

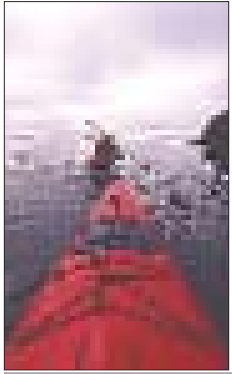
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Wauna FD opens

By Eric Livingood Nelsen
Special to KP News

The grand opening for the new Wauna Fire Station-1 is Saturday, Nov. 13. The open house is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a dedication ceremony about 3 p.m.

This new firetruck is open for inspection.

*Photo by
Hugh McMillan*

Sparky and the fire station personnel will host the occasion and the new fire engines, the water craft and the medic unit will be on display.

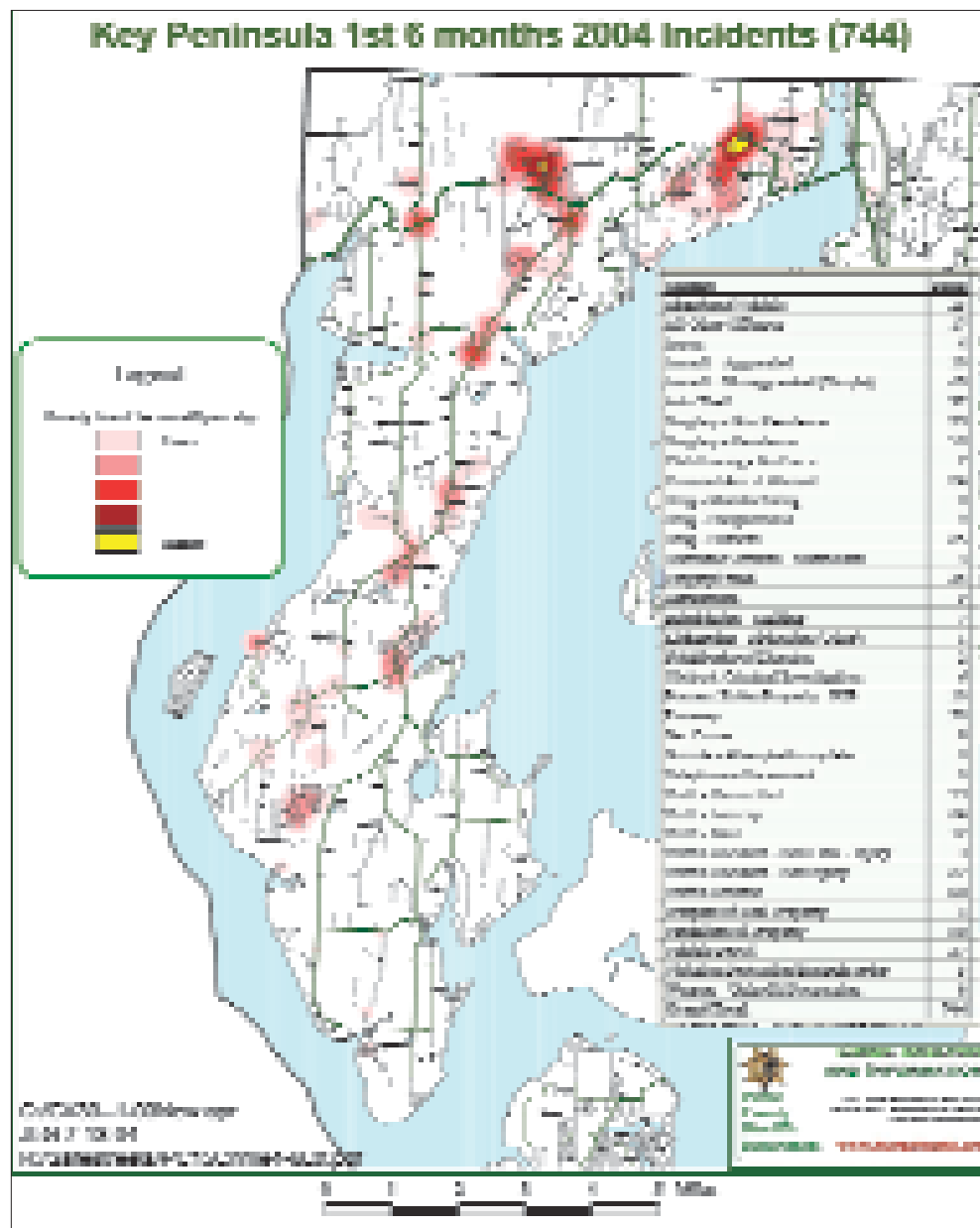
The new Wauna Fire Station is located on SR-302 across from the Renaissance Faire site. The public is invited to attend the grand opening.

Task force works to lower crime

By William C. Dietz
KP News

There were 744 crimes reported on the Key Peninsula during the first six months of 2004. That's the bad news. The good news is that a group called the Key Peninsula Crime Prevention Task Force is working with personnel from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department to bring that number down. The Task Force was organized last August and includes the Key Peninsula Community Council, the Pierce County Health Department, KP Community Services, the Washington Department of Corrections, the Peninsula School District, Fire District 16, the Citizens Patrol, IMPact, Safe Streets, Home Owners Associations, business owners, and private citizens. For a complete list of members go to www.keypennews.com.

According to Community Mobilization Specialist Dennis Taylor, who works for non-profit group Safe Streets, so much of the crime on the peninsula is caused by people trying to raise money to buy meth that the Task Force chose to focus its energy on finding and eliminating meth labs. That involves public outreach, enforcing the codes that apply to junked vehicles and illegal dumping, closing access to vacant land, beefing up citizen patrols, reenergizing block watch programs and targeting law enforcement. (For more information about meth addiction direct your browser to: <http://www.hhs.gov/>).



Graphic courtesy of Dennis Taylor/Safe Streets

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Civic Center faces critical challenges

By Danna Webster
KP News

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA) has been hard hit. Rising costs and executive officer vacancies challenge the association's ability to keep the Civic Center doors open for community use.

The Civic Center is a historical treasure. In years gone by, 1922 through 1947, the Civic Center building was Vaughn Union High School. It was from this site, in 1912, that Vaughn High School student, Bertha Davidson, was informed that a motorized vehicle would drive down the country roads of the peninsula.

"We might all stand inside the school fence and watch it but under no circumstance should we step outside...We saw it; what a marvelous sight, no horses, moving along the road at a terrific speed, a horseless carriage, a Ford," Davidson wrote in Parade of the Pioneers.

The use and functions of the Civic Center are governed by KPCCA, a 30-member board. Their purpose is to serve the public and promote the welfare of the citizens in the Key Pen community. Today the Civic Center houses the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, the Key Peninsula Historical Society Museum, Two Waters Arts Alliance, Friday Skate Nights, Indoor Park, the outreach program of Comprehensive Mental Health, the WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Nutrition Program, the Senior Society, the Key Peninsula News office, several church programs, Boy Scout troops, and other groups, programs, classes and community events.

It is the rising cost of insurance that threatens the financial stability of the



Photo by Danna Webster

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is in dire need of volunteers to get involved on the board for the upcoming election of officers.

"We need new ideas, new people to do the work...What we are facing right now is a real turning point, whether or not we move into the 21st century."

-Sylvia Haase, KPCCA executive board

association. The cost has skyrocketed to more than \$24,000 a year, nearly a fifth of the annual budget.

"Our insurance costs have gone up 150 percent," says Sylvia Haase of the KPCCA executive board, "four years ago we paid \$10,000."

According to Haase, the costs to fix up the building in past years were covered by grants. There were grants for the roof, grants to paint the outside and the inside, grants for new windows, "but there are no grants to pay for insurance," she says.

Adding to the financial crisis are the decline in active association board membership and the vacancies on the executive officers' committee. Haase is

working on the nomination committee which is struggling to find people willing to take on the tasks of the executive committee and wrestle with the critical problems facing the association. They need to fill a 30 member Board, elect new executive officers, keep the integrity of the building as an historical treasure, honor the mission statement's pledge to kids, and find a way to pay for the insurance at \$500 a week.

"We need new ideas, new people to do the work...What we are facing right now is a real turning point, whether or not we move into the 21st century," Haase says.

-Edie Morgan contributed to this story.

Peninsula Light lowers rates

By Irene Torres
KP News

Peninsula Light Company's efforts to achieve rate relief for its 25,000 members will show up on October utility bills. A rate decrease results from the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) elimination of an energy surcharge to Northwest utilities and its customers.

The regular Kilowatt Hour (KWH) Energy Consumption charge for residential customers is 5.282 cents (0.05282) per kilowatt hour (KWH). The combined energy surcharge decreased from 6.25 cents per KWH (earlier this summer) to 5.5 cents.

The Power Cost Adjustment line on utility bills will reflect this decrease. It was separated from the regular Energy Consumption charge line item, to clarify the amount Pen Light customers pay for electricity from the BPA. Pen Light purchases all its electricity from the BPA, making it a "full requirements" customer.

"This is an encouraging step," said PenLight CEO Rob Orton. "However, our power costs are still influenced by the 2000 energy crisis and other regional decisions regarding allocation of the Northwest hydro resources. We are pushing for more rate relief."

News brief

Special public meeting called for the KPMPD

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Parks will hold the first in a series of special public meetings at 7 p.m., Nov. 10 at the Key Peninsula Middle School library.

The purpose of these meetings will be to inform the citizens of the Key Peninsula about the progress and projected budget of the KPMPD and to find out what the citizens wish the KPMPD to include in its park system plan. For more information, contact KPMPD President Paula DeMoss at 884-7650 or any park commissioner.

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Rain, rain stay away and flags will fly on Veterans' Day

By Danna Webster
KP News

November 11 is Veterans' Day. The Key Peninsula Veterans' Institute is dedicated to honoring veterans. This group receives casket flags from families of veterans as a loan. Each flag is catalogued and is given a pole which bears a bronze plaque with the name of the veteran. The steel pole holds the flag in a cement base at the Vaughn cemetery on Veterans' Day and Memorial Day holidays.

There will be 209 flags flying above the Vaughn cemetery on Nov. 11 if it is not raining. Scout Group 220 will assist in putting out the flags at 7 a.m. and



On Veterans' Day, 209 flags will wave in the clear sky at the Vaughn Bay Cemetery (as long as there is no rain).

Photo by
Danna Webster

Vaughn Cemetery directions

At the Vaughn 4-way stop near the Civic Center, continue west on Hall Road; turn north (right) on Van Slyke Road and follow it to the next four-way stop (Van Slyke curves west and becomes 100th Street). Continue through the 4-way stop on 100th Street to 186th Avenue. Turn south (left) and the cemetery entrance is on the west side of the road.

How to get involved

Families of veterans who wish to loan their casket flags may contact Roxann Woodridge at 884-4407. New flags received after Nov. 1 will be flown next Memorial Day 2005. Volunteers interested in helping and participating with the KP Veterans' Institute may contact Woodridge.

they will fly until 4 p.m. If it is raining on Nov. 11, the flags will not be flown.

"Putting the flags in dryers is hard on them," says Roxann Woodridge, contact person for the KP Veterans' Institute. However, flags will fly on Memorial Day rain or shine.

The Institute provides excellent care of each family's flag. They are stored in boxes and kept in a heated shed. The flags are on loan.

"The family always owns the flag," Woodridge says.

According to Woodridge, flags are

flown at the National Cemetery in Arlington but this is the only small group demonstration this side of the Cascade mountains.

In addition to honoring veterans with the flag observances, the Institute hosts the "Missing Man" ceremony in September. This is a tribute to all the men and women, of all services, missing in action or held as prisoners of war.

Their winter project is the placement of Christmas sharing-trees in local stores. Over 300 gifts are provided by proceeds from these trees to local veteran hospitals.



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Editorial

Members of the Pierce County KP Community Planning Board, myself included, are writing a vision statement. During the process, it occurred to me that many aspects of the Key Peninsula

can be seen at least two ways, starting with the division of the peninsula into two parts, KPN and KPS.

The Peninsula has two inlets, the Carr and the Case. Every 24 hours has two high tides and two low tides. Commuters have two options for travel, water and road. Housing facilities have two extremes, mansions and

one-man tents. Even farming is divisible between agriculture and aquaculture.

I've noted a similar dichotomy between residents. We have: landlubbers and sailors, pioneers and newcomers, snowbirds and nesting pigeons, gourmet chefs and meth cooks, hermits and community planners.

The community planners are writing one

vision statement that must preserve such qualities as: a land of opportunity, a Mecca of pristine beauty, and a neighborly place where dreams come true. It must also prepare for the natural progression of change 20 years from now. To accomplish this task, the planners need help from two sources, you and me.

Planning board member asks for respect before criticism

By Cristi Watson
Special to KP News

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Mr. Sorrels' letter in last month's issue. First, Kudos to you, Rick. You are active in your community and wish to make sure that decisions that affect this Peninsula are positive and non-infringing on anybody's constitutional rights. Hats off to you for standing by your beliefs and advocating for others to do the same. People need to be informed and involved in all matters that are being addressed in this



new venture the Key Peninsula is beginning. On the other hand, a grimace to you for sounding an alarm. I am one of those 15 selected individuals to be on the new Key Peninsula Community Planning Board. At our first meeting, I was introduced to the other members and I'm impressed and excited about the diverse selection. It is obvious that many agencies and Peninsula areas are represented by an individual on the Board. Personally, I plan on informing the people within my area of each meeting, and the results of meetings. We are representative of the community. We do not stand alone.

In a time when society has so many misgivings and insecurities, fear and appre-

hension, why can't it just be expressed that you can give us input and back us. Though I speak for myself, I'm sure the rest of the Board would concur that we encourage everyone to attend and voice their opinions, concerns, likes and dislikes, goals for what we can be, and voices for what we don't want to be. This is a wonderful time for all of us. Change is never easy. I for one am usually pulled kicking and screaming, but when it is inevitable to grow, than I wish to be there to help determine how that growth will take place. I have great faith in this 15 member Board and our facilitators that we will listen and relay people's interest, we are not going to "make decisions based only upon their

own individual personal prejudices and desires."

I look forward to seeing many people at our meetings watching us and assisting us. This Board's meetings as well as upcoming election are very important. People must become involved, people need to become involved.

I'm thankful for this opportunity and I think that we will make great strides for our community. Back us Mr. Sorrels, don't jump to conclusions and be an alarmist, isn't there enough mudslinging already?

Cristi Watson is the director of the KP Community Center/Food Bank and a member of the KP Community Planning Board.

Letters to the Editor

Doctor backs Dr. Matt Rice as state rep. candidate

It's an old movie cliché—the heroine collapses on stage and someone shouts out, "Is there a doctor in the house?" I think it's time to send a doctor to the house (the Washington State House of Representatives), and I think Dr. Matt Rice is that doctor. Our current system for providing medical care is in crisis and failing to meet the needs of our residents, with problems of access to care, skyrocketing malpractice costs leading to physicians fleeing the state, rising prescription costs, and one of the lowest Medicare reimbursement rates in the nation. Tort reform is part of the solution, but with years of experience as a practicing emergency room physician, he also has first hand knowledge of the problems facing patients as they try to work their way through the labyrinth of rules, regulations and roadblocks to good health care accessible to all. Dr. Rice also has extensive teaching experience, and has operated a successful small business providing service in Washington State for years. I feel its time

for a change in Olympia and its time to send them a physician for the health of Washington residents, small businesses, and teachers.

*William F. Roes M.D.
Key Center*

Lind continues to be involved in KP park matters

This is an update of where my life has been since I left the Key Peninsula Park Board in January. I love parks, working for parks and making a difference in our park system but I have been slowed down for several months waiting for the KP Metro Park Board to get organized.

I got permission from the new board to continue to facilitate the women from WCCW to go to Rocky Creek Conservation Area once a month for clean up and to continue with Friends of Home Park to clean up Home Park. Also I asked to organize the workdays like Make-a-Difference Day (October) and Earth Day (April) where we invite the public to join in for a day in the park. On Sat. Oct. 30 at 1 p.m., we will meet at Home Park to clean up for the winter. Contact Nancy Lind at 884-3347 for more information.

Since January, I sponsored three

public meetings about the old Wauna Post Office and the traffic on SR 302. Those meetings were very well attended and while no decisions could be made, we were able to discuss the subject in a very civilized manner and reiterate the obvious, that there are many who want the building gone, many who want it saved and that the traffic is what it is and what it will be for sometime.

Today (Oct. 18) I have no new news to report about the building because no developments can move forward until the Pierce County Park District and our new KP Metro Park District can have discussions about the entire Purdy Sandspit Park, which would include the post office. Both KP and the Gig Harbor Metro districts have decisions to make about all the county parks on this side of the Narrows Bridge. Gig Harbor is having those discussions now.

Until KPMPD is ready to talk about the two county parks on this side of the Purdy Bridge (Sandspit Park and a little beach property at the Herron ferry landing), the building will have to hang in there and wait for rescue which hopefully will be sooner than later.

*Nancy Lind
Home*

Key to Learning Childcare moves to new location

I just want to announce that we are relocating to a home in the Lake Kathryn/Horseshoe Lake area. Upon hearing of our move, I have had so many people ask if I am retiring. Absolutely not! I don't know how I will ever be able to, as my daycare is a passion—not a job.

I'm really quite fortunate and clever! Remember when your kids thought that you were the smartest, prettiest, strongest, fastest, funniest person on earth? Well...at age 61, I've had young children in my home for 42 years. So about the time my own children realized I wasn't all of the above, I brought in my "bonus" children—my daycare families! Of course they are not saying I'm the "prettiest" like they do to their moms, but they have their own "special way" of complimenting me. Like the day they asked how I got the special X on my back, I told them I didn't have one, I even checked my mirror. Then they showed me the two deep creases in the skin on the back of my neck, a perfect X I didn't even know I had! Wow!

Then there was the time my sweet

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Photo by Danna Webster

Terry Thomas, right, welcomes customers to come in and browse before the grand opening.

Some things old and some things new at the Country Garden

By Danna Webster
KP News

There is a new store ready for business on SR-302. Terry's Country Garden is opening in the building next door to the New Brookside restaurant.

Owner Terry Thomas is anxious to open. Since the property was already zoned C-1 and Thomas was asking for reduced use, she expected a timely, less complicated process to meet county requirements and codes. She has struggled with county paper work since last

April. She hung up her "Open" sign on her mercantile-style store Oct. 25.

This winter, Thomas will introduce some of the produce and merchandise she has in mind. She is hoping to have her new building full of merchandise by spring.

Eventually the store will offer farm produce, herbs, vintage and modern cookware, jewelry, beads and also the floral arranging talents of Thomas. Springtime will bring the creation of an organic garden club and fresh produce from gardens located on the property.

The Key Center Moreland corner has a new owner

By Danna Webster
KP News

Moreland and Sons had planned to move their corner shop at the flashing light in Key Center in about 18 months but Eric Moreland and Steve Skibbs, of Windermere, reached a mutual agreement that made now the right time.

Building plans for a second store on the Moreland garage property are about one year out. Moreland thinks having the parts and service businesses combined improves the company's ability to serve customers. The combination allows technicians to be available to help people who want to do their own parts installations.

Everything from the corner parts store has been moved into the service garage except for the showroom, according to owner Eric Moreland. Bringing the two stores together has made it possible to "notch things down a little bit and enjoy life,"



Photo by Danna Webster

Manuela Moreland and Kevin B. check out the consolidation of the parts and service departments.

Moreland says.

The Moreland Automotive corner property was purchased by Steve Skibbs. Skibbs is part owner with Joyce Tovey of the KP Windermere office across the street from the Key Center flashing light.

According to Skibbs, plans for the newly purchased corner building will be finalized after Tovey's return from her European vacation.



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Our motto is: "Without YOU...There can be no US!!" This Thanksgiving, we would like to thank those that have contributed to us this year. We wish that we could expound on each agency, individual and family that has been with us this year, each is so vital and different in their generosity and support but that is not possible in this space. Please just know that you are all in our hearts and prayers for a wonderful holiday season and we hope to continue with our productive alliance:

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*To know good books and share their worth,
To plant bright flowers in rich
brown earth...*

*To have true friends...this is living
And reason enough for Thanksgiving.*

~ Edith Shaw Butler



The Trading Post is a *treasury* of antique stoves

Wood stoves, cook stoves, coal stoves, heat stoves, when you step into Don Fegley's Key Center Trading Post, history abounds. This charming and colorful man has been restoring stoves for 30 years, shipping from local areas to Mongolia. Price and age vary from stove to stove, oldest 1845 and almost shrine like, most expensive \$19,000.00 and entrancing. It's Don's craftsmanship and the ability to turn trash to gold that brings movie stars and athletes, Warren Miller, who owns a stove; Disney's bought a few, the television series "Northern Exposure" has one, and a few rock stars have placed their orders.

To stand in front of a stove and close your eyes,

you can envision many things. A grandmother baking after stoking the stove, dad bringing in wood and the family sharing the day's adventures while warming by the fire. Then there's the piece of art that was a Victorian family's pride and joy and the center of many a men's congregation or a women's stitchery group. To look at Don's stoves you begin to wish each could tell the story of where it has been.

As to where Don's been, it's here for the most part. Don happened on the site as a real estate agent looking for listings 30 years ago. To see a piece before Don tackles it and to stand before the finished product, you realize what an incredible love for his craft this man has, but alas, Don is

retiring! All items are being reduced in his store and all will be up for sale soon.

Will Don and Peggy, his wife of 42 years, travel? Be snowbirds? Do exotic things? Nope...just spend time at home and enjoy. Don celebrated his 75th birthday in October, and with his attitude, knowledge and sense of humor, you know he'll celebrate many more here.

So if you're kicking around Key Center someday and you want to see some history and beauty go talk to Don, and while you're there, check out the one of a kind waffle iron, a true work of love. Keep in touch, Don, and enjoy.



Don Fegley stands by a restored wood stove. Stoves were once the second largest industry in the U.S.

Story by
Cristi Watson



Above, One of many vintage stoves in owner Don Fegley's store. All items in the Key Center Trading Post are on sale since the news of Fegley's retirement.

Photos by Danna Webster



The New Brookside Restaurant opens

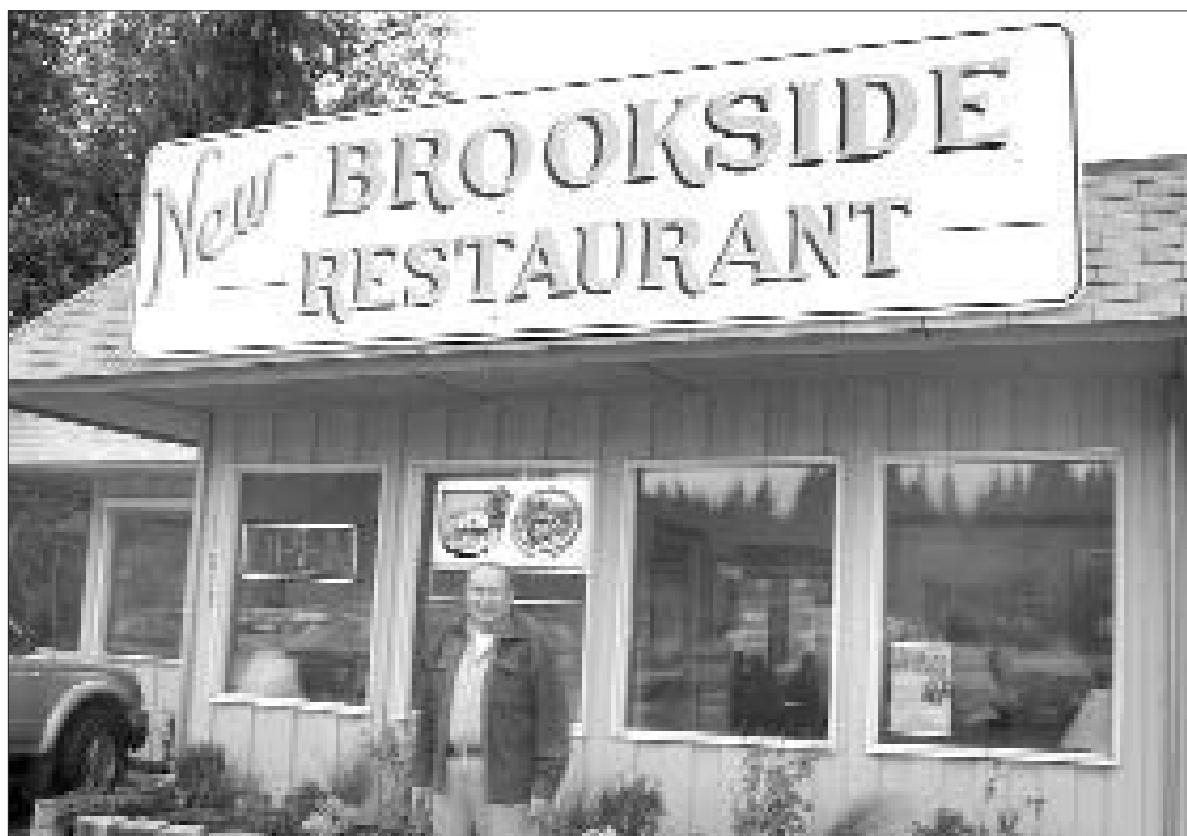
By Colleen Slater
KP News

Owning an eating establishment has long been a dream of Ron Bustad, owner of The New Brookside Restaurant. His working career included various jobs, starting as a junk dealer, and retiring in 1992 from his own company which manufactured airplane control panels. Restaurant work was never in his resume.

Bustad and wife Shirley purchased property on "Driftwood Point" across from McNeil Island with plans to build a church camp there. When objections in the neighborhood canceled that idea, they kept part of it for a home of their own, developed, subdivided and sold the rest. On retirement, they moved to the Key Peninsula as permanent residents. Bustad, involved in real estate, kept his eye out for property where he could build a new restaurant. At one point he found there were several people in the Lakebay Covenant Church, to which they belonged, looking for work. This prompted him to consider the Brookside Restaurant at Minter, which had been closed for several years, to take care of both ideas.

This property was in an ideal location, had been a popular eating place for many peninsula residents, and could employ several people when operating again.

Shirley, not always enthusiastic over some of Bustad's ideas, gave full support to this one. They had no idea of the reality of turning the building into an approved restaurant. They scrubbed and painted the kitchen, added insulated windows, replaced part of the roof, installed new heating and air conditioning, and added new kitchen equipment. It all took longer than expected.



Brookside Restaurant owner Ron Bustad optimistic about business at the new family establishment on the Key Peninsula.

Photo by Colleen Slater

They hoped to open last June, but had to postpone the date until late August. Kathy Moran, the dining room manager, has been a blessing to them, says Bustad. Her extensive experience in varied restaurants helped them plan and carry out their vision. She assisted in some of the hiring of the new staff. Tobie Sparling, kitchen manager, and head cook Jonathan Guerrero are also important people in the operation of the Brookside.

Within days after their grand opening, the restaurant was closed. There were problems with the computers and more training by the staff was required. The response to their opening was better than expected, and they literally ran out

of some food. Personnel situations also needed attention. By Sept. 5, they reopened and have maintained a steady business since. Bustad noted his accountant said receipts are close to double what they used to be. He has added beer and wine to the menu, although with reluctance. He wants to maintain this as a family restaurant, but a large percentage of customers requested this addition.

Terry Thomas, who owns the neighboring building with two new businesses starting up, has shared landscaping, parking, the water system and some future plans. In the spring they intend to put up picnic tables under the trees between the two buildings.

As it turned out, Bustad didn't hire the people he intended to employ, but knows he helped others who needed work, and he's pleased with the staff.

Bustad enjoys working with people, and likes to greet and visit with his customers. He spends about half of each day at the Brookside and calls himself the "go-fer" as he runs errands, makes phone calls, and sees that everything is running as it should.

Unforeseen problems come with any new business venture, but Ron and Shirley are pleased to see this long held dream of his become a reality. The New Brookside is open, and welcomes customers old and new to enjoy a family dining experience.

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Vaughn opened this year with a new principal

By Danna Webster
KP News

Though Principal Mike Benoit is a newcomer to Vaughn, he brings 17 years of educational experience with him. For eleven years, he taught third through sixth in Federal Way and for six years he was principal at Sherwood Forest Elementary. He appreciates that Vaughn is a great school. He walks out his office door to tour the building and comments, "The teachers are exceptional. The entire staff is dedicated and experienced."

Being selected as principal for Vaughn fulfilled goals for Benoit's professional career and his personal life, too. Vaughn is an exceptional elementary school, Benoit points out, from the people who work and serve here to the families and students who attend. The building architecture is top of the line for versatility in classroom design and for functional capacities of the cafeteria, stage, auditorium combination.

"The greatest predictor of success is parent involvement."

- Principal Mike Benoit

Even some furnishings are extraordinary like the computer banks and lab acquired through grants from Intel and the Gates Foundation.

The Benoit (pronounced Ben-wah) family fell in love with Gig Harbor and the Peninsula area. They moved to Gig Harbor and Mike Benoit sought an opportunity to work in the same district where his kids would attend school. The family plan and dreams were fulfilled when the Vaughn position opened up and he was fortunate enough to be selected.

As a new principal, getting acquainted with 470 students and their families is a big part of the transition. Supervising the




Standing in front of their new principal Mike Benoit are Landon Skoglund, third grade, Lizzie Lincoln, second grade, and Jake Gilman, fifth grade.

Photo by
Danna Webster


programs provided for students is highly demanding. Teachers are focusing on diagnostic strategies in order to be specific with their plans for students. They want to provide "a faster pace for some and support for others," Benoit says. "We use the best strategies and find where the kids are. Then we can look at kids individually instead of teaching to a group." Vaughn is rich with support programs. Communities in Schools, Title I tutoring, a science laboratory and Cultural Enrichment classes are part of the daily provisions.

Coming up next for the school is student-parent-teacher conferences. These are scheduled for the five school days before Thanksgiving. Students will attend half day class sessions to allow optimal scheduling for conferences. "The greatest predictor of success is parent involvement," Benoit says. "Parents are the most important teacher of kids. We want parents in schools. This is one great opportunity, the conferences in November, where we meet, discuss and set goals for the school year," Benoit says sounding just like a teacher.



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KP News

The mission control room was really just a decorated gym and the astronauts in training were ordinary middle school students—but the liftoff of the Key Peninsula Middle School's NASA Explorer program was nonetheless impressive. The October launch ceremony, attended by state and local dignitaries as well as NASA representatives including astronaut Nicholas Patrick, was filled with praise for the school and a promising future for its students.

"As I look around this room, I see NASA's future," said Ames Research Center Deputy Director Stan Newberry, who focused on the breadth of opportunities at NASA outside of the science field — from cooking and landscaping to writing.

"Don't be afraid to dream... Every man and woman who works at NASA started out just like you," said Newberry, who grew up in rural Georgia.

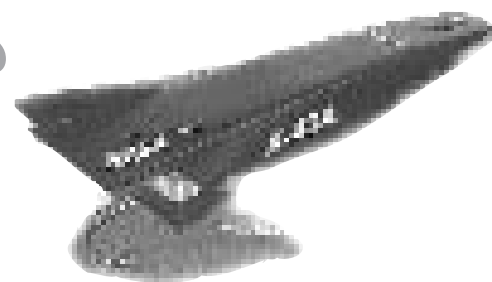
Dr. Patrick, NASA astronaut waiting for his first mission, echoed similar hopes. Pointing to an astronaut footprint left on the Moon, he told the students that someday one of them might leave a similar footprint on Mars.

"What I have seen here has really impressed me," Patrick, a former Seattle resident who worked for Boeing, said. "I can't think of a better school we could have picked."

KPMS' NASA Explorer program lifts off

"As I look around this room, I see NASA's future."

Ames Research Center Deputy Director Stan Newberry



Part of the Key Peninsula Middle School NASA team visited the Ames Research Center in California during the summer to receive training on the program. Left to right: Top row, Rya Diede, Kareen Borders and Phyllis Krueger; front row, David Locey, Ron Stark and NASA representative Brian Hawkins.

Photo courtesy of
Kareen Borders

Patrick wasn't the only one impressed by the school. After science teacher Kareen Borders applied for the program, the application went through several rounds of reviews and cuts. When asked what made KPMS stand out in the very competitive process, Newberry told KP News part of the

school's strengths were demonstrated at the kickoff: the team spirit, strong organization, school district and community support.

"The school was a perfect match," he said.

NASA selects 50 schools from across the nation for the program, which is in

its second year. KPMS is the first and only Washington state school to participate — which means the school's NASA team and the district will have opportunities to share their experience with schools statewide.

Although the three-year program is focused on math and sciences, it will be integrated across the curriculum to include social studies and language arts, Borders said.

In addition to a variety of resources, training, materials, hands-on and interactive activities, NASA will also provide a \$17,500 grant over the three years, which will be used to purchase video-conferencing equipment, technology and other materials.

"They have been pretty flexible with our needs," Borders said, adding that the students have been very engaged and excited.

It will be a while before the students get a complete taste of what the honor means, but at the launch ceremony they demonstrated the school pride with exceptional behavior and respect for the guests. This earned them a thumbs up from the state Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson, praise from Peninsula School District Superintendent Jim Coolican, and a standing ovation from the rest of the visitors.

Principal Dennis Nugent summed it up nicely at the assembly. "We are all so proud of you," he told the students. "You really showed Cougar pride today."



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Jim Penfield lived a full, outstanding life

PENFIELD PART II:

By Keith Stiles
Special to KP News

This is the second of a two part series on the life of the Honorable J. K. Penfield.

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.

There was no letup in activity for Penfield in the postwar period of 1948 to 1961, as he served the State Department in Prague, London, and Vienna, became married to Ann (Bordman) Penfield, and was appointed deputy director of African affairs. In 1961 Penfield was named United States Ambassador to Iceland, serving a five-year term there until he ended his State Department service in Washington and New York dealing with U.S. representation at the United Nations, and retiring to Longbranch in 1970. He also represented the U.S. government at the coronation ceremony of Britain's Queen Elizabeth. His signature was also the official U.S. one on the treaty that reunited the various pieces of Austria in the years following World War II.

Jim and Ann Penfield settled on the property previously owned by the Sloan family along the Longbranch shore, and the years 1971 and 1972 were devoted to the building of their home there, which Penfield named "The New Madrone."

During most of the 1970s, Jim and Ann Penfield were highly active in the Longbranch community, with Jim serving with the fire department at Station 4 and working with Ann and others to establish the first health clinic on the grounds of the Longbranch Church. They were also active members of the Longbranch Improvement Club. Jean Brodsack, one of the mainsprings of the health clinic from the earliest days, remembers Penfield as a "man with a cool head, who always got things done." The clinic eventually moved to Key Center in a building obtained through HUD (U.S. government) funding, and shared space with the Key Center Library. During this



period, Penfield's first wife, Ann, passed away, and he remarried in 1978.

Penfield, along with John Steiner and Roy Madsen, was instrumental in the acquisition, funding, and development of Volunteer Park on the Key Peninsula Highway, now about to become a part of the Metropolitan Park District.

In his final years, Jim divided his time between his beloved "New Madrone" and a residence in Seattle, and never lost his lifelong love for Longbranch and Filucy Bay.

Services for Jim Penfield were conducted on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Longbranch Church with the Rev. William Meyer officiating. Immediately following the service, those in attendance walked to the nearby Longbranch Cemetery to the organ strains of Strauss' "Rudisky March," a piece of music special to Jim Penfield from his days serving the United States at the ceremony for Austrian reunification.

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



Photos courtesy of Penfield family

Top, "Our man in Egypt, 1954." Bottom, "Our man in Greenland, 1941-'43."

A Fitting Tribute To A Special Lady - Nancy Austin Elken

Photos & story by Colleen Slater • KP News

Spinners assembled in the Civic Center gym on Oct. 9 to demonstrate their love and talents at a "Spin-in" to celebrate the life of Nancy Austin Elken. She died in August after a long battle with cancer. Friends and family gathered to exchange memories and admire Nancy's work set up around the room - sweaters, vests, hats, shawls, and yarns. Her first spinning wheel, the first sweater from her own spun yarn, and her many awards were also on display.

Nancy, who would have been 70 that day, was remembered in stories shared and an impromptu rendition of Happy Birthday.

Husband Sandy Elken hosted the event, with lots of help from Ruth Haworth and members of the six guilds to which Nancy belonged. Sandy shared humorous stories as well as touching experiences.

Santa for four generations of the Hazell family in Seattle, Sandy brought his new bride as "Mrs. Clause" one year. She enjoyed participating in that role for their 35 years of marriage. Nancy was thoughtful and had a great sense of humor, commented the Hazell women.

Nancy was introduced to spinning by her Aunt Jenny on a visit to Norway, but it was twelve years before she took up the craft herself, after she retired from her secretarial job.

Sweaters and vests Nancy made for herself were available for those who donated to a favorite charity of the Elkens' - The Elk's Children's Therapy Program.

Nancy's grandfather had the Austin sawmill in Vaughn 100 years ago. At a meeting of the Key Peninsula Historical Society early this year, she was delighted to know that some present could tell her where the mill was.

"Nancy was a generous soul," said Alana Ryals, "always willing to help and share."

Jean Schwartz noted, "She was down to earth, genuine, easy to talk to."

"Always go in with a smile," was advice from Nancy to "adopted granddaughter" Wendy, 17, who learned lots of little things in five-minute "lessons."

Nancy taught without instructing, several friends said. She never made suggestions unless asked, and often only said, "This is how I do it."

For 15 years Nancy drove to monthly meetings of the Valley Spinners in Snohomish. Dorothy Davis and Anna Rose Wanser said she returned to her choir practice that evening. Music was another love of hers, dating back to school days and participation in choirs and orchestra.



Molly Gerhard, a member of the Sheep to Shawl team with Nancy, wore the shawl made this year from a design and colors selected by Nancy. Included in the shawl are floating Tussah silk fibers spun by Nancy and sent to Molly when Nancy was too ill to participate this year. Each year, the team makes a shawl, competes at the Puyallup Fair, and it is auctioned off at the December meeting. This year, because of Nancy's death, the team decided to keep the shawl among themselves, so each member could wear it for special occasions.

In Nancy's third year of spinning, she entered the Puyallup Fair competition, and won two blues and a red ribbon. Sandy encouraged her to enter the sweaters at the Evergreen Fair in Monroe. She entered 12 items and walked away with 11 blue ribbons and 7 special awards for creativity.

She later entered her "red ribbon" vest in the "Make it from Wool" contest, which required Washington wool. She won Best of Show.

Local spinner Peg Robertson once sold a black lamb's fleece to Nancy. Neither she nor Sandy know if that was the fleece used to make the famous red ribbon sweater.

In retirement, as the Elkens lived full time in their travel trailer, Nancy included a loom and folding spinning wheel in their limited space.

These "spinners of yarns" assembled to pay tribute to Nancy were a real testimony to who and what she was - a special lady with a gift for helping where she could, without fanfare.

Nancy is missed by many, but her gentle, encouraging spirit remains with all who knew and worked with her.

Right, Spin-in participants at Key Peninsula Civic Center.



Above, Spinners Clyde Allen from Bremerton, Peg Robertson from Longbranch, Sharon Haggerty from Bellevue.

"Nancy was a generous soul, always willing to help and share."

-Alana Ryals

Families for Kids needs foster homes

Families for Kids is seeking volunteer families to provide nurturing foster homes for children. Prospective foster families are single or married, men and women, all races, all religions, homeowners and renters, over 21 years old, self-supporting, emotionally stable and mature, and able to pass a criminal background check. If interested call 1-888-794-1794.

Bayshore Garden Club

The Bayshore Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Longbranch Fire Station. The hostess is Doris Hoover. There will be a special guest, Brett Johnson, the "Green Man" from Mercer Island. The theme program is by Sylvia Retherford and the Design of the Month is by Peg Robertson. For more information call Sylvia Retherford at 253-884-2487.

Friends of the Key Peninsula Library present evening programs

A presentation by the Tacoma Art Museum discussing the exhibit, "A Sense of Place" at 7 p.m. Nov. 10. Using works from the permanent collection, the speaker will demonstrate how various artists have interpreted their surroundings.

Jazz Musette on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. Come for a fun evening of music. This quintet plays "cool jazz," but often slides into more rousing music. This is the group's traditional music program for December.

All programs will be held at the Key Pen Library.

Looking for a few good angels

Winter weather is coming and Angel Guild is stocking winter clothing in the store. Come see our gently used merchandise. We are short handed due to our hard working Angels being ill and some having surgery. Our thoughts and best wishes are with all of them. We are most appreciative of the Angels who are working extra shifts to fill in the gaps.

If you are new to the area and looking for a fun and gratifying activity, look into being an Angel.

We need people who have time to commit to an activity. It takes dedication but you will become acquainted with some great people. You will also have a sense of helping others. That is the

purpose of Angel Guild. Come in the shop, check out the new stock and daily specials. If you can, sign up for training to be an Angel.

Join us. For more information, e-mail Betty Barkubein at bbarkubein@juno.com.

Community planning board sets November meetings

The next meetings for the Key Peninsula Pierce County Community Planning Board are Wednesday, Nov. 3 and Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the KPMS Library.

The board is in the process of drafting a vision statement for Key Peninsula. The Oct. 19 meeting was well attended. Input from the general public on agenda items is encouraged. The final 15 minutes of the meetings are reserved for general public comment. For more information, see www.piercecountywa.org/landuse.

Food bank needs items for Thanksgiving baskets

Key Peninsula Community Services and Food Bank needs help providing supplies for their Thanksgiving baskets. These items are needed to provide Key Peninsula residents with a Thanksgiving dinner. Executive Director Cristi Watson reports a large increase over the number of people making Thanksgiving requests last year. Thanksgiving basket needs for this year are: turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie makings, flour, sugar, evaporated milk, yams, onions, and rolls. Also looking for these items: Jell-O, cocoa, milk, marshmallows, olives, celery, butter/margarine, gravy (ready-made), eggs and fruit cocktail.

Please drop off items at the Food Bank or call 884-4440 for more information.

KP Senior Society celebrates anniversary

The Key Peninsula Senior Society celebrated their 25th anniversary in September with a special meal and decorations. President Virginia Adkisson, as chief decorator, used flowers, grapes and wine bottles on the tables to make it a festive occasion. Thirty-one attended, including seven presidents, current and past, and other members who hadn't attended in awhile.

Past Presidents honored were Ruth Blakemore, Bea Emil, Mildred Justice, Bob Smith, Chuck Williamson, Helen Wolniewicz, and Adkisson.

Ham, scalloped potatoes, several side



Story and photo by Danna Webster

KP Food Bank receives funding from the Pink Panther Motorcycle Association.

L-R: Thom Sears, chapter director; Gale Brian Nickel, assistant director; Cristi Watson, KP Community Services executive director; Bud Ulsh, KP Community Services president; Marv Scott, Pink Panther educator and ride coordinator.

KP Food bank receives funding from Pink Panther motorcycle association

By Danna Webster
KP News

The good works of the Key Peninsula Community Services and Food Bank were recognized by the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, chapter G. Chapter G of GWRRA is also known as the Pink Panthers.

At their recent Oktoberfest in Key Center, the Pink Panther raised money which they donated to the KP Community Services and to FISH in Gig Harbor. Food Bank director Cristi Watson and Community Services president Bud Ulsh accepted the checks for their organization.

The Pink Panthers are an association of people who "like to ride a motorcycle," says Thom Sears,

Chapter Director. He explains it is not a club and they don't vote. Three co-ordinators carry on the organization work which includes planning rides and safety education. At this breakfast meeting, Pink Panther members were cautioned about riding in the autumn season. They were told that falling leaves are a visual and traction hazard, the asphalt on the new road surfaces becomes oily and the painted lines are slick.

The Pink Panthers and GWRRA are an international organization with over 100,000 members, which began in 1977. Membership is open to owners and riders of any brand of street bike. For information about GWRRA contact Thom Sears at 858-1771.

dishes and a lovely cake were enjoyed by all. The members had a great time visiting and reminiscing.

Other seniors are encouraged to join. Seniors meet for a potluck lunch every Thursday at noon in the Whitmore

Room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, and spend the afternoon at various card games. Once a month they have a party. All seniors are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call Rose, 884-5052.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer spotlight

Captain Jim Siburg

Students who work Thursday afternoons in the KPMS After 'Ours Program may have the opportunity to study with ferry boat captain Jim Siburg. This is the third year Captain Siburg has volunteered for the program, a program that is served by all the members of the Siburg family.

The first hour of Thursday's after school class is devoted to homework but after that the subject becomes navigation.

Maps, charts, compass and knots are the text books for this class. Students learn a different knot in every class. "Everybody needs knots," says Siburg, "the world is not all Velcro."

When weather permits, the class may move outside for a compass course. Siburg wants students to see how the

"Everybody needs knots. "The world is not all Velcro."

-Captain Jim Siburg

compass and maps relate and how that knowledge can be used in the field. He hopes that he is getting students to think in a new direction. He wants his students to have a sense that "it's a whole world, not just the Key Peninsula." Then they might realize that they have a whole world of choices.

He tells students, "There are 360 degrees in a compass rose, which direction do you want to go in life?"

For more information about the KPMS After 'Ours program, contact Jan Siburg at 884-5725.

-Story & photo by Danna Webster



Jim Siburg reports for duty at KPMS on Thursday afternoons. He directs students to finish homework and then explore all the 360 degrees of direction possibilities in life.

Volunteer opportunities

Children's Home Society needs volunteers to assist with the Holiday Helper program. Call for details. Also needed is an ongoing person with office skills. Contact Edie Morgan at 884-5433.

Communities in Schools of Peninsula is looking for adult mentors for elementary age children for after school reading programs at Vaughn and Evergreen Elementary Schools. Also need adult math mentors for Key Peninsula Middle School students. Spend one hour a week with a student helping them be more successful in school. Contact Colleen Speer at 884-5733.

Key Peninsula Community Services needs rest area workers to help hand out cookies and coffee to travelers. Qualifications? A smile and a welcome heart! Call Cristi Watson at 884-4440.

Key Peninsula Middle School AFTER 'OURS Program needs individuals interested in helping as academic tutors in academic classes or offering to teach a class within your own comfort zone and talents. Opportunities are available September through May for people to share their knowledge and interest with students as volunteer enrichment instructors such as automotive care, mechanics, dance, photography, arts, and more. Contact Jan Siburg at 884-4800.

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From Pioneer Stock First White Woman Settler on Henderson Bay

By Colleen Slater
KP News

When Josephine Fuller married Horace Knapp in 1885, she became the first white woman to live on Henderson Bay, says granddaughter Laura (Knapp) Otto. Josephine was honored with a street name in Purdy, which later was changed to 67th Street.

In 1885, the forests were full of game and the bay full of fish. Local Native Americans fished and dug clams on the beaches. Horace, from Pennsylvania, logged near Steilacoom in 1869. He arrived in the Purdy area in 1883, and purchased 19 acres of land for \$23.75. Soon he turned the land into town sites of lots and blocks and sold most of it to encourage more settlers.

Joseph Purdy, a Tacoma grocer, agreed to donate land and lumber for a school if the area was named for him. Horace built the school. Earl and Seth Knapp, sons of Horace, attended, along with children who rowed across from the Wauna side. The one-room school was replaced in the early 1890s, and students attended a semester at Purdy, then a semester at Wauna to keep two schools operating. The second Purdy school is now a private residence near Laura's home.

Josephine Fuller and brother Theodore came from Minnesota to visit their father, who homesteaded and logged a large amount of land across the Burley Lagoon from Purdy. In a speech given in 1929 to the Peninsula District Federation of Women's Clubs, Josephine described the journey from their arrival in Tacoma on a cold day in February. "...we found ourselves barricaded with from four to six feet of



snow...We planned to get out to Father's cabin on Henderson Bay immediately,...casually inquired the way...few had ever heard of the bay." They wrote a letter to their father, and had to wait three weeks for his arrival. Tacoma at that time had two hotels.

In their father's rowboat, "We rowed and rowed, got tired and rowed some more until we landed 10 o'clock at night on the flats near Wauna, for of course the tide was out. We couldn't continue our trip until 3 a.m." Mr. House and George McCormick had a little shack on the beach and offered them beans, bread and black coffee.

Josephine stayed awhile, then lived in Tacoma for a time, and returned to the area as a bride, living in a small house near the sandspit. They were often called to ferry people across from the sandspit.

The 'Bob Irving,' a flat-bottomed



Photo courtesy of Knapp family

Above, Family of Earl and Lily Knapp at 1935 family reunion at home of Minnie Minter, sister-in-law to Josephine. Laura Otto is youngest child. Left, Josephine Fuller Knapp, first white woman settler on Henderson Bay, 1884.

Mr. House and George McCormick had a little shack on the beach and offered them beans, bread and black coffee.

stern-wheeler delivered mail and freight to Purdy inhabitants. The cargo was unloaded on the beach, and everyone gathered to sort out their own. The Knapps had a large shed on the beach, and let neighbors store freight there until they could retrieve it.


In 1892, County Commissioners authorized a drawbridge to be built from the sandspit to Purdy. A large key fit into a slot-swinging turnstile. Tugboats arriving to collect logs in the Burley Lagoon signaled one long and two short whistles when near Dead Man's Island.

Horace or one of his sons unlocked the bridge to let the tug through.

Earl, a rigger on this bridge, was big for his age, and often did a man's work while still a boy. He married Lily Forsberg of Tacoma, and they had ten children, nine surviving to adulthood.

Forest, youngest son, once wrote that he and some of his brothers bulldozed the land for the new Peninsula High School in 1946. Their payment was free Peninsula High football games for the rest of their lives.

Laura, youngest of the Earl Knapp family, lives on some of her grandfather's property. She is the family genealogist, and has created annual family history gift books for the past seven years, with another installment ready when she hosts the extended family on Christmas Eve. She enjoys recording her pioneer roots.



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Even a cursory look at the map on the cover shows that the areas having the highest crime rates include Lake Holiday, Lake Of The Woods, Horseshoe Estates, Greentree/97th, the Lake Kathryn shopping center, Key Center, and Palmer Lake. For a more precise read-out on your particular neighborhood logon to: piercescounty-crime.com and choose "Neighborhood." Enter your address and or street to see what crimes have taken place in your vicinity.

The reasons for the concentration of crime vary. Taylor says, "We found a positive correlation between the number of rentals in a community and problem drug houses. There are lots of rentals in Horseshoe Lake Estates, Greentree/97th, Lake of the Woods, Lake Holiday, and Palmer Lake.

"Palmer Lake used to have more of a problem," Taylor continues. "But now they have a very active Block Watch and Citizens' Patrol. That demonstrates

that improvements can be made." And the trend is definitely in the right direction. "As of 2002 we had about 1,918 incident reports," Taylor says, "for 2003 about 1,625, and in 2004 we're on pace for about 1,500."

But the community can only do so much and that's where the Sheriff comes in.

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-Dennis Taylor, task force

Terry Lee, Pierce County Councilman, District 7, had this to say: "Response right now comes from University Place or South Hill between 3 o'clock and 7 o'clock in the morning in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area. We've had a lot of break-ins between 3 o'clock and 7 o'clock in the morning.

I'm pretty sure that's going to drop off when the crooks know there are police on duty."

When asked whether adding deputies to the Gig Harbor and Peninsula patrols will deprive other communities Lee said, "No, this is all additional staff. They're coming from Lakewood. This year they decided to create their own police department. They hired some deputies but some were left over. We're taking 18 out of about 35 officers and spreading them around three areas including Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula, Mountain Dispatch up by Eatonville, and the plateau by Bonney Lake. We're going to wind up with 24-hour protection county-wide as a result."

But, even with all the activity by the Crime Prevention Task Force and county government, the task of fighting crime starts at home. Community Mobilization Specialist Taylor puts it this way: "Secure your property, secure your neighborhood, and get involved in the community."

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild sells Advent wreaths

The Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild is having its annual fundraiser and luncheon at the Longbranch Improvement Club on Nov. 11. This is a private function, and all benefits will go towards the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

The Guild has 20 members, who fund raise money in different ways. They meet during the summer to work on arts and crafts, which will be sold at the auction.

During spring they usually have a "spring" project," and they also participate in selling advent wreaths as a winter project. The advent wreaths can be purchased by contacting a guild member to order it for you. Wreath orders can be shipped across the country.

The Dr. Penrose Guild on the Key Peninsula was founded in 1958 and is one of 44 active guilds in Washington. For more information on the local Guild call the president, Marlies Van Cise at 884-5608.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

Our Harvest Festival was a huge success this year! We had a fabulous turnout from the community with their donations of money, candy, prizes along with many business sponsored game booths. We had over 300 kids who enjoyed the fun! We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the businesses who help sponsor this year's festival:

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55,000 people attend Renaissance Fantasy Faire

By Ron Cleveland,
CEO Renaissance Fantasy Faire

The Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire enjoyed an attendance of 55,000 people this year, even though we had rain parts of three days over the course of the event and the final weekend was mostly a downpour.

The Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire has become the second largest annual paid theatrical event in the State of Washington. Certainly there are bigger events but not theater and not with a paid gate. We have demonstrated that this is an event people want to be part of.

We were able to verify attendees from Canada, England, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Russia and Germany, from all over the U.S. as far away as Fort Lauderdale Florida, New York, Texas, Alabama and more. We estimate that a full 80 percent of our attendees came from outside the Pierce County, about 20 percent came from outside Washington State, and about 5 percent came from outside the USA.

We have had a hard time getting feedback from the local businesses because of changes in management for several of our common business sources. With an increase of nearly 15 percent attendance over last year, nearly 100 extra campers on site, and over 50 vendors who stayed in hotels the entire period, we believe we had at least as good or better impact on the peninsula and Gig Harbor area than previous years.

The Saturday of our second weekend we broke our one day attendance record with slightly over 14,000 passing through the gate during the course of the day. On Saturday, Aug. 21, we were well on our way to breaking that record when the flood gates opened and patrons ran for their cars. The exodus of patrons looked like water flowing over the dam. Many donned rain gear and/or broke out their umbrellas and returned to enjoy the faire, rain or shine.

Unfortunately, the following day, it rained all day and we suffered a total attendance of only about 4,000. For obvious reasons we pray for sun when the faire is underway, but we at least had the advantage of having three weekends to try and cover the cost of operation.

We continue to try to close a deal for a permanent site for the faire. Two locations are high on our hope list. It appears that Port Orchard and Kitsap County are eager to have our event



Photos by Karen Hale

The Renaissance Faire offers a variety of entertainment including the battling and jousting Seattle Knights, wandering minstrel musicians, and a fire-eater along the path.

move into their area.

We would hate to leave the Peninsula area, but the businesses and overall community support has not been all we had hoped for. We have had wonderful support by the public as far as attendance, but unfortunately only a handful of businesses have supported us and

sponsorships have been nearly non-existing.

We truly would like to thank all the people of the Peninsula who braved the weather and came to support our faire. We hope they all had a wonderful time and wish they will make participation in the Renaissance Faire an annual event.



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Parker continues golf champion legacy

Story by Danna Webster
KP News

Maxine Parker became the Triple Crown champion of the Horseshoe Lake Women's Club this year. It is her seventh consecutive year for this distinction. She placed first in three tournaments gross, which means the championship was won without Parker's 11 handicap.



"This is the seventh consecutive year PARKER Maxine has won the Club Championship," reports Jan Simerson, president of the Horseshoe Lake Women's Club. "I think it's quite an accomplishment by someone from Longbranch." Though being home to sport superstars is not new to Longbranch. Marvin "Rick" Rickert was a major league baseball player in the 1948 World Series. And Maxine's husband, Bill, has some claim to golf fame, too. According to Simerson, "Bill has had two holes-in-one this year at Horseshoe Lake Golf course, giving him a total of three in two years. Most golfers never have a hole in one in a lifetime," she adds.

"Do we have to talk about that?" Maxine Parker asks. Bill's first hole-in-one occurred on his 60th birthday. Most of the family was there to party so at least "it saved on our phone bill," Maxine says.

Taking up the game of golf was a mutually compatible decision for the Parkers. In 1998, they bought a Ben Hogan book and started reading and practiced in the house. Golf was something to do in their "golden years," she said.

The gold this year came in the form of a customized necklace awarded Parker's championship along with a crystal vase commemorating the triple crown. Two pendants hang from the necklace, a golden golf bag and a golden horseshoe. The golden horseshoe is a symbol of the good luck and great golfing enjoyed by the 60 members of the Horseshoe Lake Women's Golf Club. It is a club that Maxine Parker supports with more than just her great game. "She is an officer in the women's club and a willing helper in all club activities," Simerson tells. "While she is always striving to improve her game, she is always encouraging the other players," she says.

For details about the women's golf club at Horseshoe Lake contact Jan Simerson at 884-2010 or email simerjc@msn.com.

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The Key Peninsula makes a nice picture: A day in the life of a photojournalist



A DAY IN THE
LIFE

By Caril Ridley, Special to KP News

The first day of Kerrick James' visit was spent at the Aloha Beachside Bed and Breakfast watching an ever changing sky and filling his laptop with thoughts and moods of the Northwest.

The second day he woke at the Glen Cove Hotel surrounded by historic and environmental images different from his Arizona home. James climbed into the bow of a two-person kayak and wetted his paddle. The images of still water and fog filled his camera lens amid backdrops of gossamer white clouds.

Kerrick was one in a four kayak flotilla. The brightly colored kayaks glided across



Photo courtesy of Kerrick James

Caril Ridley kayaks off Penrose Point with Kerrick James during the photojournalist's visit to the Key Peninsula.

Glen Cove toward the sand spit and the open waters of Henderson Bay. The morning fog slowly lifted over a cove teeming with "jumpers," the name given salmon leaping with anticipation of spawning. Thirty salmon cleared the



surface in 20 minutes. The glassy mirror-like water rippled, seals emerged with wide-eyed curiosity and again settled beneath the surface. Yes, it was a perfect day!

A small motor boat, laden with nets, emerged from the fog like a silent ghost. It approached the kayak flotilla and the voice of a tribal boatman asked, "Are there jumpers?" The answer was yes. The boat headed into Glen Cove.

The kayaks continued south toward Van Geldern, Mayo Cove and Penrose Park. The traditions of the sea were being made evident as Kerrick clicked his camera again and again.

On the return to Henderson Bay, four unobtrusive kayaks glided back into its glassy expanse, as the morning fog lifted to reveal Mount Rainier in the distance.

The quality of light and reflections on the surface were outstanding. Kerrick, with his camera cradled on his spray-skirt, paddled rhythmically. His eyes took in the wonders and he composed stories that will express the magic of visiting south Puget Sound and at its center, the Key Peninsula.

Kerrick James was thrilled by the photographic images of the day and hopes to include descriptions with images and stories highlighting Key Peninsula. He feels that an Alaskan Airlines magazine cover might be good but who knows where the Key Peninsula might show up. After all, he has done 70 photographic covers.

To see the work of Kerrick James go online to www.kerrickjames.com.

Caril Ridley serves on the KP Metropolitan Parks Board and the Key Peninsula Trails Committee. Ridley is a frequent contributor to KP News.

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It may be cold, but the arts are hot

By L. Brudvik Lindner
Special to the KP News

And the award for "Supporting the Arts" goes to Two Waters Arts Alliance (TWAA). For the last three years TWAA has stoked the fires of creativity on the Key Peninsula (KP). TWAA has labored to keep the arts alive and burnin'. Two Waters contributions include:



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enhancing the Vaughn post office with animal art, organizing the Artists in School (AIS) program, exhibiting art works of KP masters, offering ongoing art classes, building stage sets for the Longbranch Players, arranging art-focused summer workshops at Camp Seymour, and gifting art scholarships to the KP community.

In recognition of TWAA's efforts, the Pierce County Arts Commission

selected TWAA to receive the 2004 Margaret K. Williams Award for "Support of the Arts." This prestigious award is given annually to individuals and organizations that made significant contributions to the development of the arts in Pierce County. Recipients are selected for initiative and innovation and are honored at an annual reception. "It is with gratitude for the incredible spirit of KP volunteers and contributors that TWAA accepts this award. It is an honor to be recognized for the effort and enthusiasm of KP volunteers and contributors who believe so heartily in the arts. Thank you all." said Kathy Bauer, President of TWAA.

And another thank you to all of the artists and volunteers who co-created the smokin' art exhibit at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The 2005 TWAA calendar, featuring TWAA contributing artists of past and present, will be on sale in local businesses and at the KPCCA Holiday Bazaar Nov. 20. Help keep your local arts alliance aflame and purchase the collective work of art.

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Fall season of LIC dinner theater comes to a close

By Danna Webster
KP News

The final performance of “Don’t Dress for Dinner” played to a full house in Longbranch. The audience laughed and applauded the entangled and wayward love stories of the characters on stage.

The return of Longbranch’s own Kim Gebhardt, last year’s Sylvia, was a highlight of every show. The cast was a rich mix of backgrounds and experience. Annita Gibson, an Australian import, brightened the stage with her animated performance and her glamorous garments. The young Ali Criss from Pacific Lutheran University was convincing and humorous as a misguided seductress. Bret Nebel, a Lakebay neighbor, turned in a sterling performance each night, as he did in Sylvia. Matt Rusnak and Director Rick May delivered the fast paced dialogue and comic volleys that carried the show.

A day away from opening, the show hit a stumbling block and Rick May had to step into the role of Robert. That made for an opening weekend that was a bit rocky but, by the second and third weekend, the cast delivered polished performances.

Once again all the dinner theater evenings were enchanting. Guests entered the great room of the Longbranch clubhouse to Sinatra music, firefly lighting, tables dressed with white clothes and candles.

A beautifully displayed TWAA art gallery show was open to guests during the social hour before dinner. And night after night, the star of every show was the extraordinary culinary delights presented by Chef Tricia Thompson. As with all great dining experiences, it takes an exceptional work staff to succeed. Karen Payseno and members of the Jehovah’s Witnesses congregation assisted Thompson in the kitchen and the servers were from Boy Scout Troop 220.

Many people work together to make the dinner theater experience a success. It is an extraordinary collaborative effort of the Longbranch community.



The LIC dinner menu was a hit night after night

By Tricia Thompson
Special to KP News

Key Peninsula News is proud to present the menu and recipes for the LIC dinner theater hit, “Grape ginger-chicken,” by Tricia Thompson.

Grape ginger-chicken entrée

Lay chicken tenders in a roasting pan—sprinkle with Johnny’s garlic spread.

Sauté in butter grape halves and fresh ginger—add cream of celery soup mix—pour over chicken tenders and bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

Dinner Theater Menu 2004

Grape ginger-Chicken Entrée

Side of Basmati Rice

Sauté in butter chopped mushrooms and pine nuts—mix in steamed rice

Vegetable

Broccoli buds with sliced almonds

Salad with guacamole dollop

Romaine lettuce, baby spinach,

tomatoes, artichoke heart, black

olives

Dinner rolls

Drinks: Red wine/ white wine/

sparkling cider

Dessert and coffee: Double choco-

late cake/ Carrot cake/ Cheesecake

Top, Dinner theater star Ali Criss, center, is supported closing night by fellow PLU theater majors Danielle M. Dodge on her left and Caresse D’Lemieux on her right. Center, The “right stuff” behind the scenes, Mary Mazur, Producer and Rick May, Director.

Bottom: Final curtain call for “Don’t Dress for Dinner” cast. L-R: Ali Criss, Rick May, Annita Gibson, Matt Rusnak, Bret Nebel and Kim Gebhardt.

Photos by Danna Webster

Obituary

J Eugene Grant

November 30, 1929 - October 6, 2004

Gene was born in Hemet, California but grew up in the Northwest. He remained close to fellow athletes from Q.A. Highschool and Phi Gamma Delta at U of W. After serving in the US Army in Korea, he played on a farm team for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Gene worked in insurance in Seattle and San Francisco before moving to Tacoma in 1973 where he was first to develop Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce benefits plan created through Schwarz Shera and Associates. The plan still exists today with several thousand participants. He helped design and implement employee benefits for several large employers and for other associations.

He retired as a vice president with Raleigh Schwarz and Powell. His retirement years continued with family and friends, travel and gold, the Mariners and his much loved Lakebay home. He sailed and fished, learned to fly and scuba dive. For years he and Joy spent winters in MeLaque, Mexico.

It was a full life and his memory will

always brings smiles and sometimes outright gaffaws.

Gene leaves behind his wife, Joy White Barrera, daughters Deborah Hopping, Jean Sutton, Teresa Grand and grandchildren Nicole Sutton, Spencer Sutton, Mark Barrera and Lauren Barrera. He was pal and father figure to Nick Sutton, Doug Barrera, Mark Barrera and Greg Barrera.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 30, at the Bleitz Funeral Home, 316 Florentia, Seattle.

The family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to environmental organizations, libraries or scholarship funds.

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KP Trails seeks community involvement

By Caril Ridley
Special for KP News

The Key Peninsula is preparing for future growth. To help with this preparation many new coalitions have formed: the KP Metropolitan Parks District, the KP Community Council, the KP Trails Association and the Pierce County Community Planning Board.

Key Peninsula Trails Association is gearing-up to take on the challenge of future growth by helping to build the land resources necessary to become a model for healthy rural development. Trails are traditional. Hiking trails, equestrian trails, biking trails and multi-user trails represent connections between people, their communities and their natural environment. Trails are the ongoing means by which people learn to appreciate the beauty Key Peninsula has offered for

generations. Trails bring us in touch with who we are and where we are going.

The trails committee needs help with this year's "flag ship" project which will create a biking and hiking path along the Key Peninsula Highway. This trail will be built to connect Key Center and Home with Volunteer Park. It will also provide a safe route to school for Key Peninsula Middle School students.

The trail's project represents the first corridor in a network of future trails that could connect all parks and recreational resources and may eventually expand beyond the Key Peninsula.

This will begin the creation of a trail that will maintain wildlife populations and establish public interest and access to our natural environments.

As the old saying goes "If you build it, they will come" and so it is with parks, trails and recreational opportunities.

The vision is not enough... the involvement of our communities and our citizens is needed to build connections and establish an environmental legacy for generations to come. After all, the land is our resource and a resource without management will be lost.

Key Peninsula Trails is looking for your involvement, your suggestions, concerns and your care. The meetings are at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday evening at the Key Peninsula Middle School. We're not reality-television series, we're reality involvement! For more information, go online to www.keypen.org, call Caril Ridley 884-5461 or e-mail carilridley@hotmail.com.



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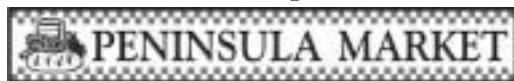
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Out & About



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JayRay Benefit Softball Tournament. Players from the Key Center Saloon team were confident that they would win first place for costume. The money raised at this benefit will go to help with medical bills of an injured non-insured member.



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CAUGHT IN THE ACT: Members of the Lakebay Fuchsia Club were caught tending the gardens for the KP Civic Center in Oct. They provide regular garden care as needed and weather permitting. The club meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the KP Library. Contact President Myvanwy Shirley at 884-2283.



At the Safe Streets 15th anniversary Tacoma luncheon Oct. 20, Irene Torres received honorable mention for her work and support for the Key Peninsula. L-R: Back row, Danna Webster, Ruth Bramhall, Barbara Waller, Mirian Goad, Jeff Harris. Front row: Dani Anderson, Crisiti Watson, Irene Torres, Dennis Taylor.



Left, Oktoberfest at the Civic Center was a great success. The crowd was large, the food was good and the music was excellent. *Photo by Hugh McMillan*

Bottom center, "Little Bill" Engelhart of Little Bill and the Blue Notes was a big attraction for the Civic Center Oktoberfest. Dancers came from Seattle, Poulsbo and Puyallup to groove to the tunes with Key Pen residents.

Bottom left, Doug Fabre of Key Center Sausage Haus stands in front of his all natural, handmade brats which were specially made for the Civic Center's Oktoberfest.

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