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CenturyLink makes KP Food Bank donation

By Karen Lovett, KP News

On Aug. 15, CenturyLink Public Relations Manager Jan Kampbell surprised the staff and seniors during lunch at the Key Peninsula Senior Center (KPSC).

Roaring applause and cheers erupted when Kampbell announced the CenturyLink donation amount of \$35,933 and presented KPSC Executive Director Penny Gazabat with a large symbolic check, the actual funds to follow soon.

"CenturyLink is the third-largest telephone company in the United States since buying out Qwest a year and a half ago," Kampbell said.

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Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Getting the boot

Members Key Peninsula Fire Department spent the morning of Aug. 18 collecting money from motorists in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Here, Lt. Gary Way receives a donation from a passing Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One crew. Fourteen members (including some family) were spotted in Purdy with boots in hand, and collected nearly \$3,000 in a few hours. "We appreciate the community support for the MDA and apologize for any traffic that may have backed up," said firefighter Jeremy Underwood.

Shooting sends two to hospital; woman jailed

By Scott Turner, KP News

A 20-year-old Gig Harbor woman walked into the Food Market at Lake Kathryn on Aug. 11, pulled a .357-caliber revolver out of her purse and opened fire. According to sheriff's department officials, Laura K. Sorenson shot and wounded two men, and another received a flesh wound from a ricochet.

During a press conference at the Lake Kathryn Village Mall, Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor said the shooting appeared to be a "random attack."

Court reports said that the most serious victim — a 40-year-old man — was hit in the arm and that the bullet traveled through his chest and out his back. A 70-year-old man was shot in the leg, and the third victim, 20, received a shrapnel injury to his leg.

On Aug. 13, Sorenson was charged with two counts of at-

tempted murder and one count of first-degree assault. She was in the Pierce County jail awaiting a Sept. 21 pre-trial hearing.

Court documents said Sorenson has a history of mental illness and is on medication for it. She has had run-ins with law enforcement, but has no criminal convictions.

In his declaration of probable cause document, Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Patrick Cooper said that Sorenson told detectives she got the weapon from her grandmother's home in Purdy on the morning of the shooting.

"The defendant said she had decided to kill herself and wanted to know what it felt like to kill someone else first," Cooper said.

Sorenson told detectives she had been molested as a young child and hated men. She also admitted going to the store with

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the intent to kill someone. The report said that she put the pistol down after all the rounds were fired.

On Scene

Sorenson's actions shocked the quiet Key Peninsula community and left many citizens dazed and seeking answers.

According to one couple who rushed into harm's way, the scene was surreal — one filled with yelling, fear, courage and comforting.

Maureen and Greg Sikora, of Vaughn, were headed to the pharmacy next to the store on that cloudless Saturday morning.

"When we got out of the truck, we noticed a bunch of commotion going on. Somebody was yelling that there was someone in the store shooting," Greg Sikora said.

"I heard someone yelling 'man down, man down' and looked up and noticed Greg going into the store. ...He wasn't going in without me," Maureen Sikora said a couple of days after the incident.

Greg said he figured there were people injured, and that he had to help them if he could. The first thing he did was to make certain that someone had called 9-1-1. The next thing he did was to find the shooter. He spotted her standing "dumbfounded" in-between the checkout lines with the gun on the floor, about six feet away from her, he said.

"I thought I could at least get to her before she could get the gun. I yelled at her to get on the ground, now," Sikora said flatly.

After that, he said he noticed a man lying in a pool of blood.



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Maureen and Greg Sikora, of Vaughn, were two of the first citizens to enter the Food Market to render assistance after the Aug. 11 shooting.

"The next thing I know, Maureen plopped down right on top of the girl; then I started to apply pressure to his wound," he said.

Maureen said she knew she had to keep the woman away from the gun, and that she restrained the shooter without much of a struggle.

While this was happening, the two said that the other victim was moaning and repeatedly said he was dying.

"During those first couple of moments, it seemed like time just stood still," Greg said.

Soon, he added, concerned bystanders realized it was safe to enter the store and help with the injured. Medical responders showed up and transported the victims to Tacoma General Hospital.

"We are not heroes. We are just common folks that did something you can't plan for, and can be proud of ourselves," Maureen said. "Greg had to stop the blood and I had to stop anything from potentially happening further."

Pierce County Sheriff's Department

spokesman Ed Troyer applauded the Sikoras' actions, but cautioned the public.

He said that everyone acts differently during these kinds of circumstances.

"They were obviously brave. They didn't know whether there were multiple guns or someone in there with rifles. ...But, they went into the situation and took care of it," he said.

"Obviously we don't condone that people confront shooters over a piece of property, or a purse or something," Troyer added.

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Key Peninsula Senior Center Director Penny Gazabat, left, helps hold a donation check with Jan Kampbell of CenturyLink.

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She said that CenturyLink planned matching fund donations totaling \$1 million to be divided among 37 states. Selected nonprofit organizations were given two weeks' notice before conducting 10-day donation drives.

Two food banks in this area of Washington were selected as recipients. The Gig Harbor Fish Food Bank also received a donation. KPCS was chosen before the donations were solicited because of its ability to reach the most people of all age groups, Kampbell said.

Employees of CenturyLink and local residents donated to the fund, contributing \$10,522.34 to KPCS between June 20 and 29, the time frame window to be eligible for matching

funds. Twenty-six Washington state food banks will receive matching fund donations. The Key Peninsula Food Bank received the second highest amount.

Kampbell said that for every dollar the food bank collects, they have a \$6 purchasing power, which is much higher than the normal consumer. CenturyLink had hoped to match privately donated money at that same six-to-one ratio. They weren't able to go quite that high, but did come up with a greater than three-to-one rate.

In addition to coming to the Key Peninsula to make the presentation, Kampbell and CenturyLink Administrative Assistant Becky Alexander were there to talk about reduced Internet service rates for seniors.

Penrose park to close for upgrades

Penrose Point State Park will be closed for sewer system upgrades from Sept. 10 through Nov. 30.

The campground, day-use area, restrooms, trailer dump and boat pumpout will all be closed.

The day-use area may open on week-

ends as work allows, and the park may open entirely if work is completed before the scheduled end date.

For any questions about the project or closure please call the park at (253)884-2514.

New executive editor hired for KP News

Staff Report

The Key Peninsula News has hired Scott Turner to fill the position of executive editor. A longtime Gig Harbor resident with family ties on the Key Pen, Turner joined the newspaper staff at the beginning of August.

Turner's 20-year career as photo-journalist, writer and editor includes working for Gig Harbor Life (a Kitsap Sun community publication) and The Peninsula Gateway and co-founding the Gig Harbor Unite marketing publication.

"Scott comes to us with experience building successful newspapers from the ground up," said publishing board President Kevin Reed. "His experience with online publishing will also help the paper wade deeper into online publishing without sacrificing the Peninsula's love for the paper edition."

A former career EMT, Turner has served as a longtime volunteer Lieutenant/EMT for Gig Harbor's fire department and also owns a well-established photography business. Other than riding his bicycle, storytelling has been his biggest passion.

"I'm excited about the opportunities that come with my new position," he said. "I have always had a heart for helping people and my community. I look forward to embedding myself into the community and telling stories of old and new, and going in-depth on issues that will help educate the many."



Rodika Tollefson



Scott Turner

Reed said the timing is right for the KP News to move forward with new leadership.

"We've just revamped and improved our internal processes to make them leaner and more effective. Scott can take this framework and leverage his experience to maintain the work Rodika (Tollefson) has done in recent months and beyond that, position the paper for growth in the future."

Turner is looking forward to the positive challenges. "I am a stickler for getting facts correct and bent on telling both sides of an issue so our readers can truly understand," he said. "I also look forward to managing a staff of dedicated volunteers and over time, enhancing their ways of covering the news and views of the people and businesses who call the Key Peninsula home."

Tollefson's last official day as interim editor was Aug. 31; she plans to continue on as a volunteer for the paper.

DSHS services roll into Lakebay

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Mobile Community Service Office is coming to the Key Peninsula Community Services facility between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sept. 27.

DSHS specialist will be at the 17015 9th Street KPN, Lakebay location talking to the public and offering assistance.

They will be doing interviews for food, cash, medical assistance, drug and alcohol treatment services, replacement EBT cards, yearly reviews, and will answer any questions on active cases or about any of their services.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

New KP News editor brings experience, love for community

Hi. I am the new editor of the Key Peninsula News. I started working for the paper and your community in early August.

Some of you may know me, and others may not. But know that I have a long-running journalism and photojournalism background, and a heart for helping people.

The first thing I want to say is that I truly have some big, flexible shoes to fill. Not only do I call the paper's last two editors my friends, I call them professionals.

I have worked with Marsha Hart and Rodika Tollefson in many capacities for many years. I am grateful to both of them for the progress they have made with the publication you hold and our evolving keypennews.com website.

I want to thank Rodika for being patient while guiding me through the ins and outs of my responsibilities, pointing out key movers and shakers, and passing on tips about working with such a dynamic staff of volunteers.

I have heard personal accounts of the character, the drive of business owners, quality of life issues and stories of the spirit of a community that calls the Key Peninsula home.

My goal with this paper is to take it slow and get to know the system and all of you. Will there be changes? Yes, in time. I have watched KP News evolve and have some ideas I will implement after I get used to this new saddle.

One thing you will quickly learn about me is that I live and breathe community news. I am bent on understanding, reporting the truth and getting as many names and faces into the paper as I can.

I aim to earn your trust by being at events, businesses, schools, meetings and covering news — both good and bad — and telling stories that make a difference. I will not be shy to cover or assign in-depth stories or do picture pages that warrant the space. I have an open-door policy and I'm eager to share your news and views.

The buck may end with me, but it also starts with me... The point is that I am interested in covering whatever you have got to tell or I can dig up. I invite you to be preemptive and email me some story idea. It's your paper, I'm just the editor.

Scott Turner can be reached at editor@keypennews.com.



Scott Turner, editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader at odds with recent column

In Dan Whitmarsh's most recent column, he made the point that salvation is found in recognizing the inherent goodness all around us.

Were he billed as a sophisticated pragmatist, this would be merely semantic drivel. Whitmarsh, however, is billed as the pastor of a local Christian church (the website for which identifies them as holding to the traditional fundamentals of the Christian faith), which fact elevates his writing to an ex cathedra level of responsibility before the general public.

Within the secular swath of his column, Whitmarsh glibly stands in cognitive dissonance with many basic and fundamental doctrines of Christianity: affected are doctrines of creation, the fall, sin... and he caps it off with a new doctrine of salvation.

His definition for salvation is diametrically opposed to the Bible, which clearly declares it is only found through the person and work of Jesus Christ (see Acts 4:11-12); it constitutes a different gospel and leaves him in a theologically precarious position (see Galatians 1:8-9); and it shows him to be either very sloppy in his word choices (see Matthew 12:36) or a neo-gnostic, unfaithful to his faith and unfit for the pulpit in a Christian church (see James 1:8, 3:1 and John 9:41). Sad, no matter how you slice it.

James Allyn, Vaughn

Kudos go out to good citizen

I just want to give a huge thank you to the man that I saw throughout the day on Friday, July 20, who was pick-

ing up garbage along the Key Peninsula Highway. It's a shame it has to be done, but I wanted him to be acknowledged and thanked for all of his hard work.

Thank you.

Carol Opalinski, Lakebay

Concert is chance to support local farms

To all of those who missed the wonderful concert at Cape-E Farm Aug. 19: too bad...

It was a perfect evening, with plenty of room to picnic, great neighbors, Mt. Rainier in the background and music by local group Cottonwood Cutups and The Jeffersons out of Nashville.

It was the first musical event at Cape-E Farms and Vineyard, but most of the crowd of about 100 had attended one of owner Lori Deacon's ravioli or gnocchi cooking classes, attended a party or bought food from her farm.

Some were just Home bodies out supporting a dear friend and neighbor. It is too bad that this kind of just plain old fashioned Home fun doesn't turn out even more people.

The Jeffersons were so impressed by the crowd (and the sheep) that they said they want to come back, so there should be a chance for all of those who missed it to check it out next year.

We need to support our local farms because they are part of the Key's heritage that should be treasured. There will be another chance on Oct. 6 when Cape-E joins a host of other Key Peninsula farms on the annual Farm Tour. The Jeffersons won't be there, but the sheep, pumpkins and other crops will be.

Hope everyone on the Key shows up too.

Greg Anglemeyer, Lakebay

2012 GUEST COLUMNIST

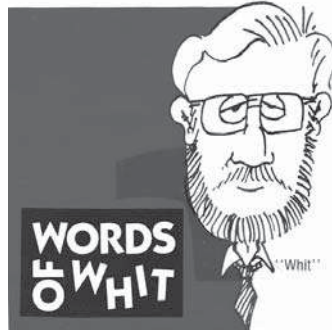
One trip to Gig Harbor, the 'big' city

Sometimes we "country folk" just have to chuckle when we see the way some city folk carry on.

Recently, a few of my clan visited the big city and noted some of the peculiar things we saw.

One thing we noticed is that city people seem to dress for the season as opposed to the weather. Folks are hanging out in shorts, sandals and halter tops, smiling knowingly despite the cold rain and fierce wind.

We parked our rig next to the biggest new Mercedes land yacht anybody has ever seen. A sign around its license plate said: "my other car is a Jaguar." Next to that



was a BMW roadster, oddly sporting a few small scratches. We concluded that it must be someone's off-road vehicle.

Gig Harbor not only has a pharmacy, it has several, and a couple you can actually drive through (but we couldn't find a single hitching post). When we began to need victuals, we stopped at a drive-in restaurant only to discover it didn't have a dollar menu. Apparently in this city,

there's not much demand for cheap food.

Next stop was a big market that limited coupon sales to three per customer. Apparently city folk don't have much use for coupons either.

My daughter's a country girl who could be described as "sturdy." She doesn't like Gig Harbor. She says it makes her feel poor, and fat.

We stopped at the local Goodwill to share our good fortunes, only to find out they won't take our barnyard treasures. They get so many donations, they get to be downright picky.

Lastly, they have more roundabouts per capita than anywhere else we've seen pictures of. Going in circles makes little sense to us, but probably looks pretty trendy when seen from an airplane.

Gig Harbor is a funny place to visit but we prefer our home sweet Home.

Steve Whitworth is a community guest columnist for 2012.

Call for columnists for 2013 KP News

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

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

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

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at the Key Center Library

The Key Center Library is located at 8905 Key Peninsula Highway North in Lakebay. For more information, contact Friends of Key Center Library President Maureen Reilly at 884-6514 or the library at 548-3309

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Key Peninsula Community Council candidates

The elections for KP Community Council take place in September and the council has provided the ballots as an insert in this month's Key Peninsula News. Deadline to return the ballot is 3 p.m. Sept. 23.

AREA 1 Phyllis Henry

During her two-year service on the Key Peninsula Community Council, Henry has become more aware of the opportunities and problems that exist on the Peninsula. More information-sharing and communication with residents is a priority as the council labors to reflect local ideas and concerns as accurately as possible. She is especially interested in promoting safety on SR-302, both



through the changes being implemented by the Department of Transportation and through the safety issues that have been determined by local citizens.

She has served on the board of The Mustard Seed Project and continues to serve as a volunteer at the information desk. She also volunteers at the Angel Guild thrift shop and is a member of the KP Business Association and Friends of the Library.

AREA 2 Danna Burnett

Burnett initiated and serves on the KPC committee "Make 302 Safe." Her son died in a car accident Sept. 25, 2011 on State Route 302 and just two weeks after his death, a single mother lost



her life on the same highway. Burnett has dedicated herself to improve the safety of 302 and preventing further unnecessary deaths. She has lived on the Key Peninsula since 1992 and would like to continue working on improving the safety of our highways and community.

She has worked in nursing as a medical assistant with Group Health for about 21 years. Burnett is a union delegate for nurses at the Group Health Medical Center, where she works. She has been involved with English mastiff rescue for 11 years and received the service award from The Mastiff Club of America for volunteering through rescue activities and for her dedication to the breed.

Audra Garcia

Garcia came to the Key Peninsula to start a family and become a member of the community in 2002. She feels that she is being pulled to become part of the council in order to promote and protect the community that she has come to love. Concerns of the area are becoming her own. She also wants to assist in the development of the community as inevitable changes occur, to help in growing the community into something local residents can continue to be proud of.

Her experience includes being a member of Minter Creek PTA, leader and recruiter for Girl Scouts, substitute bus driver for Peninsula School District and Emblems member.

Irene Torres

Since 2002, Torres has helped the Community Council improve conditions that directly affect the quality of lives on the Key Peninsula. She is currently serving as



treasurer in an appointed seat. With the experience of a lifetime, she can ensure the community's voice is heard in the halls of Tacoma and Olympia, where the rules are made.

Her experience includes being a founding committee co-chair of Key Peninsula Community Council (2002-2004), president of KP News Publishing Board (2004-2010) and volunteer writer and proofreader on the KP news staff (2003-2012).

AREA 3 Dani J. Anderson

Anderson has lived on the Peninsula since 1971. She was a member of the original KP Council in 2004. Family illness necessitated her decision not to continue past that first two years. She has missed participating in council affairs and would like the opportunity to be involved again.

She has been a registered nurse since 1976 and has a current license but has not been employed in her field for some time. Anderson worked primarily in long-term care and geriatrics and has been involved in care of the elderly for many years. She is the president of Jackson Lake Homeowners Association and has lived in that neighborhood since moving to the KP.

Christy Campbell

Her goals as a board member will be to use the resources and connections she has made to do what she can to help draw the community closer together, continue to support small businesses and local events on the Key Peninsula, help support the fire levy, help support Key Peninsula Citizens Against



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Crime, continue to help support Key Peninsula Veterans and continue to serve as IT and social media liaison for the Key Peninsula Council.

Campbell has been a resident of the Key Peninsula since 1984. She graduated from Peninsula High School in 1998 and from Seattle Massage School in 1999. She has been running her own small business in Key Center for over seven years, and also does onsite chair massage at local events and jobsites. Along with her career in massage therapy, she's been a volunteer at the local food bank, is a member of the Key Peninsula Veterans and KPBA, and is currently an area 1 director for the council.

AREA 4 David Mikelson

Mikelson has been an off and on lifetime resident of Longbranch. His grandfather, Oscar Larson, owned what is now Taylor Bay Estates and he has fond memories of spending summers there.

He has served on the KPC board since 2010. His intent is to continue working to preserve the peninsula, particularly with logging, wildlife and the water aquifer. He

wants to continue to protect the rural setting, push for the completion of the different parks already in progress and contribute to the efforts of the school district to provide a quality education. Mickelson was a construction worker for over 30 years and a member of Local 1144 Drywall and Metal Stud Framers. His experience includes Parent Council representative for Evergreen Elementary and Key Peninsula Middle School, boys basketball coach for Peninsula Athletic Association, volunteer for the Reading is Fundamental program at Evergreen, member of Key Peninsula Writers' Guild, emcee host of Poets' Beat Nights in Key Center, KPC Logging Committee chair and facilitator for the Logging Forum.



Marcia E. Harris

Harris and her husband, Jeff, moved to the Key Peninsula in 1995. Their decision to build a home on "The Key" 17 years ago was based upon the diversity they found in this area. They are very glad to have made

that decision. Since the founding of the council, she has watched with interest the council's activities and accomplishments.

Her interests in serving on the council include continuing and expanding the access to affordable transportation resources, similar to the current community partnership with the Peninsula School District busing services; sustaining



and preserving the Key Peninsula's human and natural resources; embracing, supporting and expanding avenues where the community can continue to support each other. Harris is retiring after 37 years of service in public education (11 years in the Peninsula School District). Her hope is to lend her skills in finance, human resources and operations to furthering the progress of the community and the council. Her background includes Rotary, Interagency Emergency Preparedness Planning, Key Peninsula Business Association and Peninsula School District Educational Foundation, among others.

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From left, Camp Seymour staff Walt Burdsall, Michael McGinnis and Sierra Ducatt were captured playing camp songs for a group of guests attending the groundbreaking for the YMCA's new dining facility in July.

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The third annual croquet tournament at the Longbranch Improvement Club's game site was pronounced a fun-filled success by both participants and organizers. Here, Claudia Joy Loy, Jackie Havre, Kathy Barrett and Amy Shaver with Sunnycrest Nursery's team of "Pot Heads," delight in displaying their trophy at day's end. The LIC donated the proceeds, \$4,000, to the KP Civic Center.

Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Andy Coen, of Port Orchard, dances up a swaying log to set choke during the 27th Annual Old Timers' Day Festival at the Longbranch Improvement Club.



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Logger Wes Cotant, of Belfair, drops a slice of cottonwood in a race against time.

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Alexis Perron and Summer Gower, of Wauna, enjoy dancing to the sounds of the Beatniks during a recent Gig Harbor Sounds of Summer concert at Skansie Brothers Park.

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Volunteer mentors needed

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

GED classes

Key Peninsula residents may complete a basic skills education for college entrance, employment skills or a GED. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes (6 to 8 p.m.) are available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. Enroll at any time. Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

SEPT. 4, 10, 17, 24

Author events

A different local author is featured each Monday at Cost Less Pharmacy at Lake Kathryn 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Each author will discuss his or her works and offer autographed copies of books for sale. The first week is Michael Jaquish, whose books include “Buddhism for the Awareness Challenged” and “Beyond Courage.” Jan Walker shares her books, “Romar Jones Takes a Hike” and “A Farm in the

South Pacific Sea” on Sept. 10. Richard A.M. Dixon and his books, “Dillon’s War: The Weretiger of Kontum” and “My Heroes Have Always Been Dogs,” Sept. 17. “Blue Deer” and “The Key Peninsula,” written by Colleen Slater, will be featured Sept. 24.

Bloodmobile dates

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

SEPT. 7, 14, 21, 28

Friday skate night

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

SEPT. 8

Junk sale

Key Pen Parks hosts a Junk in Your Trunk community garage sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Register online for seller’s space at keypenparks.com or call Jessica at 884-9240 x22.

Second Saturday

Duct tape art, a family event, is planned at 2 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the KC Library. 253-548-3309.

SEPT. 10

Swimming schedule begins

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers community swimming in warm water on the following schedule: Morning adult water aerobics/open swim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday/Thursday 9:20-10:20 a.m. Evening adult open swim is Tuesday/Thursday 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$4.25/class paid monthly on the first of the month. Evening open swims on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5-6 p.m. and adult lap/open swim on Tuesday/Thursday 6:15-

To submit an event

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

7:15 p.m. Family Swim is on Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. Open swims cost \$4.25/person or \$40 for 10 swims. Up to \$15 per family; children under 2 are free and must be accompanied by an adult. 884-2722, or campadmin@wa.easterseals.com for swim schedule or to be added to email list.

SEPT. 11

Outdoor boot camp

Meet at Volunteer Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7 p.m. to walk and run on trails and learn exercises to do with no equipment; use your body weight to gain strength, endurance and general fitness. Shannon Reichl instructs anybody over 16 years old. Class is Sept. 11-Oct. 18 and costs \$30 for once/week or \$60 for twice/week. jessica@keypenparks.com or 884-9240.

Singers welcome

The Key Singers community chorus begins rehearsing Christmas music at 7 p.m. at the KP Lutheran Church. Interested people may call the director at 884-5615 or just come and join the group. \$10 annual dues pay for music and PHS scholarships.

SEPT. 11, 26

Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts voluntarily knit and crochet hats for chemo patients and the backpack program for kids, baby items and blankets, wheelchair/walker bags and fingerless gloves for veterans in the community. They meet 1-3 p.m. Sept. 11 and 7-9 p.m. Sept. 26 at WayPoint Church. The group also meets in Fife on Sept. 20, 1-3 p.m. at Ardena Gale Mobile Park. Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks and

button donations are welcome. Virginia, 884-9619 or lovingheartsonkp@aol.com.

SEPT. 12

Bayshore Garden Club

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

Lakebay Writers

Lakebay Writers host Sandy Frost, an online publisher and author, 1:30-4 p.m. at the KC Library. This is an e-publishing, publicizing, and marketing workshop. Karen, 884-3931.

SEPT. 13

TWAA members’ meeting

Two Waters Arts Alliance holds its annual members’ meeting at the Blend Wine Shop 6-8 p.m. Meet the artists participating in the Artists in Schools and After School Arts programs. Hors d’oeuvres and a complimentary glass of wine will be provided. RSVP to info@twowaters.org.

SEPT. 15

Pioneer Picnic

The Key Peninsula Historical Society hosts its annual Pioneer Picnic at Penrose State Park beginning at noon. Members, guests and interested people are welcome. 884-2511.

Lyme group

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

SEPT. 15-16

Artists’ studio tour

Two Key Peninsula artists are participating in the Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Gail Kelly will be sharing paper clay sculptures and Jan Buday will be displaying her glass jewelry. Twenty studios are participating. Print the map at gigharboropenstudiotour.org or pick one up at any participating studio.

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(From **Community**, Page 12)**SEPT. 16****Third Sunday jam**

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

SEPT. 17**Swim with baby**

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers swim lessons in warm water for "Baby and Me" (ages 0-4 with a parent) from 11:15 a.m. to noon every Friday, Sept. 17-Oct. 10. Cost is \$40. Call camp office, 884-2722 or campadmin@wa.easterseals.com for schedule and registration form.

SEPT. 20**KPHS class**

The Key Peninsula Historical Society offers a free class about Penrose Point 1-2 p.m. Follow the trails on maps around the area, enjoy playing camp games, identify local plants and berries and make "camp

cobble." 884-1400

SEPT. 21**Flag football deadline**

Key Pen Parks, along with PenMet Parks, offers flag football leagues for first- and second-graders, third- to fifth-graders and sixth- to seventh-graders with Saturday games played Oct. 6-Nov. 7 at either Sehmel or Volunteer parks. Registration (\$65) includes league play of six games and a jersey. The sixth- and seventh-grade teams will play intramural games, with school placement, and wear school colors. Register by Sept. 21, online at keypenparks.com/youth-programs or with Jessica, 884-9240x22.

SEPT. 24**Walking and picnic**

The senior exercise class at Key Peninsula Community Services invites others to join them at Volunteer Park, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. for a walk or gentle exercise followed by a bring-your-own brown-bag picnic lunch. Moms with strollers, people with assistive devices or wheelchairs and all others are welcome. Marilyn, 884-5241 or keypenparks.com/volunteer-park.

SEPT. 29**Free health event**

Key Medical Center in Key Center offers a free health and cancer-screening event 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (15310-89th St Ct). Services offered are no-cost screenings for oral, head and neck cancer, prostate cancer and skin cancer; mammography referrals for women ages 40-64 who do not have health insurance (free and reduced-cost mammograms can be scheduled at Franciscan St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor for women who meet eligibility criteria); low-cost flu vaccinations; and additional informational resources. While the cancer screenings are free of charge, appointments are recommended. Call (253) 426-6746 or email jamiedobosz@FHShealth.org to schedule an appointment.

OCT. 1**Swim lessons begin**

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers swim lessons in warm water on Monday and Wednesday afternoons Oct. 1-24. Beginning Level 1 is 4-4:30 p.m. and Intermediate Level 2 is 4:30-5 p.m. Oct. 1-24. Cost is \$40 per session. Call camp office, 884-2722 or campadmin@wa.easterseals.com for schedule and registration form.

THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS**KP Historical Museum**

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

FIRST and THIRD FRIDAYS**Mom's Connection**

A group to support moms with young children, meets 9:30-11 a.m. at the Civic Center. Drop-ins welcome. Janice at 884-5433 or camandjanice@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS**Writers' Guild**

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

Zumba

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Community Fair Association

Sept. 4, 6 p.m. in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; www.keyfair.org

KP Lions**Dinner and program**

Sept. 4 & 18, 6:30 p.m. in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; 853-2721.

KP Historical Society Board

Sept. 6, 11 a.m. at museum.

Peninsula School District Board

Sept. 6 & 18, 6:30 p.m. in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; www.psd401.net.

Key Pen Parks

Sept. 10, study session at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at new Key Peninsula Gateway Park; keypenparks.com.

Fire District 16

Sept. 11 & 25, 6 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station; www.keypeninsulafire.org.

Key Peninsula Council

Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station; www.kpcouncil.org.

KP Civic Center Board

Sept. 13, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room; www.kpciviccenter.org.

LIC

Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. at Longbranch Improvement Club; www.longbranchimprovementclub.org.

KP Citizens against Crime

Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station; www.kpcitizensagainstcrime.org.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS**Clogging**

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

TUESDAYS**TOPS No. 1325**

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

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**Preschool play time**

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

WEDNESDAYS**Lakebay Writers**

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

Watermark Writers

The Watermark Writers present a free writers' workshop 5-8 pm in Vaughn. 253-778-6559.

THURSDAYS**Toastmasters**

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

Senior Society

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

MORE CALENDAR

See Off the Key listings on page 14.

OFF THE KEY

SEPT. 1

Run for kids

The third Annual Over the Narrows Gig Harbor-Tacoma Run for the Kids is a day of fitness and fun for running enthusiasts and families. It starts with Over the Narrows, a chip-timed, 10-mile run at 8 a.m. at Uptown that goes across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and back. Families can enjoy a 5K Fun Run/Walk across the bridge starting at 9 a.m. at Gateway Pointe, followed by the Kids' Dash at 8:45 a.m. Registration is \$15 for ages 12 and over. T-shirts are \$10 for cotton and \$15 for tech T-shirts. Proceeds go to Food Backpacks 4 Kids, Big Brother/Big Sister, Children's Home Society, Communities in Schools of Peninsula and Children of Fallen Soldiers. Register at www.active.com/running/gig-harbor-wa/over-the-narrows-labor-day-5k-10mile-run-for-the-kids-2012.

SEPT. 6, 8, 9, 20

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at Peninsula Retirement Community, 3445 50th St. Ct. NW, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 6; Sept. 8 at Gig Harbor Safeway 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and at the Adventure of Faith Church, 4705 Jackson Ave SE in Port Orchard 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sept. 9 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sept. 20 at Kiwanis Club of Peninsula- Gig Harbor from noon to 7 p.m.

SEPT. 8

Fox Island's market

Thousands of hand-crafted and vendor items are available 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fabulous Fox Island September Market at Nichols Community Center. Free parking, admission, make-n-take crafts, playground and product demonstrations. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Peninsula FISH Food Bank. lises-carlett@gmail.com or 253-549-2701.

SEPT. 15

Hounds walk

Bring your family and pups for the family-friendly Harbor Hounds Walk the Town 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All dogs must be on a leash. www.harborhounds.com.

Honor first responders

The 4th annual Honoring First Responders is at 1-5 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Methodist Church. www.honoringfirstresponders.org.

SEPT. 20

Poetry reading

Kathleen Flenniken, Washington State Poet Laureate 2012-14, will read from her second book, "Plume," at 7 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library. Her book is nuclear-age songs of innocence and experience during her youth next door to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland during the Cold War. This adult event is sponsored by Friends of the Gig Harbor Library. 253-548-3305.

SEPT. 21-30

Musical presented

The musical "9 to 5" plays on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. through Oct. 7 at the Paradise Theatre. Purchase tickets at paradisetheatre.org or call 253-851-PLAY.

SEPT. 22

Help a soldier

The Tides Tavern is donating half its proceeds from a pasta meal to benefit the Race for a Soldier 5-8 p.m. 858-3982 (see event below).

SEPT. 23

Race for a soldier

A half-marathon, 2-mile race and kids' fun run will benefit soldiers. Registration fees benefit the group. www.raceforasoldier.org for registration and details.

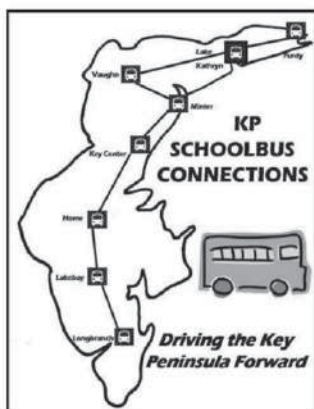
SEPT. 29

Gardening workshop

Pierce County sponsors an edible garden workshop, "Composting Basics" 10 a.m.-noon at Sehmel Homestead Park. Call 253-363-1846 prior to the workshop to attend.

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FIRE DISTRICT 16 CALL LOG

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

Total Calls: 178
EMS: 124
Fire/service: 21
Other: 33

July 19

On July 19, medics responded to a report of an unconscious man lying in the ditch next to a roadway. When they arrived, the man popped up, saying he was just tired and resting. The man declined to be evaluated by paramedics and was left in the company of sheriff's deputies.

July 26

On July 26, firefighters responded to a rear-end accident on the Key Peninsula Highway at Lackey Road. The driver of one vehicle was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for evaluation of neck pain.

Aug. 1

An 18-year-old Allyn man escaped seri-

ous injury when his motorcycle collided with another vehicle near Rocky Creek Road. The motorcyclist was treated at the scene for minor injuries and was not transported.

Aug. 2

Medics responded to a man in his 30s who rolled a go-cart. The man, shirtless, in shorts and without a helmet, was covered with cuts and abrasions but refused transport to the hospital by ambulance.

Aug. 4

Firefighters responded to a head-on collision on SR-302 in the Wauna curves. Two patients were transported by ambulance to an area hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Aug. 6

Medics responded to a report of an assault. A teenage girl was assaulted by a male who was temporarily living on her

family's property. The man was taken into custody by sheriff's deputies and the girl was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment of her injuries.

Aug. 8

Medics were dispatched to a car that struck a tree. Due to multiple calls at the same time, crews were unable to respond to the north end call. Units from Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One responded and transported a patient to a local hospital.

Aug. 10

A 28-year-old man of the Key Center area called 911 for assistance for abdominal pain. The man was at Burger King when he made the call and was treated and transported to St. Anthony Hospital for further evaluation.

Aug. 13

Firefighters responded to a call at 4:30

a.m. for a woman fallen at an area campground. A Seattle woman in her 20s was sleepwalking when she tumbled down a 40-foot cliff and landed on the beach, much to her surprise. She was stabilized at the scene and transported by ambulance to an area hospital for further evaluation and treatment of her injuries, which were not life-threatening.

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'Tuesday Trips to Town' talks and rides continue

Staff Report, KP News

The Key Peninsula Transportation Summit was held Aug. 14 to usher in a new developmental phase for public transportation around the peninsula.

The first phase is the unique school bus connection pilot project that was developed by The Mustard Seed Project after Pierce County Transit withdrew service for Key Peninsula.

The KP school bus connections is called "Tuesday Trips to Town" and offers free rides during the school year. It began last year and extended the service through the summer, and will continue throughout the next school year.

Buses pick up riders at 9 a.m. from the Evergreen and Vaughn Elementary areas, with numerous stops that include Key Center and Lake Kathryn and end at the Purdy Park and Ride at 9:38 a.m. There, connections are possible with Pierce Transit's Bus 100.

The buses return on the same routes leaving the park and ride at 4:45 p.m. A "Midday Express" ride option also leaves



Washington state Rep. Larry Seaquist was one of many people contributing to the conversation at the recent transportation summit

Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

the lot at 2:10 p.m. Maps of the routes are available at the Mustard Seed office.

The project was made possible through

partnerships with Puget Sound Educational Service District, Peninsula School District, Pierce Transit and a Peninsula

High School marketing class.

The second phase and second year of funding require the partnerships to determine a new responsible community agency that will allow the project to move ahead and develop further. The Key Peninsula Community Council will assume that role for a newly formed transportation coalition committee.

Members of the new coalition include the first partners plus elected representatives: Stan Flemming, Jan Angel and Larry Seaquist; and local representatives from St. Anthony Hospital, KP Lutheran Church, Community in Schools, Children's Home Society, KP Fire District, Key Pen Parks and KP Community Services.

A follow-up to the summit was held Aug. 28 at the PSD transportation building to confirm coalition partners and members.

Many enthusiastic supporters rode on the Tuesday Trips to Town school bus to attend the meeting.

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Anderson Park property moves forward with planning, input

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Key Peninsula Park Board president Greg Anglemyer is excited about the latest park acquisition — the Anderson property — across the road from the Wauna fire station.

According to Anglemyer, the near 40 acres is perfect for constructing a second access and entry to the “360 Park” for improved safety. There is also a 17-acre easement between the two areas.

He said increased and better parking, restrooms, and trailheads are high on the priority list for the new acreage.

During their August park board meeting, they named the 360/Anderson property the Key Peninsula Gateway Park. The next district meeting will be held there.

They also voted to name the “480 Property” near Key Center the Key Central Forest.

Additional fields for baseball, soccer, and multi-purpose use are planned at the new site. Anglemyer said the area is mostly level, but some locations still



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Key Pen Park board members (from left) Scott Gallacher, Bill Trandum, Greg Anglemyer and Elmer Anderson, the former property owner, met recently at the newly purchased (and named) Key Peninsula Gateway Park in Wauna.

need to be studied.

An open house will be held the day of

the Farm Tour, on Oct. 5, and may be a recommended first stop to collect bro-

chures and information.

Community forums will be held after the first of the year, but board members are already hearing from groups and several individuals about planning possibilities.

There is talk about different uses like, equestrian, group picnic areas, a children's playground, water features, a labyrinth, off-leash dog area, athletic fields and multi-use for hiking and bicycling, plus fairs, markets, gardens and a host of others.

Structures include a 3,200-square-foot house, a 3,600-square-foot barn, two smaller buildings and a greenhouse.

The park planning needs to include financing and fundraising as well as uses of the facilities and resources. The state requires a new comprehensive plan for park districts in 2013, so the acquisition of this property is timely to be included in that, Anglemyer said.

The final plan “just needs to match up with what the community wants,” Anglemyer said. He suggests people come to meetings to comment on interests and ideas for the area.

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Crime victim support grows on Key Peninsula

By Scott Turner, KP News

If you are a victim of crime, know that there is someone around who can help you if you want it.

James McMurray has been poking around the Key Peninsula area since April, armed with answers, guidance and a hankering to become a regular presence and a mechanism of bridging the gap between victims and the services they may need.

McMurray is an outreach advocate for victims of crime acts who works with the Multicultural Self-Sufficiency Movement (MSM), a non-profit organization, part of a network of groups within the Pierce County Crime Victim Network.

McMurray was at the Key Center Library last month trying to get the word out about his services and matrix of helpful friends.

The MSM is funded to provide direct services to people who are victims of general crimes: "not what law enforcement calls 'special crimes,' like rape, sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence,"

he said. "Historically, victims of those crimes have programs that are developed and funded. Our program was created to assist victims of the other crimes."

By scouring newspapers and data available to him through police information systems, McMurray said that he has a nose for areas in need of vital services.

"There are certainly issues of theft. There are DUI injury accidents out here, and there are robberies. We believe that there is a need on the peninsula and therefore, we want people to know that we are available," he said.

Typically, people are looking for information like whom to contact, how they get a police report and what they need to do next after a crime has been committed, he said.

"People have to pay their bills after they've been hurt. Many are left wondering what's going to happen to them and if they are going to get any help. We can work with them to do that. We don't have money for them directly, but we can help create links so that can happen," McMurray said.

The resources

- 24-hour helpline
- Information and referral
- Advocacy:
- Legal and system services
- Help with victim impact statements and help seeking restitution
- Courtroom support
- Crime compensation
- Emergency services
- Support groups

ray said.

The other thing he does is listen. He helps victims process and deal with the trauma and the stress of the crime, and what may surface later in life because of it.

McMurray said that his advocacy network has been successful in helping people in Lakewood and Tacoma. He admitted to being low-key, and is trying to get the word out through agencies and individuals who may know potential victims.

"What I have done initially out here, is to contact agencies that are already providing social services because they're not doing what we are doing. I've connected with the Children's Home Society, Key Peninsula Community Services program, the food bank and the library," he said.

McMurray is hopeful that through activities like his library-based forum, he will slowly educate the community and become a beacon of hope and resolve. He said the best way to start the process is with a call to the crisis information and referral line at (800) 346-7555.

"When somebody calls our 24/7 number they will connect with a crime victim advocate in their area, and get help to receive all the free resources that are available to them," he said.

McMurray will be hosting his next public event from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sept. 12, at the Key Peninsula Library, 8905 Key Peninsula Highway North.

For information, visit piercescounty-crime.com or call McMurray, at (253) 439-0142.

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Key Pen couple retires from foster parenting

By Colleen Slater, KP News

When their last two foster girls graduated from Peninsula High School in June, Bruce and Maureen Morlang, of Lakebay, celebrated their retirement with four weeks of camping.

The Morlangs took in their first foster child in 1983 and have had about 250 pass through their doors since then. Maureen said that the state kept records on the first 82, then the state took over, so they are not certain of the total number.

The Morlangs bought four acres with nothing but a driveway into the woods in 1974, and lived in a cabin until their eight-bedroom home was built. They eventually had 30 acres, where Maureen raised horses and planted borders of daffodils with the help of her extended family.

Maureen was a foster child herself and always wanted to be a foster parent. When the Morlang's biological children were about 12 and 15, she took in the first foster child. Within a few years, Bruce retired from 30 years in the Navy and a Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

job, so they were a two-parent stay-at-home family — a good situation for foster kids.

They had both boys and girls for the first 15 years or so, then five years of just boys. About 10 years ago, when they had one boy and three girls, they decided to have just girls when that boy was gone.

Two babies, plus a teenager with a toddler were all in the mix, but most of the children were older. One who came when she was 8 is still part of their family.

Several of the children, more girls than boys, were never "released" because they wanted to stay as part of the Morlang family, she said.

"I always wanted a big family for Thanksgiving," Maureen added. That wish came true. She now counts grandchildren from some of her foster girls who come home to visit regularly.

The legal limit for number of children is currently six, but previously, she did have eight at a time. A few stayed only a few months, and one runaway stayed only 15 minutes before she was out the door.

Early on, a tree house was built with help



Courtesy photo

Bruce and Maureen Morlang, of Lakebay, recently retired from being a part of the foster care system. Since 1983 they have cared for some 250 children.

from the boys. It's been recently upgraded with a slide, swing, ladder and dish shelves for a 5-year-old granddaughter.

Maureen helped one of the boys make the large dining table still in use, and helped another make a bookcase that holds their various photo albums.

Foster parents are required to take 30 hours of training every two years to maintain their

license. They learn that these kids, most of whom were abused or neglected, don't fit the normal patterns of development. Training includes how to help their kids identify where their negative behaviors come from, face the issues and move on from there.

"We gain so much in our lives we can share with these children," Maureen said. "It's more fun to do things with others than by yourself." She tries to instill that attitude in her kids.

She claims a sense of humor is essential for a successful foster parent.

The Morlangs hiked, camped, climbed rocks and mountains, rode horses and traveled with the children in their care.


They realized a few years ago that they can't do so much of that anymore and it was time to retire. They went off to lunch by themselves one day. The girls were surprised they hadn't been invited to join them.

"We had to practice being retired," Maureen said.

She's also retiring from raising horses. They still have pea fowl, chickens, three sheep, three horses and a dog to keep them occupied in their retirement.

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From Pioneer Stock

Six generations call Vaughn home

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Norman Brones is almost a Key Peninsula native but he grew up in California.

Great grandfather Nils Olsen immigrated from Sweden to Wisconsin with his wife, three sons and a daughter in 1852. Altogether, he had three wives, 12 children and two stepchildren.

There were so many Olsens, Nils was afraid if one of his sons was lost, injured or killed in battle (Civil War), they might never find him. He legally changed the family name to Brones, the family farm in Sweden. Olavaus, the oldest son, refused to change his name. All three sons served in the army, but Olavaus didn't survive.

The families moved to Iowa, where some descendants still live.

John Brones, son of Nils and his second wife, Ingar, farmed and hauled freight in North Dakota. John married Jane Lewis, and her widowed mother became widower Nils' third wife, causing later descendants to joke about their relationships.

John's son Melvin became a citizen of Canada after marrying Isabelle McGuire, who'd been born in Minnesota, but moved to Saskatchewan with her family as a child.

Her McGuire grandparents travelled from Ireland to Nova Scotia and on to Quebec. Her family moved back and forth between North Dakota and Saskatchewan as she grew up.

Melvin, Belle and son Wayne moved to North Dakota before Janice was born. As the family came farther west, grandparents John and Jane accompanied them.

They homesteaded in Montana, where Audrey and Kenneth were born. Melvin later worked in the Paradise Department Store in Havre.

Their doctor advised Belle to "move to the coast," as he predicted Melvin would die in about six months. He thought she'd be better able to make a better living farther west. The children liked riding with grandpa, as he liked to stop to get ice cream for grandma.

In Oregon, property was expensive. They



Photo courtesy of Audrey Tritle

The Brones family posed for a photo in 1940. The are (standing) Janice, Wayne, Ken, Audrey and (seated) Melvin, Ben and Belle Brones.

came to Lewis Lake, where the Mellbloms, best friends from Havre, had friends and neighbors and had property and rented a cabin. On their last night before returning to Oregon, they were awakened about 3 a.m. by a shout: "Brones, are you in there?"

Everett and Del Stinson, who worked for Melvin in Havre, heard at a dance the family was there. They came by the next day and showed them property available in Vaughn.

The Brones bought it and named it Twin Maples. The grandparents bought a home across the road.

Milk cows, pigs, a hayfield, an acre of berries, plus fruits, vegetables and a large flower garden kept them busy.

"Twin Maples is the workingest five acres I've ever seen," said Belle in later years.

Belle used a ladder to pick her tall beans, and some local brides arranged wedding dates to take advantage of her gladiolas.

Melvin did carpentry work for Bob Davidson Logging Co., including portable bunkhouses and cabins.

Belle cooked at local schools from the time Ben, born in Gig Harbor, started school until age 72.


The good Washington air must have been what Melvin needed, as he lived to be 83. Belle visited family in North Dakota nearly every summer, plus Ireland, Norway and Sweden (where Norman and Britta lived) in her later years.

Norman, son of Wayne and Ruth, spent summers in Vaughn from age 12, visiting grandparents, working on his aunt Audrey Tritle's egg ranch and later for his uncle Ken Brones at Visell Lumber Co., in Key Center.

The Key Center library named its meeting room for Ken, who donated the property for it. Two of his four daughters live in Allyn.

Norman and Britta's daughter, Anna, now in Portland, is the sixth generation of the Brones family in Vaughn.

Historical information provided by Audrey, Janice, and Ruth, all over 90.



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Cancer screenings come to KP

KP News Staff

In conjunction with Franciscan Health System, the Key Medical Center is hosting a free public cancer screening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 29.

Clinicians will be at the 15610 89th Street Court clinic offering a variety of exams; checking for prostate, skin, oral, head and neck cancer. They will also be offering reduced-cost flu vaccinations and will have someone onsite determining eligibility for free mammograms.

"Dr. Roes has graciously offered to open his office on a Saturday for this event," said Jamie Dobosz, a co-manager with Franciscan's Community Cancer Program.

Roes said that Franciscan approached him with the idea of doing a free clinic for many reasons. One of them, he emphasized, is that men "tend not to get checked as often as they should," so this event is really important for everyone in the community.

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routinely recommended for the age group between 50 and 65," he said.

Roes, who has been at the popular Key Peninsula clinic for some 31 years, said he's hoping that the community comes out in force for this event.

"We are trying to catch people who have fallen through the cracks, who don't have the resources to check for cancers," he said.

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment call (253) 426-6746 or email jamiedobosz@fhshealth.org.

Shibori artist to be featured at Longbranch Fiber Arts Fest

Staff Report, KP News

The Longbranch Fiber Arts Festival will be a little bit like homecoming for Glennis Dolce, the featured artist for the festival that will showcase more than 30 artists. Although she considers Japan her first home, Dolce grew up both in Yokohama, Japan, and Gig Harbor.

Although she's worked for about 30 years with porcelain, the discovery of shibori — an ancient Japanese art of dyeing cloth — took her on a new path a few years ago. The method of shibori creates patterns by twisting, compressing, folding, stitching or binding the silk cloth.

"One reason I chose shibori as a focus was because it was seemingly dying out and not well known here in the U.S. five years ago, and I wanted to change that," she said. "And look at it now!"

Dolce creates beautiful shibori

scarves, by hand, one at a time.


"One of the most fascinating qualities of shibori is that inherently, you can never create the exact same thing twice," said Dolce, who currently lives in Long Beach, Calif.

"There is the element of the unknown. Technology has removed that element from a lot of things in our daily lives."

Dolce said there's something magic about the shibori ribbon that captivates people. Perhaps it's what has kept her own fascination alive.

"I enjoy creating things that make people wonder," she said. "We need more wonder in our world."

The Longbranch Fiber Arts Festival is part of the annual Key Peninsula Farm Tour, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6. In addition to being the featured artist, Dolce will teach a two-day workshop on the Key Pen Oct. 3-4. For information, go to keypeninsula-farmtour.com/FiberArts.htm.

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Scott Barnett Rogers

Born Sept. 11, 1963 to Richard and Beverly Rogers. He died May 21, 2012 in Gig Harbor. Graveside memorial service was held July 21 in Lewiston, Idaho.

Rogers was the manager at Peninsula Iron, a welding and metal fabrication business. He was a professional welder, and a master with the plasma torch. Metal was a medium for his artistry. His Harley, known as the "Skull Bike," was a radical custom that had been featured in all of the major motorcycle magazines.

Rogers was a gifted artist, specializing in Native American sketches and wall art. He was an adopted member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux of South Dakota, where he

was one of a very few who practiced Sun Dancing, which was his religion.

Sun Dancing was graphically depicted in Richard Harris' movie "A Man Called Horse." Sun Dancing gave Rogers focus and direction to his life.

Rogers was a man's man, with a strong-willed personality – a man to be respected.

Rogers is survived by his beloved son David (Buggy) Saice; his longtime partner and confidant, Raina Saice; his grandmother, Florence Adair; his mother, Beverly Orser; his stepmother, Vickie Rogers; seven brothers and sisters; seven nieces; two nephews; and a slew of cousins.

Rogers wrote as a guest columnist for the Key Peninsula News in 2012.

May your spirit find good hunting, and

may we hear your spiritual guidance. A part of you will live as long as you are remembered.

James Vincent Latteri

James Latteri was born Oct. 15, 1941 in Oneida, NY to Frances Roder and James Latteri. He passed away at home on July 12, 2012.

Latteri served in the U.S. Navy, both active and reserve for 22 years. He retired as a Sr. Chief from FISC Yokosuka at Bangor in September, 2001. Latteri was a volunteer firefighter for Key Peninsula Fire District 16 for more than 20 years. He was also the owner of an appraisal company for many years and retired in 2009.

Latteri's passion was climbing mountains and teaching real estate appraisal.

He climbed 43 of the highest peaks in the United States and many outside of the country.

Latteri was also a volunteer coach at Peninsula High School for a number of years. He became a "natural" at teaching because he truly cared if his students "got it" or not. He taught real estate appraisal for CNAREA in Canada.

Latteri is survived by his wife, Gail, son, Jay, two brothers, Gary Weir (Karen) of Spring Texas; Paul Weir of San Diego, CA and a sister, Gail Travers (John) of Kirkland, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Francis Senecal, Dr. Andre Joseph, Dr. William Roes, Dean Shriner and the staff of Key Medical in Key Center.

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On July 21, Sheila Beth Hunt and Randall Hugh Niven were wed at the Niven residence near Longbranch before a large gathering of relatives and friends.

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Pierce County workers place articulated planks at the Vaughn Bay boat ramp during week of July 30 - Aug. 8. The planks are reinforced concrete slabs bolted together and laid on a bed of compacted crushed rock. This allows the ramp to flex slightly under a heavy load, but not separate. Workers will return to finish the work as tides allow. The new boat ramp will have the same footprint.

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Vaughn Elementary kindergartener Phranquie Langcaster with her mom, Anastaja, used bits of hotdogs as bait when fishing at the Longbranch Marina earlier this summer.