chronic health problems such as diabetes or lung disease. This year's strategy is to provide the vaccine to senior citizens first. The vaccine takes several weeks to take effect, and its protection usually lasts 4-5 months. They are also suggesting that infants from 6 months to 2 years should receive the vaccine, and we will be attempting to get the pediatric vaccines as well.

We will also be providing flu shots at the senior center and on Herron Island for the community as well as our patients. We will be at the senior luncheon at the Community House in Lakebay at noon on Wed. Oct. 27, and at the fire station on Herron Island on Monday afternoon of Oct. 25.

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Proceeds of the Players production will be for the benefit of the maintenance and restoration of the Longbranch Improvement Club building, a center of the Longbranch community.

The play, taking place in the French countryside, deals with mixed identities, adultery and French cuisine. Four of the characters are played by local actors: Matt Rusnak, Bret Nebel, Kim Gebhardt, and

Tickets

Tickets are available by reservation, \$35 for the Dinner Theater evening and \$15 for the Dessert Theater evening. Call 253-884-1061 for reservations. Friday evening Dessert Theater tickets can be purchased at the door.

David McDonald, Annita Gibson, from Australia with acting experience on the New York stage, and Ali Criss of Tacoma, a drama student at Pacific Lutheran University, complete the cast of six actors directed by the well-known Seattle area director and actor Rick May.

The theater evening will feature a Gallery Show of works of local artists presented by Two Waters Arts Alliance, the arts group cooperating with Longbranch Players. There will be an open cash bar with doors opening at 5:30 for the Dinner Theater and 6:30 for the Dessert Theater. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. for all performances.

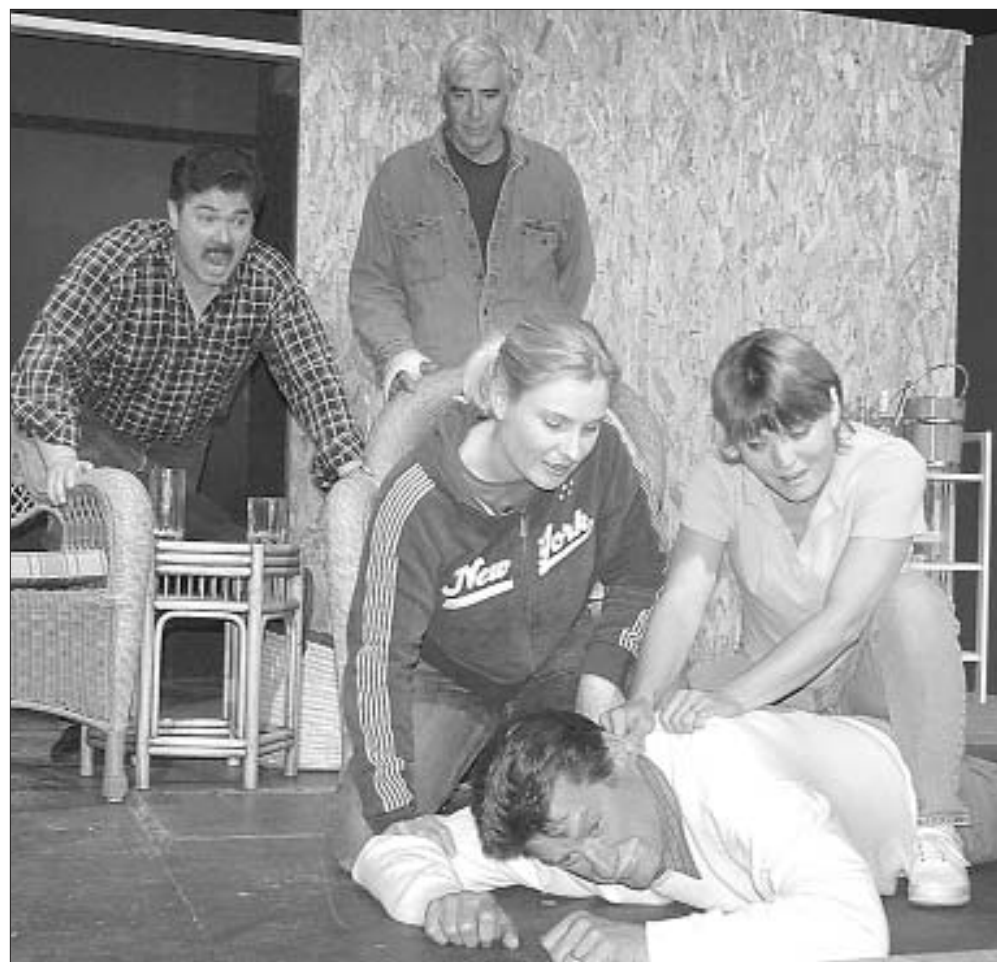


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Autumn arts for the senses

By L. Brudvik Lindner

Did you hear it? Two Waters Arts Alliance and The Angel Guild sponsored the first annual free "Concert on the Key." The art of Quartet Musette with Lorraine Hart, made magical music during Open Studio weekend at our creative spa, The Art Barn. Even the rain couldn't stop Lorraine from filling the air with her rapturous melodies, creating an enchanted afternoon for everyone.



The Genuine
ARTicle

Come and see it! In association with the infamous Longbranch Players, TWAA is proudly producing the second annual art exhibit and sale at the Longbranch Improvement Club, Oct. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, doors open at 7 p.m., show time at 8 p.m. Ten local artists will display and sell their diverse artistic creations — Brynn Rydell and Jan Buday, Lampwork Glass Bead Jewelry; Kurt Solmssen, Oil Painting; Christopher Mathie, Raku Pottery and Oil Painting; Chuck Gumpert, Oil Painting; Beverly Pedersen and Laura McClintock, Watercolor and Mixed Media; Reni Moriarity, Sumi Painting; Trish Thompson, Pottery; Nancy Howard and Kristen Bottiger, Hand Carved Gourds.



The Two Waters Arts Alliance's Jazz Concert at the Art Barn featured Quartet Musette with Lorraine Hart, vocals; Mark Runions, keyboard; Ed Seymore, sax; and (not pictured) Tom Hume III, drums; and Tom Home II, bass.

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Danna Webster

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Come early and take in the bounty of beauty created by members of your community.

Want to touch it? The fall TWAA classes offer hands-on art instruction for everyone from Salsa Making, Chinese Brush Painting, Mask Making, Fabric

Piercing-Quilting, Acoustic Jam Sessions, The Art of Drawing, Hand Painted Christmas Cards to Glass Bead Making, Ceramic Leaf Platters, Sumi Painting, Anatomy for Artists, Writing Without Teachers, Acrylic Painting on Unusual Surfaces. Kurt Solmssen is back

to teach Plein-Air (outdoor) Oil Painting, as is Melissa Weinman to teach Anatomy for Artists. Call or email TWAA for class details and registration at 884-3407 or twowaters@hotmail.com.

Participate in it! TWAA will be eternally grateful for the "supporting the arts" efforts of Program Director Sharon Kaffer. As Sharon completes her term at the end of November, TWAA is actively looking for Sharon's successor, as well as a grant writer. If you are interested in grant writing or the Program Director part-time, paid position — duties to include organizing art classes and workshops, writing brochures, managing advertising, answering email correspondence, etc. — call TWAA President Kathy Bauer at 884-9172.

The collaborative work between TWAA, the Angel Guild and The Longbranch players highlights TWAA's commitment to working with local organizations for the benefit of promoting art and creating beauty on the Key Peninsula — from KPNorth to KPSouth.

The Two Waters Arts Alliance exists for the citizens of this community; help us keep our creative spirit alive and kicking by reserving your space in a fall class, teaching an art class or calling for membership information.

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Out & About



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Above: Kids were having a blast when Skate Night reopened at the Civic Center after a long summer break
Right: Vaughn Elementary fifth grader Brady Jacobs demonstrates "extreme skating."



KPMS teachers Karen Borders and Rya Diede were VIP guests of the Museum of Flight over the summer, attending the Teachers Advisory Board. The KPMS NASA team has been preparing for the launch of the NASA program at the school. An official kick-off in October will include a visit by an astronaut, NASA, state and local dignitaries.

Photo courtesy of Karen Borders



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Having a hoppin' good time on Herron Island during the annual summer party.



Photo by Danna Webster

Matthew and Nicholas, sons of the newly promoted Fire District 16 Division Chief Paul Bosch, are checking out the new firetrucks.



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Proud new owners Ron and Shirley Bustad opened doors to their newly remodeled Brookside Restaurant. Some patrons were overheard saying it was worth the wait.