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KP Council keeps public bus services rolling

By Scott Turner, KP News

Longtime Key Peninsula resident Edie Morgan has known for many years that transportation — or lack thereof — is a huge issue on the Key Peninsula.

"We took a survey in 2006, especially asking individuals 50 years of age and older as to what they thought was necessary for them to age in place on the Peninsula," said Morgan, founder and executive director of the Mustard Seed Project.

"And by golly, transportation came out No. 1 by far. I didn't especially want to focus on transportation, but it was clearly a necessity."

The first piece of the solution was the Key Peninsula Senior Ride Program, for which Mustard Seed partnered with Catholic Community Services to train volunteer drivers.

Fast-forward to 2010 when Morgan began noticing all the empty school busses parked at Evergreen Elementary.

"Edie looked at them and said 'Let's put people on those busses. They're sitting there empty — why not fill them?'" said Mustard

Seed Program Administrator Amanda Walston.

That idea earned Mustard Seed a grant through the Pierce County Coordinated Transportation Commission to use school buses to provide transportation for Key Peninsula residents when the busses weren't being used by the Peninsula School District (PSD).

In May 2011, the bus program began giving free rides to Key Peninsula residents.

"I think it's a great program," said bus driver Crystal Petesch. "I'd much rather see people on our buses, than people hitchhiking."

Administration of the project recently was taken over by the KP School Bus Connect, an arm of the Key Peninsula Community Council.

"Mustard Seed's board of directors wanted them to focus more on just senior citizens' issues and not the entire community," said Marcia Harris, vice president of the Community Council and coordinator of the School Bus Connection.

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Vaughn resident teaching ABCs of swimming, water safety

By Scott Turner, KP News

Vaughn resident Dee Adams has been teaching people to swim since she was 10 or 11 years old.

When she was growing up, her father was in charge of the swim program at a pool in the county park in Enumclaw and Adams and her sister, Peg, spent their summers in the pool.

This summer, Adams, who owns Bay View Swim School, is giving swimming lessons to Key Peninsula children ages 4 through early teens.

Some of the youngsters have no experience in the water, some know just a few strokes and some are working on perfecting their techniques and building endurance, she said.

Janice Bryant of Longbranch enrolled her two sons in Adams' classes earlier this summer.

"They've gone from being what we wouldn't call 'great' swimmers to knowing all their strokes," Bryant said. "Dee is Red Cross certified and she's just a delight. She



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

McHardy Bryant, 10, aims for the circle during diving practice with instructor Dee Adams.

talks to each child individually and also as a group. The kids just seem to grow and revel. She's full of laughs and she tolerates everything, but she still challenges them.

They come home tired, but happy. She's a precious gem for us out here on the Pen-

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(From **Bus**, Page 1)

Even before Pierce Transit cut service to the Key Peninsula, the council had recognized that transportation was a critical issue in the area.

"How can you get into town? How can you get to the Park & Ride? How can you get to the doctor or the grocery store if you don't have a private vehicle?" Harris said.

The council was instrumental in getting the original grant renewed through 2015. "The grant is for approximately \$50,000 a year," Harris said.

"Money is used for transportation and administration, advertising and working to make sure the people in the community know about this service being available."

The grant was funded through the Puget Sound Education Services District (ESD) through the State Department of Transportation.

"School busses are allowed to be used for transporting the elderly and the disabled



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

and special needs individuals. We're underneath those guidelines on the state level," explained Annie Bell, the PSD director of transportation, who has been associated with the project from the ground up.

"For the summertime, the bus leaves from the bus garage and goes out to Lake of the Woods and Lake Holiday and then goes down Wright Bliss Road, up Olson to

Key Center. So people from Lake of the Woods and Lake Holiday can get on the bus and get dropped off at the Key Center market at a certain time and continue down to Lake Kathryn and to the Purdy Park & Ride. The bus also goes south toward Home and Palmer Lake to pick up and bring people who live in that area to the market. There are dedicated stops where people can get on

From left, bus driver **Crystal Petesch**, **Marsha Harris**, program coordinator; **Craig Sherman**, PSD transportation; **Annie Bell**, PSD transportation director and **Danna Webster**, KP Council president, gathered at the district bus barn last month for a meeting on route adjustments for the revamped **Key Peninsula School Bus Connection**.

or off the bus," Bell said.

Bus service runs one day a week — on Tuesdays.

In August, the bus will run three times a day — between 8 and 9:30 a.m. then between 2 and 4 p.m.," said Danna Webster, council president.

The afternoon run also will stop at the food bank and at Volunteer Park.

"And we also pick up at the Purdy Park & Ride at 4:45 and take people back to wherever they need to go. There are about 12 to 15 stops all together," Harris said. "Next school year we hope to be able to run two days a week."

Webster said the program is a wonderful opportunity for people on the KP to get around the Peninsula for free.

"We're making our tax dollars work for us here on the Peninsula," Webster said.

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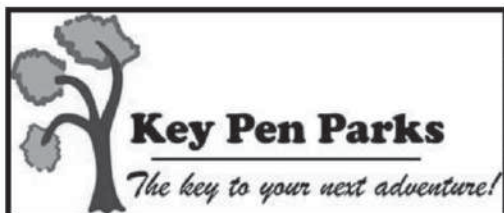
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Thur. Aug. 8th 6:30-8:30pm

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Gateway Park (10215 SR 302)

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SUMMER CAMPS at-a-glance

CAMP	Dates	Location	Time	Ages	Fee	Highlights
YOGA & MEDITATION	August 5-9	Volunteer Park	9:00am-10:00am	7-12	\$49	Experience the calming effect of yoga practice...
PEEWEE DRUM	August 5-9	Volunteer Park	10:00am-2:00pm	4-7	\$49*	Explore all types of drums & prepare a performance!
ECO ADVENTURE	August 12-16	3 Parks, 1 Farm & Camp Seymour	9:30am-4:00pm	8-12	\$109*	Big canoe trip, recycled art, hiking, beachcombing...
MAD SCIENCE	August 19-23	Volunteer Park	9:30am-12:30pm	5-12	\$125	Theme is Science Sleuths, come learn and explore!
PEEWEE THEATER	August 19-23	Volunteer Park	2:00pm-4:00pm	4-7	\$59	A fun and creative camp to learn theater skills!

*reduced price reflects subsidy from Community Partners—KGI Watershed (Eco) and Longbranch Improvement Club members (Drum)

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Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

Students Jackson Bryant, 8, McHardy Bryant, 10, Matt Nesbit, 11, and Grace Nesbit, 8, have some fun with their swim coach Dee Adams after a recent lesson.

(From *Swimming*, Page 1)

insula.”

Jane and Win Rumsey agreed. They were observing a class that included their two grandchildren, Matt and Grace Nesbit.

“The kids are having a great time learning all the different strokes,” Jane Rumsey said. “Dee gives detailed instructions as to how it should be done in a friendly way and the kids have a good time. They also have free time afterwards to play games, which everybody is eager to participate in. I’d certainly recommend this class.”

Ten-year-old McHardy Bryant had words of praise from a student’s perspective. “I came here to get better at swimming so we could go to different places and we could have more fun swimming in our pond. Our teacher has given us skills and confidence and she’s made it much easier to know how to swim. She really does great teaching. She’s a wonderful person to be with, and she’s friendly and very smart.”

Adams and her husband and children moved to Vaughn in 1988. They bought a house with a swimming pool, and while she worked as a counselor at Key Peninsula Middle School, she started teaching swimming in the summer as a way to get a little more income.

“My sister lived on Fox Island and she had a pool, and she started giving lessons on Fox Island and I started giving lessons

in Vaughn.

“She and I helped our dad with the swim program at the county pool in Enumclaw and we also lifeguarded there, and we also helped dad with his swim program at home.”

Adams took a break from swimming for several years when she got a job in South Kitsap that required her to work during the summer.

She started teaching again when she retired in 2009.

Teaching swimming is Adams’ way of giving back to the community and keeping myself busy,” she said.

“And there’s also a philosophical reason: We live in a beautiful area with lots of water — and people are in the water and on the water all the time, and I think it’s important for their kids to be safe around the water. They enjoy being in the water and so do I.”

Adams thrives on “the satisfaction of seeing that feeling of accomplishment — when you know that the kids are excited. They’ve broken through some sort of a barrier — something they were afraid to do and now they’ve gone beyond that and learned something new — and they’re having fun in the water,” she said.

Adams limits her class size to just four students in the pool at a time. She’ll offer another two-week session this month before school starts.

For information, contact Dee Adams at (253) 884-9167.



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PSD Building Administrative Assignments for 2013-2014

We are very fortunate to have been able to recruit the best and the brightest new employees to Peninsula. You will have an opportunity to get to know our new staff over the course of the coming school year. Here is a preview of some of our new quality administrative professionals:

- **Sean Whalen, Director of Student Services:** Sean is an experienced administrator in special education. He started as a school psychologist, has been the Director of Special Programs in Fife, was the Principal of ReLife School, and has most recently been volunteering with his family in Holden Village, a remote outpost in Chelan, Washington.

- **Hugh Maxwell, Principal Evergreen Elementary:** Hugh was the Principal at Webster Elementary in Lewiston, Idaho. Hugh is a strong and effective leader, personable and committed to student learning and staff development. He deliberately takes time for each student; knowing their names, individual circumstances, their unique needs, their strengths and weaknesses. He lives, "kids first."

- **Kristi Rivera, Principal Purdy Elementary:** Kristi is returning to the Peninsula School District, and Purdy Elementary, after two years as the Principal at

Olalla Elementary in Port Orchard. Kristi is a student-centered, collaborative, value-driven, courageous, compassionate leader. She works with all staff with the highest expectations and in a positive, "how can I help you achieve" type of approach. She is an extraordinary team player as was witnessed during her previous Peninsula experience as an Assistant Principal at Purdy and Harbor Heights.

- **Dawn Musgrove, Assistant Principal Goodman Middle School:** Dawn comes to us from Eatonville School District where she is currently the Assistant Principal at Eatonville Middle School. She has been a dean of academics and has a variety of teaching and leadership experiences. Dawn's strength revolves around her belief and her willingness to do whatever it takes to help students achieve their full potential.

- **Lorraine Hirakawa, Assistant Principal Gig Harbor High School:** Lorraine is a Nationally Board Certified Language Arts instructor and served in the Puyallup School District as a Secondary Literacy Instructional Specialist facilitating district level committees centered on common assessments and literacy improvement plans.

District Office Summer Public Hours

Peninsula School District's main office summer public hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 24 through Aug. 16. The main office telephone number is 253-530-1000.

If you wish to meet with staff outside of those hours, please make special arrangements for access to the District Office.

SchoolMessenger FAQ

What is SchoolMessenger?

SchoolMessenger is a rapid notification system. It specializes in school-to-home communication. Schools can use the system to inform parents and staff about a number of things including safety, attendance, lunchroom balances, school closures/delays, among other matters.

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- Please view the program flyers at www.psd401.net by selecting the link in the article on the front page. We look forward to welcoming your Kindergarten student on September 4th!

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

August

- 22 School Board Regular Meeting 6 p.m. at the District Office

September

- 4 Wednesday - First day of school - No teacher collaboration - No late start
- 5 School Board Regular Meeting 6 p.m. at the District Office
- 11 WEDNESDAY LATE START BEGINS - Teacher collaboration

For the complete 2013-2014 Open House schedule visit the PSD website and select the Open House slider at the top of the page - www.psd401.net.

Peninsula Views

Choosing to remember

Last fall, as a new member of the community, I responded to a request for Key Pen News volunteer columnists.

Initially I ignored the offer, but after a frustrating day at school and a long walk on the beach, I submitted my application. I did have something to write about, something to say, but did anyone care to listen?

Well, either very few people applied, or my topic was unique enough that I was accepted.

Last month, Scott Turner (editor) contacted me again. Why, exactly, was I writing? What was it that I really wanted to say?

He said to "read between the lines."

Deborah Allen
Read to Me



What truly interests readers, he said, is what is happening to them, now.

Although what I will share with you is not happening on the Key Peninsula (I work in a small rural school district in another county) it is happening across the United States, and it is affecting all of us every day.

As school districts continue to have funding decreased while academic expect-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New volunteers part of Fire District 16 growth

Dear Editor,

The Board of Fire Commissioners for the Key Peninsula Fire Department would like to congratulate and welcome 13 new volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to our department. We recognize the hard work it takes to graduate from the academy, and appreciate your service to save lives and property in our community.

Our department relies on a balance of full-time and volunteer firefighter/EMTs to respond to emergency calls in our community. These new recruits will double the number of volunteers we have serving the public.

In addition, one full-time firefighter/EMT started in January, and two more will begin with the department in mid-August, making a total of three full-time positions to improve our emergency response. Two more full-time emergency personnel will be hired in 2014, as well.

We will be analyzing data over the next few months and report back on how emergency response times have improved. This was our commitment to the public, and we appreciate their support that makes this possible.

*Ray Lamoureux, Chair
Board of Fire Commissioners
Key Peninsula Fire Department*

Right rifle, right place, right time

The M1 Garand (rhymes with errand) gets its name from its inventor, John Garand.

Coming into service in 1936, it was meant to replace the model 1903 Springfield bolt action rifle.

It is a semi-automatic rifle chambered in the 30.06 cartridge. In fact, both the Garand and the M1903 were retained and fought side by side in World War II. The Garand became the standard-issue rifle of U.S. forces in World War II and the Korean War. It served with distinction until officially being replaced by what I like to call its "son," the selective fire M14 in 1957.

Like most military rifles of the 1930s, the Garand was loaded from the top of the breech, with the bolt locked to the rear. But unlike bolt action rifles that held four or five rounds, the Garand held eight (one other rifle held 10, a bolt action, the British Enfield, but did not have near the power of the Garand).

These eight rounds were held together in a spring steel en-bloc clip. This clip functions as part of the action of the rifle, and is ejected with a melodious "prang!" upon the eight rounds fired. Then reaching into a bandoleer, a soldier would pull out another en-bloc clip with eight rounds and load the rifle again.

Many a World War II vet has sat around with combat brothers and reminisced about the Garand.

At the time of its development, most of the world's military leaders' opinions were that there was no way that a semi-automatic rifle could be used with any reliability or accuracy.

How wrong they all were. In the hands of the brave men who went to war to defeat

Hitler and Hirohito, the Garand gave them a superior rate of fire on the battlefield, in a weapon as robust as a tank.

My dad said when he was in the Philippines and Okinawa, after a day of fighting, he would go down to the river to wash off. He would open up his Garand, wash the mud out of it, load it and fire a round into the bank and go on patrol. He said he knew the gun would fire no matter what.

There has been much debate in gun circles over the years as to the best battle rifle ever invented.

Space age materials resulting in lighter and faster shooting weapons are being used to give our military the best equipment in the world today. But when you look at the sheer magnitude of World War II with all its different battle terrains and weather from jungle rains and mud, to hot desert and sand, to hard frozen ground with snow and sleet -- the theater was a challenge.

There was no going back to the drawing board, the gun had to work. The M1 Garand was right there with those heroes of yesterday putting the hurt on the Axis powers.

Would we have won the war without the Garand? Oh yes, there is no doubt. But the Garand helped get it done faster, and proved that when pushed, America is going to push back and push back hard.

Cecil Beal has been involved with firearms through business and collecting most of his life. He can be reached at crvabeal@hotmail.com.

Cecil Beal
Gun Sight



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tations are increased, administrators face the task of how to balance increasingly meager budgets. This in a time of needed technology purchases for staff and students, as well as an exploding population of special-needs students.

Where to cut the budget? P.E. and sports programs were targeted a few years ago, but with the epidemic of childhood obesity, that is no longer the acceptable thing to do.

A prime target, usually the first, is the school library. Why do students need books when they can use computers and eReaders?

Hey, nothing against eReaders, all three of my children have one, as do I, but we all agree they are for convenience and are not the same as a book — but that is for another column.

Why fund the library at all? My district has not provided me with the funds to purchase new books for my students in five years. New books (more than 3,000) have been purchased with donations and fundraising.

As I said, my district is small, a K-8 district of two schools with two libraries. I am the only librarian, and I have had two assistants, one in each library. I spend the morning in one building and the afternoon in the other. My "commute" is a two-minute walk.

With my two highly-skilled assistants, we were able to keep both libraries open and available to staff and students all day long, which is as it should be at a school.

Then new administrators arrived, and locked the doors of the middle school library four mornings a week to save money by reassigning my secretary to work as a preschool assistant.

This made it difficult for our history teacher, Dr. Scott Dakers, who had undertaken an amazing journey with our seventh-grade students. He chose to teach about the

Holocaust in a very unique way.

Dakers taught, through literature, non-fiction texts and first-person accounts, how the world had tolerated evil. He allowed our students to see that tolerating something, putting up with something that you don't like, was never meant for people.


We all know that one can tolerate something for only so long — Dachau, Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen are proof of that.

Dakers teamed with English teacher Ruth H., and together they taught these children to write expository text, and inspired them to care about what they wrote.


And care indeed. The children prepared a presentation for the community, to share their learning, and to introduce a special guest. Her name is Elane Geller, a child survivor of the Holocaust.

"Choosing to Remember" is the book of extraordinary essays written by our students, and dedicated to Ms. Geller. It is filled with essays that were nurtured by their readings in the library; essays that were informed by their research in the library.

Deborah Allen is a teacher-librarian, and she enjoys reading to children all the time. She can be reached at windmeadowfarm@gmail.com.



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Some of the donations that come into the Key Pen Parks and Recreation Foundation (the Foundation) are "targeted" for certain projects or programs, such as the Ken Pen Parks Scholarships Program. This worthwhile program allows children, who could otherwise not attend Key Pen programs for financial reasons, to get "scholarship" funding. Thanks to many supporters throughout our community, the KP Foundation is helping to build a stronger community, giving kids a camp experience, and giving our young people constructive ways to spend their summer months. We think it's working and here's how:



Photo by Jennifer Wherry

Scholarship Spotlight

Young Mallory Brown has participated in KP Parks programs since she was three years old. Her mom, Susie, told Parks staff back then that "You're going to see a lot of us!" and she has been true to her word!

Mallory has participated in the Basketball Skills Clinic, the Soccer Skills Clinic, the Spring Break Camps, the Mid-Winter Break Camps, the Santa Breakfast, the All-Hallows Harvest Celebration, and the Cinema Under the Stars in the summer. Mom plans to sign Mallory up for Summer Break Camp, as well.

Parents and their children from all around the Key Peninsula can take advantage of Key Pen Parks programs and the Foundation's financial assistance. As Susie puts it, "Mallory enjoys having so many different activities to choose from and she has formed friendships with the people she's met through the programs. She has also learned an important life lesson there: understanding that winning and losing are just part of the game!"



We hope you will come and join Mallory and other friends and neighbors on the Key Peninsula. See for yourself how these successful programs can work for your children. In the meantime, enjoy these photos of Mallory and her teammates in action!

Foundation Project Update

Last year the Foundation promised to help build a picnic shelter for the new playground at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Thanks to the generosity of the Angel Guild, which made a significant donation to the project, we now have in excess of \$5,000. This brings us halfway to our goal, but WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW! In making a donation now you help us build a stronger Key Peninsula AND have the use of a wonderful new shelter at the Civic Center.

Be part of the good news story! Donations are tax deductible and easy to make. More information about donating is below. Have a wonderful summer!

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Bischoff FISH food bank reduced hours expanded following plea

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The Bischoff FISH food bank in downtown Key Center is reducing its hours of operation significantly.

In March 2011, when the food bank was located at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, Wally Haugaard, the manager, signed a contract with FISH in order to gain access to more sources to feed the growing number of people in need on the Key Peninsula.

"We signed the contract subject to FISH's promise that we would continue to operate the food bank in a manner which would best serve our KP residents," Haugaard said. "We were specifically to retain control over the days and hours of operation."

The FISH food bank has been open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday since its move to Key Center in March 2013.

On July 9, 2013, Beth Elliott, the executive director of FISH, met with Haugaard and informed him that the food bank hours were reduced to four hours per day on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday effective Aug. 1. Elliott also told Haugaard that his resignation was expected because she knew that this change would not be acceptable to Haugaard.

Haugaard immediately resigned, as expected.

Sandy Roszman, the president of the FISH board of directors indicated that the board had considered and decided upon the change, but Elliott later acknowledged that she implemented the decision on her own initiative under the authority granted to her in the FISH bylaws.

Elliott and Roszman both said that the change was made to appease one of the tenants along the driveway easement going from Key Pen Highway to the building occupied by the food bank.

"We want to be good neighbors, with the best relations possible," Roszman said. "There was also a desire to standardize our hours with operations at our other food banks."

"This change really makes no sense. All of our workers are unpaid volunteers. It costs nothing more to be open the longer hours," Haugaard said.

Roszman said the board understands that its volunteers are very committed, caring and



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

FISH food bank customers Karla Crocker and Ervin Banks receive some food items last month. The popular Key Center food bank is changing its hours of operation.

compassionate. "We are trying to use our resources to best meet the needs of the community and that's a tough task," she said.

The Key Center-based food bank is manned completely by non-paid volunteers. They mobilized, with 12 making a surprise appearance at the monthly FISH board of directors meeting on July 17.

Kimberly Miller, the acting volunteer coordinator (Haugaard's replacement), gave a heartfelt plea to reconsider the board's decision to reduce hours, citing numerous specific examples where seniors and disabled citizens, persons working multiple jobs for minimum wage, persons without public or private transportation are unable to obtain needed food for themselves and their family under the shortened hours.

Emails were exchanged and a final decision was made on July 24 that the food bank will be open to the public from 2 to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

During the month of May, the food bank served 3,134 families, with a total of 10,117 family members, some coming from Kitsap County.

The Bischoff FISH food bank is not affiliated with the food bank operated by the Key Peninsula Community Services and Senior Center near Home.

The food bank is located at 8908 Key Peninsula Highway and can be contacted by calling 858-7226.

Summer Food Program serves healthy meals to families in need

By Alice Kinerk, KP News

The Summer Food Program is serving free lunches to Key Peninsula children in need, along with their families, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the summer.

An extension of Backpacks 4 Kids, which provides food for students to take home over weekends during the school year, food for the Summer Food Program comes in through the new FISH food bank at Key Center. The program also receives funds to purchase food from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The Peninsula School District qualifies for the OSPI funds because of the high percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunches at three area schools.

However, with the funds come strict nutritional requirements similar to the requirements for school lunches. Each meal must contain milk, meat or other protein, grains, as well as three-quarters cup of fruits and vegetables.

Program supervisor Karen Jorgenson is proud of the fresh, healthy meals served. What sets the Summer Food Program apart, she said, is its wonderful cooks, who prepare many foods from scratch.

On the menu one day in July was turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce. There also were carrots that had been freshly diced and steamed, and buttery, homemade mashed potatoes.

Jorgenson, who has been involved with the food bank for four years, has seen an increased need for food and services in the area, with many guests reliant on the program for an extended period of time.

"Year after year some of the same families participate. They count on us," Jorgenson said. The food bank at Key Center also has been busy, she noted, sometimes serving as many as 40 patrons a day.

Area resident Kathie Black, who stopped by recently for a meal with her children, agrees that the program is helpful to the community. "If I didn't have this program, sometimes the kids wouldn't eat. The food is great. I have no complaints," she said.

Guests without transportation to the Civic Center can catch a free shuttle at Palmer Lake. Upon arriving, each guest signs in and



Photo by Alice Kinerk, KP News

Karen Jorgenson, supervisor of the Summer Food Program at the Civic Center, greets guests at the pass by the window in the Whitmore Room.

washes their hands. Parents are not required to complete any forms or provide proof of income. Several folding tables set up around the Whitmore Room give families a place to eat together. Jorgenson moves around the room chatting with guests, her smile warm and welcoming.

Before guests leave, Jorgenson always makes sure one or two items are sent home with them. Sometimes these are household items, such as linens. Early in the summer, books were given out to keep children reading while out of school.

Many food items don't work well for the Backpacks 4 Kids program simply because they are too big to fit in the backpacks or too heavy for kids to carry home. These are saved to give out during the summer program as well. On a recent day, oversized boxes of corn flakes were sent home along with heavy jugs of grapefruit juice.

Jorgenson is inspired to stay involved with the program when she sees how excited the children are to be there, frequently asking what will be served for lunch next time. She also feels grateful for the generosity of her Key Peninsula neighbors. "Without the support of the community we couldn't feed these kids," she said.

Area residents interested in donating to FISH food bank can get more information at ghpfish.com/donate.html. Free lunches are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Key Peninsula Civic Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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A look at Key Peninsula Parks accomplishments

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The property tax levy on the November ballot would provide operations and maintenance funds for Key Pen Parks.

The voters created the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District in 2004, which replaced Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District that dissolved in 2005.

The change was spurred by new state legislation that authorized metropolitan park districts. The old district was funded only by a 1/10 of one cent per dollar sales tax, commonly referred to as Zoo Trek funds. Volunteer help was the norm to accomplish anything.

The new metropolitan park district also can collect funds through a property tax levy.

The Zoo Trek funds still provide about \$110,000 per year. Property taxes have provided about \$650,000 each year since 2008, but are expected to drop to nothing next year due to priorities in disbursement set by law.

The only assets of the old park district

were Volunteer Park with its baseball diamonds — built by volunteer help, as its name suggests — and the 1.75-acre parcel of raw land in Home, obtained by Pierce County through a condemnation action, now become Home Park.

The new park district paid the former district \$30,600 for the two properties so that the old parks district could close its books with a zero balance.

A parks survey in 2007 identified that Key Peninsula residents wanted Key Pen Parks to concentrate most heavily on land acquisition and development of trails.

According to Key Pen Parks Executive Director Scott Gallacher, since 2008, Key Pen Parks has done the following:

- Invested \$465,000 in improvements to Volunteer Park (only \$140,000 of which came out of the budget, the remainder from grants).
- Spent \$200,000 to develop Home Park.
- Acquired Rocky Creek Conservation Area (244 acres) through a lease that costs \$1 per year.

- Acquired a Taylor Bay (39 acres with 600 feet of shoreline) through \$1.35 million in grants, with nothing spent from the parks budget.

- Acquired Minter Creek property (5 acres) costing \$181,000, with only \$90,500 from the parks budget.

- Acquired the 360 Trails property (360 acres) on a no-cost 50-year lease from DNR. The property is valued at \$6.4 million.

- Acquired Maple Hollow (58 acres with 1,400 feet of beach) on a no-cost 50-year lease. The property is valued at \$1.5 million. Improvements costing \$188,000 were completed, with two-thirds coming from grants.

- Acquired Key Central Forest (480 acres) on a no-cost 50-year lease from DNR. The property is valued at \$3.5 million.

- Acquired Ketchum Property (5 acres) purchased for \$50,000 as a trailhead to Key Central Forest, that had no road access.

- Acquired Gateway Park (39 acres on SR-302), adjacent to 360 Trails. Purchased

for \$800,000, with one-half coming from grants.

Key Pen Parks now owns or controls 1,233 acres of park land with more than 10 miles of trails.

Pierce County had offered to transfer Purdy Spit and Devil's Head to Key Pen Parks, but the commissioners rejected the offer because of liability issues or hidden costs for which no funds were available in the foreseeable future.

"The 2007 Comprehensive Plan tasked us with acquiring land, especially land with access to water," Gallacher said.

"Future emphasis will be on developing these lands. With a total budget of less than \$1 million per year for everything (maintenance, operations, capital investment, et cetera.), we believe that we have done rather well."

A dissenting voice comes from Bob Richardson, who resides next to the Minter Creek park property.

"The parks district should never have

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Local agencies, groups bring Project Homeless Connect to the Key

By Scott Turner, KP News

On Friday, Aug. 9, a coalition of Pierce County organizations will host an event called Project Homeless Connect at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints on the Key Peninsula.

The coalition includes Key Peninsula Community Services, South Sound Outreach and the Coalition to End Homelessness, with support from the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition (PEPC).

According to Roberta Marsh, director of South Sound Outreach, the free event will include medical, dental and vision care clinics; veterans support; income tax preparation; housing access; haircuts; ID replacement and more.

Similar events have taken place at the Tacoma Dome and in Spanaway and Sumner.

"We selected Key Peninsula for this event because there is a high rate of need and there are more barriers to receiving services here," Marsh said. "We also know that there's a higher number of vets living in the area."

The event is for anyone who's experienced homelessness or has significant needs, she added.

Marsh anticipates an attendance of 150-200 people. "Since this is our first event on the Peninsula, we're just really planning for what our partners think will come. We serve 1,700 at Tacoma Dome. We've always had a van that transports folks from out here to the dome, but we usually only get one bus full, so we hope that by having the event out here, more people will be able to come," she said.

Key Peninsula Community Services is

Services available

Project Homeless Connect will take place Friday, Aug. 9 at the LDS Church, 12521 134th Ave., KPN

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Services will be available until 5 p.m.

Services include: Medical, dental and vision care, haircuts, veterans' support, access point for housing, income tax preparation, ID replacement, food benefits and on-site childcare available. For information, contact KP Community Services at (253) 884-4440.

hosting a Key Free Clinic at the event, with Dr. Roes providing services, said KPCS Executive Director Penny Gazabat.

"We're coordinating with a lot of different agencies to bring these services to the Key Peninsula area. And it's not just for homeless, but also for folks that are struggling in other areas," Gazabat said.

Although her organization is not large enough to provide comprehensive services, through partnering, the KPCS can offer a lot more to Peninsula residents — more than they've typically received in the past, she said.

"It's a huge group effort to make this Project Homeless Connect happen. A stand-alone agency can't do this by themselves. The community needs to help us spread the word that there are very important resources being brought to us in this event," Gazabat said.

For information, contact KP Community Services at (253) 884-4440.

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purchased the Minter Creek property. It is inappropriate for a park," Richardson said. "There are no plans to develop this property. It's long and narrow, in the middle of (zoned) R-10 residential land. We neighbors are being plagued with break-ins and thefts by people using this as an access to our private lands."

Gallacher said the park commissioners chose to purchase that land.

"We are unable to sell it due to deed

restrictions imposed by the grant monies used to purchase it. We will do the best we can with what we have," he said.

Key Pen Parks also has partnership and grant programs for community organizations, and a full slate of recreation programs and special events.

For details, go to keypenparks.com, or call 884-9240.

Editor's note: Next month we will report on the recent survey results, and plans to develop existing park lands.


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COMMUNITY PAGES

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AUG. 1

Fuchsia group meets

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

AUG 1 and 8

Family fun nights

Key Pen Parks, Tacoma-Pierce County and other local agencies lead families through hands-on learning, snacks and fun activities including sing-a-long songs about water, slugs, trees, the Puget Sound, interactive demonstrations about composting, watershed awareness, recycled art and stewardship of our natural resources. "Worms & Dirt: Composting Fun!" is Aug. 1 at Gateway Park (10215 State Route 302) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "H2O!" is hosted Aug. 8 at the KP Civic Center 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jessica@keypenparks.com or 884-9240 extension 22.

AUG. 1 and 15

Senior shopping

The senior van meets at the KP Community Services at 9 a.m. and returns between 3 and 5 p.m., and gives seniors an opportunity to go grocery shopping and attend any scheduled Gig Harbor doctor's appointments. Also included is a "Dutch" lunch. 884-4440.

AUG. 2

Fundraiser

"Dinner & Dice & Everything Nice," a fundraiser for Mustard Seed, hosted at Cape E Farm 6 to 9 p.m. Seating is limited; register at 884-2216.

AUG. 2, 9, 16, 23

Friday outdoor movie

Key Pen Parks' free Cinema Under the

Stars with activities at 7 and movie at 8:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Bring chairs, blankets, snacks and food for the collection bin for the food bank. Aug. 2 features "Rise of the Guardians;" Aug. 9 is "ET;" and Aug. 16 is "Despicable Me." The last movie on Aug. 23 is "Hotel Transylvania." 884-9240.

AUG. 3

Scrapbooking class

Learn five simple steps to creating beautiful scrapbooks 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the Resource Room at the KC Library. Bring a few of your photos. If you plan to attend this free class, email craftwithanna@yahoo.com.

AUG. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Open mic

Roger Gemelle hosts Open Mic at Lakebay Marina from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome including singers and instrumentalists. The location is the former store which has a dance floor. glorypromo@gmail.com (Lakebay Marina map at lakebaymarina.com)

AUG. 5, 12, 19, 26

Bloodmobile dates

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

AUG. 5-9 and 19-23

Kid camps

Key Pen Parks holds Yoga & Meditation (7-12), Peewee Drum and Peewee Theater (4-7) Camps for kids at Volunteer Park. Call 884-9240 for information.

AUG. 8

Ashes meet

The Ashes support group for Fire District 16 meets 10:30 a.m. at the KC fire station. 884-3771.

Speaker at library

Dottie Beaver presents "Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Olympic Mountains" at 7 p.m., at the KC Library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of KC Library. (253) 548-3309.

Kids composting

Children ages 6 and older may "Dig into Composting" at 2 p.m., at the Key Center Library. Pre-registration is necessary for this activity; call (253) 548-3309.

Adult workshop

Key Pen Parks hosts garden expert Greg Butler to teach adults how to create functional, easy-care gardens and landscapes that don't depend on pesticides, chemical fertilizers or any other kind of synthetics for success. The workshop is 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Gateway Park (10215 State Route 302); no children please. 884-9240.

AUG. 8 and 22

Key free clinic

Non-emergency medical care for residents without any medical insurance is provided 5:30 to 8 p.m. 884-4440.

AUG. 10

Game night

There will be a game night at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and snack. This will be a chance to have some community fun.

AUG. 13

Story time at museum

The KP Historical Society hosts a free story time for young learners 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the KP Historical Museum. (253) 888-3246 or kphsmuseum@gmail.com.

AUG. 13 and 28

Backpack 4 Kids

The Loving Hearts group knits and crochets for charities including veterans, babies, backpacks for kids and chemo patients and meet on Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m., at WayPoint Church, 12719 134th Ave KPN. All are welcome. Yarn donations are always needed. lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

AUG. 14

Garden club meets

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

(253) 569-1381.

AUG. 15

Forum

Mustard Seed's Third Thursday Forum is 10 a.m., at the Key Center fire station. 884-1205.

Animals at library

Children ages 6 and older will enjoy seeing and hearing a presentation by the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium at 2 p.m., at the Key Center Library. This event may require reservations; call 253-548-3309.

AUG. 17

Old timers' show

The Old Timers' Day Festival & Logging show is at the Longbranch Improvement Club 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free family event. 884-4440.

History presentation

The KP Historical Society hosts an evening history presentation 8 p.m., at Penrose Point State Park. kphsmuseum@gmail.com or (253) 888-3246.

Candidates' deadline Key Peninsula Community Council

(KPC) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of life on the Key Peninsula. The KPC meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The KPC Board of Directors rotates positions each year and six are open for the 2013 election. Director candidates must be 18 years of age and live on or own property on the Key Peninsula. Application deadline is Aug. 17. Copies of applications are available at kpcouncil.org; information is available from irenet@gmail.com or call 884-BUSS.

AUG. 19 and 20

WildWatch programs

Harbor WildWatch's "Get Your Feet Wet" programs take place on the beach at Penrose Point State Park from 9/9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Look for the blue canopy

To submit an event

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where the naturalists and volunteers in blue shirts will help with a beach walk, discovering new life forms and learning how human behavior impacts fragile critters. harborwildwatch.org

AUG. 19-23**PYO camp**

Fun, free music is performed by the Peninsula Youth Orchestra String Camp students at the Uptown Mall Pavilion at 1 p.m. The String Camp 2013 theme is "Concepts in Composition," Aug. 19-23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is open to experienced string students (ages 9 – 19 with 1-plus years string experience). Camp activities include daily rehearsals, theme appropriate activities, fun activities and Popsicle breaks and a free public concert. Regular season classes begin in September and are open to beginners with no prior experience. (253) 534-5384, info@harborpyo.org or check out harborpyo.org (any changes will be posted to the website).

AUG. 23**Skate night**

Geared for kids ages 5-13, skate night is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the KP Civic Center. This is a safe place with roller skating, arcade games and concessions. Parents are welcome to attend and visit with others on the observation balcony. Kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

Teen fun

Club Cosmic, for teens grades 8-12, is 9 p.m. to midnight. Group games and activities, DJ battles, arcade games in the Whitmore Room and concessions are offered;

all for \$5. Kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

AUG. 24**Golf tournament**

"Doing the Key Golf Tournament" fundraiser, sponsored by the KP Civic Center Association, is at Trophy Lake beginning at noon. Register your team at 884-3456.

AUG. 25**Vendors needed**

The KP Farm Council seeks vendors and entertainers who want to participate in the KP 2013 Farm Tour to contact the council at (253) 225-9030. The farm tour is a free family event on Oct. 5 and is planned and staffed by volunteers.

AUG. 31**Bloodmobile**

The bloodmobile is at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church (Lackey Road and KP Highway N) 1 to 5 p.m.

Dance

The Longbranch Improvement Club hosts a free Labor Day Dance 8 to 11 p.m. at the LIC. Licweb.org

SEPT. 7**PHS reunion**

The classmates, spouses, and friends of Peninsula High School gather for the 11th annual reunion of the first dozen years, the fabulous '50s, at 7 p.m., at the Eagles, 4425 Burnham Drive; Gig Harbor. Bring your yearbooks or photo albums to share memories. No food is served and no cover charge; a hat will be passed to pay for venue rental. Dian, 858-6901.

WEEKLY EVENTS**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS****Open walk**

Get some exercise 9 to 11 a.m., in the gym in the KP Civic Center and meet new friends. Open to all ages; families welcome. \$2 suggested donation. 884-3456.

Senior exercise class

The S.A.I.L. program, taught by Marilyn Perks, includes aerobics, light weightlifting, stretching and balance techniques 10 to 11 a.m., at the KP Community Services in Lakebay. Participants must register with Marilyn, 884-4440.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**Senior tai chi club**

Senior tai chi meets 10 to 11 a.m. at the KP Community Services in Lakebay. 884-4440.

WEDNESDAYS**Writers meet**

The Lakebay Writers meet 1:30 to 4 p.m., at the Blend in Key Center. 884-3931.

Writers workshop

The Watermark Writers present a free writers workshop 5 to 8 p.m., in Vaughn. (253) 778-6559.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**Senior meals**

Nutritional meals for ages 60-plus

seniors are served at noon at the KP Community Services; a \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. 884-4440.

THURSDAYS**Toastmasters**

The Toastmasters meet 8 to 9 a.m., at the KC Library. Join the fun and improve your speaking ability. 3409.toastmaster-clubs.org or (253) 740-7891.

Seniors' lunch

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

Bingo

Free Bingo at the KP Community Services beginning at 7 p.m. 884-4440.

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SATURDAYS**Writers meet**

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PUBLIC MEETINGS**Key Peninsula Veterans**

Aug. 5, 7 p.m., at KP Civic Center; kpveterans.net.

KP Lions' dinner and program

Aug. 7 and 21, 5:30 p.m., in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; 853-2721.

KP Civic Center Association Board

Aug. 8, 7 p.m., in Whitmore Room; kpciviccenter.org.

Key Pen Parks

Aug. 12, 7 p.m., at Volunteer Park; keypenparks.com.

KP Community Fair Association

Aug. 13, 6 p.m., in Roadhouse Restaurant VIP room; keyfair.org.

KeyFest

Aug. 13, 6 p.m., at Roadhouse; president@keyfest.org.

Fire District 16

Aug. 13 and 27, 6 p.m., in meeting

room, Key Center fire station; keypeninsulafire.org.

Key Peninsula Council

Aug. 14, 7 p.m., at KC fire station; kpcouncil.org.

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Aug. 21, dinner potluck, 6:30 p.m., at Longbranch Improvement Club; 884-6022, longbranchimprovementclub.org.

Peninsula School District Board

Aug. 22, 6 p.m., at district office.

KP Farm Council

Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m., at Key Center fire station; dwebsterkp@gmail.com.

MORE CALENDAR

See Off the Key events online at www.keypennews.com

Citizens Against Crime still going strong after 25 years

By Karen Lovett, KP News

In December 1987, three young teenagers broke into the school bus depot in Purdy and smashed as many windows as they could reach. Key Peninsula Middle School was broken into and computers were vandalized.

Lions Club members Hugh McMillan and Rhys Wood sought retribution for damages and brought a class action lawsuit against the parents of the teens.

News media covered the story and met with McMillan and Wood at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. McMillan faced the camera alone and said, "Let's do something." The two men expected negative reprisals from the community. Instead, within minutes of the news release, McMillan's phone was ringing.

Nineteen people met at what was then the Huckleberry Inn in Key Center. A week later, January 11, 1988, the next meeting was hosted at the Civic Center and attended by 124 people.

Pierce County Sheriff Ray Fjetland,

Sgt. Seweer (the deputy in charge of Pierce County this side of the Narrows Bridge), and Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini attended the meetings and gave their support of the community effort.

McMillan came up with the name Citizens Against Crime (CAC) and designed a logo. Board members were elected, with McMillan taking the lead as the first president. Someone told him, "They're all enthused now, Hugh, but you'll never see them again after six months."

"This is the longest six months in history," McMillan said. "We're still going."

The sheriff's department initiated a 10-hour training program. Members answered the phone, shredded documents and filed routine reports. Eventually, the department hired paid employees to take over responsibilities done by CAC volunteers.

In 1995 a plan was formulated to have a mobile patrol. Gig Harbor car dealers offered to loan cars, but insurance problems left them with the alternative plan, using magnetic signs with the CAC logo

mounted on private vehicles. Volunteers do not carry weapons, but became the eyes and ears of the county sheriff and were provided tape recorders and log books.

Initial resentment by deputies soon changed. Someone from the sheriff's department attends CAC meetings whenever possible. It is a good way to meet the deputies who serve the community and let them know the issues in the area.

The Key Peninsula is considered a very low crime area. McMillan said that if you don't report the crime, it didn't happen.

The Key Peninsula has lost deputies because they were transferred to other districts with higher crime rates, said current CAC president, Cindy Worden. Not all 9-1-1 calls get transferred to the sheriff's department. Keep track of the incident and time you call. The department checks the list of reported calls with calls they actually receive. They want to get more officers out here, but need cooperation of the citizens, she said.

According to Worden, local crimes

committed in the first half of 2013 have already surpassed the number for the entire year of 2012. She said the CAC goal is to get more members and for every neighborhood to have watches.

Worden advised to know the vehicles that belong on your street. Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Car prowlers are looking for easy access and so are home invaders. Summer temperatures offer an opportunity to burglars this time of year.

"CAC isn't just about crime. It is about safety," Worden said. "Remember to slow down in construction zones. Watch the speed limits."

The CAC would like to invite prior members to meet and celebrate at 6 p.m. Aug. 15, at the home of Cindy Worden.

The CAC is hopeful that more community members will get involved.

"We are looking for new volunteer patrol members to help keep our area crime-free. Join us at our meetings at the

(See CAC, Page 15)

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Local author releases a history of Gig Harbor

By Karen Lovett, KP News

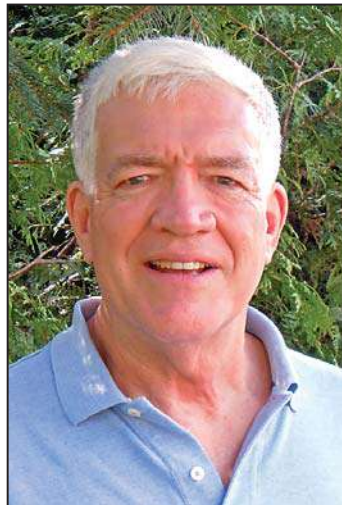
The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular Images of America series, "Gig Harbor," was the brainstorm of Longbranch resident Donald R. Tjossem.

Tjossem grew up in Eastern Washington and moved to the Puget Sound area with his parents in 1963 after graduating from Washington State University.

He spent 35 years working in the retail banking industry, which took him to many branches throughout the region. In 1986 he went to work for Gig Harbor National Bank and moved to Longbranch on the Key Peninsula, where he took a keen interest in the local community and its history.

Retirement from banking provided a turning point in his career. He returned to school to earn a master of science degree from Capella University School of Human Services. He retired for the second time after spending five years as a chemical dependency counselor in schools and prisons.

With more free time on his hands, he enrolled in history and writing courses at



Donald Tjossem

the Tacoma campus of the University of Washington and spent much time at Harbor History Museum.

He noticed Gig Harbor wasn't covered by the regional Images of America series.

"I decided to send in a proposal to Arcadia Publishing and they accepted it," Tjossem said. He said it took a year to write the book and another five months

to finish the publishing process.

Tjossem said the Tacoma Public Library was the best source of information and images. Harbor History Museum and friends in the area provided family portraits and more background material. Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma and Museum of History and Industry in Seattle also were useful, he said.

Tjossem enjoyed learning about the area. "Learning is a constant process. The hardest thing is overcoming writer's block," he said.

More than 200 vintage images and memories of Gig Harbor's past provide a window through time as the area developed with a rich logging and fishing culture. The lumber mills that once fueled the economy are closed, but fishing continues to flourish in this maritime community, he said.

Tjossem has followed up with another project, working with the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum to write the history of the island. That book also took a year to complete.

The book about Gig Harbor is available from Mostly Books in Gig Harbor and other area bookstores and retailers, online or through Arcadia Publishing at arcadiapublishing.com.

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Several generations celebrate 75 years on their beach

By Colleen Slater, KP News

Swimming, waterskiing, boating, fishing, digging clams and geoducks, sleeping in tents and playing games are among the many memories recalled of a special stretch of beach on Rocky Bay.

Five couples, University of Washington friends, bought property in 1937 for \$1 per waterfront foot.

They divided the beach front into individual lots, but kept together 10 timbered acres across the road with a spring to supply them with fresh water.

Tents went up and WPA (Works Projects Administration) built outhouses for each place.

The first cabins were constructed in 1939, but the children and even some adults continued to sleep in their tents.

One of the families, the McLeans, used a large circus tent with room for a double bed, daughter Sally's cot, and a dresser. The boys, Bill and Alan, used a pup tent until Bill built a tree house where he slept.

They put up a cook shed with a roof, wooden floor, wood stove and a table,

and kept perishable food in a cooler in the ground. Electricity and running water were added much later.

A row to Vaughn or a walk to Victor supplied groceries besides the fish, geoducks and clams they managed to get.

The moms organized some games and contests, but the children spent most of their time together, choosing their own entertainment, whether building a raft from driftwood, looking for agates or shells and spending plenty of time in the water.

"Every day there was a project," said Patti Chapman. "There were overnights sleeping in beach forts made with driftwood, shared dinners on the beach, fireside games, songs and stories."

Tim Chapman and Sally McLean collected bits of news and events from each family and Chapman wrote up a newspaper by hand.

The five families — Win and Betty McLean, Ed and Catherine Lewis, Ingalls and Beth Hall, Howard and Peg Selby and John and Helen Chapman — had a dozen children between them. Now, many of the 35 grandchildren and at least that many

great-grandchildren continue to enjoy their beaches every summer.

The Halls sold their property to the Selbys, and all but one of the original cabins have been remodeled or reconstructed, with two being winterized.

Patti Chapman, who spent summers on Vashon and Maury Island as a child, loved the idea of rebuilding the Chapman cabin as a place they could spend summers after husband Tim's retirement.

They now spend up to six months at Rocky Bay every year, while their winter home is in Kalispell, Mont. The other second-generation couples live in Western Washington or Oregon, while their children are spread out across the country.


"Our generation is dying off," Chapman said. "The children and grandchildren are now the owners."

A commemorative book of stories and photos was created last year to celebrate 75 years of family ownership of these properties.

Patti hopes the grandchildren will recognize how special this place was and pass on to their heirs the gems of its history.

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The many, varied duties of the KP lone ranger

By Steve Whitford, KP News

If you spend any time at the local state parks you'll eventually meet Ranger Janet Shonk.

A local woman from Silverdale, Shonk graduated from Western Washington State University in 1999 with a degree in environmental policy and assessment.

In 1999, she was hired by Washington State Parks as a ranger in training.

Her first assignment was at Cape Disappointment State Park, near Ilwaco.

Three years later she was assigned to Jerrill Cove on Harstine Island. In 2006, she moved to Penrose Point State Park, where she resides and works today.

Shonk's job classification is Ranger 3, which puts three parks under her jurisdiction: Penrose, Joemma and Kopachuck. There are two rangers who assist her, Kristie Cronin at Joemma and Dennis Mills at Kopachuck. Shonk is the lone ranger at Penrose.

"It's a job where you wear many hats because you oversee all aspects of running a park. This includes the obvious

duties of fee collection, law enforcement, safety, rescue and visitor registration," Shonk said.

A ranger also performs a host of jobs one wouldn't suspect, such as coordinating park supplies, paying bills, bank deposits, doing carpentry and planning for the three parks, she said.

A typical day starts at 8 a.m., with a meeting with park staff to address maintenance issues. The rest of the day is filled with everything else that needs to be done to keep the park running.

"It's like managing a little city," Shonk explained. "State parks have their share of problems including drunks, thugs and deadbeats."

When they are busy, Shonk instructs junior rangers-in-progress, a program educating children about the park and its unique ecology. She also presents evening lectures by campfire light.

Besides the aquatic residents such as salmon, seals and killer whales, the parks' 160 acres are home to coyotes, fox and bears.

It's also Shonk's year-round residence.

"In the winter it's like having your own personal park," she said. "But imagine what it's like to live where you work. Strange things happen in state parks."

Some incidents Shonk mentioned were the time the park was invaded by cows and the exotic pheasant that moved in for a while. Some incidents Shonk was unwilling to discuss.

Most of the time, Shonk is the lone ranger who wears a badge and carries a firearm. She usually goes about her duties alone; seldom is there a "Tonto." There's always an element of risk inherent in this profession. Less than two years ago Ranger Margaret Anderson was shot to death at Mount Rainier National Park.

Shonk is dispatched through the state patrol and is capable of instant communication if necessary. All park rangers perform duties that can be difficult and dangerous, but often delightful, she said.

Penrose State Park is located at 321 158th Ave., KPS, Lakebay. For information about the activities or reservations at the park, call 884-2526.

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Local edible and medicinal plant presentation comes to town

KP News staff report

When Dottie Beaver got stung by a bee, her mother didn't run to the medicine cabinet for a remedy. She went outside and plucked a leaf from a wild plant growing in the yard. Fluid from the torn leaf was squeezed onto the painful sting to alleviate the pain and reduce swelling.

Beaver, of Port Orchard, will be sharing her knowledge during a Friends of Key Peninsula Library on Aug. 8.

Beaver, a well know speaker, said knowl-

edge of medicinal properties of many plants was passed down to her for generations from her mother's Native American ancestors.

"I grew up in a family that believed you are what you eat," Beaver said.

They gathered native wild plants instead of shopping at a grocery store for produce. She built on this knowledge with studies in botany. A lifetime spent hiking through the woods searching for medicinal and edible plants and mushrooms has given her an appreciation of the bounty

of nature around us, she said.

According to Beaver, you might think twice before pulling all the weeds out of your yard and tossing them into the compost heap. Local vegetation might just make a tasty addition in your salad or soothe a painful sunburn.

Friends of the Key Peninsula Library are hoping to draw a crowd at the Key Center Library program set for Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Rosina Vertz at (253) 548-3309.

KP Lions install concrete tables and benches at Taylor Bay Park

Hugh McMillan, KP News

On Monday, July 15, in its continuing support of the Key Pen Parks, Key Peninsula Lions Club members created another of the club's unique concrete picnic tables and benches on site at the Taylor Bay Park. KP Lions participating in the exercise included Sam Woods, Neal Van der Voorn, and George and Cindy Robison.

KP Lions teams had already established

several of the table and bench sets at the new 360 Trails park in the Wauna area and augmented these with concrete "toad stools" to provide spots for hikers and others enjoying the park to relax while wandering the park's trails.

"Trying to burn these in bonfires, or carving graffiti into them, or stealing them will pose a difficult problem for the bad guys," said the project's creator and supervisor, George Robison.

The Lions intend to continue its support of KP Parks well into the future. In the new 360 Trails, the Lions already have blazed a trail to accommodate the club's annual "first Saturday after the 4th of July" Volksmarch — a 10K (6.2-mile) walk. This year, 100 walkers from Vancouver to Bellingham and Spokane enjoyed the newly cut trail.

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Mindy Wilkins, 20 years as the KP Cutter Bug

By Steve Whitford, KP News

In 1975, Florida girl Mindy Wilkins moved to Key Peninsula.

After 2,400 hours of professional training at Mr. Roberts Beauty School, she qualified for her cosmetologist license in 1984.

After that, Wilkins worked in other shops for about 10 years, but she always wanted her own business. She got her chance in 1994 when the old Red Caboose located near the Vaughn Community Center became available.

Even before the Cutter Bug was officially open, Wilkins got her first customer. A man came in and asked for a haircut and she didn't even have a chair at the time, but her customer was more than willing to get trimmed while seated on the toilet.

Her business later moved to the K.C. Corral, where the Cutter Bug remained for the next seven years.

During this period, Wilkins also worked out of her house and even went mobile when clients needed her to.

She said one of her fondest memories of that time was a day she spent at Camp Sey-



Photo by Steve Whitford, KP News

Mindy and Bob Wilkins recently celebrated 20 years of service at the Cutter Bug.

mour. A group of physically challenged children were going to their first prom. Wilkins spent the day providing cuts, dyes, curls and perms to their hair for free, and enjoyed every minute.

In May of this year, Wilkins moved to her present location inside the Shear Magic Salon, where she rents space from Gaye Williams, owner and proprietor.

The building's interior was remodeled by

Bob Wilkins, Mindy's husband, who is also her bookkeeper and general handyman. She confessed, "He was my first true love." Time and distance separated them and they went their separate ways until five years ago, when chance reunited them, they have been together ever since.

As a cosmetologist, Wilkins cuts, perms and colors hair for men, women and children.

In addition, her shop provides an excellent supply of high-end hair products from the Paul Mitchell brand including: It's a Ten, Hempz, Bed Head, Tea Tree, Joico and American Crew. Wilkins said that special orders are always welcome and only take a week to come in.

The Cutter Bug is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and by special appointment on Sundays.

"My clients and community are like family to me. I know almost everyone and I make every effort to meet their needs," Wilkins said.

For information, call Wilkins at (253) 225-8117 or check out her Facebook page, Cutter Bug Salon and Beauty Supply.

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Scout builds picnic tables for KP Civic Center

By Colleen Slater

Evan Pernu chose building picnic tables for the KP Civic Center as his Eagle Scout project.

"I wanted to do something for the Civic Center because we meet there weekly and use the facility for free," Pernu said.

He asked KPCC caretaker James Allyn what needed to be done, and building tables was something he thought he'd enjoy doing. He knew he could get help from his dad as well as troop leader Mark Burris, a skilled carpenter.

Pernu, a junior at Gig Harbor High School, had lots of help from troop and family members and constructed seven new picnic tables, already in use at the Civic Center.



Photo courtesy of Matthew Mills

From left, Timmie Calhoun, Jon Crane, Michael Odell, Gabe Schaar (blue shirt leaning in), Luke Fritsch, Luke Vander Poel, Mark Burris (back row), Scott Odell, Mitchell Nelson, Les Pernu (back row), Collin Pernu, Kelson Mills (back row), Evan Pernu.

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Cynthia (Radonich) Walters

Oct. 19, 1949 - June 6, 2013

Cynthia (Radonich) Walters died on June 6, 2013 in Wenatchee, Wash. Her daughters were at her side. Walters, 63, was a daughter of Marge and Dick Radonich, lifelong residents of Longbranch.

Walters was a 1967 graduate of Peninsula High School and graduated from Western Washington University with a teaching certificate. She taught English, drama and debate at Bainbridge and Port Angeles high schools.

Walters is survived by her mother, Marge Radonich; daughters, Heidi Jackson and Molly McAllister; sister, Becky Olsen; her grandchildren, Harper, Vianne, August and

Beckett; and her niece, Gretchen Olsen. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard L. Radonich and her sister, Robin L. Radonich.

A memorial was held for Cindy on June 29 at Longbranch Community Church.

The family thanks Pastor Arlyce Kretschman for blessings, guidance and care of the family, Longbranch Ruth Circle for snacks, Claudia Loy (Cindy's cousin) from Sunnycrest Nursery for remarkable floral arrangements, and all the friends and family for prayers and support for making it easier to get through such a sad time. They will miss her angelic voice and joyful laughter.

Key Peninsula Parks announces commissioner vacancy position

Key Pen Parks is seeking an interested individual to fill an open commissioner vacancy position previously held by Greg Anglemyer, who recently resigned.

Commissioner Anglemyer was a dedicated and strong supporter of parks and recreation on the Key Peninsula from 2007 to 2013.

Key Pen Parks will accept resumes through Friday, Aug. 30.

Commissioners will interview applicants and appoint an individual during the regular Sept. 9 meeting.

According to Key Pen Parks Executive

Director Scott Gallacher, this appointment will last until the next general election is certified at the end of November.

Commissioners attend a regularly scheduled meeting once a month. The position is open to all residents of the Key Peninsula.

Interested individuals may submit a resume and cover letter to Key Pen Parks, Position No. 3, P.O. Box 70, Lakebay, WA 98349 or email to scottg@keypenparks.com.

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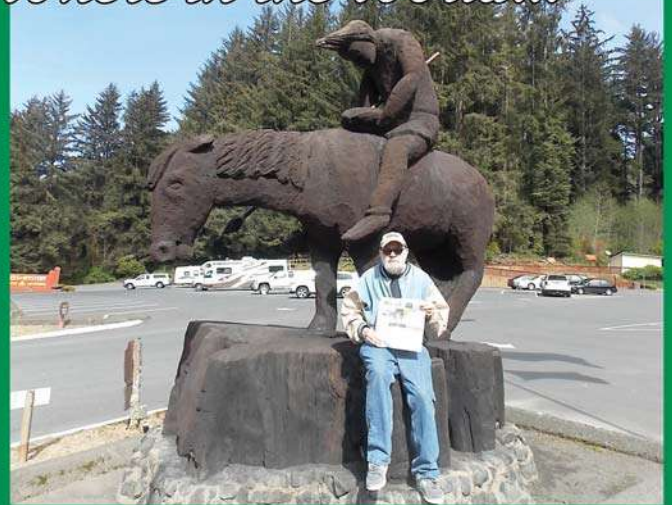
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Right: Tracy Ketts and Phil Marshall wear colonial costumes last month during the Blue Willow Lavender Festival in Vaughn.



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Where in the World...



In mid-April, Vic Renz brought the KP News to Trees of Mystery located in the heart of the Redwood Empire in Klamath, Calif. Vic is in charge of distribution for KP News and has lived on the Key Peninsula for 10 years.

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Left: Key Peninsula Dance Avenue students (from left), Abby Hanson, Maris Johnson and Mackenzie Miller performed at the KeyFest last month. For more fair photos, visit keypeninsula.com.

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