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The Sipple Well House was built to resemble a lighthouse. *Photo: Brook Hurst Stephens*

New Owners Work to Bring Back Faraway

CAROLYN WILEY, KP NEWS

Taking on the restoration of historic sites requires a special sort of person and Brook Hurst Stephens is one of them.

In August, 2016, Brook and her husband, Kim, purchased the Faraway Estate on Filicy Bay in Longbranch.

Faraway is one of the most expansive and intact historic properties left on the Key Peninsula. The main house was built in 1915 for Frank McDermott, head of the Bon Marché department store (now Macy's). The Stephens have an ambitious plan to restore the property but want to respect McDermott's original design.

A news article from the May 9, 1915, Tacoma Daily Ledger, reproduced in "Echoes of Faraway" by Longbranch resident Connie Hildahl, described McDermott's search for a place to build his dream vacation home: "(He) has been cruising all over Puget Sound for several years looking for the prettiest spot...in his choice of Longbranch, McDermott believes he has found the most ideal."

The once ideal property has suffered from neglect for the last decade. The outbuildings were used for storage of everything from building materials to trash, routine maintenance was ignored, and the grounds

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A new flag is hoisted up the Purdy flagpole March 27 by, left to right, Curtis Whitwright, Paula Canady, Penny Barney and Pamela Walsh. The 10 x 15-foot flag was donated by Canady. "Years ago my father, Paul Fatland, donated and erected the Purdy flagpole" with Whitwright's help, she said. "It was quite the production in the day; he was appointed the mayor of Purdy, a position that never existed before or since." Fatland owned the Chevron station in Purdy and his company, Paul's Towing, served the Key Peninsula for over 30 years. *Photo: Don Tjossem, KP News*

State Rules Open Logging 'Loophole'

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

Lumber prices are the highest they've been in more than a decade, land values on the Key Peninsula are rising and logging trucks continue to roll along the KP highway while more signs advertise newly logged land for sale. The pace of change to the landscape can seem dramatic because companies can log and sell land under a state permit instead of the more rigorous requirement of a county permit designed to mitigate the effects of logging and development, according to state and county officials.

By taking advantage of what Aileen Nichols, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) field forester for South Puget Sound, called "a loophole," and Adonais Clark of Pierce County Planning and Land Services (PALS) said is a "way too easy way to lift the moratorium," many parcels on the Key Peninsula are logged and then developed despite a state-imposed six-year moratorium intended to allow forestland to recover.

"Ninety-nine percent of logging permits on the Key Peninsula are from the state, and requirements are not as restrictive

as they are with the county," said Clark. "They are exempt from the 50-foot buffer along KP Highway and State Route-302, public notice is not required, and logging in forested wetlands is allowed."

A county permit must be obtained if land is to be cleared for development except for construction of a single-family residence or clearing for pasture. Because it is assumed that the forest will be gone forever, county rules focus on protecting wetlands and streams due to permanent ongoing impacts of development.

A state permit to log is granted if the landowner has no plan to convert the property to other use. There is a six-year moratorium on development of land when it is logged with a state permit to allow the forestland to recover. But that requirement can be sidestepped.

Many companies are logging land on the KP, but of the 43 logging permits submitted to the state in the last nine months, 17 came from Cedarland Resources, a company managed by Ben Cedarland. In 10 of those applications, Cedarland is both the owner and the logger. In all 10 cases, permits included the plan to log 80 percent of the

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Vision Comes to Key Free Clinic

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

The weekly Key Free Clinic began offering vision services to walk-in patients after a dedication ceremony Saturday, April 8, in its offices next to the library in Key Center.

The free clinic has offered non-emergency medical and dental treatment to anyone regardless of ability to pay for the last three years in its current location. Patients requiring ongoing medical care receive referrals to volunteer providers in the surrounding area. Now patients can also be treated for basic eye problems.

"The mission will be to get eye services to people who can't get them otherwise due to cost, insurance or geography," said Anne Nesbit, the clinic's executive director. "We can't treat glaucoma and things like that, but we can refer out to places that can."

"This is a great step forward," said Chuck West, chair of the clinic's board of directors. "We first met with Doc Roes and Doc Patterson in 2013 to talk about opening a free clinic, and it's just kept going."

Adding the vision clinic started with a suggestion from Gig Harbor optometrist and KP resident, Dr. Oliver Kuhn-Wilken.

"I just happened to have this tiny idea and said it aloud to a few people and it just took off," he said.

"I live not far up the road and I heard about the free clinic and came down to talk to Anne about adding eye services," Kuhn-Wilken said. "She and the board were so excited about it, they just took it and ran."

Following those first conversations with Nesbit and clinic board members in July 2016, Kuhn-Wilken reached out to the local medical community.

"When I sent out the email to the Pierce County Optometric Society, of all the people to respond, Ed Worthen was absolutely the first and most enthusiastic," Kuhn-Wilken said. "And then, a couple weeks later, Ed said 'I know some guys that have some equipment.' That was VOSH; they loaned us an extraordinary amount of high quality equipment that allowed us to provide full eye services."

"Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH), is a national organiza-

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Historic Faraway seen from Filucy Bay. *Photo: Richard Hildahl* Below: The covered pergola connecting the main house to the parking area is almost 200 feet long. *Photo: Brook Hurst Stephens*

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became overgrown with blackberries.

Undaunted, the Stephens have begun the task of bringing the property up to code while remaining sensitive to the intrinsic value of the historic estate.

In addition to the main house, there is a small barn and stable, a chicken house, a greenhouse, a four-bedroom guesthouse, a caretaker's house, and at least two other buildings. What was once referred to as the chauffeur's garage is still almost completely hidden by overgrowth.

Brook Stephens has a clipboard of to do lists for every room.

Because of the historical significance of several of the structures, the work is more complicated than a simple remodel. Before they could assess the condition of the outbuildings and begin to compile a catalogue of projects, they had to empty them. "It has taken months just to remove everything from the buildings," she said. "The greenhouse was filled with glass windows and doors and blackberries had grown through the windows."

Other buildings were filled with junk and little else.

"The greenhouse is usable" now that it is empty and has new shelving and potting tables, Stephens said. "I may be able to have things growing by summer."

One unique find was a small stove uncovered by her father. It had enough identifying marks on it that the maker was traced to a foundry in France that operated until the mid-1800s.

Local arborist Tim Kezele has been removing undergrowth and trimming trees to improve the views from the main house and let more sunlight reach the garden areas. He is very knowledgeable about the property, having worked with three different owners over the past 40 years. None of them paid much attention to developing the landscape and gardens, he said, and he is excited to see the new owners "really going for it."

Stephens has spent hours and days pruning the climbing roses along the 200-foot pergola that links the house to the parking area, and estimates that she



still has forty more to trim. Her long-range plan is to join the KP farming community as a cut-flower farmer. She is also well known as a master food preserver and looks forward to sharing her knowledge with the community. (See her new food and lifestyle column in this edition.)

For more information and to follow the Stephens' progress, go to Historic Faraway on Facebook.

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land and set the remainder aside as a new home site.

Here is one example:

In September 2016, Cedarland applied to the state for a permit to log a 7.4-acre parcel in Longbranch. The landowner was an individual with a SeaTac address. Based on wetland conditions, the permit was Class III. The application noted that 1 acre of land would not be logged, but would be set aside for future development as a single-family residence.

The state permit was approved Oct. 18 with the condition that the loggers "protect wet areas and non typed water location to minimize disturbance of subsurface water flow."

The land was sold Oct. 19 to Batjack Holdings LLC for \$42,500, according to PALS. The registered owner and sole governor of Batjack is Ben Cedarland, according to the secretary of state's office. The land was logged and is now on the market for \$44,950 with Jesse Cedarland as the listed agent. It is described as follows: "Great opportunity to own 7.4 acres in Longbranch. Property has been cleared and is ready for your imagination to go to work. Lots of privacy while still offering the convenience of paved road frontage. Power is in the street, well and septic will need to be explored by potential buyers."

Asked for comment on his company's activities, Ben Cedarland replied in an email to the KP News that read in part, "We do our best to comply with the terms of each permit and have a good working relationship with both Pierce County and the Department of Natural Resources. With respect to selling/developing properties after we have harvested the timber, we are not trying to skirt any rules or regulations but are simply following the legal process that is available to us."

"This process not only makes sense and strikes a reasonable balance between private property rights and government regulation, it



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also provides a way for the average landowner to be able to harvest a portion of their property without tying the entire parcel up in a six-year moratorium, which would be unfair and would have a negative impact on many people. Many of the people that we do harvest for have held their property as part of their retirement with the idea of harvesting the timber and selling the property when they retire. If the entire parcel is put into a moratorium, then their resale value would be significantly impacted and their retirement income would be severely decreased.

"I understand that logging is not popular and it is an easy thing for people to get upset about because it creates such a sudden and drastic change. The reality is, however, that 80 percent of each parcel we are currently logging on the Key Peninsula will be replanted and will remain in forestland. The other 20 percent will be available for someone to build a future home on, which will have the same impact irrespective of the logging activity on the other areas of the parcel."

Pierce County Councilman Derek Young is aware of this practice on the KP. "This has been an issue in other parts of Pierce County as well," he said. "Part of the problem is that trees are now harvestable, lumber prices are good, and, even more important, the value of land in the area has gone up."

Both Young and Mike Kruger, senior legislative analyst for land use and conservation futures with the county council, said their primary goal is to ensure that if the plan is to convert land that has been forestland into a home site, that the county rules for logging are followed. According to Nichols of the DNR, remediation efforts to sensitive environments, like wetlands, after they have been logged are never as effective as simply following the county permit requirements to protect sensitive environments in the first place.

Because it is relatively easy in Pierce County to lift the development moratorium once land is logged under a state permit, PALS will review those regulations and make recommendations for amendments. Kruger said that changes could be made later this calendar year.

They will also consider whether or not the fee schedule for permits might be adjusted in a way to encourage landowners to log under a county permit as the first choice.

Young hopes to work directly with the DNR to better coordinate some of their rules with the state, such as requiring buffers along the KP Highway and SR 302.

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Newly logged land for sale is a common sight on the peninsula. Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

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tion that provides basic eye services to people in need who wouldn't ordinarily get them, both locally and worldwide," said Debby McDonald, president of the VOSH northwest chapter, who also attended the clinic opening. "Doctor Worthen is the optometrist I worked with for 27 years and he had volunteered for VOSH since way before I knew him," she said. "He got me involved with VOSH, volunteering and doing mission trips. We do a lot of local clinics also. He got this started."

"This clinic literally would not have happened without Ed," Kuhn-Wilken said.

Edward Worthen, O.D., of Gig Harbor Vision Source, died unexpectedly Dec. 4, 2016, of a heart attack. He was 62 years old and had been an optometrist since 1979. His wife, Connie Worthen, cut the ribbon at the ceremony, formally opening the vision clinic.

"Ed had been connected with VOSH in the Seattle area for 30 years and has done

missions with them all over the world, and that group is all about helping underprivileged people," Connie said. "We were on a mission trip in Mexico in November and he chatted it up with all these VOSH people, and when Ed passed away in December the VOSH group committed themselves to remember him by bringing this clinic to fruition."

The vision clinic will be open the second Saturday of every month with hours to be determined based on demand.

Heather Hesske, the board secretary, said the clinic sees about 250 patients a year on an annual budget of approximately \$30,000. "Our funding comes from grants, an annual fundraiser and individual donations," she said. "People donate to us through PayPal at our website." The clinic also receives substantial assistance from Cost Less Pharmacy in Lake Kathryn Village.

For more information, call 253-313-3791 or go to www.keyfreeclinic.org.



Connie Worthen officially opens the new eye clinic at the Key Free Clinic. Photo: Anne Nesbit



Enclosed in this copy of your Key Peninsula News you will find a handsome gold donation envelope.

We ask that you consider using it to send us a springtime donation of any amount to help with the costs of operating and maintaining our community's civic center.

As my aching back will attest, maintenance and upkeep are a never-ending battle with these 80+ years old buildings and any financial help would be much appreciated.

This springtime donation request is in support of the civic center only. This coming fall, you will find an even handsomer green envelope asking that you consider a donation to the Key Peninsula News, delivered free of charge to every household on the peninsula. In the past, you have all been generous to the KP News and, I know, they too are most appreciative.

It is firmly held hereabouts that our civic center and the Key Peninsula News play a significant role in the lives we lead on the KP. We hope you feel the same and that you will consider making a financial contribution to either the civic center this spring or to the Key Peninsula News come this fall. If you would consider supporting both ... cheers.

Bruce Macdonald,
Board Chair

Data Breaches Are a Growing Trend: What You Need to Know

RODIKA TOLLEFSON, KP NEWS

If you applied online for a fishing or hunting license in Washington state before mid-2006, you should have received a letter last fall notifying you that your personal information has been compromised.

A data breach at Texas-based ACTIVE-Outdoors, a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife vendor, exposed the birth dates, addresses, driver's licenses, partial or full Social Security numbers and other details of at least 2.2 million Washington residents. That's nearly one-third of the state population.

"Although we have made and continue to make significant investments in technology and security, on August 22, we became aware that we were the victim of an unauthorized and unlawful access to our online hunting and fishing licensing applications in Idaho, Oregon and Washington," the letter stated.

The state has had a data breach law since 2005, and the Legislature amended it in 2015 to require consumer notification. The Washington State Office of the Attorney General must be notified when a breach affects more than 500 residents. Washington is one of the few states that also makes these reported breaches public online.

The data-breach law applies to any entity, regardless of where it's based, as well as to individuals—including individuals providing a service to friends and family on the side.

A September 2016 report by the attorney general's office said that the personal information of 450,000 Washington residents was compromised in the previous year.

That was before the ActiveOUTDOORS breach was reported that same month.

Since then, more than 25 other breaches were reported to the state, including Community Health Plan of Washington, which affected 353,388 residents. Others listed recently range from Boeing and CHI Franciscan Hospice to Western Union, Michigan State University and retailer Vera Bradley.

Last year saw a record 1,093 data breaches in the United States, a 40 percent increase over 2015, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC).

"We have our data in a lot of places," says Thad Dickson, a Key Peninsula resident and CEO of Xpio Health, a Gig Harbor company focused on security and compliance for health care organizations. "People should be conservative about providing their Social Security numbers and personal data to a company because ... companies don't always adequately protect or invest in cyber security protections like we, as consumers, expect."

Increasingly, the data breaches are caused by hackers. Cybercriminals are after this data because it's valuable on the black market. The underground works very much like the enterprise economy and the criminal element typically specializes. Some sell the tools needed to perpetrate cyberattacks—even providing customer service, tutorials and toll-free support lines. Others use those tools to perpetrate attacks and then sell the data.

Buyers of that data can then use it in numerous ways, including for identity theft. Personal information is more valuable on the black market than credit card and bank numbers because it has broader use and crimes like identify theft take much longer to detect.

The potential influx of data-breach notices may leave consumers fatigued. But don't become immune to those letters, advises Shannon Smith, the state's senior assistant attorney general and chief of

the Consumer Protection Division. They are not sent to all customers, but only "to specific individuals who may be at risk of harm" from the exposed data.

She said it's important to pay attention not only to the notices but also to monitor your credit. If you're a victim of identity theft, your credit report can show red flags.

Credit-reporting agencies are required to provide one free credit report per year to consumers. Smith recommends staggering them so you can keep an eye on your credit all year long. However, cybercriminals often wait for years to monetize stolen data, so your identity may not be stolen for a long time after a breach.

"Just because there's no immediate impact, it doesn't mean there won't be one," Smith says. "So be vigilant."

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles about protecting your personal information online.

More information about data breaches, along with a list of companies with breaches affecting more than 500 Washington residents, is available at www.atg.wa.gov/data-breach-notifications.

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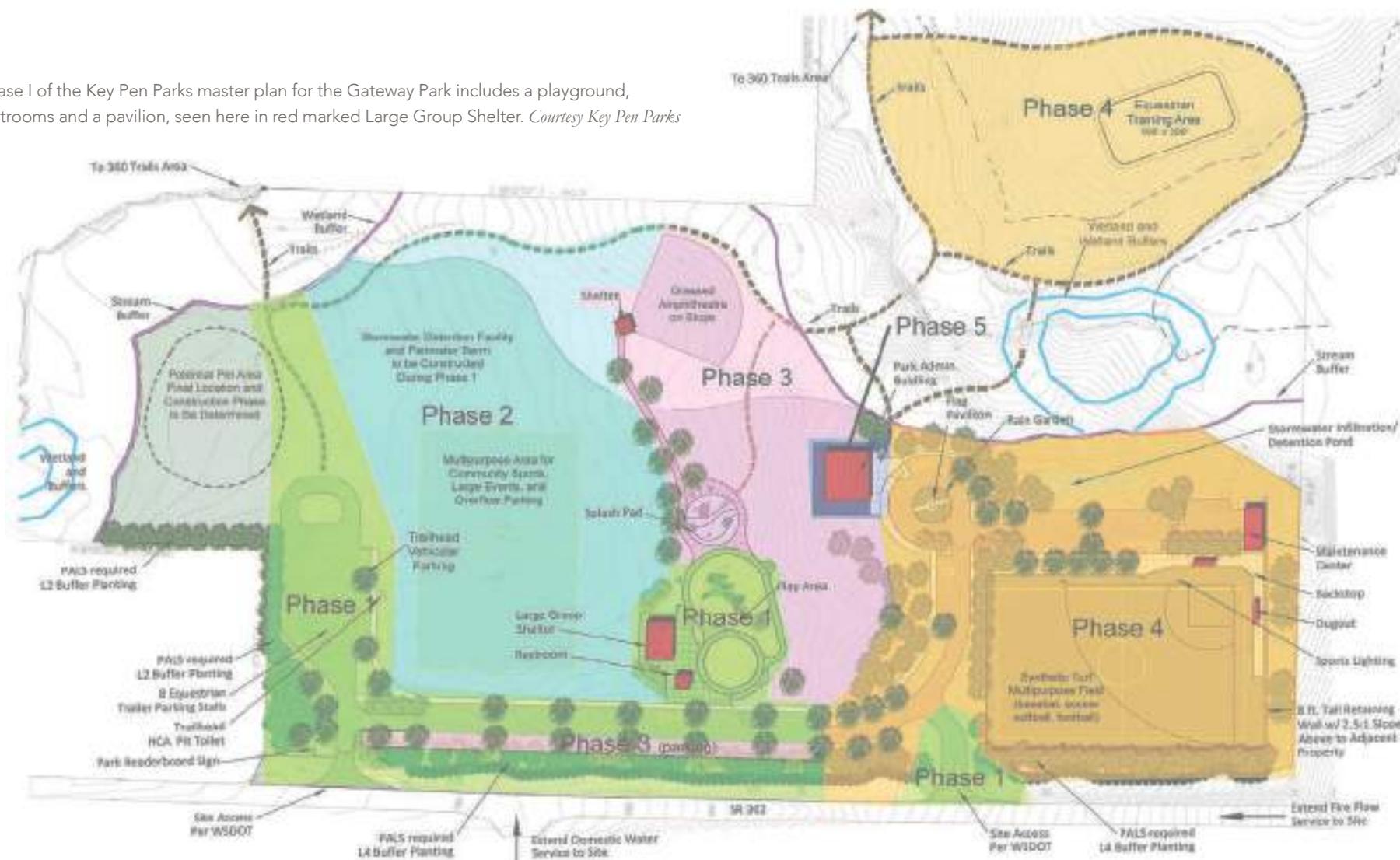
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Phase I of the Key Pen Parks master plan for the Gateway Park includes a playground, restrooms and a pavilion, seen here in red marked Large Group Shelter. *Courtesy Key Pen Parks*



Parks Foundation and Rotary Team up to Pay for Gateway Park Pavilion

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

The Key Peninsula Parks Foundation is raising money to pay for enhancements to one or more of the new structures planned for Gateway Park in Wauna. The Gig Harbor Rotary Club has committed \$20,000 and volunteer labor for a planned picnic shelter, now referred to as a pavilion.

“This park should be and will be the signature facility for the Key Peninsula, as a true gateway between the Key Peninsula and the Gig Harbor peninsula,” said Rotarian and longtime KP community volunteer Jeff Harris. “As such, I and others think the pavilion can serve as something of a symbol for the Key Peninsula to represent us and to tell our story.”

Local architect and Key Pen Parks Board President Ed Robison designed the 30-by-60 foot wood beam pavilion. “I designed it to be simple to assemble on purpose,” he said, to allow for as much prefabrication off-site as possible and ease of assembly by volunteers under professional supervision.

Because of the straightforward construction, Harris said additional artistic enhancements could be easily added. But that will

require additional funds.

Harris is working with the KP Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created five years ago to help fund KP Park projects with tax-deductible donations, to raise money to add features to the pavilion. “Many envision a facility that represents and celebrates the history and character of the Key Peninsula,” he said.

Tim Keolker, a local contractor who has lived on the KP for 30 years, will oversee prefabrication and assembly. “A building has its own feeling and should evoke that feeling when you walk into it,” he said.

“You can actually tell a story with a structure,” Keolker said, using customized support brackets cast in the shape of salmon, eelgrass or crabs, for example, to tie into other possible visual elements not included in the original budget for the building. “We’ve got trees, eagles, sea life, logging, farming, Native Americans, homesteaders in our story,” he said. “We just have to figure out the story to tell.”

Shaping large, square timbers into curved corbels, braces and end caps would also create a traditional look, Keolker said. “But we need local artists to contribute designs

to figure out those ideas and what goes in there to tell the story. It might unite a lot of people out here because a lot of people drive by there twice a day at least,” he said.

Susan Quigley, president of the KP Parks Foundation, said, “We’ve talked to Two Waters Arts Alliance and we’re looking for other artists too. We’re thinking about things that can be done to the pavilion as it’s built” and other enhancements, such as carving or painting that might be done afterward, depending on funding.

“This could be a building that will not just be on the KP but also represent the KP,” she said.

Key Pen Parks received multiple grants and other funding to purchase the parkland and finance the five-phase Gateway Park construction, according to KP Parks Executive Director Scott Gallacher.

Phase 1 construction of Gateway began in March with filling and grading the large tract along State Route 302 to provide drainage and prepare for construction of a multiuse field, parking lot, playground, restrooms and the pavilion. The total cost is \$7.5 million.

“The contractor is working on putting



Carved corbels and decorative brackets are among suggested pavilion enhancements.

Photos: Ted Olinger, KP News

the parking lot in right now, so they can access the site,” Gallacher said. “They have to have it done by Sept. 30, but it could be sooner, depending on weather.”

Key Pen Parks acquired the first 39 acres in 2012. It has since been able to purchase two more parcels of land, totaling 72 acres. *For more information on the foundation and its fundraising efforts, go to www.keypen-parksfoundation.org. For information on Gateway Park, go to www.keypenparks.com.*

Jan Angel
FROM THE LEGISLATURE



In Support of SB 5239

What if the government said you could drill a well, but you couldn't draw any water from it?

That is happening to property owners across the state under the state Supreme Court's Hirst decision. The court ruled that the state's Growth Management Act severely restricts the use of household wells, which many people rely on for everyday activities like cooking or bathing.

This is despite the fact that well water accounts for less than 1 percent of water consumption in the state. Now many counties have put an immediate halt to the issuing of building permits as a result of the court's decision.

This could spell ruin for thousands of property owners across the state—especially in rural areas, where it's not possible to connect to municipal water systems.

Before the Hirst decision came down, many people planned to build a home for themselves, investing their life savings in property that is now unusable without water. Many invested in property as retirement income or as an inheritance for their families, but are seeing their land become nearly worthless as a result of this decision. We've heard from countless people who had water when they started a project, but now don't have permission to use it. They're up a creek without any water.

Not only is this devastating for many families, it will also significantly cut the property value of certain areas, decreasing property tax revenue and creating school and local government funding shortfalls. Ultimately, it will shift the tax burden onto those who have buildable property.

In the Senate, we heard these heart-breaking stories of potential financial ruin and decided to act. We developed a bill that restores the ability of counties to work with the state's Department of Ecology to address water impacts—essentially bringing the state back to the way it worked before the court upended the system. By providing clarity in the law, people can build and use wells again, freeing them to use their property and build a future for themselves.

We passed this plan in the Senate with bipartisan support in February. Unfortunately, it then ran into a brick wall—the Democratic-controlled House.

We recently passed the cutoff date for when Senate bills have to pass out of their respective policy committees in the House.

Our plan to fix the Hirst decision, Senate Bill 5239, needed to pass the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee before that date. Unfortunately, the cutoff date came and went without action by the House and the Hirst fix is now stalled.

The Senate did its job. We heard from the people and responded with a solution. It's now up to the House to respond to the needs of the citizens of Washington.

There is still time left in the legislative session if we are able to make it clear to the House Democratic leadership that property owners need relief now.

If you rely on a well for your water, the Hirst decision may affect you. I am proud that the Senate acted to address the problem. Now it's time for the House to act so we can have a solution for the people of Washington.

Sen. Jan Angel (R-Port Orchard), is in her fourth term representing the 26th District.

Edward Robison
KEY CONCERNS



SB 5239 Won't Work

The Washington State Supreme Court's decision in Whatcom County and Hirst versus Western Washington Growth Management Board has caused alarm over using a new well to provide water availability to build a house. The court ruled that the state's Growth Management Act requires that the impacts of water withdrawals from new wells must be considered when permitting new construction. This is a logical decision based on the need to consider the cumulative impacts of a growing population in the state.

There is an interaction between many aquifers and surface waters. The aquifers store the winter rains, releasing to surface waters throughout the year. As more wells are drilled and more ground water extracted, the aquifer level is drawn down, reducing the water released into the surface waters. The water withdrawals are like mosquito bites: a single one may not be noticed; a hundred will be painful and eventually enough will be fatal.

Sen. Angel presents the Hirst decision as a disaster for property owners around the state, creating a new burden killing their dreams. But the state has not suddenly started to regulate water rights; there is a complex history of water rights with convoluted laws and conflicting legal rulings.

Yes, Hirst adds a new burden on those wanting to extract water from an aquifer to demonstrate that there is adequate water to be tapped, whereas before the exempt wells were assumed to be de minimis, too small to

warrant concern. But just as with mosquito bites, the cumulative effect becomes significant. The exempt wells have limitations on how the water can be used—how much land may be irrigated, residences served and total amount pumped. With a limit of 5,000 gallons per day pumped from each, 1,000 wells could withdraw 5 million gallons a day. Drill enough wells and the aquifer will go dry.

The hydrogeologic study cost may be substantial and unaffordable to many rural property owners. Is that an excuse to ignore the impacts of adding more wells? All building codes and regulations add costs to construction, but are needed to protect people.

Sen. Angel presents Senate Bill 5239 as a panacea that will address everybody's worries. Property owners can drill exempt wells with impunity. Sen. Angel is worried about the property owner that might not get to drill a well and thus get no building permit, but has no concern about whether that well will be dry in a few years as new, deeper wells are added and the water table is drawn down. How much of a greater loss will property owners suffer if they rely on SB 5239 and the aquifer goes dry?

The water extracted from the aquifer won't be spontaneously replaced because of SB 5239. There is no assurance that this change in the law won't be thrown out because of challenges by holders of superior water rights. These challenges will come because water is a finite resource.

It is prudent and necessary to solve this problem and not merely ignore it until it becomes a disaster as creeks dry up and homes are left with dry wells. Sen. Angel complains about House Democrats not passing the poorly conceived SB 5239 and how it hurts so many people.

Instead, she should support the Department of Ecology in conducting aquifer studies throughout the state to determine how much water is available. Maybe change the law concerning exempt wells, allowing for more people to benefit from the same quantity of water. She could advocate for changing what constitutes water availability. Water use can be greatly reduced using current technology and, when coupled with rainwater capture, storage and reuse, the need for an external water source can be eliminated in much of this state. Any of these actions could help lead to a real and permanent solution.

Bemoaning the fact that the Democratic House majority won't pass SB 5239 doesn't help. SB 5239 will not solve the problem with exempt wells, but only invite new legal challenges and greater problems.

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Michelle Caldier
FROM THE LEGISLATURE



KP Projects in New Budget

Every biennium, the Washington State Legislature adopts three major budgets. The largest is the operating budget, which funds the day-to-day operations of state agencies, public schools, colleges and universities. The second largest is the transportation budget, which funds public transit and road maintenance, as well as motor vehicle registration and enforcement.

The smallest of the three budgets is the roughly \$4 billion capital budget, funded by a combination of state bonds (the state is bound by an 8.25 percent debt limit) and cash. Capital budget funds are allocated for the building, maintenance and renovation of: public school buildings; college and university buildings; prison facilities and juvenile rehabilitation facilities; mental health institutions; state office buildings; parks and recreation facilities; low-income housing; state and local museums and cultural facilities; local government infrastructure improvements, including water and sewer systems; wastewater and toxic waste cleanup facilities; and wildlife habitat conservation and open space projects.

The School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) is one of the largest and most important components of the capital budget. SCAP funds, which are allocated to local school districts for school facility construction and modernization, are provided by voter-approved school construction bonds. In 2016, voters approved a record number of school construction bond dollars, which means the 2017-19 SCAP budget will be more than \$1 billion—or roughly one quarter of the capital budget.

Historically, the Key Peninsula has not received many capital budget dollars due to a lack of requests. However, we were able to secure \$50,000 in funding two years ago when the Key Pen Civic Center asked for funding to fix its HVAC system.

This session has been unique in that we've received more capital budget requests than ever before. I worked tirelessly with my fellow 26th District lawmakers to ensure important Key Pen projects were included in the 2017-19 House capital budget proposal:

- \$515,000 for the construction of the first retirement community on the KP. This partnership with The Mustard Seed Project would provide a full range of services for individuals maturing in life who would like

to remain in the community.

- \$248,000 for environmental and public safety upgrades to the Longbranch Marina.
- \$60,000 for the purchase of a generator for the Key Pen Civic Center to mitigate power outages.

While negotiations are ongoing, I'm hopeful these projects will receive funding in the final capital budget.

For updates on the projects included in the final budget, go to fiscal.wa.gov.

If there are projects you would like funded in a future legislative session, please don't hesitate to contact my office. You can reach me at michelle.caldier@leg.wa.gov or at 360-786-7802.

It is an honor to serve you in the House. Together, we are making a difference for our communities.

Rep. Michelle Caldier, R-Port Orchard, serving her second term in the state House of Representatives, serves on the House Appropriations, Education and Health Care and Wellness committees.

Carolyn Wiley
DEVIL'S HEAD DIARY



State Budget Views

What's happening with McCleary and fully funding state K-12 education?

On day 91 of the 105th day of the 2017 Washington State Legislative Session, it looks like fulfilling the state constitutional mandate to fully fund basic education will be unmet. The House and the Senate are fairly close in the dollar amount listed in budget proposals, but there is still a huge gap in strategies for raising the funds.

The Republican method is to rely upon a statewide property tax, the Democratic plan suggests a variety of new revenue sources from closing loopholes to imposing a capital gains tax, but they have yet to pass a bill that defines the new tax. The consensus appears to be that expecting a resolution of differences before the end of the session or during a special session is unrealistic.

The next step will be to create a small working group capable of developing a compromise. Therefore, achieving a state-funded K-12 basic education resolution may leave the McCleary order in limbo for now.

However, one bit of legislation that affects schools has been finalized; it is designed to help school districts budget for the 2018-2019 school year by delaying the reduction of local levy authority for one year. This means that there will be no change in school property taxes in the Peninsula School District for at least a year.

The original Senate proposal for fully

funding basic education called for a "tax swap" designed to eliminate or reduce reliance on local levies. It called for changing from local levies to a statewide property tax at the rate of \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. However, the legislation that was passed reduced the assessed value rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000. Under Senate Bill 5607 (modified 5875), in the Peninsula School District the net school property tax levy rate will rise from 49 cents to \$1.07 by the year 2021. By comparison, House Bill 2185 and HB 1764 call for new tax sources, meaning a lower net rate of change on property tax rates from 6 cents to 43 cents by 2021.

In a letter from David Schumacher, director of the Office of Financial Management to a bipartisan committee of four—two members from each legislative body—he noted that the disagreement regarding the source and method of funding was the biggest problem. Schumacher also referenced conflicts over allocating funds to schools with high numbers of students who need additional support and schools serving student populations with high poverty levels. Related issues include the use of Free and Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL) numbers instead of a federal census model to determine poverty thresholds, revision of the state school employee salary structure including compensation for time worked outside of basic education, and the need to convert health insurance benefits to a statewide public employee type plan.

Tax dollars scheduled to return to the Key Peninsula

But the Legislature deals with more than school funding. On April 12, there was confirmation of the support given to Key Peninsula projects by our local representatives. While nothing is certain until the final votes are taken and the legislation is signed by the governor, three local projects may receive state funding.

The KP Civic Center could get \$60,000 for a generator to support emergency preparedness needs of the Peninsula.

The Mustard Seed Project is slated to receive \$515,000 for construction of its senior living facility in Key Center. "We are very grateful for the support that has been given to the senior housing project," said Edie Morgan, executive director of TMSP.

The Longbranch Improvement Club has submitted a grant request for \$248,000 to pay for state mandated upgrades to the Longbranch Marina. Francie Carr, president of the LIC, said, "Both Jan Angel and Michelle Caldier have worked very hard to get the marina project considered in the budgeting process. Their efforts are appreciated."

Carolyn Wiley lives in Longbranch.

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April Showers Bring Edible Flowers

When we hear the word “foraging,” some of us think about hiking through the woods, carefully picking the tender leaves of a stinging nettle or eating wild huckleberries straight from the bush. Depending on your age, you might even think of the legendary Euell Gibbons in one of his many Grape-Nuts commercial, standing in a forest near a pine tree asking “Ever eat a pine cone? Many parts are edible.”

But there are foraging opportunities right outside your front door: edible flowers.

Before we talk about which varieties of flowers are edible and how to prepare them, there are some important things to think about. Be sure any flowers you eat are free from pesticides or fertilizer residue and haven't been marked by pets or wildlife. Your own garden is the best place to start when looking for edible flowers since you probably know whether they're safe or not.

Tulips, calendula, nasturtium, roses and lavender are a few of my favorites for recipes and garnishes.

To begin, cut flowers and place them on a moist paper towel, then put them in a sealed container in your refrigerator. Stored this way, some floral varieties will last up to 10 days. For best results, pick flowers first thing in the morning, when water content is highest. A good rule of thumb is to use only the petals of flowers. Other parts, like stamens, pistils and bulbs can be bitter or even toxic. Along those same lines, some edible flowers, like roses, dianthus, English daisies, marigolds and chrysanthemum have a bitter white portion as the base of the petal where it is attached to the flower. Snip or tear off the white part right before using in a recipe.

Tulip petals taste a bit like raw peas, baby lettuce or fresh cucumbers. It's been said that red tulips are the most flavorful, but I haven't done any side-by-side taste tests. Place a tulip petal on a pretty platter and, using a piping bag or a small spoon, put a



Photo: Ashlyn Forsbner

marble-size dollop of herbed cream cheese or firm, commercially prepared dip in the center of the petal. Garnish the dollop with a sliver of a petal, or cut out a cute shape with scissors.

Calendula petals are peppery and can be eaten either fresh or dried. Dried calendulas hold their bright orange and yellow colors splendidly, for months and sometimes years, brightening even the gloomiest winter days. Use fresh or dried calendula mixed into soups and salads or on top as a colorful garnish.

Nasturtium petals are another peppery favorite, if you like that flavor profile. The beauty of nasturtiums is they come in a variety of colors and their leaves are edible too.

Roses can be used fresh or dried. The petals will vary greatly in taste, depending on the type of rose you try. Make a delicately flavored tea by adding a dozen or so fresh rose petals to a glass of boiling water. Wait until the water changes color. Add honey, if desired. Wonderful hot or iced. Another old-fashioned favorite, candied rose petals are a gorgeous way to take any dessert to the next level.

Lavender is another flower that can be used dried or fresh. Their tiny blooms add a citrusy note in sweet or savory dishes. Be sure to use a lavender cultivar like Hidcote or Munstead or the results of your labor will taste like soap. If you don't know what kind of lavender you're growing, pull a single bud off your plant, crush it with your fingers and smell it. If the scent is perfume-like you should probably save it for sachets. If not, go ahead and taste it. If it tastes good to you, it will probably be perfect for your recipe. A simple way to use lavender is to stick a sprig in your lemonade or place a few buds in granulated sugar to infuse it, then use it to sweeten iced tea or top sugar cookies.

Spring is here. Step outside and start sampling.

Brook Hurst Stephens lives at Historic Faraway in Longbranch.

Shelley Koyen
OVER THE EDGE



Tick Season

May is Lyme disease awareness month.

At the beginning of each spring, we often hear news reports on Lyme disease and are reminded to be aware of ticks. I never thought it applied to me because I wasn't an avid hiker or a big outdoorsy person. I knew you could get Lyme disease from a tick,

but that was the extent of my knowledge.

Last May, after years of suffering from an unidentified illness, my doctor decided to throw in a Lyme disease test. I thought it would be just another test that came back normal. It came back positive.

The Center for Disease Control says there are over 300,000 cases of Lyme disease reported each year, most on the East Coast where it is endemic. The Washington State Department of Health says it is rare here, citing between seven and 23 cases each year, but only zero to three of them infected by a tick in Washington.

When I informed them that I had Lyme disease, I asked whether I was one of those zero-to-three cases. The response was that if I really had Lyme disease, I would have been contacted and interviewed by the department, since doctors are supposed to report all incidents to them. In my case, that didn't happen.

I have met many other people around the state who have Lyme disease. Eighteen out of 20 said they were infected here in Washington.

My first encounter for treatment was with my infectious disease doctor. He was skeptical, saying, "You can't get Lyme disease in Washington; where else have you been?" I had no recollection of a tick bite or the bull's-eye rash that is supposed to come along with it. After researching my condition, I learned that fewer than 50 percent of people recall a tick bite or develop the rash.

I went through two weeks of oral antibiotics and then four more weeks of meds infused through a peripherally inserted central catheter (a PICC line) used for long-term intravenous medications.

It was hell.

Two weeks after I finished that treatment, my symptoms began to return. My doctor did no follow-up because there is no test to show you are cured. The test for Lyme only shows whether your body has produced antibodies to fight it.

I decided to get a second opinion from the University of Washington. To my surprise, their test came back negative. They said the first test was probably a false positive. In the mean time, I am still very ill.

Most Washington cases may be the result of a tick bite out of state, but the endemic cases are mostly on the west side of the Cascade Mountains in heavily-forested or dense, brushy areas, not open spaces. It is the nymph deer (or western-black legged) tick that is the most infectious. It is the size of a poppy seed and not easy to detect. Ticks favor warmer temperatures and high humidity, but are known to thrive in temperatures as low as 40 degrees.

The best way to avoid ticks is to hike in

the center of trails, since ticks are usually found near the top of tall vegetation and need to make direct contact in order to crawl onto a host. Wear Permethrin-treated clothing or an insect repellent specific for ticks on your skin and do a tick check or shower within two hours of being outdoors. Ticks need to be attached for sometimes as long as 48 hours to transmit disease, so carefully and promptly removing a tick and disinfecting the skin where the tick attached can significantly reduce the chance of infection.

With better testing, the medical community could do more for those who become infected. There is no real treatment for late stage Lyme sufferers, at least in Western medicine. The naturopathic community has several viable options that may push the disease into remission, but most naturopaths do not take insurance.

It is a myth that you cannot get Lyme disease in Washington. Be aware and be prepared.

For more information on Lyme disease statistics and symptoms, go to www.cdc.gov/lyme. For more information on Lyme disease in Washington state, go to www.doh.wa.gov.

Shelley Koyen, a recent Key Peninsula resident, now lives in Tacoma.

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Pet Easter Treat Hunt. Hoppin' huge *thank you* to the sponsors and volunteers who made the 9th annual Pet Easter Treat Hunt a success! Sponsors included: Bayside Animal Lodge; Bed, Bark & Beyond; Brookside Veterinary Hospital; KP Youth Council, Hampl's Dog Obedience; Life Line Pet Nutrition; Mud Bay; Paws and Kisses Pet Salon and Wilco Farm Store. Volunteers included: Marilyn & Jerry Hartley, Isabel Jensen, Sami Jensen.

Poker Pedal thank you! So many sponsors, volunteers and peddlers came out for our 3rd annual Poker Pedal fundraiser on April 2. We are extremely grateful for the 360 Trails support from these sponsors:



Author Simon Calvecchia speaks to Evergreen fourth graders in April. Photo: Hugh Maxwell

Quadriplegic Children's Author Talks Stories, Setbacks and Success at Evergreen Elementary

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

Simon Calvecchia, 34, of Olympia, visited Evergreen Elementary School April 7 to talk to students about his books, his music and his disability. Author of a children's book series called "The Adventures of Frank and Mustard," he has also recorded a collection of hip-hop songs about his characters.

Addressing a room full of first-graders, Calvecchia started by saying, "I want to tell you what you're all probably curious about, which is why I am using this wheelchair."

Calvecchia grew up in Olympia and played high school football but never had the opportunity to score a touchdown, he said. In 2000, at the end of his junior year, he was invited to play rugby. "I asked, 'What's that?'" Calvecchia said. "They told me it's a game where anyone can score a touchdown and I said, 'Sign me up.'"

After two years, his team, the first in Olympia, was ranked fifth in the nation and Calvecchia was invited to play in Australia.

"I went into the scrum and I didn't get my head low enough," he said, describing the violent start of a rugby play. "My head hit my opponent's shoulder, my neck broke, and my spinal cord was severed." Then just 19 years old, Calvecchia survived with C5-6 quadriplegia, explaining to the first-graders, "Where the spinal cord is severed, there's a roadblock. My brain can't communicate with my body below that." He has some control over his arms but cannot move his fingers.

Calvecchia was inspired to write a children's book after a decade of volunteering with kids.

"There aren't a whole lot of books that represent children with disabilities and the ones that I have seen weren't very good because they felt like instruction manuals instead of meaningful stories," he said.

His first book, "The Adventures of Frank

and Mustard: Stuck in the Mud," is about a dog named Frank who has wheels instead of rear legs, and his bird friend, Mustard. The story is about friends and strangers helping each other despite difficulties and differences.

"We have a second book that will be out in two months and it's called 'Differently Awesome,' and it's about how Frank and Mustard go to the kickball field, but the kids don't want to play with Frank because he's different," Calvecchia said. His third book will be about bullying, he said.

"This brings up something that I always like to talk to kids about," he said. "It's so important that we treat each and every person with the same kind of respect you'd want to be treated with. It's already hard enough to deal with the challenges of having a disability and when people are mean because you're different, it makes it even worse."

In addition to writing, Calvecchia spends much of his time speaking to students at various schools. "I do assemblies at elementary and high schools to tell my story and to educate about my own disability of quadriplegia," he said. "It's really been a life-changing opportunity for me.

"I spoke at Olympia high school and I had one kid diagnosed with MS (multiple sclerosis) who asked, 'What would you tell someone that was in my position?' I said 'I've lost 90 percent of my body function, but I've still found a way to live a life of passion and a life where I can dream and think big. No matter what you face in the future, there's still a possibility for you to live a life that you love, even though it may not be the way you thought it would work out.' It was really a powerful thing for both of us."

After the Evergreen presentation, first-grader Taylor Erickson, 7, a lifelong KP resident, said about Calvecchia's book: "I thought it was pretty cool because even though you're hurt, you can still have friends and be important to them."

For more information, go to frankandmustard.com. The book and songs can be viewed on YouTube under "The Adventures of Frank and Mustard."



Lakebay resident Garynne Glasscock, 11, has been playing the piano for three years. *Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News*

Lakebay Pianist in Gig Harbor Honor Recital

LISA BRYAN, KP NEWS

Evergreen Elementary School fifth-grader Garynne Glasscock, 11, of Lakebay, was one of 13 students chosen to perform in the 2017 Gig Harbor Chapter of the Washington State Music Teachers Association Honors Recital held April 1 at Discovery Baptist Church in Gig Harbor. The performing pianists were all winners of local adjudications held in March.

Garynne's winning performance represented the best from the studio of Kassia Thompson in Gig Harbor, where she has studied piano for the last three years.

The internationally acclaimed Dr. Oksana Ezhokina, a Russian-born pianist who currently serves as chair of the piano faculty and assistant professor of music at Pacific Lutheran University, performed the duties of adjudicator this year.

An adjudication is a formal judgment of skills and an opportunity for local studios to have their best students perform in front of a world-class judge, according to Garynne's mother, Theresa Glasscock. The more seriously the children are treated, the more seriously they tend to take it, she said.

To prepare for the recitals, each pianist memorizes two pieces. At the performance, the pianist hands the sheet music to the judge before taking a seat to play. "Sometimes the judge comes up to the piano and gives guidance on ways to improve, other times they might sit back and say, 'That was beautiful,'" Garynne said.

"Garynne has been a strong student in my music classroom from the beginning," said Teri Hammon, music specialist at Ever-

green. "As she has grown, I have watched her become comfortable with allowing the music to possess her, expressing deep emotion as it flows through her fingers and into the air."

One of Garynne's resolutions this year was to work on overcoming her stage fright. "I'm doing this because I love to do it," she said. "Focusing more on playing instead of how it's being perceived by others really helped me a lot."

For her adjudications, Garynne first played a classical baroque "Bourree in D-Minor" by Dennis Alexander. "My mom gave me some really good advice," she said. "I did some theater acting and in one of them I played a fox that was trying to trick bunnies to come to my house so I could eat them. My mom suggested I should bring out that fox to play, and that imagery definitely worked for me."

For her second selection, Garynne performed "Shepherd's Reverie" by Martha Miller. "When I was first learning this piece, I didn't know what the word 'reverie' meant, but my piano teacher looked it up on her phone," Garynne said. "Knowing the meaning of reverie is dreamlike or daydream helped me to bring more of that feeling into the piece. I also kept thinking about how special my family is to me, and that helped too. I think I brought some of that feeling of love into the music," she said.

"At first I liked playing faster pieces, which helps me exercise my fingers a lot," Garynne said. "In that music, I was always striving for a crisp staccato. Now I like playing more dreamy music. It makes me slow down, which calms me on stressful days and helps me focus on my strengths and the better parts of the world.

"That's what I love about music, you can take really any song and mix it up a little bit," she said.

Grant and Theresa Glasscock recognized their young daughter's interest in music early on. She was 6 years old when her family was given a piano. "She went right to it," Theresa said. "We let our daughter show us what she was interested in and for Garynne, it's definitely music." She began piano lessons at the age of 8.

Garynne's father, Grant, plays the cello. Theresa is a devoted fan of classical music and the performing arts in general. Garynne dreams of attending the Tacoma School of the Arts for high school. Her family is very supportive; even her younger brother Eamon, 9, said his sister is "pretty great."

Following the honors recital, Theresa said, "I am beaming: not with pride, but with admiration for her. She amazes me."

Key Peninsula Community Office

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MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**BLOODMOBILE**

At Albertsons 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MAY 2 & 16**SENIOR SHOPPING**

Seniors may grocery shop at various stores with a "Dutch" lunch. Transportation is provided. 884-4440

MAY 4**FUCHSIA SOCIETY**

The Fuchsia Society meets 7 p.m. at KP Civic Center. Peggy, 686-7904

MAY 4 & 18**CAT TALES**

Club meetings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. 884-4182

MAY 5, 12 & 19**SKATE NIGHT**

Skate Night held at the KP Civic Center 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. 884-3456

MAY 6**LIVABLE COMMUNITY FAIR**

KP Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy family fun and food, trout pond, master gardeners, bookmobile, touch-a-truck, KP Historical Society, Lakebay Fuchsia Society and much more. Free admission.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

The Key Peninsula Historic Society museum open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities for children and families, including making Mother's Day cards, with "Then and Now" as the theme. See before and after pictures of peninsula historic buildings, featuring restoration of the Vaughn Library Hall, the oldest still standing on the peninsula. 888-3246

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MAY 6 & 20**SUPPORT GROUP**

The Lakebay Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group meets 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Road KPN. Kimberly at 253-753-4270 or DBSALakebay@gmail.com

MAY 9**GRAND OPENING**

Celebrate the grand opening of the Key Peninsula community office with Safe Streets, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Hope Recovery Center and the Key Peninsula Community Council. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for noon at the KC Corral. The celebration is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with food, information about services, music and neighborly mixing. 253-432-4948

MAY 9 & 23**CROCHET OR KNIT**

The Loving Hearts group meets 1 to 3 p.m. at WayPoint Church. Yarn donations welcomed. Lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619

MAY 10**PET NEUTER PROGRAM**

The Northwest Spay and Neuter Center animal shuttle is at the KP Civic Center 7 to 7:30 a.m. to pick up dogs and cats. Animals returned to the civic center at 9 a.m. next day. Appointments required. Call 253-627-7729 ext. 217, or email shuttle@nwspayneuter.org, www.nwspayneuter.org

ASHES MEET

The Ashes support group for FD #16 meets 10:30 a.m. at the fire station in Key Center. 884-3771

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Bayshore Garden Club meets 11 a.m. at the fire station in Longbranch. Wendy, 332-4883

KP COUNCIL

The KP Council meets 7 p.m. at the KC fire station and features a presentation from The Mustard Seed Project, including an update on the senior housing complex and other news. There will also be a Pierce County Code Enforcement update.

MAY 13**NATURAL YARD CARE WORKSHOPS**

Learn how to fight weeds, build healthy soil, grow healthy vegetables and have a great looking lawn without using chemical fertilizers and pesticides from 10 a.m. to noon at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S.

MAY 15**EMERGENCY SHELTER MEETING**

Key Peninsula Civic Center hosts a planning meeting on making the civic center an emergency shelter. Please bring your ideas to the VFW room at 7 p.m. Peggy Gablehouse. 253-686-7904

MAY 18**DOCUMENTARY SHOWN**

The Key Center Library, in partnership with The Mustard Seed Project Senior Resource Center, screens "Being Mortal" at 10 a.m. followed by discussion. 548-3309

MAY 20**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**

The Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support group meets 10:30 a.m. to noon at The Mustard Seed Project at the Crandall Center. Ray Steiner, 253-820-2213

ASHES FUNDRAISER

Annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser and silent auction for the benefit of the KP fire department at the Key Center fire station 4 to 7 p.m. \$5 for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and pie.

MAY 21**KEY SINGERS CONCERT**

Let the Love Shine Through is the theme of the spring concert at McColley Hall, KP Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Rd KPN at 3 p.m. Light refreshments included plus auction items. Tickets are \$6 at the door. Food Bank offerings may also be donated.

MAY 22**EL SOMBRERO TAKE OVER**

El Sombrero in Lakebay will donate 15 percent of their profits from 5 to 9 p.m. to Hope Recovery Center. Randy, 884-4154

MAY 25**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Friends of the Key Center Library discuss "The Light between Oceans" at 10 a.m. Ask for the book at the help desk. 548-3309

MAY 27**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

Garage sale to benefit the KPCCA 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reserve a space outside (no table) for \$15/25 or an inside table for \$20/30 to sell personal items. Can't make it? Donated treasures & collectibles will be collected at the civic center May 13 and 20 from 8 a.m. to noon and May 26 from 3 to 7 p.m. No baby furniture or car seats, exercise equipment, electronics or clothing. Proceeds benefit the KP Civic Center. 884-3456 or online at www.kpciviccenter.org

MAY 27 & 29**RUMMAGE SALE**

Lakebay Community Church annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11 Cornwall Rd KPS in Lakebay. Proceeds support the Mothers of Preschoolers Program. For donations, call 884-3899.

OFF THE KEY**MAY 2****BOOK DISCUSSION**

The Gig Harbor Literary Society will discuss "The Lathe of Heaven" by Ursula K. LeGuin 6 p.m. at the Harbor History Museum, 4121 Harborview Dr., Gig Harbor. Please bring food for a potluck. Adults RSVP at 858-6722 or liz@harborhistorymuseum.org

MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**SUPPORT GROUP**

The Freedom from Tobacco Support Group meets 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital. The meetings are free. 223-7538

MAY 4**DEMOCRATS MEET**

26th Legislative District Democrats meet 7 to 9 p.m. at Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Rd, Port Orchard.

MAY 5, 6 & 7**PLAY PRESENTED**

Paradise Theatre presents "Lend Me a Tenor" at 3114 Judson Street in Gig Harbor., 7:30 p.m. Friday/Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Paradisetheatre.org or 851-7529

MAY 5, 12, 19 & 26**SPANISH TALK TIME**

Adults enjoy El Grupo Spanish talk time 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library. 548-3305

MAY 6**FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK**

Free event 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. allows art enthusiasts to stroll through 9 local galleries featuring artist demonstrations and displays and refreshments. Pick up a passport at the first gallery and drop off at your last stop. 514-0071

MAY 6, 13, 20 & 27**GIG HARBOR FARMERS MARKET**

The Peninsula Gardens, 5503 Wollochet Drive NW, hosts Gig Harbor Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh flowers, produce, plants, baked goods, food, handmade crafts, a kids tent, entertainment, advice from master gardeners and more. gigharborfarmersmarket.com

MAY 9

SOCIAL SECURITY FACTS

Adults learn what they need to know about Social Security 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library. This event is sponsored by Edward Jones Investments. 548-3305

MAY 13

CONCERT & POTLUCK

The Olalla Community Club presents a concert featuring international folk singer Kelley McRae. Potluck at 6 p.m., concert is 7 p.m. Potluck host is Nolan, 253-857-5650. Donation is \$20. Olallahouse.org

MOTHER & SON DANCE

Get dressed up and enjoy an evening of fun and games at Sehmel Homestead Park as a great Mother's Day gift; \$30 per couple. Sandra, 858-7658

MAY 18

MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION PRACTICE

Adults enrolled in the Microsoft Certification Program get hands-on practice with Microsoft Office 2013, take a practice exam, and have questions answered 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library. Register at 548-3305.

MAY 20

HOPE RECOVERY FREE BARN SALE

"Take what you like and donate what you can" sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 10345 Bethel Burley Road SE in Port Orchard. To volunteer, call Claudia, 884-2054.

SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

This adult PBS documentary "Being Mortal" is not about death; it's about living a good life all the way to the end. 7 p.m. with a discussion following at the Gig Harbor Library. Sponsored by Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources and Pierce County Community Connections. 548-3305

MAY 23

WEB SAFETY

Adults will gain a basic overview of Web safety and learn how to protect themselves from identity theft and online scams 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Gig Harbor Library. Register at 548-3305.

JUNE 1

THURSDAY FARMERS MARKET

The Waterfront Farmers Market celebrates opening day 3 p.m. at Skansie Brothers Park. Open every Thursday through August.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

PLAY TO LEARN

Free drop-in program for preschoolers under 6 and their adult caregivers, provided by Children's Museum of Tacoma, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center.

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SENIOR EXERCISE

The S.A.I.L.L. class meets 10 to 11 a.m. at KP Community Services in Lakebay. Participants register with Marilyn Perks, 884-4440.

TUESDAYS

SENIOR TAI CHI

Classes 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at KP Community Services in Lakebay. 884-4440

STORY TIMES

Discover books, learn nursery rhymes, sing songs, play with blocks and do arts and crafts at the KC library. Music/motion story time (0-2 years old with an adult) is 10 a.m. and preschool science story time (2-5 years old) is 11 a.m. 548-3309

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

The Children's Home Society KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool and toddler indoor park program 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the KP Civic Center gym. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome; stay as long as you wish. A \$1 per child donation is suggested. Tami, 884-5433

SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS

Computer class for ages 55+, 10 a.m. at KP Community Services. Open forum directed by your questions and needs, great for beginners or moderate users. 884-4440

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

KP MUSEUM OPEN

New exhibit "Then and Now" features special focus on the Vaughn Library Hall. The museum, located at the KP Civic Center, contains artifacts, pictures and stories from the Key Peninsula. Free admission, 1 to 4 p.m. 888-3246

WEDNESDAYS

READY, SET, GO FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Free cooperative preschool class for 3- and 4-year-olds at KP Civic Center, sponsored by The Children's Home Society of Washington. Parents or caretakers participate with the children playing learning games from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 884-5433

LAKEBAY WRITERS

A workshop for people who love stories. Share yours; hear others. Key Center library 1 to 4 p.m. Loren Aikins, 884-2785

WRITERS WORKSHOP

Watermark Writers present a free writers workshop 5 to 8 p.m. in Vaughn. 778-6559

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

SENIOR MEALS

Nutritious meals for ages 60+ are served at noon at KP Community Services; a \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. 884-4440

THURSDAYS

TOASTMASTERS

Meet 8 to 9 a.m. at the KC Library. Have fun improving your speaking ability. The Toastmasters also meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Key Center fire station. 858-5761 or 548-3511

SENIORS LUNCH

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

SATURDAYS

WRITERS GUILD

Meets the first and third Saturday 10 a.m. to noon in the community offices, Suite D at the KC Corral. 884-6455

FAMILY STORY TIME

(new day and time) Families with young children enjoy stories 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the KC Library. 548-3309

PUBLIC MEETINGS

May 1, McNeil Island meeting, 6 p.m., Lakebay Marina. markscott@lakebaymarina.com

May 1 & 15, KP Veterans, 7 p.m., KP Lutheran Church; 225-5130 or keypenveterans@outlook.com

May 2, KP Historic Society Board, 11 a.m. in museum; 888-3246

May 2, Artists Blend, 4 to 6 p.m., Blend Wine Shop, for all artists; info@twowaters.org

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, KP Youth Council, 3 to 5:15 p.m., KC fire station; keypencouncil@gmail.com

May 3 & 17, KP Lions, 7 p.m., KC fire station; 853-2721

May 8, KP Parks, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park office; public is encouraged to attend. 884-9240

May 9 & 23, KP Fire Dept., 5 p.m., KC fire station; keypeninsulafire.org

May 10, KP Community Council, 7 p.m., KC fire station

May 11, KP Civic Center Assn. Board, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center; 884-3456

May 11, TWAA Board, 7 p.m., VFW Room, KP Civic Center; info@twowaters.org

May 13 & 27, Peninsula School District Board, 6 p.m., district office

May 15, KP Democrats, 7 p.m., Home fire station; johnpatkelly@aol.com

May 17, Longbranch Improvement Club, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting, LIC; 884-6022

May 17, KP Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., VFW Room, KP Civic Center; co.pierce.wa.us for agenda; Toni Fairbanks, 253-798-7156

May 18, KP Citizens against Crime, 7 p.m., KC fire station

May 22, KP Farm Council, 6:30 p.m., in the community offices, Suite D at the KC Corral: c.wiley@mac.com

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Veterans Find Meaning Through the Humanities

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

An engaged audience gathered at the Key Center Library in April to hear Jeb Wyman's talk "Coming Home: How the Humanities Help Veterans Find Meaning After War," sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Wyman, who has taught English at Seattle Central College for two decades, read stories by many of his veteran students. He is the editor of "What They Signed Up For: True Stories by Ordinary Soldiers," a book to be published later this year containing more than 70 first-person narratives from Vietnam to Afghanistan and Iraq. He is also the academic director of the Veterans Initiative of the Clemente Course in the Humanities in Seattle.

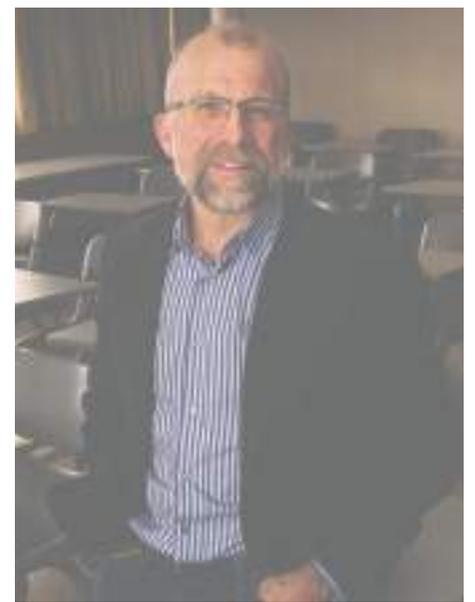
Wyman opened his talk with the illustrative stories of four veterans—what drew them to enlist, the empowerment they felt during basic training and the incredible challenges of both the war experience and returning home.

They enlisted for various reasons. For some it was idealism and service. For others, the military offered structure and a salary. All of them felt empowered during their basic training, gaining skills and discipline, creating a strong sense of community. And everyone, whether or not they ever fired a shot, suffered emotionally from their experience in war. Once back in the United States, they continued to be haunted by memories and, in addition, they no longer had the camaraderie that can so define a soldier's life.

The Clemente Course was established in 1995 to bring critical reflective and creative skills to those who have been denied those educational opportunities. Its Veterans Initiative, now in its second year in Seattle, seeks to use the humanities to "save veterans' lives," Wyman said.

Participants are recruited by flyers and word-of-mouth at Veterans Affairs offices and community colleges. Ages range from the 20s to the 80s, they come from all branches of the service and include both men and women. The course is nearly six months long and meets for two and a half hours in the evening twice a week. Tuition and books are free, food is provided and there are subsidies for gas and child care.

"This isn't a typical program," Wyman said. "We do have assignments, but students are welcome if they have not done the reading. If they can't make it to a class I simply ask that they text me to let me know they are OK."



Jeb Wyman. *Courtesy Seattle Central College*

The course includes history, philosophy, art, literature and writing. Each section has nine classes and the focus in each section is on war or the impact of war. For instance, literature includes readings from Walt Whitman on the Civil War, Mark Twain on the Philippine-American War, Hemingway, Wilfred Owen's poetry from World War I, and more recent writings on the Vietnam War and current wars in the Middle East.

Philosophy readings from Aristotle, Kant, John Stuart Mill and the Bhagavad Gita spark discussions about right and wrong, consequence, balancing the greatest good for the greatest number, and duty—concepts that may be turned on their heads in the midst of a war.

Writing assignments ask students to reflect on such questions as "What do veterans sacrifice?" "What do veterans bring back?" and "What does society owe veterans?"

Wyman said that telling their stories helps veterans feel connected to their community and that they need listeners, even if it is not always easy to listen. He quoted veteran and author Karl Marlantes: "To remain silent keeps you from coming home."

Some members of the audience asked what might be done at a local level, saying there are a number of veterans who live in the KP community. Wyman described the Red Badge Project, where veterans get together with a teacher and write, and suggested that a local reading group could be established. He said it is also possible that a Clemente Course could be offered closer to our area.

The Friends of the Library program committee brings speakers and programs to the library every second Thursday of the month, covering a broad range of topics. For details about the Clemente Course, including the Veterans Initiative, go to www.clementecourse.org. For information about Wyman's book, go to blueearbooks.com.



Clean water means healthy gardens and vice versa. Courtesy TPCHD

easily end up where you don't want them. Rain and over-watering can wash them into waterways and children and pets can track chemicals into the house. Instead, consider pulling weeds in the early spring before they get established. Cover planting areas with 3 to 4 inches of mulch to keep weeds from growing. For denser weed patches, lay down cardboard or newspaper under the mulch to smother

Natural Yards Help Make Your Water Healthy

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Lakes, streams and beautiful Puget Sound beaches surround Key Peninsula. As you break out your gardening shoes to get ready for spring, remember protecting those waters begins in your own backyards. When you apply fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, you can unintentionally harm groundwater, lakes, streams and Puget Sound.

Keep your yard lush, green and free of weeds without the use of harsh chemicals. Five easy steps will help you manage your yard naturally and save money in the process:

1. Build healthy soil. Healthy soil should contain a good balance of air, water and organic material. Avoid over-compacting your soil to ensure enough air and water can get to the roots. Mix in some compost so your plants get plenty of food.

2. The right plant in the right place. Different plants need different amounts of sunlight, warmth and water. Most vegetables need four to six hours of full sun per day, while ferns and rhododendrons love the shade. Get to know your yard. Where is it sunny, shady, soggy or dry? Work with your local nursery or master gardener to choose plants well suited to your yard.

3. Practice smart watering. Too much or too little water cause many plant problems. Excess watering may run off the yard and be wasted. It can also pick up chemicals along the way. Consider installing a drip watering system to deliver water directly to the plant, slowly and right at the roots. Kits start at around \$40, are easy to install and can come with automatic timers.

4. Think twice before using chemicals. Pesticides and herbicides may eliminate unwanted bugs and weeds, but they can

weeds and block new ones from springing up. You can also use vinegar to kill weeds in cracks and hard-to-weed areas.

5. Practice natural lawn care. Grassy areas are the most challenging parts of yards. They require frequent watering in the summer and any shaded area will attract moss. Instead of "weed and feed" products, keep your grass healthy by using an organic, "slow release" fertilizer. Mow often, and keep your blade sharp. Leave the clippings on the yard as free fertilizer and only water about 1 inch a week. Consider reducing the size of your lawn to a more manageable area, especially where you have moss problems.

To learn more, attend these natural yard care and vegetable gardening workshops **Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S.** Sessions include: **Natural Yard Care—Less Work and Money:** 10 to 10:45 a.m. Learn how to fight weeds, build healthy soil, choose the right plants and have a great looking lawn without using chemicals. Instructor: Walt Burdsall, WSU Master Gardener and Natural Yard Care program coordinator, TPCHD.

Growing Great Vegetables: 10:45 a.m. to noon. Learn easy ways to plant, grow and harvest vegetables to enjoy. Instructor: Colin Evoy, AmeriCorps Farm Nutrition coordinator, YMCA Camp Seymour.

Learn more at www.tpchd.org/naturallyard-care or call 253-798-4708.

The Shellfish Partners are Pierce County Public Works Surface Water Management, Pierce Conservation District, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, community organizations and Key Peninsula residents. They have been at work to protect Key Peninsula's beaches and shellfish resources since 2006. For more information, call 235-798-6470 or visit tpchd.org/shellfish.

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Sheriff's Department Representatives Meet with KP Residents

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

The KP Democrats hosted a bipartisan group at the Home fire station April 17 to hear updates from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Rusty Wilder, the commander of the peninsula detachment and Detective Ed Troyer, public information officer and executive director of Crime Stoppers of Tacoma/Pierce County, spoke about crime and its prevention on the Key Peninsula.

Wilder lives in Gig Harbor, coaches lacrosse at Peninsula High School and was a patrol sergeant in the peninsula detachment. He spoke about some of the challenges facing the department, noting that they are both working to increase the number of positions cut during the recession and to fill three empty positions that have been approved. "I don't like to make excuses," he said. "I want to do the best we can."

Citing the number of waterfront properties on the Key Peninsula, Wilder said that boat engine theft is the most common crime in the area. An organized group carries out these thefts and the department is working to solve it. The best deterrent, he said, is good lighting.

A challenge for the department is the proximity of three counties. Perpetrators may live in one county, burglarize in a second and then try to sell the goods in a third. "We must coordinate with our neighboring departments," he said.

Wilder fielded questions about how to deal with nuisance complaints, reports of gunfire, the most common calls and how those calls are prioritized.

For irksome behaviors, he first recommended talking to the neighbors, noting that they may not realize the noisy ATV is bothering anyone. If that fails, then a call to the department is warranted. Even if the call does not cause immediate action, it is recorded and if a pattern emerges it may lead to intervention later.

When a call comes in, top priority goes to threats against life and safety, then for property and finally for nuisance, he said.

Complaints about gunfire can be complicated, as there are some areas that are shooting zones on the KP and some that are not. Shooting is not allowed within 500 feet of a residence toward that residence. If shooting takes place after dark, then a complaint about noise is warranted.

Wilder said that a growing number of calls are due to mental health issues. Mental illness, tied to drug use and homelessness,

is prevalent here as well as in more urban settings.

Detective Troyer was a resident deputy in the peninsula detachment in the late 1980s and is now the public face of the department and executive director of Crime Stoppers of Tacoma/Pierce County. He said the sheriff's department has less than half the manpower per capita than city police to cover a much larger area. He also described the work of Crime Stoppers and the value of technology and social media in solving crimes.

Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit with a 20-member board, collects information including tips, photographs and videos and disseminates it through its website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Troyer said that at least half of the bank robberies in the area have been solved in part due to information gathered through Crime Stoppers.

Lt. Wilder can be reached at 253-798-3848 or rwilder@co.pierce.wa.us. To leave a tip for Crime Stoppers, call 800-222-TIPS or go to www.tpcrimestoppers.com or www.facebook.com/tpcrimestoppers.

New Team Takes Charge at Sound View Camp

MATTHEW DEAN, KP NEWS

Sound View Camp and Retreat Center is getting a new life thanks to a new staff and renewed interest.

Sound View, located in Longbranch near the south end of the Peninsula, was originally owned by the Campfire Girls organization, which acquired it in 1952. The camp was sold to the Olympia Presbytery in the mid-1980s and has been owned by them up to the present.

The camp has experienced financial difficulties in the past, with the most recent occurring in the summer of 2016. "There was talk of closing the camp last summer," said Site Manager James Goodman. "The staff was let go and some of the board was let go, and they revamped the board with people that are more pro-camp to get the camp moving again."

The presbytery also decided to reinvest in the camp. "The camp has been thought to close three different times and each time they come back to the churches within the presbytery, and the presbytery says 'No, whatever the financial troubles are, we'll take care of it,'" Goodman said.

Goodman and new camp Director Kurt Sample were hired in early 2017 as the new primary staff. "I was a former YMCA camp director and I took about 15 years off to teach," Sample said. "When I heard that Sound View was going through some staff

changes, I said, 'Maybe it's a good time to get back into camping.' The camp has such enormous potential."

While the camp has extensive facilities and acreage, upkeep suffered during years of financial difficulty. Buildings and activity areas fell out of use and routine maintenance was left undone. Because of the current state of the camp, the new staff is focusing on repairing and revitalizing the facility. Angela Goodman, Site Manager Goodman's wife, said the work so far is "just cleaning. Cleaning off shelves, cleaning out the kitchen. A lot of trail cleaning, leaf and branch pickup, organizing the maintenance shed. At this point, it's just a lot of little things."

Other groups, including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, have pitched in to help. Churches in the presbytery have also sent work parties to the camp to assist with major projects.

One example of the ongoing renewal and repurposing is the former stable and corral area. The buildings used for the discontinued equine program are being converted into a miniature farm populated with rescued goats, chickens and llamas.

"We had this whole livestock area, we had all the farm stuff, but nothing to live in it," said James Goodman. The farm will serve as an opportunity to teach sustainable living to campers, as well as providing a way for

visitors to interact with animals and learn about their care. "If you live in the country, you kind of take that for granted, but if you don't, you may have never known that (experience)," he said.

Both Goodman and Sample are relative newcomers to the Key Peninsula. Sample noted their warm welcome by community members who remember the camp fondly, as well as the new staff's continuing efforts to connect with the community. "The most exciting thing so far is that I went out and jammed with the Longbranch Community Church, at their bluegrass night," Sample said. "From there I met some people who used to work at camp. You establish these connections as you get into the community."

Sound View will continue renting their facility to groups as well as running their own summer programs, open to the public. "You don't have to be part of a certain church or a certain group; it's open to everyone," Angela Goodman said. Although plans for the future are mostly limited to repairs and minor projects for now, the camp staff is brainstorming ideas for new programs and ways to engage with the Key Peninsula. "We're trying to think of things that wouldn't just be Sound View, but can involve the community as a whole," Angela Goodman said.

For more information, go to www.sound-viewcamp.com.

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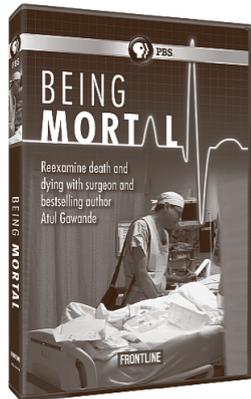
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The already scenic Longbranch Marina is getting a face lift. *Photo: Daniel Jackson*

LIC Seeks Funds to Renovate Longbranch Marina

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

The Longbranch Improvement Club and its charitable fundraising arm, the Longbranch Foundation, are out to raise nearly a quarter of a million dollars to pay for renovations and upgrades to the Longbranch Marina mandated by the Department of Natural Resources, which manages the water environment under the marina.

The LIC owns the marina, but the improvements are required under the terms of the new DNR lease.

“There’s no dispute with the DNR about doing it,” said Clark Van Bogart, president of the foundation and vice president of the LIC. “For the sake of the water, we just need help to do it. It’s real simple.”

The LIC and the foundation have applied for a grant from the state for \$247,850. As of press time, the grant had been included in the proposed 2017-19 state House budget by 26th Legislative District representatives Michelle Caldier and Jesse Young. Sen. Jan Angel is supporting it in the state Senate and U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer is also in favor.

“What we put in for with the grant application are three things, and we’re standing on No. 1,” Van Bogart said, referring to the wooden docks of the marina. “It has exposed Styrofoam or tires for flotation and it blocks sunlight. We want to upgrade to the anti-slip plastic grid we used on the new wharf and landing.”

The new deck would allow 60 percent more light to penetrate to the water, which is better for the environment, but it’s expensive. “These two sheets of 4×12 rough surface are \$1,000,” Van Bogart said.

The LIC took over the original mosquito fleet ferry float at Longbranch after it was

abandoned by Pierce County in the 1950s and later began operating the marina at the behest of the county, which lacked the funds to do so, said Van Bogart. Since then, nearly all work at the marina has been done with volunteer labor and donated or borrowed funds. Since 2010, the marina has invested more than \$312,000 on repairs and improvements, including the new wharf connecting the parking area to the dock.

“It was a county wharf,” Van Bogart said. “They condemned it but they didn’t have the money to replace it. We spent \$260,000 on the new one and in exchange they gave us a perpetual lease with only one condition: that we continue to provide public access.”

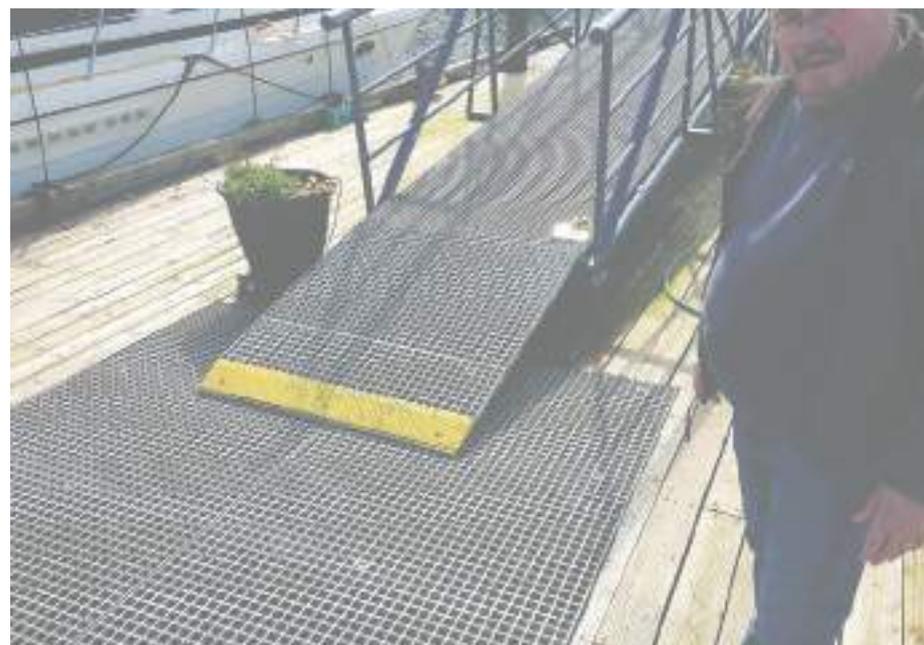
About 35 percent of the marina is dedicated to guest moorage, Van Bogart said. This, in turn, has generated nearly 45 percent

of the marina revenue over the past few years.

If the state grant is approved, it will pay for a new dock and flotation, replacement of the dinghy dock for public access and construction of three new finger piers. The LIC has already replaced six creosote pilings with galvanized steel and removed five defunct boathouses.

The LIC has been encouraging its members to support the grant in the Legislature and the foundation is seeking alternative funding as well.

“We may only get a portion of the grant, but any help will jump-start the process and that’s what we’re after,” Van Bogart said. “It’s going to take us six or seven years just to do that first dock section, but we’re as dedicated to keeping Filucy Bay clean of pollution as the DNR. Probably more so.”



Clark Van Bogart says the marina wants to upgrade its dock to anti-slip grid decking that is safer for visitors and better for the environment. *Photo: Ted Olinger, KP News*

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Jen Giuntoli at the new knitter's group "Not Your Mother's Fiber Station." Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

To Knit with Love

LISA BRYAN, KP NEWS

Jen Giuntoli is in love with knitting, hopelessly crazy in love. It's the kind of love that makes her sigh and slow down to appreciate the twists and turns in the journey to understand how two little stitches, knits and purls, can be combined in such ways as to produce fabric and textures of enormous variety. Everything about fiber and yarn consumes her thoughts.

Giuntoli taught herself to knit only six years ago, when on a whim she decided to knit herself a beanie. After trying a few patterns, she was certain she could improve them. With her natural creativity combined with a flair for fashion, plus a dash of perfectionism, Giuntoli Designs was born.

"I can look at a photograph and knit it," she said. "My brain seems to work in a very mathematical way that lends itself to knitting."

The name Giuntoli is familiar to many old-time Key Penners. The family home on A Street in Home was destroyed by fire in 2002. Her father and brother were living at the house at the time but survived the tragedy. It's been many years since Jen Giuntoli lived on the Key Peninsula, but she recently moved back to raise her own children.

Giuntoli attended Evergreen Elementary and Key Peninsula Middle School, and graduated from Peninsula High School in 1996. "We didn't have a lot of money, but I got good grades and played three sports from grade school through high school," she said. Her parents, Gary Giuntoli and Cheryl Cain were so committed to athletic opportunity for local youth that they started the Little League at Volunteer Park. Following in her mother's footsteps, she became a dental assistant after completing her education at Pierce College on an athletic scholarship.

For independent knitting designers like Giuntoli, Facebook and social media sites like Ravelry.com allow people from all over world to check out her designs, purchase a pattern or simply become a follower. Her Facebook group, "Yarnitude," has over 3,000 followers. Last summer, her design for "The Georgia Hat" ranked second-most frequently viewed pattern out of a half-million patterns on Ravelry. "My boys were running around the house wearing Georgia Hats whooping it up while cheering, 'My mom's famous, my mom's famous!'"

Using Facebook Live video streaming, Giuntoli regularly takes her followers along on her visits to yarn shops and fiber shows as she "oohs, aahs and squishes" her way through glorious yarns, she said. "The people I've met and friendships I've made in the online knitting community are absolutely amazing."

Giuntoli was asked by Evergreen Elementary in November to teach after-school knitting classes. "I couldn't have said yes any faster," she said. "I'm thrilled to be volunteering at Evergreen, giving back by sharing what I've learned."

The children at Evergreen were knitting within the first hour. "Who doesn't like to make something useful with their own hands while spending time with friends?" Giuntoli said. She plans to teach knitting classes at the Red Barn Youth Center as well.

Giuntoli also arranged for weekly rental of the Key Center fire station to provide space for local knitters to get together. Calling themselves "Not Your Mother's Fiber Station," the newly formed group meets Friday evenings from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Knitting brings people together, Giuntoli said, and she is on a mission to share her passion for knitting from the heart of the Key Peninsula out into the world, with plenty of yarnitude.



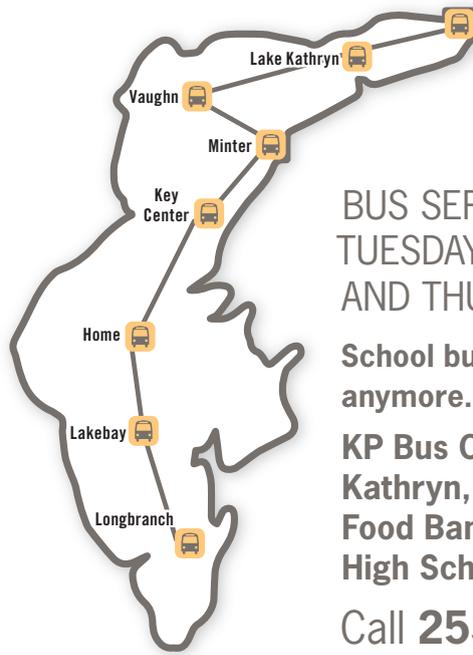
Jen's custom beanie. Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

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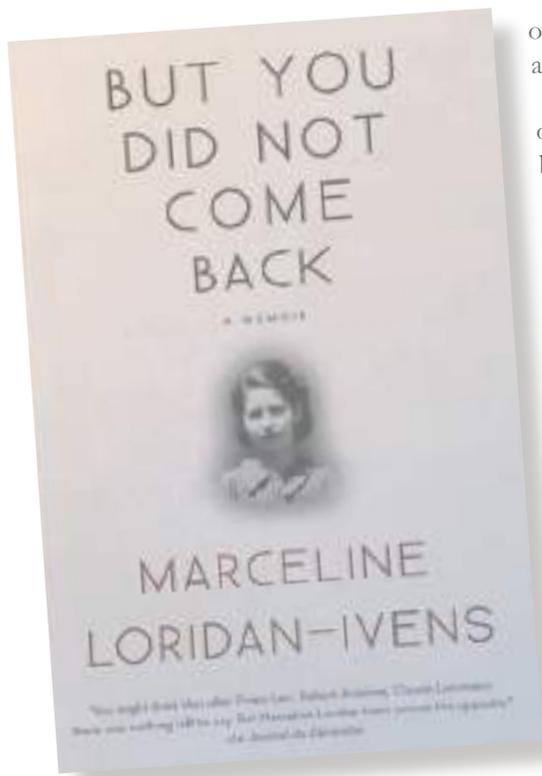
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**“But You Did Not Come Back:
A Memoir”**

by Marceline Loridan-Ivens
Atlantic Monthly Press, 2016

REVIEWED BY COLLEEN SLATER,
KP NEWS

Marceline Rozenberg, a Polish Jew, was 15 and living in her father’s adopted country of France when World War II began. The family understood they needed to get away, but stayed “one day too long,” when the Vichy government’s militia began rounding up Jews and shipping them to Germany. Her mother, two sisters and two brothers escaped capture. Father and eldest daughter, Marceline, hid in the garden but were discovered, arrested and shipped out in a cattle car to an internment camp at Drancy.

Before they were separated at the camp, her father told Marceline, “You might come back, because you’re young, but I will not come back.”

The men were sent to Auschwitz and women and children to Birkenau, two different worlds only 3 kilometers apart.

They saw each other once, when both were in their lines heading to work. Her father came to her and embraced her, but a guard called her a whore and beat her until she passed out. She awoke to find a tomato and onion in her hand, final gifts from her father.

This book is Loridan-Ivens’ letter to her father, written as an 86-year-old woman. In simple language, without frills or excessive descriptions, she brings the atrocities

of the Holocaust to light as lived by a teenage girl.

She recalls some special memories of times together before the war, but basically it is the story of the horror of those years in the death camp. This was where children, the elderly and the ill went to the gas chambers. The women stripped to be inspected by male officers who decided who would stay to work and who would be put to death immediately.

Loridan-Ivens was petite but worked hard and struggled to survive, dreaming of seeing her father again when the war was over.

One of her chores was to clean the men’s toilet and hallways while they were off working. She sang loudly and cheerfully while doing it in case her father was near enough to hear.

When the women and girls here were made to march in snow and cold and arrived at another camp with no gas chambers, she rolled bare in the snow to kill the fleas and sang in her tent with hope for the future.

Loridan-Ivens returned home after two years; her father did not. The family wanted her father back rather than her and made no secret about it. They could not comprehend her experiences and did not want to hear about them. She was told to get over her negative feelings and recollections. She found herself wanting to die instead of live. She said this treatment was common among the survivors she met then and later.

Loridan-Ivens later became an actress, screenwriter and director. She directed several documentaries with her late husband, Joris Ivens, and eventually made a film of her story, “The Birch-Tree Meadow.”

Now 87, Loridan-Ivens is one of 160 living survivors of the 2,500 French Jews who returned from the war out of the 76,500 who were sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau. As Europe becomes increasingly intolerant, she believes that the lessons of World War II are not being forgotten because “these lessons were never learned,” she said in an interview with The New York Times.

I found it hard to understand the reaction of those who had been safe at home in those years and wanted no information about what survivors had suffered. We are fortunate to have several of these memoirs about life in those camps to help us understand and to prevent anything like it from happening again.

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Gail Helen Goedert, of Wauna, died at home Feb. 5, 2017. She was 77 years old and had lived on the Key Peninsula for the last 30 years.

Goedert was born in Thunder Bay, Canada, in November 1939. Her family moved to Covina, California, when she was in her teens. At different times in her adult life, she lived in Vancouver, Kelso and Tacoma, Washington, as well as Beaverton, Oregon. She loved animals and volunteered for a time at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and the Kitsap Humane Society.

Goedert and her husband were married in 1978 and they volunteered together doing paleontological fieldwork in western Washington and Oregon for various museums. One result was her discovery of a new genus and species of fossil sea lion, *Pteronarcos goedertae*, named in her honor. She discovered other fossils new to science and several other animal species have been named in joint honor of her and her husband's efforts. The fossils she collected are in museums in Los Angeles, Seattle and Charleston, as well as Melbourne, Sapporo and Frankfurt, where they will be studied for many years to come.

Goedert enjoyed flowers and traveling, and with her husband had been to Europe, Asia and the South Pacific (including Easter Island) several times.

Goedert is greatly missed by her husband, Jim, of Wauna, her sister Kathy Barbee, of Covina, her daughter Kim Gould, of Lakewood, Colorado, granddaughter Tara Goushas, of Washington, D.C., and grandson Eric Nordlander, of Denver. As she requested, there will be no services.



Donald G. Rose died Nov. 7, 2016, at his home, surrounded by the love and comfort of his family and his cat, Becky. He was 90 years old.

Rose was raised in Vaughn and graduated from Vaughn Union High School in 1944, where he played football and basketball. He turned 18 in July of that year, joined the Army and fought in World War II. When his enlistment was up, he joined the Coast Guard and spent years stationed at various lighthouses in Alaska. These were some of the best years of his life. He crossed the Arctic Circle in 1953 on the Coast Guard Cutter Storis. He remained a reservist after active duty until 1988.

Rose met and married the love of his life Dee in 1960. They moved to California for work, but after a year decided to come back home. After their return to Washington, he started work at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as a heavy equipment inspector. They bought a house in Home, where they raised their five children and had many family dinners and holidays and welcomed their grandchildren. Rose was never without his two Shar-peis, Bruno and Mai-ling, who were his constant companions.

Rose loved to work on cars and made sure all of his children had a basic understanding of them. He loved camping in his motorhome and spent many summers at Lake Curlew with his children and grandchildren and even a few with great grandchildren. He loved his boats and taught all of his children to water ski and operate a boat.

Rose was preceded in death by his parents, Rollie and Wanda; his brother, Lloyd Rose; sister, Dixie Peacock; daughter, Dore Lutz; and grandson, Wesley Collins. He is survived by his loving wife of 56

years, Delores; his daughters and sons-in-law, Cheri Fenton (Russ), Cindy Moore (Pat) and Glenda Pestana (Patrick); his son Terry Rose (David Blouse); his grandchildren, Dan Lutz (Seana), Asia Cook, Seth Collins, Jennie Geier (Aaron), Whitney Erickson (Eric), Donald Moore, Tanner Lemon (Nicole) and Jessie Lemon; siblings, Margie Summerfelt, Jack Rose, Eva Griffin, Ted Rose and Irene Neumiller; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was a gentle, mellow, loving husband and father. His family always came first and he will be dearly missed by all of us.

A special thank you to JoAnn for all your hugs, love and support and to Group Health Hospice. A private celebration will be held in the spring.

Thomas Everett Saxer of Lakebay died March 17, 2017. He was 66 years old.

Saxer was born Dec. 12, 1950, to Theodore and Beatrice Saxer in Fort Scott, Kansas. He moved to Washington from Oklahoma in 1980 and settled on the Key Peninsula in 1989. Saxer retired after 35 years as a plumber and enjoyed gardening, fishing, country music and spending time with his family. He is survived by his brothers, Timothy and Jack Saxer, sons Daniel and Gary Saxer, and his four granddaughters. He was a great father, grandfather, son and brother, and he will be dearly missed. At his request, there will be no memorial service.

Janie Pauline Williams was born March 30, 1935, to Jens and Anna Nelson, and died March 11, 2017, at Cottesmore Nursing Home, after living a full life and ready to spend eternity with her dear savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Williams was born in Vaughn and lived most of her life there, where she fished for trout in a local creek, walked to school in 3 feet of snow and watched orcas in Vaughn Bay. She attended Vaughn Grade School, which later became the Key Peninsula Civic Center, graduated from Peninsula High School in 1954, and attended one year of college at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

She married Clifford Irving Williams of Poulsbo in 1957 and, although they divorced after 17 years, she thought of him as her husband all her life.

Janie Williams enjoyed designing wedding cakes, sewing clothes for community friends, providing caretaker services to elderly friends and serving at a local thrift shop. Her favorite job was being a mom.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Sally Cornman and Myrtle Cragun and her brother Rudy Nelson, all of Vaughn.

She would often tell stories of her two older, firecracker sisters and her easygoing brother who drove an old pickup truck with no speedometer.

She is survived by her son Andy Williams (Kimberly) of Gig Harbor and grandchildren Joshua Williams (Anna) of Anchorage, Caleb Williams of Kirkland and Sarah Williams of Tampa; and by her daughter Julie Johnson (Chris, deceased) and her grandchildren Rachel Johnson, Erik Johnson, Zoe Johnson and Anna Johnson, all of Vaughn. She cherished her two children and always enjoyed keeping up with her seven grandchildren.

Those wishing to honor Williams' memory and celebrate her life are invited to attend a memorial service on her behalf at Burley Bible Church in Port Orchard Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m.

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Bill and Gloria Nahalea show off their wares at the new Hawaiian marketplace and cultural center in Purdy. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*

Aloha Marketplace Opens in Purdy

COLLEEN SLATER,
KP NEWS

The Pacific Ohana Foundation Cultural Center in Purdy is expanding its offerings.

"We would like to welcome the community in and become a good neighbor," Executive Director Gloria Nahalea said. "It's what kokua, to help or aid, means and we hope to be of service to our community."

The Aloha Marketplace is now open at the cultural center Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with in-house musicians, samples of their catered food and flower and seed lei traditions.

The marketplace is designed to support the foundation members as a vendor cooperative of local small businesses, most of whom are originally from Hawaii. Other members of the foundation include Bill Nahalea, TV producer of shows about Hawaii and other places, Neal Chin, a ukulele instructor from Kula, Maui, and Larry Kalahiki, a local insurance agent from Hawaii.

Vendors include: Happy Rooster Farm in Lakebay, with fresh chicken, turkey, duck and goose eggs. Fresh poultry will be available soon. Shaka shave ice and grinds, plus pickled onions, cucumbers and mangos. Oceana custom made ukuleles from Port Orchard. Noeleen's Creations makes jewelry from seashells and rocks found in the Purdy sand spit area.

Scented Ipu (mini gourd) sachets.

Books, CDs by Hawaiian artists and DVDs of Hawaiian authors who were WWII veterans in their 80s and 90s when they wrote.

Framed artwork prints by a Maui native.

The market will also feature dobash (chocolate frosted chocolate cake) and banana bread from a Hawaiian bakery owned by Nahalea's nephew in Seattle.



Fresh Hawaiian leis can be ordered and picked up for Mother's Day, birthdays, weddings and graduations.

The foundation also offers catering as a luau package with food, entertainment, site facilities or any combination. Traditional and local Hawaiian food is available including poke (po-key), a Hawaiian raw fish dish, Lomi Salmon, Kalua Pork and, when available, Spam musubi.

Children's birthday parties are another specialty.

The Pineapple Jam Camps will be offered this summer.

Nahalea also serves as the hula artistic director and offers heritage cultural classes and workshops, teaching students to entertain at luaus, festivals, corporate events and farmers markets.

"We unfortunately are growing faster than we can update the schedule, but will get those dates up soon," Nahalea said.

Wednesday classes currently offered at the culture center include Introduction to Hula, Beginning Ukulele, Beginning Adult Hula, Open Adult Hula and Tahitian Dance.

Students from the cultural center participated in the recent Daffodil Parade in Tacoma and performed for the University of Puget Sound in the annual Students Hawaiian Club luau in April. They will share more of their heritage May 4 at Purdy Elementary School for its literacy and diversity program.

The Pacific Ohana Foundation Cultural Center is located at 13720 Purdy Drive NW. For more information on events at the center, call 206-484-2511 or go to www.halauhula-onapualani.com.

The Real Life Blue Easter Bunny

COLLEEN SLATER, KP NEWS

The Blue Easter Bunny has been giving away candy at the Boy Scout Easter egg hunt for 35 years.

It all began with a rummage sale where Kathy Best bought a suit of turquoise blue fleece-footed pajamas, just right for a women's retreat she was to attend, she thought. She found it was too warm to sleep in, so on returning home, decided to turn it into a bunny costume.

When finished, her 10-year-old daughter asked what she was going to do with it.

"I'm going to parade around Lake Holiday in it," Best said as a joke. Aghast, her daughter dared her.

"Come Easter Sunday, I did just that," she said, and to add to her daughter's embarrassment, she "just showed up" at the Easter egg hunt at the civic center, too.

"My daughter, meanwhile, was home praying no one would recognize me as her mother in that garb," Best said, but she was invited to return the next year.

"That was the start of my one-day-a-year volunteer career," she said. "The young families, grandparents and all the kids have been my inspiration to continue."

Best carries a basket of candy and gives a piece to each child who comes to her. When the hunt is complete, she empties her basket with a toss and the children scramble for it in the grass.



Kathy Best as the Blue Easter Bunny.

Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News

A foot injury and knee replacement surgery haven't prevented Best from continuing her pleasant duty. She uses a cane and continue to manage her job.

"I do realize the time will come for me to bunny-hop out of the big picture and hopefully find a young bunny to carry on the tradition," she said.

"In the meantime, I'm looking forward to hopping down the bunny trail next year, and maybe have a sidekick to show the ropes to."

Where in the world



Olav and Janie Opedal from Longbranch on a mountaintop near Olav's hometown of Rjukan, Norway. "People take a tram up in the winter to see the sun as no sun shines in the valley," he said.



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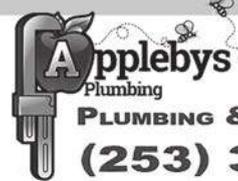
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ABOVE: Peninsula High School freshman and KP resident Mason Hyde, 15, throws the javelin 130 feet, 1 inch, for a personal best and second place during the track meet at Gig Harbor High April 6. Hyde ranks No. 10 in the South Sound league. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



RIGHT TOP: Mexican firefighters Christian Gonzales (at nozzle), Francisco Campos (center) and Eduardo Noreiga of Tecate, Baja California, inspect the 1980 water tender donated to them by the KP fire department April 4 through Firefighters Crossing Borders. They received training on the tender and participated in a volunteer drill, fighting live fire on the car prop behind the Key Center station. "It was great getting to know them and quite inspiring to see such passion for providing much needed emergency response for their community," said Fire Chief Guy Allen. They hit the road the next morning and, after running into snow in the Siskiyous and blowing a tire in Southern California, finally arrived home April 8. *Photo: Anne Nesbit*



RIGHT CENTER: Peninsula High School goalie Benjamin Udem makes a diving save for his team in a 2-1 victory over North Thurston soccer April 13. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



RIGHT BOTTOM: Over 100 volunteers from the Lakebay Community Church, Seeds of Change, Hope Recovery Center and cadets from the Washington Youth Academy of Bremerton work together on the future site of Hope Recovery Center south of Volunteer Park to build a community garden for the benefit of local food banks. *Photo: Lila Saucier*