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Sailing around



Photo by Dale Goodvin, KP News

Sailboats dotted the bay as the Longbranch Improvement Club celebrated the opening day of boating season with a regatta on May 1.

Layoff notices sent to FD 16 employees

By Marsha Hart, KP News

Half of the Fire District 16 employees will be receiving layoff notices by June 1. During the May 11 Fire District 16 commissioner meeting, chief Tom Lique announced that the notices were being prepared for 14 of the 28 employees, and layoffs would be effective Sept. 30.

It's an effort to allow those employees to plan, in case the Emergency Medical Services levy fails in August. As the current 10-year levy is set to expire this year, voters will go to the polls in August to vote to either continue the levy for another 10 years or stop it.

If the levy fails, Lique said the department would no longer guarantee ambulance service without enough personnel to staff it.

"If the levy passes it leaves us right

where we are today going into 2011," Lique said. "It's 50 cents on every thousand dollars of assessed property value. For a \$250,000 home it is \$125 a year.

"It's a tax everyone is already paying, and has been for the last 10 years," Lique said.

If the levy fails, it could mean the end of ambulance services.

"If the renewal fails to go through, it will be almost \$1.3 million cut in my budget, so right now the EMS part of the department provides 32 percent of our revenue."

The commissioners have gone through a workshop to determine what it could mean for the department if the levy fails. They have recommended that Lique begin shopping for private ambulance services for the Key Peninsula, but he said it doesn't look promising.

"In past conversations we've never gotten a guarantee that a private ambulance service will put an ambulance on the Key Peninsula," he said. "They may agree to respond, but they will come from somewhere other than Key Center."

FD 16 personnel would still respond to an emergency and be committed to stay with that patient until ambulance service could arrive, Lique said. However it could potentially mean delays in fire response.

"Even if we can't transport we would render care and be committed to them until the ambulance came," Lique said. "It could cause a ripple effect delay in our entire system following that format."

In the past, Lique said there have been lags in response time.

"On at least two occasions when we've

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State campground hosts needed

OLYMPIA - The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is recruiting enthusiastic, reliable, and committed volunteers who would like to serve as unpaid campground hosts at some of the recreation areas DNR manages across Washington State. Camp hosts provide a positive, helpful, safe, and informative DNR presence for visitors. Hosts have two primary duties to conduct general campground maintenance and to act as a primary point of contact for campers. All hosts must complete Basic First Aid training and pass a Washington State Patrol criminal background check. While each DNR campground has unique characteristics and natural features, the sites are all considered rustic or primitive. Each site's amenities vary. If you are interested in volunteering for the DNR as a campground host, please call Christine Redmond, DNR's Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 360-902-1632.

CORRECTION

In the story "Food storm brews on Key Pen" in our May edition, Holly Hendrick was identified as a former board member of the Key Peninsula Farmers Market. Hendrick was not a board member, but was the market manager. The Key Peninsula News regrets the error.

Key Peninsula may lose bus service

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

The Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners will soon decide whether to have the voters consider a .3 percent increase in sales tax to preserve existing bus service, or to reduce or eliminate bus service to various areas. Key Peninsula is at risk of losing all bus service. The closest bus stop would be the Purdy Park and Ride.

The current year budget for Pierce Transit is \$119 million. This is a revenue drop of \$40 million since 2007.

Revenue comes from sales tax (70 percent), fair box receipts (18 percent), and state and federal grants (10 percent).

Terry Lee, who represents the Key Peninsula on the Pierce County Council, is also the Chair of the Pierce Transit Board.

"The Pierce Transit Board will make the decision whether routes will be changed, or if a sales tax change goes to the voters," said Lee. "We have not made the decision yet. A vote to change the tax would not go to the voters until November or February. For a November vote, a decision would need to be made no later than early August.

"If voters approve a sales tax increase, we will be able to retain all existing bus service, and even add some additional service," said Lee. "Without a sales tax increase, we have no choice other than to cut service in order to live within our budget."

A proposal submitted by Pierce Transit staff would eliminate all bus service on the Key Peninsula, including service for seniors and the disabled.

"I strongly oppose reducing any service on the KP," said Lee. "Other Board

members and I are in favor of extending routes to include outlying small communities, but this would come at a cost of reduced service to the inner cities.

"Decisions have not been made yet, and will be the subject of much discussion over the coming months."

Faced with proposed service reductions, five Pierce County cities (Bonney Lake, Orting, Buckley, Steilacoom, and Dupont) have threatened to withdraw from the Pierce Transit District if service to their communities is cut.

Lars Erickson, the Public Relations official for Pierce Transit, says, "Withdrawal from the Pierce Transit District does not return the sales tax receipts to the cities affected. The tax is still collected, the law simply prescribes a different distribution other than to Pierce Transit."

Washington law describes a procedure where cities can request and initiate a "public transportation improvement conference" in order to redefine the boundaries of the area served by Pierce Transit.

Lee said, "It is still unclear if unincorporated areas of Pierce County have the same rights as cities to determine the service area. The attorneys are still researching this."

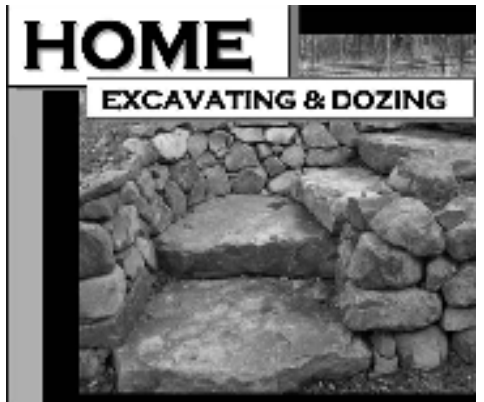
The only sure recourse that KP residents now have is to make their needs and opinions known before decisions are made, he said.

"The public is welcome to call me, but I already have taken an active position to maintain service on the KP," said Lee. "Other members of the Board are better targets for public comments."

Councilmember Lee can be reached at 798-6654. Barb Shatz is the Clerk for the Pierce Transit Board, and can be reached at 983-3438. Request that she make note

of your comments and forward them to the whole Board. Public can testify at any board meeting. Board meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Pierce Transit facilities located at 3720 96th St. SW, Lakewood.

Approximately 100 persons attended the May 10 Pierce Transit Board meeting. Dozens of citizens all spoke out against any reduction in service.



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KP Parks seeks input on comprehensive plan

Key Pen Parks will address the six-year comprehensive plan during regular board meetings from June to September. The comprehensive plan is designed to guide staff, current and future elected officials on the planning and development of Key Pen Parks.

Key Pen Parks is seeking public comments for the plan. The meetings will be held at Volunteer Park Annex the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. A copy of the current comprehensive plan is available at the Park District website www.keypenparks.com or contact the office.

For more information call 884-9240 or email scottg@keypenparks.com

Stream Team seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed to collect samples from county streams. A three-

hour workshop is scheduled for June 19 to teach volunteers the technique for collecting samples. The samples are analyzed for specific types of macroinvertebrates found at each site.

Pierce County factors the date into the final grade given to the local streams in the annual state of the streams reports.

Volunteers will collect samples in streams during the summer.

To register for the workshop contact the stream team at (253) 845-2973 or email streamteam@piercecouny.org.

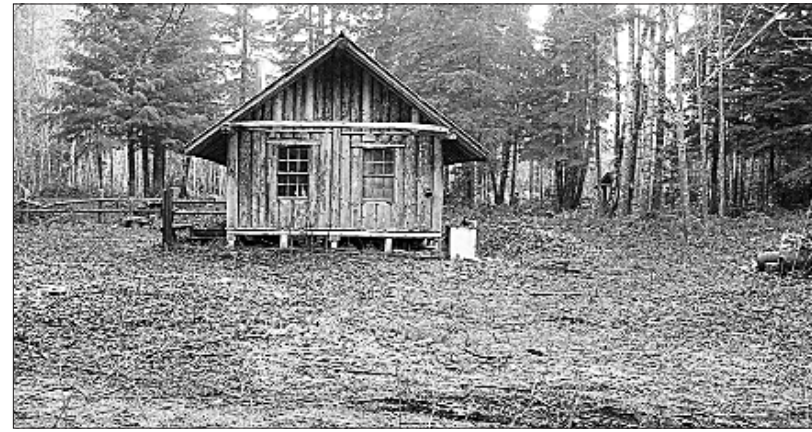
Landscape tips to deter fire

Wildfire season is coming sooner than we may think, and now is the time to consider fire-resistant landscaping techniques that can help keep your home safe, especially if you live near a forest.

In 2009, Western Washington recorded its highest fire danger on July 29 (104 degrees in Olympia.) Statewide, there were 1,044 fires totaling approximately 17,203 acres.

Whether you are doing yard maintenance or landscape design, these tips can help to keep your property safe.

*Use plants with high moisture content (deciduous) nearest the home



An example of how to create defensible space around your home to help prevent fire damage.

Photo courtesy of Washington Department of Natural Resources

*Trim tree branches away from the home

*Keep vegetation, including the lawn, around the home low and green

*Limb trees at least six feet above the ground to reduce the chances that a fire on the ground will spread into tree tops - this is especially important if your property has lots of trees

*Keep decorative ground covers such as beauty bark away from direct contact with your home - bark and wood chip ground covers can smolder

*Trim back trees and shrubbery around structures so that fire crews and their vehicles will have safe access in an emergency. Trees, shrubs, grasses and

other vegetation provide fuel for fires.

Reducing or eliminating vegetation close to structures creates a defensible space against a wildfire.

Another idea is to add firebreaks in the landscape design. Examples of firebreaks include concrete, brick or gravel walkways, concrete flower box borders or planters, and perhaps water features, such as a pond. Even the backyard swimming pool can serve as a firebreak.

For additional tips on how to reduce the risk of wildfire to your community, home and family, log on to www.firewise.org

Source: Department of Natural Resources

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EDITORIAL

EMS levy campaign heats up

For 10 years residents of the Key Peninsula have been paying taxes that fund an Emergency Medical Service levy. The levy has been providing money to offset any expense for ambulance service to residents. Patients who live on the Key Peninsula don't have any out-of-pocket expense for the transport to area hospitals. The levy picks up the tab for what a patient's insurance doesn't pay.

That EMS levy will expire at the end of the year, and a renewal will be on the ballot in August. Expect the issue to get heated in the coming months. In these situations the facts can sometimes become blurred, so here are things to remember and consider.

According to FD 16 Fire Chief Tom Lique, without the levy funding there

won't be enough staff to man the ambulance service 24-7.

In case the levy fails, Lique has begun to send layoff notices to 14 of the FD 16 staff and is also looking for private ambulance companies to serve the Key Peninsula.

A yes vote on the levy in August will keep the current FD 16 ambulance.

First, by voting no it will mean the end of FD 16 ambulance service. If that happens, other agencies that currently have a mutual aid agreement with FD 16, including Mason County, Gig Harbor and South Kitsap, will view the agreement as broken. Lique said those agencies won't respond to our needs if FD 16 has no unit to respond to them when they are in need.

Instead the KP will have a private ambulance. It is possible this private service will be headquartered somewhere other than the Key Peninsula, making the response time longer than that of FD 16.

That will also mean that residents who

are transported to a hospital will receive a bill from that ambulance service.

And a couple of questions to think about for the next couple of months:

Do you want to continue paying a tax you have been paying the last 10 years to support everyone in the community who may need ambulance service from FD 16, which is headquartered on the Key Peninsula?

Do you prefer to pay as you go, get rid of the ambulance on the Key Peninsula and instead have an "Each man is on his own," type of situation where only those who use the ambulance pay for it?

One more question to ponder. Do you prefer to have the responders who know the area, and know how to find those hidden driveways out here on the Key Peninsula, or is it acceptable to have responders who don't live here, don't work here, and possibly respond from somewhere in Tacoma?

The decision is ours to make. Voters will determine whether FD 16 will have an ambulance service.

Key Pen voices needed

In the coming months Key Pen Parks will be conducting meetings to address the comprehensive plan. It is a six-year plan that is meant to guide the future for planning and development of our parks.

Though everyone seems to agree that parks are important, few of the residents turn out for these public meetings that directly affect how the parks will be shaped for the future.

Our children and grandchildren will be affected by the way the Key Peninsula parks are designed and planned, and the way those designs and plans are implemented.

The parks commissioners are elected officials, and are there to listen to the community and move forward with what the community wants to for recreational activities on the Key Peninsula.

Your voice is needed, and everyone is welcome to attend the public meetings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community responded to library in need

During the last month of my term as president of the Friends of the Key Center Library, I wrote a news brief entitled "Friends send SOS," I believe. We were in need of book donations; our sale shelves in the library lobby nearly empty. The communities of the KP responded with generosity, and our shelves are now full again. One person in particular who donated books provides assurances for the future of books, reading, and libraries. After reading the article, eight year old Olivia (we have permission to use her name) selected volumes from among her own books and asked the relative she was visiting to donate them to the Friends of the KC Library. Many thanks to Olivia, and everyone else who responded.

My best,

*Chris Fitzgerald,
former President, Friends of KC Library*

KP needs EMS levy

Two weeks ago my husband fell and broke his hip. This time it took about 15-20 minutes for them to show up. Why? Because of the levy failure and Yannity, we are now down to ONE MEDIC ONE for the entire Key Peninsula. What would you have done if someone in your family had a life threatening injury while our ONE MEDIC ONE was hauling someone else in? Wait until Gig Harbor or Ollala could get someone out to help? We need our fire department back the way it was before Yannity spewed his poisoned influences. The levy would cost a homeowner with a \$250k house just \$40 a year. \$40! Being on a fixed income I sure would come up with \$40 to make sure my family was safe! Come on people, vote yes on the levy!

Eva Griffin 853-6477

Thank you Key Peninsula for supporting your parks!

The staff at Key Pen Parks would like to thank the community for the support we received for the 2010 Parks Appreciation Day. We had a total of 143 volunteers at 7 sites with 279 hours in volunteer time. We

want to extend our gratitude to our site leaders and other local community groups who helped make this a successful event.

Site Leaders: Jerry and Marilyn Harley, John Buckles, Lloyd Miller and James Allyn, Barb Trotter, Tony Beckett, Kim Sutherin, and Dennis Taylor. Groups: A special THANK YOU to our LDS members, The Key Center Ward, for preparing lunch, Albertsons, Jeff Charboneau, Lakebay Fuchsia Society, Historical Society, Boy Scouts, Key Peninsula Tennis Club, Sunnycrest Nursery, Girl Scouts, Peninsula Youth Council, West Sound Disc Golf Association, YMCA Friends & Servants of the Key Peninsula, and the Peninsula Lutheran Church Youth for their support! Peninsula Tennis Club and all of our community members for your leadership!

Thank you

Thank you to all who attended Dick Radonich's memorial. Some of you brought food, shared wonderful memories. And to the people who made the outside beautiful with their plantings and mowing, we thank you. Our family deeply

appreciated all the help this community provides.

Marge Radonich and her girls.

Let's find the litter bug

For the second time in two months, someone has dumped a boat on the road I live off of. And, because it was handy, as of this morning, someone had topped it off with a couple of tires, a plastic wading pool and some other assorted garbage.

Before and in between the watercraft we have had roofing materials, construction waste and assorted appliances dumped and left for us, the taxpayers, to pay to dispose of. Our children walk this road from the bus stop. We have had propane type tanks, five gallon buckets of who knows what and other potentially dangerous items dumped here, too. I am afraid of what may show up next.

So if you know someone who recently re-roofed, and is bragging about getting rid of there waste or their old 16 foot Bayliner for free in the middle of the night, report them to the police. Enough is enough!

Tania Erickson

KP business expands, adds inventory

By Karen Lovett, KP News

The shop located on the corner of 134th Avenue and the Key Peninsula Highway now has double the size of its original space. The store has been open for a year and a half.

Owner Becky Olsen spent three months working after hours, sometimes all night long in order to finish the renovation. Carpets now cover the floors.

Olsen said, "I ran out of time and money to refinish the floors. The best thing about the expansion is now we have a bathroom and water. We used to have to borrow the bathroom on the other side of the building. Now there is a lot more room for consignments and furniture as well as sale items."

Every nook, cranny and bit of wall space is filled with unique antiques and collectibles; imports as well as items made

in the USA. Books, crystal, copperware, dolls, dish towels, lamps toys, dishes, farm and kitchen implements, games, and countless other items line the shelves, cabinets and walls.

In addition to the wide array of collectibles, cards and gifts, the shop features artwork and products of local businesses, including Jake's Coffee—a very popular brand, she said. Beads, jewelry, fine quality home sewn children's clothing, Cow Poke spice rubs, candles, Sugar Scrubs bath products, and many other locally produced goods are also available, and there is a special men's department.

"I like to support the local artists and businesses," Becky said.

2 Crazy Cousins is well laid-out, but plan to spend some time looking through the stunning display of quality items. There are plenty of bargains to be found among



Photo by Colleen Slater

Expanding the space has allowed 2 Crazy Cousins to stock more antiques and collectables.

the treasures you'll discover there.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed- Sat and after Memorial Weekend through summer, Sunday will be added to the schedule.

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Elevated planter boxes a hit for Nilsen Woodworks

Digging and planting can be therapeutic activities, and Magnus Nilsen wants people of all abilities to have the opportunity to garden with his specially designed planter boxes and potting benches.

By Danna Webster, KP News

It is easy for seniors to play around in the dirt with new elevated planter boxes made at Nilsen Woodworks, a Key Peninsula business. Owner Magnus Nilsen offered three boxes to Sound Vista Village Assisted Independent Living in Gig Harbor to test his idea. Sound Vista Village nurse, Jenny Hokenson says, "They work great. They have flowers growing in them. They have herbs growing in them." The elevated boxes are built to accommodate gardeners: short and tall, with a walker or with a wheelchair. They are built on stable and sturdy stands to prevent tipping, with rounded corners, 33 inches high and 7 inches deep.

Sound Vista Executive Director Jerry Lee, helped Nilsen modify his boxes for senior residents. Lee met Nilsen at a Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce event and arranged for Nilsen to bring a mock planter prototype to the facility. Together they determined a good accessible height using a wheel chair and a measuring tape. They recruited residents to pretend to use the garden boxes so they were not too tall. We wanted a "planter box for everybody's needs: walkers, wheelchairs, short or tall — as user friendly as possible," says Lee. Nilsen spent a Saturday planting with resident gardeners and also donated a planter station where gardeners can work on potting. "When they get their hands in the soil, that's a therapeutic thing," Lee said, "He did a phenomenal job."

Nilsen said he wanted to build a planter where seniors could "play around in the dirt a little." He started his wood-working business when he and his wife, Linda, came to the Key Peninsula in 2004. They moved, with his mother, from northern California to reunite their family with his brother in Shelton and his sister in Gig Harbor. Their two sons are finishing college degrees in California. Nilsen's engineering and design skills



Photo courtesy of Sharon Hockhalter

Magnus Nilsen, a woodworker who lives on the Key Peninsula, assists a resident at Sound Vista Village using a potting bench that he designed specifically for wheelchair access.

■ Visit the Minter Beach workshop or shop on-line at his website www.nilsenwoodworks.com or call 858-5072.

were developed by a career building software support program for Xerox; but he credits his father with teaching him how to plan ahead for production run and quality wood working. He and his father built up to five boats a week in the South San Francisco area prior to Nilsen's military and engineering careers.

According to Nilsen, every year gets better and he is getting a lot of repeat business. He likes working with cedar and has an inventory that includes arbors, outdoor dining tables, benches, swing glides, and horse-mounting staircases. Most recently, he has added a "C and C machine" to the workshop. Its computer numerically-controlled programs produce carved pictures and signs.

"What really gives me pleasure and drives me on is customer satisfaction," said Nilsen who especially enjoys customized orders. "I try to put quality into it. I would like it to be the way I would want it. I've built a lot of stuff for people sight unseen, and not had anybody disappointed yet," he said.

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MEMBERS OPEN HOUSE

We welcome you to join us as a supporting member this month with special benefits. There will be a light spread of delicacies of the sweetest nature and an artist demo or two following our regular meeting. We have a few very important topics we need to share and get input on before making major changes to some of our regular events. **Membership is required for this event.** Join us Thursday, June 3rd at 7pm at the KP Civic Center!

ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

Scussical Jr., the Musical is coming!

Join us for a grand community celebration and performance by the students of Minter Creek Elementary. *Free event at the KP Civic Center to be held on Tuesday, June 8th and Friday, the 11th at 7pm. SPREAD THE WORD!* You won't want to miss this!

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SUMMER IS HERE

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

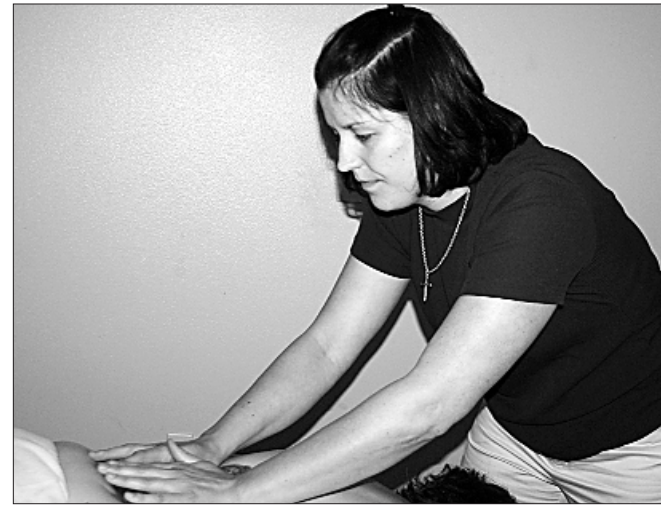
As families are still feeling the effects of a difficult economy, there will likely be fewer families taking vacations and more staycations. There are many opportunities for a fun staycation this year on the Key Peninsula. We've worked hard to put together as many ideas as possible from summer camps and vacation Bible schools, to spas and summer concerts in nearby Gig Harbor. See pages 9, 10 and 12 for more information on Summer on the Peninsulas.

Spa options on the KP and Gig Harbor Peninsulas

The Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor area offers numerous choices if you are looking to be pampered by spa industry professionals. What could be better than a couple of hours spent on relaxation? As the weather heats up and summer clothing and sandals are brought out of storage, visit one of the many local businesses that specialize in gifts for the body,

A local favorite is **Urban Escape Salon and Wellness Spa** which has been in operation for over nine years. The spa is located in the Gateway Pointe Business Park on Jahn Avenue near the Narrows Bridge. Owner Kailani Kim has created an atmosphere of harmony and well-being with cozy couches and soothing wall paint in the waiting area. With over 5,000 square feet of space, the spa has the capacity to accommodate larger groups such as bridal, prom, and birthday parties. "We are a full-service head to toe spa dedicated to the celebration of beauty," says Kim. Services include hair, massage and body treatments, waxing, manicures, pedicures, permanent make-up tattoo and lash perms. The spa is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit the website at www.urbanespacesalon.net or call 253-851-8110.

9 Essentials Day Spa is located in **The Shops at Harbor Hill** development near Costco. Owner Jasmine Wall has created a tastefully decorated spa that offers silk



Katina Durst of A Healthy Touch Massage offers hot rock massage and other massage services.

Photo by Eleanor Walters, KP News

and acrylic nails, manicures, pedicures, waxing, permanent makeup, facials, massage, and tanning. Jasmine has a dedicated following of local women as she is known for quick, yet quality nail enhancements. Her crew is friendly and knows their craft providing quality services at good prices. The spa phone number is 253-514-6229.

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Peninsula students win photography awards



Zachary Wright, 1st place

Staff Report

Peninsula High School photography students placed 6th in the state out of 65 in the 2010 Washington State High School Photography Competition.

There were 3,500 images judged during the competition, and Zachary

Wright of Peninsula High School won first place in the documentary photography category. Laurel Fisher won third place in the portraiture category, a finalist award and a select ribbon award.

John Bessex won a finalist award and a select ribbon award, and Chelsea Lewis won two finalist awards and two select ribbon awards. Other finalists at PHS include Ryan Deegan, Kirsta Kooker, and Scott Scamehorn. Other Select Ribbon award winners were Lauren Hollister, Susie King and Jillian Steffen.



Laurel Fisher, 3rd place

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June 3 - Hershey's Track and Field Meet, presented by Key Pen Parks and KP Middle School, for boys and girls aged 9-14. Volunteer Park, check-in at 2:45 p.m.; events 3:15-5:30 p.m. 884-9240.

June 4 - Final Friday Night Skate Night of the season 6-9 p.m. at KP Civic Center. Games in Whitmore room, snacks available for sale. \$5 includes skates. 884-3456 or www.kpciviccenter.org

June 6 - The Keys Got Talent auditions at KP Civic Center, 2-5 p.m. Open to KP residents (as defined by FD 16 boundaries) ages 5 and up. Prizes of \$100 - \$300 after final competition at Key Fest (see below). Registration forms and more information available at Keyfair.org or at the door.

June 6 - The Peninsula Youth Orchestra Spring Concert, 3 p.m. at Peninsula High School auditorium. Free. 534-5384 or www.harborpyo.org.

June 8 & 9 - Seussical Jr. at KP Civic Center, 7 p.m. Minter Creek Elementary presents the musical, funded by Two Waters Arts Alliance. Free admission. See p. 26 for more.

June 10 - Auditions for Peninsula Youth Orchestra 2010/11 season 4- 7 p.m. Call for an audition time. Reserve spot for classes for 3rd-12th grade students starting in September; 534-5384 or www.harborpyo.org.

June 12 - Flag Day Remembrance. Members of the Key Peninsula Veterans Institute will hand out flag pins at Purdy Costless Pharmacy and Key Center Marketplace to wear the following week to honor all Veterans.

June 19 - Victor Flea Market, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. behind Victor fire station. Great hamburgers, raffle, bake sale, rummage, plants. 360-275-1364.

June 25 - Skate night KP Civic Center, 7-10 p.m. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456

July 16 - Skate night KP Civic Center, 7-10 p.m. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456

July 17 - Annual Patio Bake Sale by St. Hugh's Episcopal Church in Allyn, as part of Allyn Days. Some of the proceeds from the bake sale and their October bazaar help benefit Evergreen

Where to go:

Key Peninsula Sport Complex, also known as Volunteer Park, 5514 Key Peninsula Highway N., Lakebay. 884-9240.

Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, (253) 884-3456

Peninsula High School, 14105 Purdy Lane Northwest, Gig Harbor (253) 530-4400

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 280 E. Wheelwright St. S., Allyn (360) 275-8450

Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Highway S., (253) 884-3890

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Road KPN, (253) 884-3312

Elementary, KP Food Bank, Family Resource Center, and the Lutheran food program. Free parking for Allyn Days, and shuttle busses run between church and downtown Allyn.

July 17/18 - Allyn Days. Food and entertainment. Salmon Bake on Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., booths open 10 a.m., 7 p.m. dance; BBQ shellfish on Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., booths open 11 a.m. Entertainment starts 11 a.m. both days. <http://allynaca.com/>

July 18 - Croquet Tournament at Longbranch Improvement Club to benefit The Mustard Seed. 2 - 6 p.m. Teams of four compete at \$60 per team. Spectators' admission is a food bank donation. Registration forms and more information available at longbranchimprovementclub.org or call 884-0577.

July 24 - 10th Annual Salmon Bake at LIC by Longbranch Community Church, to 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door, \$5 for children 5 - 12. Available at Sunnycrest Nursery, Home Store, Charboneau's, Coast to Coast, church members, or call 857-5184.

July 27 - Poet's Beat Night at O'Callahan's starts at 6 p.m. 884-6455 to sign up or get more information.

June 28 - July 4 - Fireworks Sale. Key Peninsula Veterans Institute will sell fireworks in the Lake Kathryn Village parking lot. For more information call Mike Coffin, 884-9852.

Aug. 7 - Beyond the Borders at LIC, from 1-6 p.m. Free admission, variety of

(See SUMMER, Page 30)

Summer Concerts and Entertainment off the Peninsula

Sharon Hicks, KP News

Gig Harbor will offer a multitude of concerts and Outdoor Cinemagic from June through August. The annual Maritime Gig kicks off the summer on June 5 and 6. It is the Peninsula's oldest and largest festival where thousands of people attend each year for the parade, 5k, 10k, Kids Fun Run, concessions, entertainment and the traditional Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday. Summer Sounds at Skansie will run every Tuesday from June 22 through Aug. 24. Outdoor movies begin in July. Donkey Creek Park Date Night movies will be July 9 and 23, Aug. 7 and 29. Bring the whole family for Family Movie Night at Skansie Brothers Park, July 10, and 24 and Aug. 21. The movies are free, sponsored by CenturyLink, St. Anthony Hospital and MultiCare Gig Harbor Medical Park.

Fox Island will have a Market at the Nichols Community Center June 5 and July 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission

and parking are free with a playground for the kids. There will be over 40 booths with a lot to offer. Fox Island Fair is Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a variety of handcrafted items, games, book sales, horticultural displays, and Bingo to name a few.

The Harbor WildWatch will present a "Get Your Feet Wet" program with touch-tanks at the Gig Harbor Farmers Market on June 9 and 30, July 7, 21, 28 and Aug. 4 and 18. Also at Skansie Brothers Park during the Gig Maritime Festival, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a hands-on interpretive program where marine life species common to Puget Sound are brought in from local beaches for children to touch, feel and learn. Such programs will also be held at Kopachuck, Penrose, Joemma, and Manchester State Parks. Check harborwildwatch.org for dates at each location.

Walk the streets of Gig Harbor, attend Fox Island events or "Get your feet wet" at the local beaches of Puget Sound.



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Mullen

Harbor WildWatch gives a hands-on introduction to area sea life.

Summer Camps on and around the Key

Soon it will be time to put away the pencils, pack away the backpacks and get on with summer fun. There are quite a few opportunities for summer activities through organizations and churches this year.

It's always best to sign up early, as some of these fill quickly.

Boys & Girls Club in Gig Harbor, 8502 Skansie Ave., Gig Harbor (253) 502-4670.

Summer programs are scheduled June 21 through Aug. 20. There are programs for kids from 6 to 18. Weekly themes such as "Around the World," "Techno-logic," and "The Amazing Race," are designed for the 6 to 12 year olds, and for the 13 to 18 year olds there are leadership opportunities, community service projects and team building skills. This age group can also learn job skills and earn up to 200 volunteer hours for school.

Fees for the 6 to 12 year olds are \$30 per week for those on the free lunch

programs through their schools, \$60 for those on reduced lunch, and \$90 per week for those on full price lunch.

Fee for 13 to 18 year olds is a \$60 per year membership.

There is also a registration fee of \$15 for new members, however there are many scholarships and financial aid available, and no child is turned away for the inability to pay. Other discounts are available as well, including sibling discounts and military families.

Children's Home Society, 17010 S. Vaughn Road, Vaughn-884-5433

No Child Left Inside Camp runs July 12-30 for preschool through 5th grade. Cost \$16 per week, and scholarships area available. Inquire at the office.

Kindercamp for ages 3-5, Summer Fun for grades 1 through 5 and Amigos for grades 6-8. There are community service volunteer opportunities for high school students.

YMCA Day Camp at Camp Seymour, 9725 Cramer Road KPN - 884-3392

This camp is for children entering grades 1-7. June 28-Aug. 20, cost \$179 for YMCA members, \$184 for non-members. Bring a sack lunch daily, camp provides a snack.

Campers will experience boating, archery, wall climbing, sports, beach exploration, reptiles, arts and crafts and swimming.

Register online at www.campseymour.org.
Lighthouse Christian School, 3008 36th St. Northwest, Gig Harbor (253) 858-5962

Playing for Him summer Sports Camp is July 19-22, and cost is \$65 for grades 1-5. Fun in the Sun will be Aug. 9-12, cost is \$65 for grades 1-5, and Girls Volleyball Camp will be Aug. 23-25, cost is \$40 and this camp is for girls in grades 6-8.

Gig Harbor Academy, 6820 32nd St. N.W., Gig Harbor, (253) 265-2150.

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Of Bikinis, Baristas, and Beauty

By Dan Whitmarsh
Special to the KP News

They're showing up everywhere, from Everett to Bellevue to Seattle to Purdy, stirring up a strong response wherever they land. Coffee stands in the "bikini barista" tradition are here in our neighborhood, too, and I'm disappointed. Why?

First, this: Women, created in the image of God, have immeasurable intrinsic worth. God's image is shown in their intellect, in their wisdom, in their leadership skills. Women occupy some of the highest areas of leadership in our country. I serve in a church that believes men and women share equal rights and responsibilities in every area of leadership. In God's eyes, women are the full equal of men.

Unfortunately, for every Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton who rises to Secretary of State, there is a Paris Hilton or Britney Spears making the case that sex appeal and 'dumb blonde' are a

badge of honor. For every serious female actor, working hard at her craft, too many girls are getting their moment of fame in a Girls Gone Wild video. All rhetoric aside, bikini coffee stands take us back to a world where a woman's primary worth is her physical attractiveness to men.

Sexually exploitive promotions tell us a woman is valuable for her cleavage, her flat stomach, and her ability to flirt. They reinforce to men the belief that women exist for man's pleasure; that women are to be admired because of their sexuality, their bodies, and the way they flirt with customers who stop by for a cup of coffee.

Let's face it. I highly doubt anybody is driving away thinking "I admire her for her understanding of the political situation in Afghanistan." I even doubt anybody is driving away thinking "she makes a great cup of coffee."

I also happen to have a high view of sex. Sexuality is ultimately about an intimate, spiritual human connection. The church's aversion to sexual immorality and the cheapening of sex is not borne

out of overly-sensitive sensibilities or Victorian aversions to anything tawdry, but instead out of a more incredible vision of sexuality than anything the world can imagine.

Any cheapening of sexuality is a cheapening of the deepest part of our selves. Any divorcing of sexuality from true, abiding relationship does damage to who we are as humans.

When sexuality is used as an advertising ploy, when it is removed from a committed relationship, it does harm to our souls.

When we take one of the most intimate connections between human beings and turn it into a gimmick, we deny ourselves as Human and move down the ladder to animal.

Using female sexuality to sell coffee cheapens sex and damages employees and customers by denying their humanity, their worth, and their ability to know and be known by others in respect and love.

That's why I'm saddened with these

businesses. It's because these places cheapen women, turning them into one-dimensional caricatures for the enjoyment of so many men, and because they cheapen sex, the very thing they play on to draw customers in.

At this point, some would say, "Live and let live. If you don't like it, don't shop there. Don't foist your morality on others."

The problem is this: what these stands do cheapens all of us, it cheapens our community, it cheapens the lives of everybody here. So while I don't plan on standing outside with protest signs, I certainly do hope others will consider the impact their spending choices make in this world.

After all, we've got plenty of other coffee stands that are doing just fine without putting their girls in bikinis, tassels, and pasties. In fact, if you take the time, you'll find they have baristas who might impress you with their intellect, their knowledge, and their ability to brew a great cup of coffee.

Vacation Bible School on and around the Key

WayPoint Church holds VBS June 21-25, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 12719 134th Ave KPN.

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Key Peninsula Baptist Church VBS Aug. 9-13, for K - 6th graders will be held at the KP Civic Center, 17010 S. Vaughn Road, Vaughn, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Games, crafts, Bible study and snack time take place at "Saddle Ridge Ranch." 884-1345.

United Methodist Church in Gig Harbor, VBS July 19-23, 7400 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor. "I Go Green Environmental Science VBS, Kids Making a Difference in God's Green World," for preschool-5th graders will be held at the church from 9 a.m. to noon.

There is limited space for 3-year-olds. Cost is by donation. The Green Men will make an appearance, and Dr. Green and his assistant will lead the children in "way cool science experiments." 851-2625

Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, VBS June 28-July 1, 7700 Skansie Ave., Gig Harbor, High Seas Expedition Day Camp, for kids entering 1st through 4th grade, 9 a.m. to noon, cost \$35 per child. Pre-registration required. Pick up forms at the church. 851-5842



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At the age of 5 or 6, the simplest things can make the biggest impact. Sharon Hicks visited Rachel Brown's Kindergarten class at Minter Creek Elementary School to ask the kids, "What makes a dad great?"



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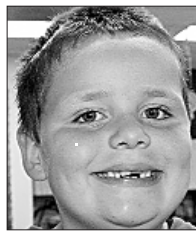
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Rozlynn Raychel

"He gives me presents when he comes home and he makes me breakfast all the time."

Payton Rushton

"A great dad is one that buys you stuff that you really want."

Ashley Hammel

"He'll go to the store and buy me stuff."

Donavan Best

"He'll give me gum"

Dennis Yefimov

"He gave me gum when I wanted to. He got my brother and myself a motorcycle."

Gweniveve Waters

"Um, he gives you things" *What kind of things?* "Ah, like a coat or like a toy."

Jayden Sundberg

"Um, he will give you permanent tatoos."

Haley Warsalla

"He gives you gum sometimes."

Taylor Stevens

"Well, he likes to bring you to a special place where someone can get you gum."

Emily Shobe

"Ah, he ah, he loves me and he likes to take me to the store to buy some toys and now he doesn't take me there because I have too much toys and he plays with my toys all the time."

Austin Michalke

"Sometimes I can't play a game—my father has to ask my brother to help me beat the game"

Logan King

"He plays football with you in the front yard."

Lafe Chapman

"They buy you candy and toys"

Savannah Bruno

"They take you to stores" *and what do you buy at stores?* "They let you buy candy and toys."

Stephanie Bouvia

"He takes you places where you really need to go."

Shawn Campbell

"Daddy buys us food"

Tyler De Luca

"They play with you" *What kind of games do they play with you?* "They play baseball and out in the park."

Kaylee Geiss

"Uhm, he lets me go on the computer sometimes," *pause* "but not very often."

Ethan Hogan

"Uuhmm, cause he gets to go to work."

Andrew Huston

"uhm, he helped me write the word, ahh, Dear Santa on my Christmas list." *Did he help you write down what you wanted?* "Yah, a flashlight, a video game (my mom got that) ahh, and a ball, that's all."

Madison (Matty) Hutchison

"He lets you fix something," *pause* "lets you get something when you want it."



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June 16 Potluck Barbeque
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May 29 Memorial Day Dance
Dance to your heart's content with Oasis, in a rockin' night at the LIC, 8-12 pm, \$12 at door, 21 and older, please.

Start practicing now! LIC Croquet Tournament Sunday, July 18, 3 to 6pm
An afternoon of friendly competition, laughter and surprises. Prizes for best score, theme, costumes, and sticky wicket! Team registration for four is \$60. Benefits The Mustard Seed Project. Sign up now at 804-3030 or the LIC website (below). Sponsorships available. Free admission with food bank donation.

Longbranch Improvement Club
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253 864-6022 Clubhouse 253 864-9157 for event info or tickets
LIC Clubhouse at 4312 Key Pen Hwy S, 6 miles south of the Home Bridge
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See page 18 for more Father's Day quotes.

COMMUNITY WORKS

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June 1, 7, 14, 21, 28- Bloodmobile dates

The Cascade Regional Blood Services bloodmobile is at Albertson's from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

June 1-PSD forum held

A PSD Superintendent's Forum is held at 6:30 p.m. at Kopachuck Middle School.

June 3-Track and field meet

The Hershey's Track and Field Meet, presented by Key Pen Parks and KP Middle School, is a free event for boys and girls aged 9-14. The free check-in will be at Volunteer Park at 2:45 p.m. and the events run from 3:15-5:30 p.m. The top two finishers will qualify for the opportunity to advance to state. 884-9240

June 3-Fuchsia club

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

June 4 – Skate night

The final Friday Night Skate Night of the season is for elementary and middle school-aged kids from 6-9 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. DJ Will Moody spins tunes. Games in the Whitmore room include Guitar Hero and air hockey; snacks and beverages are available through the kitchen. Cost is \$5 which includes skates. A monthly summer skate night is scheduled for June 25, July 16 and Aug. 20 from 7-10 p.m. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456

June 4- Ashes rummage sale set-up

Donations for the Ashes rummage sale at Key Center fire station will be accepted during setup at 10 a.m.

June 5- Single moms' car care

Lakebay Christian Assembly sponsors

Single Moms' Car Care Day for single moms or wives of deployed service men who live on the KP. Free oil changes will be provided. Sign up for an appointment by June 3. Sharron Dean, 884-9948

June 5 –Fire station Open House

The Wright Bliss fire station hosts an Open House with a surplus equipment sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the meeting room in use with closed classes. Includes office equipment and furniture as well as some good tires that no longer fit their available vehicles.

June 5- Ashes rummage sale

Ashes, the fire department auxiliary, holds their annual rummage sale at the Key Center station from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 5-Move with zumba

Key Pen Parks presents zumba from 9-10 a.m. in the Whitmore Room of the KP Civic Center from June 12-July 17. June 5 is a free demo session. Fee is \$47. Register by June 9, Chad, 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com

June 5-Lyme group

The Lyme disease support group meets from 3-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

June 5 & 6-Plant fair

The second annual Glenwood Plant Fair is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 15155 Glenwood SW, Port Orchard. Free admission; parking is \$2. See website for participating vendors: www.glenwoodgardens.com or 360-876-2449

June 6 –Try-outs

Key Peninsula singers, actors, dancers, musicians, or folks with any talent are invited to the "Key's Got Talent" try-outs for the first round of competition from 2-5 p.m. at the Civic Center. Admission is

free for contestants and parents of contestants under 16; all others pay \$2. Finalists will perform at KeyFEST 2010; the audience decides the winner with cash prizes for first, second and third place. Rules and registration forms at www.keyfair.org

June 6- PYO concert

The Peninsula Youth Orchestra presents its free Spring Concert at 3 p.m. at Peninsula High School's auditorium. Auditions for the 2010/11 season will be from 4- 7 p.m. on June 10; call for an audition time. Classes for 3rd-12th grade students start in September; call now to reserve a spot. For more information, call PYO at 253-534-5384 or www.harborpyo.org.

June 7-Filing date

Today is the first day for candidates to file for elective office; last day to file is June 11.

June 12- Clay artist's reception

The Friends of the Key Center Library host a reception for sculptural ceramicist Gail E. Kelly from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This event marks the opening of an exhibit in June and July of her containers and natural forms. 884-2242. Donations to the Key Peninsula Food Bank are encouraged.

June 17- Community forum

Mustard Seed's Third Thursday Community Forum about KP Transportation is at 10 a.m. at the Key Center Library. ediemorgan@themustardseedproject.org or 884-9814

June 23-Tour a seaport

Key Pen Parks is providing a day trip to Port Townsend, one of the best preserved Victorian seaport in the U.S. The trip, for 18 or older, leaves Volunteer Park at 8:45 a.m. and will return approximately at 4

p.m. The fee is \$40; the trip is for 5-7 people. Bring lunch money and be prepared to shop in historic downtown. Registration documents are available online or at the KP Parks office; register by June 16. Chad, 884-9240

June 26-Low tide walk

A free, guided low tide beach walk is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kopachuck State Park in Gig Harbor. This fun, family event will include exploring the beach and learning about the plants and animals that call this dynamic environment home. Booths about local water quality and how to protect Puget Sound will be available. Contact Erin, 884-9474 or erine@piercecountycd.org

June 26 – Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking, featuring patriotic borders, is from 12-6 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center. Attendees are welcome to work on their own projects. Registration is \$15; applications are at www.kpciviccenter.org or call 884-3456.

June 25-Registration deadline

Today is the deadline to get a free jersey if you register for British Soccer Camp, sponsored by Key Pen Parks. Camps are Aug. 9-13 with an afternoon half-day development camp for 6-12 year olds, which is \$103, and a morning mini camp, for 4-6 year olds, which is \$75 for 90 minutes. Both camps will be at Volunteer Park. Register on-line with Challenger at www.challengersports.com to get a free jersey valued at \$39.

June 28-July 2-Science camp

Key Pen Parks offers a Mad Science Camp: Claws, Codes & Constellations, for ages 5-12 from 9 a.m.-noon in the Volunteer Park concession building. The cost is \$77. The number of participants will be from 12-17. Pre-register must be by June 24. Chad@keypenparks.com or

884-9240

June 29- Teen club

The Teen Club meets at 4 p.m. at the Key Center Library for games, crafts and games. 884-2242

**June 30, July 7-
Computer class**

Adult computer classes are offered from noon-1:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. The first class is about job search resources; the second is about appraising collectibles. Pre-registration required at KP Library. 884-2242

July 7-Twilight tour

Key Pen Parks offers a chance to experience Forks and La Push the way Bella did in "Twilight." The tour leaves Volunteer Park at 7:45 a.m. and returns about 6 p.m. and costs \$20. Nine children between 12 and 15 are required. Bring money for lunch at the Three Rivers Resort, home of the Twilight menu. Tour many of the places in "Twilight" ending at First Beach, where Bella heard the legend of the cold ones. Dress appropriately for the weather on the coast. Register by June 30 with Chad@keypenparks.com or 884-9240

**Mondays, Wednesdays &
Thursdays-Evening lap
swimming**

The heated pool at Camp Stand by

Me has adult lap swimming from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Cost is \$4.25/person; punch cards are available for 10 swims for \$40. Donna, 884-2722

**Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays**

Adults get fit and healthy with fitness enthusiast Kim Sutherin as she guides a progressive walking program at 360 Park, located at SR 302 & 144th St. Kim will hold free "Kickin' It Off on the Key" classes from 8-9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (rain or shine.) The goal is to be able to walk 2.5 miles briskly and with ease. Contact Chad, 884-9240 or Chad@keypenparks.com

**Tuesdays-Family swim
times**

Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me offers family swim time, in the heated pool, from 4:30-5:30. Cost is \$4.25/person or \$15/family. Children under 2 are free and must be accompanied by an adult. 884-2722

**Tuesdays & Thursdays-
Adult morning swimming**

The heated pool at Easter Seal Camp Stand by Me has adult open swim from 8-9 a.m. and adult water aerobics from 9:20-10:20 a.m. Cost is \$4.25/per session paid monthly. Donna, 884-4473

Tuesdays-TOPS #1325

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

Wednesdays-BNI meets

The Business Networking International meeting is from 12-1:30 p.m. at Massimo's. BNI is a networking group for small business owners and has the motto "Givers Gain." Call Teresa, 253-678-3806 or www.bninw.com

Thursdays-Toastmasters

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

Thursdays- Senior Society

The Key Peninsula Senior Society, aka Yesterday's Teenagers, meet at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck, fellowship and games at the Civic Center. All are welcome. 884-4981

Thursdays-Lakebay writers

The Lakebay Writers meet from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-3931

Saturdays-Writers guild

The Writers' Guild meets from 9-11 a.m. at Key Center Library; 884-6455

**JUNE
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- Lions Club, June 2, 6 p.m. social, 6:35 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, KP Civic Center; June 26, Installation of Officers
- Key Pen Parks, June 14, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex
- Fire District 16, June 8 & 22, 3 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station
- Key Peninsula Council, June 9, 6:30 p.m.-business meeting, fire station
- KP Civic Center Board, June 10, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room
- Peninsula School District Board, June 10, 6 p.m. regular meeting at district office; June 24, 6 p.m. study session at district office
- LIC BBQ meeting, June 16, 7 p.m. Longbranch Improvement Club

Sundays-Farmers market

Gig Harbor Farmers Market/Key Peninsula is open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at O'Callahan's parking lot.

OFF THE KEY**June 5 & 6-Maritime festival**

The Gig Harbor Maritime Festival, with a "Pirates of the Peninsula" theme, kicks off with a parade along Harbor Avenue at 10 a.m. on Saturday; an antique and classic yacht festival at Jerisich Dock is also Saturday. Sunday features the Blessing of the Fleet procession from St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 1 p.m.

The bloodmobile will be at the festival from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. www.maritimegig.com

June 11-Paradise celebrates

Ten years at the Paradise Theatre is celebrated at 6:30 p.m. \$40 includes a silent auction, wine-tasting by

Hoodsport Winery, dinner and a preview of shows. Limited space; reservations required. Cocktail attire is requested. www.paradisetheatre.org or 253-851-PLAY

June 18-Free movie

"Music of the Heart," sponsored by the Gig Harbor Welcome Club, is shown at 10 a.m. at Gig Harbor Galaxy Theatre. The movie is followed by free coffee and discussion.

www.gigharborwelcomeclub.com or 253-238-6490.

June 19-Victor flea mart

The "Famous Victor Flea Mart" is held from 9 a.m.-

4 p.m. in Victor behind the fire station. Besides lots of great stuff, there will be a raffle, bake sale, plants for sale and great hamburgers. Debby Englund, 360-275-1364

June 24-Garden gurus meet

The Garden Gurus of Gig Harbor meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Retirement Center in Gig Harbor (located near the Good-to-Go office off Olympic Avenue.) Gardening tips from master gardeners and a Pacific Northwest gardening guest speaker are featured. The group welcomes new members. Call Lynn Lawrence 253-514-1049

EMS levy **RENEWAL** set to be on August 17th Ballot

The Key Peninsula Board of Fire Commissioners voted 4-1 to place the renewal of the expiring EMS Levy before the voters on August 17th 2010.

This is not a new tax. This 10-year EMS levy is a **RENEWAL** of the EMS levy that passed in 2000. Your **YES** Vote will restore the EMS levy to 50¢/\$1000 of assessed value, an increase of 1.5 cents/\$1000 AV which represents

38¢/month on a home valued at \$300,000.

The renewal of this levy will ensure that The Key Peninsula Fire Department will be able to maintain current levels of emergency services, including at least 1 ambulance staffed 24/7 with a Paramedic.

If the EMS Levy is not renewed the department loses all of the money generated by the current EMS Levy

when it expires at the end of 2010 and the department will lose approximately 1.2 million dollars from its annual budget.

Chief Lique and the Board of Fire Commissioners have been looking ahead into 2011 and looking at the impact of a failed EMS levy. They have ALL come to the same conclusion: Without an EMS levy the department will not be able to guarantee ambulance services, and

they will not be able to guarantee a paramedic on duty 24/7. This unfortunately will end the Medic One Program the citizens fought so hard to get out here on the Key Peninsula.

The department will also have to lay-off almost 50% of its full time employees including firefighters and paramedics to balance the 2011 budget.

Letter From a Concerned Citizen in Home

Anne Nesbit
Home, WA

During the May 11th Fire Commissioner Meeting, Anne Nesbit, a Citizen of Home, WA, addressed the Board of Fire Commissioners. This is the letter she read aloud to those present:

I want to speak briefly because too much harm has already been done with irresponsible words of bitterness and selfish political opportunism. I'll speak briefly because this issue is too great to be obscured by fancy rhetoric and simply in the hope that my words will be taken to heart.

Mr. Vanity I ask you to weigh your conscience on the manner in which you are performing your duty to the people of this district; your constituents as you so often refer.

In a gateway article dated 2006

you stated "I've never backed off on a battle when it comes to principles." Whose principles Mr. Vanity? Yours? You stated in that same article that you "don't want to destroy this fire department." Yet your term during your commission has been marked by character assassination and a forum of hate has been established by your so-called principles as you hide behind a shield of immunity that you feel your position provides you.

When you took this office you took an oath as a commissioner to conduct yourself in a manner of good stewardship. A steward is defined as "one who conducts, supervises or manages something. The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

You yourself stated in the latest Key Peninsula News, "they say it will mean 12 layoffs- I say no it will mean 100% layoffs because then it will be very easy for me to put an

initiative on the ballot and go to a managed system." This, Sir, clearly implies that your agenda is to destroy this fire department.

You do not have a monopoly on truth Mr. Vanity. The facts are simple. This department must pass the EMS levy in order to continue ambulance service to this community. This EMS Levy must pass in order to prevent the layoff of at-least 12 district employees. This EMS levy must pass in order to continue to provide your constituents with prompt medical care. This is the EMS levy that you are opposed to the very same one you originally fought to create.

How can you oppose something that is in the best interest of the department and the community? How Sir is this an example of good stewardship? It is high time that you remember your oath and start supporting the department and the men and women within that you represent.

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Best Father's Day gifts

Father's Day is June 20, and we wanted to hear from you, "What was the best Father's Day gift you ever gave or received?" We sent our own **Irene Torres** out to Capitol Lumber in Key Center and here's what you told us.

A gift I still have and treasure is an "Art and Soul" coffee mug my daughter made. It says "I love you, Dad."

Bob Delaney, Lake Minterwood

"The love of my children."

Michael Nydoske, Key Peninsula

"I was raised by my grandfather. He taught me to believe in myself."

George Leavitt, Lakebay

"The best gift was having my children present."

Ben Cramer, Tacoma (and Home)

"My two daughters."

Kirk Isaacson, Tacoma (Olman Point)

"Having the family together."

Alan Schulz, Penrose

"My kid...born just before Father's Day."

Brian (refused to give his last name), KP

"A picnic with my dad, my daughter, mother and I, at a Father's Day Church Retreat. I cancelled a date with a stewardess to be there."

Tim Shirley, Home

"I arranged for my dad to ride on a submarine for a week, from San Diego to Bremerton. He was an ex-Navy man. He'd been a frogman in World War II. He loved it."

Floyd Gammill, (no town stated)

"A beautiful blue shot glass, etched with flowers. I thought it was the most elegant gift. I bought it for my dad at Winkie's dime store when I was about 10. I still have it. My dad would have been 100 this year."

Lora Livingston, Longbranch

"I made a card."

Heidi Hendricks, Glencove

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“Themed” Businesses

I've been hearing about some local “themed baristas” for a while now. We have one on 302 and another in Purdy. I spent the winter holding out, peering in once in a while as I drove by, trying to get a glimpse of what was happening in there. From what I could gather at that distance and speed, the “theme” appeared to be a shivering young girl at 5 a.m. in a bikini or otherwise-revealing fabric arrangement. This trend from “coffee shop” to “themed coffee shop” appears to result from the increased tips and traffic that many of these baristas get as a result of the added exposure. It's interesting that this marketing trend develops in some businesses and not in others.

For example, why not Themed Banking? You could have female and male tellers and branch managers in various skimpy outfits taking paychecks and giving balances to leering customers. “Would you like your balance today?” “Hell yes! Anything to keep you tapping at that keypad!” And banks already have a drive-thru component, so that part should be a shoe-in for the cultural intro-

KEVIN REED
HERE'S SOMETHING



duction of lucrative tip jars for bank tellers. (That first drive-thru line next to the building window would always be the longest.) You'd think the added skin would only boost their customer base and profits. And banks need lots of profits!

Or Themed Law Enforcement and Fire Departments. My goodness, the phones would be ringing off the hook for those. Themed Plumbing? Maybe not so much. But you never know. Could be the big opportunity for Shane the Super-Hot Plumber to get a business going, and might give him a competitive advantage over plumbers with the more traditional plumber attire that tends to only reveal a select portion of skin located just above the rump, near the base of the spine. I think Shane the Super-Hot Plumber might just have a market share there. Or Sandy the Super-Hot Plumber. Or maybe

Sandy and Shane, the Super-Hot, High-Fiving Plumber Duo. The possibilities are endless.

We already have themed restaurants and bars, so I guess coffee is sort of an extension of that. You might think that the line between themed and regular business is that of skill level. Some people think service jobs like waiting tables, bartending, and barista-ering (?) are easy, but anyone who's worked the service world knows they're not. Plus there are plenty of less-skilled jobs that are not themed, such as Narrows Bridge Toll Taker. Why not theme that up a bit? Buff dudes wearing thongs, cuff links, and a smile taking your money as you bustle off to work. I imagine a good number of folks would turn in their Good-to-Go windshield stickers to add that to their daily routine. Who needs handy e-billing when a working girl can gawk at some cheerful almost-naked guy taking her cash at 5:43 in the morning?

My dad was in last month from the east coast. He'd seen barely-clad females handing out lattes and mochas to wide-eyed, tipping men on the national news, and wanted to check one of these places out on his visit, so he could brief the men back home. (Between that and people

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wearing guns openly, he thought Washington might be heaven.) We hit a themed place, and talked with a young girl in what appeared to be a rough sketch of the plans for a vaporous wisp of a bathing suit. I asked, through the full-length sliding window, if she was cold, and she said she had the heater blasting. She mentioned their tip jar had been stolen a few times. “Like it's not bad enough a girl has to subjugate her body for money?” she joked, with a smile on her face. It was a fun stop, and the coffee was great, but I'll keep going to my regular coffee shop. Why torture myself when I'm paying \$4 for coffee? I can be tortured for free. Plus, I like my usual baristas with their street clothes, their cheer, and the terrific coffee they brew. But that's what's great about America! We choose the services that are best for us.

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Local libraries offer computer classes

Staff Report

Pierce County Library System is offering free computer classes to help people gain computer skills and search for jobs.

Classes will be in English at the Gig Harbor and Key Center libraries.

Computers for beginners will be held June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m., June 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. and July 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Pierce County Library.


Job search sources class will be June 5 from 8 to 10 a.m., and July 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gig Harbor location, and also at the Key Center Library June 30 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Resume 101 will be offered at the Gig Harbor location June 3 from 3 to 5 p.m., June 15 from 2 to 4 p.m., June 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. and July 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.


There will also be a class called Appraise Your Collectibles at the Gig Harbor location June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the Key Center location June 30 from 2 to 3 p.m. and July 7 from noon to 2 p.m.

Visit your local library to register for classes.

Source: Pierce County Library System



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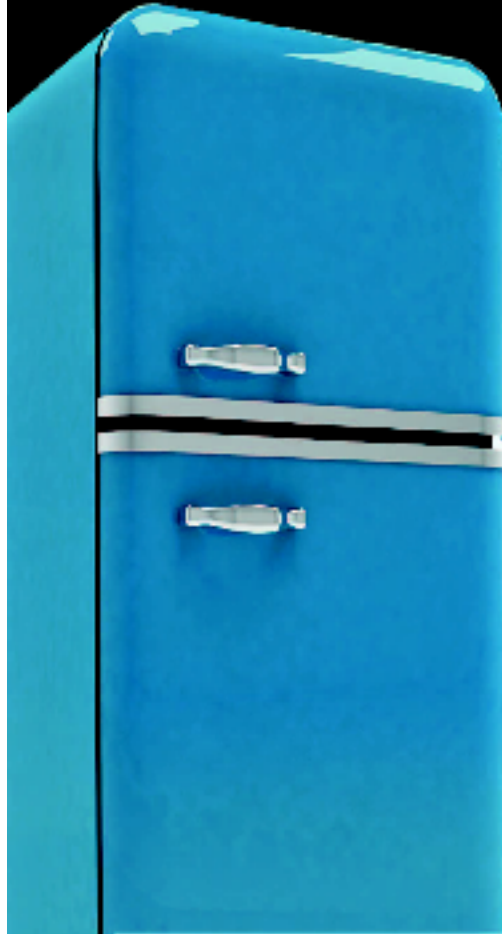
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Average Sold Price (price per sq ft)	\$198,000 / \$125

WATERFRONT REPORT

WF Homes for Sale	#38
WF Homes Sold (ytd)	#2
Average List Price (price per sq ft)	\$720,000 / \$243
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Food Backpack for Kids Program needs funds

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

The Peninsula Communities of Faith Committee booth at the Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair last month had an exhibit explaining the "Food Backpack for Kids" program.

Wayne Lopez, a volunteer, explained that they learned that, "children in our local schools are receiving government assistance through the school lunch program and are provided breakfast and lunch, but on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays these same children are going without."

The committee formed the Food Backpack for Kids program and contacted Evergreen Elementary School which confirmed the need to provide

food for children on weekends and holidays. The program now serves 46 Evergreen children. On Fridays, the school distributes backpacks with food items; on Mondays, the children return the backpacks to be refilled.

The backpacks are assembled and distributed to Evergreen through the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church.

The committee plans to expand the program to Vaughan Elementary. Before that, it must raise funds for the expansion of the program.

Lopez said that, "in order to do this, the program is in need of financial help from the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities.

For more information, contact Evelyn Montero" at rayevem@yahoo.com



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Ray and Evelyn Montero and Wayne Lopez explain the Food Backpack for Kids Program at the Peninsula Communities of Faith Committee booth during the Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair.

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KP home to music, poetry event

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

Words and Music, a concert series that includes both musicians and poets, was born from Jerry Libstaff's love of music and the desire to present performance art in a beautiful and intimate setting on the Key Peninsula.

Watermark Writers was created after Libstaff joined a writers group and found others who shared his vision. It is a non-profit organization.

The concerts are held in the living room of his home overlooking Case Inlet. Libstaff moved there in 2002 from Bellevue after he retired.

He created Watermark Writers with a board of three people who shared the same focus and goals. Watermark is a volunteer assisted organization with 501c3 non-profit status. A non-profit has very clear rules about how an organization is operated and funded, he said. Earnings may not be directed towards its members or board and it cannot be run for profit or attempt to influence political and legislative activities.

In 2006 the first Watermark Writers



conference was held at Alderbrook Resort on Hood Canal and Libstaff was able to woo famous authors Robert Fulghum and John Nance to speak at the event.

"Fulghum is a Washington resident and he was happy to present a writers workshop when I called him," Libstaff said. "When I asked what his agenda for the workshop would be, he said he'd never done one before. That surprised me but I trusted his expertise as an author and let him do his thing."

The group continues to hold a yearly conference and has also developed a



John Batdorf was the featured musicians in May for the Words and Music house concert in Vaughn. Featured poet for the Words and Music event was Connie Walle from Tacoma.

Photos by Kyle Coster, KP News

Young Writers workshop to guide aspiring youth authors. In 2008, Boston area songwriter Greg Greenway agreed to participate in the young writers event focusing on poetry and songwriting. Because of the success of the anthology published by the young authors a conversation between Greenway and Libstaff began that ultimately led to the idea of Words and Music.

Attendance is by invitation only via mail, email, and word of mouth. Reservations are required due to limited seating as the home can comfortably fit 50 people at the most.

"Adding more seating would ruin the intimate setting between the artist and audience," he said.

Many attendees are actually from outside the Key Peninsula area and word of mouth has been the event's greatest success to filling the seats, he said. While all are welcome Libstaff would like to see more from the KP community attending the concerts.

"This is a chance for local residents to hear amazing performers at a great price without having to leave our own backyard," he said.

Admission price is by donation and performers are given a percentage of the door. Monies collected above the performers' agreed upon percentage help to fund the Young Writers program. The idea of house concerts is a growing phenomenon across the United States as large venues close and ticket sales wane in the struggling economy. Most house concerts are "one-shot" invitation-only events where a different artist appears each month.

John Batdorf, who performed in May,

said house concerts are becoming very popular. He said he has played many house concerts recently, but Libstaff's setting is one of the best so far.

The lineup for Words and Music is an impressive list of songwriters in the industry. Greg Greenway kicked off this year's series on March 12, and Cheryl Wheeler and local poet Scott Heffernan appeared April 23. Cheryl has been a songwriter since the age of 17 and released her first self-produced album in 1983. She has written songs for Garth Brooks, Suzy Bogus, Dan Seals, Kenny Loggins, and Bette Midler among other industry giants.

John Batdorf performed May 15. He began his music career in the 1970s as a recording artist with Batdorf, Rodney, and Silver and has played with Seals & Crofts, Dan Fogelberg, Linda Ronstadt, Fleetwood Mac, and The Doobie Brothers. In the 1980s he began concentrating on songwriting and singing background for other artists. He launched his TV songwriting career in the 1990s and is credited with scores for the CBS prime time show "Promised Land" and "Touched by an Angel." Today he continues to write music and is actively recording his own CDs.

Other artists in the series include Larry Murante and Randall Platt June 5 and Darden Smith July 24. Danny O'Keefe, David Wilcox, and Amy Petty will round out the August through October schedule. The Watermark Writer's website will be updated as performance dates are secured.

Be sure to check www.watermarkwriters.com and for reservations to the performances call Jerry Libstaff at 253-778-6559.

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New Task Force to Look at Budget Sustainability

Peninsula School District has received another round of budget cuts for next year's budget, and expects further cuts in state funding in future years. Although layoffs will be averted next year through a variety of one-time measures, the district's strategy is to look for long-term fixes.

To look at the budget in the long term, the district is putting together a budget task force. The group will be comprised of representatives from the administration, board of directors, buildings, the union, parent groups, the district's audit committee and the community.

"We want a real diverse group. They will look at potential areas to review and try to find potential savings," Bouck says.

Once the task force identifies categories for review, subgroups will convene and examine those areas closely to look for potential efficiencies. They may study such areas as transportation, energy efficiency and staffing. The subgroups will report their findings to the task force, which will then prepare a report for the administration to enable staff to make recommendations to the board.

The work of the task force will enable the

district to create a more sustainable budget and not rely solely on legislative decisions every spring.

"We know we're facing difficult budget cycles for a few years, and some changes take a bit more planning than two to three months, and require more thought," says PSD Finance Director Karen

Community members interested in serving on the district's budget task force or on a subgroup should contact Finance Director Karen Andersen at 630-1020 or email andercark@psd401.net

Andersen.

The task force will begin meeting later this summer, with the subgroups' work expected to begin

around July.

"We know future school budget will be more difficult," says Deputy Superintendent Chuck Cuzzetto. "We need to make some long-term fixes."

Summer School

PSD will offer credit recovery classes in English, math and social studies during the summer. The four-day four-week sessions begin on July 12 and meet from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday-Thursday at Henderson Bay High School. Students can register with their own high school counselors at any time. Tuition is \$200. In addition, we will offer a free course to students who need to retake the HSE in reading and/or writing. Some transportation will be provided. For additional information, please visit www.psd401.net. Registration forms are available online as well, or see your school counselor.

Kindergarten Registration Ongoing

Kindergarten registration will continue at all eight elementary schools throughout the school year from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. We look forward to meeting you!

Washington's Race to the Top

At the May 13 Board of Directors' meeting, the Board approved a motion to sign on for Washington's Race to the Top competitive grant. The application was submitted on Monday May 17.

Superintendent Forum June 1

The fourth in a series of four unstructured forums inviting community members to provide feedback, raise issues and ask questions pertinent to the Peninsula School District is scheduled for June 1 at Kopachuck Middle School from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The meetings are held at middle school sites to afford community members the opportunity to visit their neighborhood schools. The evenings are hosted by Superintendent Terry Bouck and everyone is invited to participate—you do not need to have a student enrolled in the District.

June Events

- 1 Superintendent Forum—fourth in a series of four forums to be held at Kopachuck Middle School Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 10 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
- 11 Henderson Bay High School graduation ceremony 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill
- 13 Graduation ceremonies at the Tacoma Dome for Gig Harbor 1:00 p.m. and Peninsula 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Key Peninsula Middle School moving on ceremony
- 18 Last day of school
- 24 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the District Office
- 25 PHS Pool closed for the summer for scheduled maintenance. All programs will be held at GH HS. Visit www.psd401.net for up-to-date information.

Key Dates for September 2010

- 1 First day of school—no late start
- 6 Labor Day observed—no school
- 22 KPMS Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 23 Evergreen Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Minter and Vaughn Open Houses 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 29 PHS Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.

2010-11 Late Start Wednesday Childcare

The YMCA will continue to provide Before School Supervision at each of the elementary schools for late start Wednesdays at NO CHARGE. The one-hour program will emphasize health and wellness.

Vaughn principal takes position in Gig Harbor

By Marsha Hart, KP News

It was 2:30 in the afternoon on a day in May and Mike Benoit, principal of Vaughn Elementary School, was handling four different student problems, a recess that kept changing from outside play to "rainy day recess," due to a strange weather pattern, and all of the necessary duties at the end of another school day.

He came to Vaughn when the current fifth graders did, and he will leave with them at the end of the year. They will go on to middle school, and so will Benoit. Though the students will most likely move on to Key Peninsula Middle School, Benoit has taken a job as principal at Harbor Ridge Middle School in Gig Harbor.

"I'm trying to enjoy every day here that I have," he said. "I've enjoyed my time here and it's a good school. I'm definitely going to miss it."

Benoit taught third and fourth grade, and then also fifth and sixth grade in the Federal Way School District before

"The adults here are learners and model it for the kids."

-Mike Benoit, principal

training to become a principal. Vaughn was his first job as an administrator, he said.

Quick to deflect attention from himself, he was insistent that any gains the school has had have come from the staff, teachers, volunteers, parents and students and the PTA. In his time at Vaughn, Benoit said the school has grown through the involvement of Communities in Schools, an organization that supports teachers, staff and students.

"We have volunteers who come in to tutor for 45 minutes at the end of the day on Tuesdays," he said. "They support our family math night, parenting class, and we have a high school mentoring



Mike Benoit, principal of Vaughn Elementary School, spends some time with students Garrett Miller and Jalesa Ryea as the school day comes to a close. Benoit is taking the job of principal at Harbor Ridge Middle School when school resumes in the fall.

Photo by Eleanor Walters, KP News

program this year, and I'm proud of the way that program has evolved."

He is also proud of the relationship with Two Waters Arts Alliance, which brings hands-on art programs to the school, he said.

His pride extends to the teachers at Vaughn, many of whom have gone on to get Master's degrees and National Board Certification.

"The adults here are learners and model it for the kids," he said. "The staff here is focused on the whole child, not

teaching to a test or just making sure we have good readers. We try to take the children where they are and help them move forward, whether it be emotionally or academically."

Becoming principal of a middle school is something Benoit knew he wanted to try, so when the opportunity came at Harbor Ridge, he went for it.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here and I won't be far away. I'll be back to visit," he said.

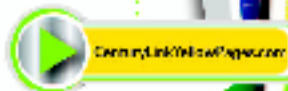
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Elementary school students to perform musical at civic center

By Dale Goodvin, KP News

Students from Minter Creek Elementary School who will be performing in *Suessical the Musical, Jr.* gave a preview of the show during the Livable Fair at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in May.

Two Waters Arts Alliance is funding the show, which features many of the beloved characters from the books of Dr. Seuss. Paula DeMoss, a teacher at Minter Creek is directing the musical with Faith Higgins.

"These kids are the most compassionate, caring, hardworking students I have ever worked with. They strive to help each other and never just think about themselves. This is obvious as you see them perform," DeMoss said.

Higgins, who graduated from Peninsula High School last year, was active in theater, winning the 5th Avenue Theater Award two years in a row.

She is the choreographer and acting director for the more than 60 students in

What: A performance of *Seussical the Musical, Jr.*—*Seussical* was first performed on Broadway in 2000 and then a new version (*Seussical, Jr.*) was created for young student performers.

Where: Key Peninsula Civic Center

When: June 8 and June 11 at 7p.m.

Who: Performed by students from Minter Creek Elementary

Cost: FREE

the production.

"The kids in this musical are astounding. They are mature beyond their years and are extremely talented. These kids have shown me that they are far more capable than I ever imagined. Working with them has turned out to be a pure joy and has planted a new desire to teach in me," Higgins said.

DeMoss is joined by many passionate arts advocates in the community, including Ian McKnight, a senior at Peninsula High School who is assisting

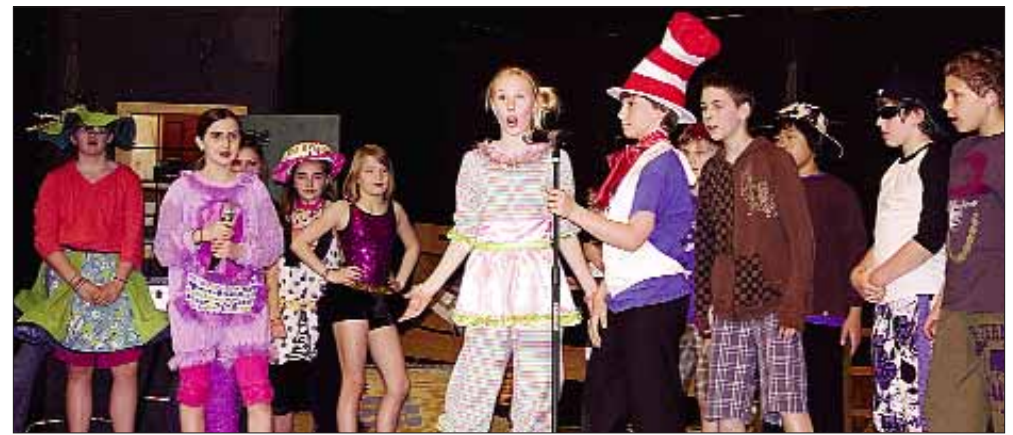


Photo by Dale Goodvin, KP News

Betsy Brunkow and Keyan Gootkin, along with other cast members of *Suessical the Musical Jr.*, give a sneak peek of the musical during the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Livable Fair in May.

with sound. Jonathan Bill, drama teacher at PHS, has loaned set pieces for the show, and Merrilee Kennedy, a local actor, has been instrumental in combining school with community for this event.

"She has gone above and beyond to support this adventure," DeMoss said of Kennedy.

Erika Arnett, program director of Arts In the Schools for TWAA has helped bring everyone in the school and community together for this show, and Higgin's

mother is the seamstress for the production.

"It is absolutely awesome how much support we are getting," DeMoss said.

As an actress and singer who has a love for musicals, Higgins said TWAA is helping spark a passion in young people by funding the show.

"TWAA is truly living out its mission to provide opportunities that will develop a love and appreciation of the arts for youth. These kids are falling in love with theater," Higgins said.

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Date: July 12th - July 16th
Fee: \$43
Min/Max: 10/20 per age group
Note: Deadline to register - July 1st

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Location: Vol. Pk Concess. Bld.
Date: July 19th - July 22nd
Time: 2-2:30pm
Fee: \$49
Min/Max: 5/12
Note: Deadline to register - July 15th

Sticks & Stones Art Camp
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Grade: 1st-5th
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Date: July 26th - July 30th
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Min/Max: 10/20
Note: Deadline to reg. - July 22nd

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Date: June 5-July 17th
(Demo day June 5th)
Time: 9-10am
Fee: \$47
Min/Max: 5/20
Note: Deadline to register June 9th

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Running with a Purpose

By Kelly Maxfield, KP News

The Peninsula Seahawks boys' track team achieved many goals this season, including finishing undefeated in the South Puget Sound League. They took home first place honors in the Tacoma, Shelton, Mountain, and Bellevue Invitational meets this spring. Many of the same long-distance runners on the track squad placed second in state this fall as members of the PHS Cross Country Team. The 3A State Track & Field Championships was held May 27- 29 at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma.

At the 50th Annual Shelton Invitational on May 1, seniors Chris Borg and David Lee finished one-two respectively in the 3200-meter race helping the Seahawks towards a first place finish. Borg ran a 9:27.33 and Lee a 9:36.37. Both Chris and David have set school records during their sophomore year at Peninsula. Curtis King and Nick Borg, both current sophomores on the track squad, are working on breaking those records. All the boys are focused and excel in academics and scouting. They are proudly known as the "Nerd Mafia" throughout the halls of the school.

"This is a neat group of boys that have grown up running together," says CarrieAnn Lee, mother of senior David Lee. David comes from a family of 10 children with a long history of running and athletics. Eight out of 10 siblings have participated in Track & Field and/or Cross Country at the high school level. CarrieAnn was a runner at Seattle's Roosevelt High School and father Kerry played football and

basketball at the same school. David is mulling over several offers to continue his passion for running at the college level. He was named MVP of the Peninsula Cross Country team two years in a row.

Chris Borg plans to attend the University of Portland to study Sports Management and continue his running career. He has played several sports growing up in the Gig Harbor area but has focused exclusively on running for the last few years. Borg was named Athlete of the Year by the South Puget Sound League after finishing undefeated in the cross country season.

Curtiss Hall heads the undefeated Seahawk track team along with several assistant coaches working with individual athletes in their specialties. Joel Wingard has coached the distance track runners and cross country teams at Peninsula for a number of years and has been coaxed out of retirement several times. He is a passionate devotee to long distance running leading the cross country squad to an 8-0 league finish this fall and the second place in the state championships.

Peninsula High School had five boys participating in the SPSL track meet May 21 and 22 at Mt. Tahoma High School. Chris Borg, David Lee, Nick Borg, and Curtis Hall make up 25 percent of the competitive field running in the 3200-meter race. Senior Keegan Hall, Coach Curtiss Hall's son, ran in the 800-meter event. The Hawks have set their sights on adding to the Peninsula trophy case and taking the next step towards the state championships on Memorial Day weekend.

PHS golfer still recovering

Staff Report

The Peninsula High School's girls golf team members who played in the district tournament in May wanted to show their support of their team captain Anna Heacox. Heacox was seriously injured in a car accident in April.

Affectionately known as Anna Banana, the girls had new shirts made for the tournament with Team Anna on the sleeve, the PHS logo beneath, and an embroidered banana on the bottom.

"The moment I found out (about the accident) I went to the hospital," said golf

coach Larry Gilhuly. "I told the team Anna will be OK. I'm optimistic. She is a strong girl, and seeing her yesterday I'm even more optimistic. She has her sense of humor back."

Heacox is still in the Intensive Care Unit, but Gilhuly said she has a lot of people praying for her.

"She is amazing. The broken bone around her eye and her vertebrae have healed themselves," he said. "She didn't have surgery for those. I'm very optimistic and hope she will be in rehab soon."

A foundation has been set up in Anna's name at Sound Credit Union.

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requested a private ambulance we were notified there were no units to send out here," he said. "It is not a promising alternative, but it's a situation where we have to work through whatever the incident is, and we have to work through as fast as we can, but it will be different from the service we can deliver today."

If the levy does fail and FD 16 cannot guarantee ambulance services, the Key Peninsula could be facing a different emergency medical response than the one it currently has, Lique said.

The district has a mutual aid agreement with Gig Harbor District 5, Mason County and South Kitsap. That agreement means that when FD 16 personnel need backup, one of those units will respond if they have personnel to do so.

But that agreement is dependent upon FD 16 participating in response to those districts when they need it, Lique said.

"We received a letter from South

Kitsap, and I understand other agencies are drafting similar letters, saying if voters choose not to support the EMS system on the Key Peninsula, their agencies are not in a position that they can support our agency. They won't send their transport here unless we can reciprocate with them."

Bills for a private ambulance would be the responsibility of the patient, and currently there is no out-of-pocket expense for patients who live on the Key Peninsula or pay taxes here.

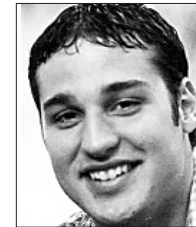
The EMS levy pays any portion of the ambulance bill that the insurance doesn't cover, Lique said.

"I think the important thing for people to realize is that they really have to evaluate the reason they are saying yes or no (to the levy.) If they are making that decision in an environment of understanding there are or are not going to be ambulances, and the majority make the decision there will not be ambulances on the KP, then that is the direction we can move. I encourage people not to cloud that issue with a bunch of other stuff that is out there."

OBITUARIES

Donald Axthelm

Donald Gene Axthelm, 22, from Port Orchard, Wash., died May 8, 2010. He was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Melissa Axthelm on Nov. 22, 1987. In 1990 he came to reside with Paul and Pat Kunzl, his great uncle and aunt, who raised Donald as their



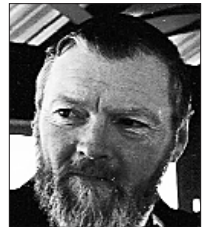
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own son. He attended Vaughn Community Church and made life long friends there. He graduated from Peninsula High School in 2006 where he was on the varsity swim team and played soccer. He was active in 4-H and loved showing his dog, Clifford. At the time of his death, he was working as a residential construction worker. Donald had a kind and gentle manner, which was reflected in his smile that would light up a room. Those that love him and knew him thought of him as a gentle giant, teddy

bear and a big goof. Although his life was short, he touched many lives and was loved by many. He is survived by parents, Paul and Pat Kunzl, Washington, his mother, Melissa Axthelm, Texas, his grandparents, Don and Kathy Axthelm, Kansas and his siblings, Bobbi Casey, Dana Sikes (Brad), Ticee Bauer (Rob), Seth Kunzl (Meghan), Colton and Richael Polk, his 8 month old daughter, Jocelyn Axthelm, and her mother Arielle Stafford. In lieu of flowers, please send donations made payable to Raymond James with a memo specifying the Donald Gene Axthelm Memorial Fund for Jocelyn Axthelm. Checks may be mailed to Fleury Financial Group, 10049 Kitsap Mall Blvd., Suite 309, Silverdale, WA 98383.

Frederick Jaggi

Frederick W. Jaggi of Gig Harbor was born June 11, 1941 to Fred and Loretta Jaggi. He passed away April 23, 2010 at his home in Gig Harbor. He is survived by his son John Jaggi and his wife Amber of Gig Harbor, daughter Tina Jaggi-Boldman and grandson John Boldman of Puyallup, brother Edwin Jaggi of Tacoma and sister Linda Hendricks of Olympia.



JAGGI

Fred was a third generation resident on the Key Peninsula. He married in 1964 and raised his two children on the family property, which was his greatest achievement. He was extremely proud of both of his children and their life accomplishments.

Fred had a long working career beginning at the Allen Oyster Company and settling in the timber industry, where he worked for Vaughn Bay Lumber and Hart Brothers Logging. In his later years he worked with his son on various logging and construction projects. Fred enjoyed outdoors projects, including gardening and cutting firewood, but most of all he loved cooking and celebrating with good friends. He made all those who knew him feel special and will be missed by many.

A celebration of his life was held at his residence on May 8, 2010. Many thanks extended to all those who attended his memorial and demonstrated their love and support.

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(From **CAMP**, Page 10)

from at Gig Harbor Academy, including piano lessons, robotics, land life skills.

Piano lessons begin June 16 and are each Wednesday through Aug. 19. These are for children 6 and older, and cost is \$30 for a half hour session, plus a small cost for the music.

Summer Fun for ages 3 and older begins June 22 and runs through July 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child, per day. There are themes each week.

Sports Camp is June 21-25 for those entering grades 4 through 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$125, which includes tennis and basketball fundamentals, techniques and strategies, which includes a mid-day Mariners/Cubs baseball game.

Robotics I for grades 1 and 2 will run June 28 through July 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$115, and students will build, program and run robots.

Robotics II for grades 3-6 will also run June 28 through July 2 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$115, and students will build and program "Lego Mindstorms," robots.

Tech Camp for grades 4-6 runs June 28 through July 2 from 12:30 to 3:30

p.m. Cost is \$80. Students will learn more about computers and how they work, how to program web pages and learn about electronic circuit design.

Leadership Seminar for grades 4-6 runs July 19-30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$225. Includes activities such as obstacle courses, survival games, and full day of low and high ropes challenge course at Camp Seymour.

Life Skills camp for grades 3-6 will be Aug. 9-13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$125. Local Gig Harbor firefighter Bob Wotherspoon will share skills every big kid should know. Basic first aid, ropes and knots, basic cooking, hand tools, and using a compass.

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Preschool Summer Camp – Ages 3-5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., cost \$110 per week, includes lunch. Registration fee for children not enrolled in the preschool is \$20. Call 853-0288 or 853-0234.

Action Art July 12 – 15. Movement is part of this program and children will experience art in a new way.

Marine Science July 19-22. Explore

Pacific Northwest sealife. Families accompany the children on a field trip on Thursday.

Cooking for Kids July 26-29. Learn where foods come from, experience taste and texture, use food to dye paper and make a meal.

High Seas Expedition Day Camp, for kids 1st through 4th grade, 9 a.m. to noon, June 28- July 1. Cost \$35 per child. Pre-registration required. Pick up forms at the church.

Middle School Camps, Yakama Mission Trip July 18-23 for students going into 7th, 8th and 9th grade. Registration due June 1, cost \$300.

Camp Spalding, Aug. 8-14 for students entering 6-8th grades, cost \$450, registration due June 1. Forms are online or pick up at the church office.

High School Camps, Service Crew 10, summer mission and service trip to Camp Spalding July 11-17 for incoming sophomores to just graduated seniors. Cost \$35.

Oasis 10, summer camp Aug. 2-6 with Believers Fellowship and Harbor Covenant at Bridgeport State Park on the Columbia River. Cost \$175. Pick up registration forms at the church.

MILESTONE



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employs 30 therapists and most weekends are fully booked. Massage Envy is open seven days per week. There are 21 locations in the state of Washington and over 800 nationwide so a membership may be used at any of their locations. They sell gift cards as well. Visit www.massageenvy.com to view their services.

Sharon's Consignment and Spa in downtown Gig Harbor offers skincare services. Owner Sharon Kresse also offers a mobile service where she will perform her services in your own home. Sharon is an Esthetician and provides facials, microderms and glycolic peels, body treatments with light massage,

waxing, and hair removal. Her mobile services are by appointment for your convenience. Her shop is open to spa clients in the morning, evenings, and weekends. Call her for a full list of services at 253-851-3550.

Harbor Nails is located on Borgen Boulevard in Gig Harbor North near Albertson's. The spa is tastefully painted and appointed, creating an aura of relaxation for the consumer. The salon offers acrylic and silk nails, manicures, pedicures, and body waxing. Manicures are priced starting at \$15 and pedicures begin at \$25. The shop is open seven days per week for your convenience. The phone number is 253-858-0388.

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ethnic entertainment and food for sale.

Aug. 20 - Skate night KP Civic Center, 7-10 p.m. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456

Aug. 21 - Old Timers' Day at LIC. Flag raising at 10 a.m. Logging show, antique tractors and engines, food, crafts, and other booths. Entertainment. Free admission. Proceeds benefit KP Community Services and food bank.

Aug. 28 - Key Peninsula Lutheran Church garage sale 884-3312.

Aug. 27, 28 - Key Fest 2010, from noon to midnight at Volunteer Park. Local entertainers, vendors, artisans,

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Sept. 4 - Labor Day Dance at Longbranch Improvement Club.

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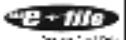
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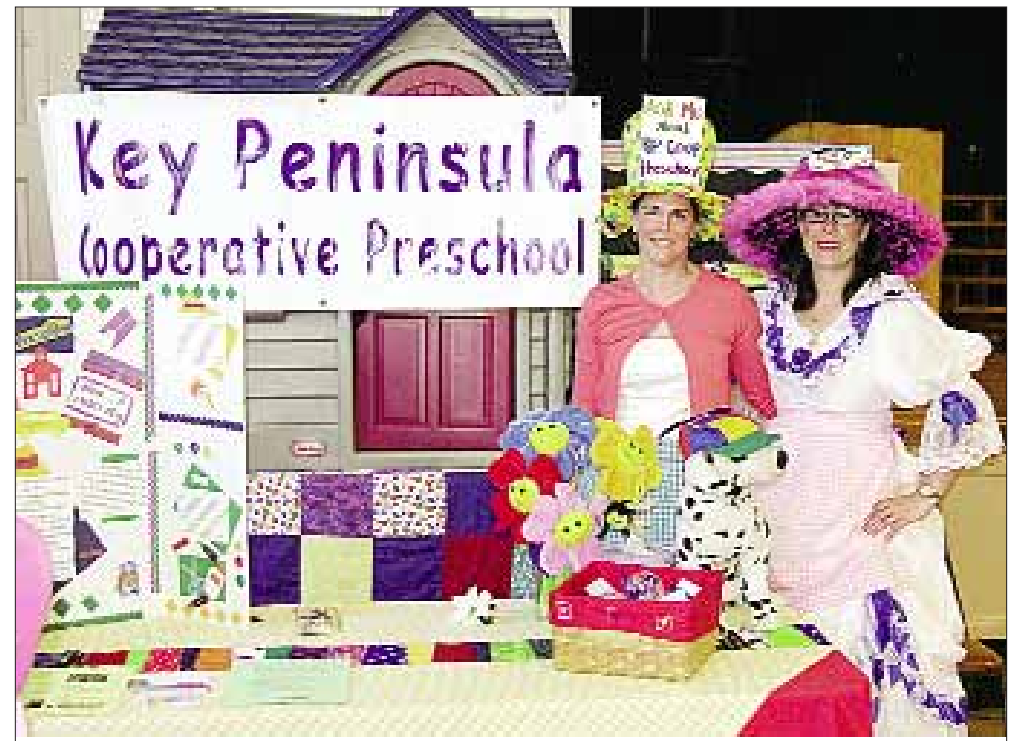
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Above, Joe Barrow and John Biggs were serving pancakes and sausage during the Longbranch Improvement Club boating season opening day breakfast.



Above, Lauren Littleton and Shannon Ganisin were ready to give information about the Key Peninsula Co-op Preschool at the Key Peninsula Livable Fair. *Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News*



Left, Representatives of the Pierce County Conservation District discuss the need to support the County's Stream Team, to use locally grown agricultural products and how the County provides a Farm Assistance Program, a Shellfish Partnership, advice on Fly Predators, and a plethora of related programs for public access. *Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News*

On May 16, Key Peninsula girls scouts from Daisy Troop 40956 walk over the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge for the Bridging the Narrows event. The day is spent celebrating their move up to the next level in the Girl Scout organization. Some of the Daisy troop are advancing to Brownies and the others are moving to their second year of Daisies. Lilly, Raina Hyde, Rebekkah Baldwin and Aidyn Caskin lead the troop over the bridge.

Photo by September Hyde, KP News



Photo by Dale Goodvin, KP News

A pink dogwood is the perfect accompaniment during this sunset that paints pink hues across Filucy Bay.