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Work Party Volunteers Spruce Up KP Civic Center



Lloyd Miller on riding mower.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

by Hugh McMillan

On Saturday, several volunteers were hard at work at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, cleaning up the kitchen, mowing the lawns, sprucing up the flower garden, and weed whipping the borders.

"We just let the grass get ahead of us," said David Stratford as he tinkered with a recalcitrant weed whip. "We've got our fire works

display this Sunday and tall grass and fire works can spell a whole lot of trouble, so we just cut her down."

Vicky McClung pointed with pride at the results of her clean up of the Center's restaurant quality kitchen. "We've been long overdue to remove the buildup of wax on the floors. Now they look fine," she said of her efforts.

It's Swing Again....

...that Lindy Hop thing, again.. dancing together, again.... to Big Band melodies. Summer is just around the corner and it promises to be a hot one. Have no fear! The Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission has geared up to start your summer off with a really cool show. The III Annual Summer Dance, *It's Swing Again* will feature a nostalgic, hip-hop Big Band and a youthful, energetic dance troupe performing dance numbers that will bring you to your feet, literally!

You will hear the sounds of the past reverberating through the cultural halls of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, (17010 South Vaughn Road, Vaughn, Washington) on July 10th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The unmistakable big brass tunes including, but not limited to; Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington, will be flawlessly recreated by the talented *Reunion Swing Band* under the leadership of Don Miller. With 5 saxophones, 4 trombones, 4 trumpets, drums, bass, piano and soloist, you will understand why the resurgence of the Big Band sounds are sweeping the nation after sixty years! You will find yourself tapping your feet.

And if that's not enough, your eyes will have a sight to behold as you watch the effervescent performance of the *Pacific Ballroom Dance Team*. Formerly known as *48 Feet*, this young group swings, dips, tosses and spins in precision formations to the rhythm of the beat. Choreographers, Paul Hart and Cherie Ponder have developed a repertoire of more than six differ-

ent formation routines and several solo routines for the 65 young adults that make up the non-profit organization known as *Dance Art*. The non-profit club is financed through team dues, team fundraising projects, donations and sponsorships. Through teaching/demonstrating and the thrill of exhilarating performances, these young adults develop their image and self-confidence while participating in wholesome, supervised activities. They learn commitment and sacrifice working with individual partners, and in a team environment.

The III Annual Summer Dance; *It's Swing Again*, will prove to be an event not to miss. It is the third of four major events presented by the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts Commission's *Four Seasons* program. CAC's admission-free programs are designed to spark an interest in, and enjoyment of, the visual and performing arts, encouraging families of all income levels to participate and expand their horizons. Because the events are free to the public, CAC relies solely on the generosity of local area businesses and individual donations received at the door. Please support your local area businesses as it is their generosity and support that will enable CAC to continue to bring the best of all cultural arts to our community. For more information please contact Shirley Tomasi, Executive Director of the Cultural Arts Commission at (253) 851-9462.

THE PREZ SEZ...

by Marty Marcus

Now that summer is here (where? where?), things are moving right along at your Key Peninsula Civic Center, thanks to the efforts of a number of Board members and other helpful volunteers. We had a really successful "Jazz in June" concert and dance featuring the *Prohibition Jazz Band*. Nearly a hundred people took advantage of the opportunity to really enjoy themselves, while raising about a thousand dollars for Civic Center projects. We hope this was the First Annual Jazz in June program, and have already contacted the band about returning next year.

In addition to several work parties, we now have a new part-time Custodian; Irene, our Facilities Coordinator, is now arriving here from her domicile in the deep, dark, peaceful woods of Longbranch on Tuesdays through Saturdays; and the Personnel Committee is busy interviewing applicants for the combined position of Security Resident/Custodian.

The mowers came back from the repair shop in time for volunteers to mow the field before the VFW's fireworks demonstration, and Activities Chairman Dave Stratford had it rain just enough to keep the cut grass from being a fire hazard, but not enough to interfere with the fireworks display. And it was really nice of Fire District 16 to have a standby crew and equipment there just in case things got out of hand. Since the fireworks booths in Key Center and Lake Kathryn raise funds for important community projects, we hope you will be generous with your patronage, yet have a safe Fourth of July celebration.

I'd like to mention one other good thing I've seen happening at the Civic Center recently. On several Wednesday evenings, both the Christians and the Lions have been meeting at the same time and they got along just fine.

Come Celebrate
Pioneer Day At The
KP Civic Center
on August 7th!



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

Wonder of wonders! I am now a happy homeowner! I want to thank all those who helped me move to my "cabin in the firs". I had no idea that I had acquired so much "stuff" in the six years I had been living here! Thanks to Jean Christopherson, Bill Macarus and the Scouts, Krys Wylie, Ernest and Alice Tramil, Roxyanne Woolfridge, and John Rambo and his friend Mike. Special thanks to Cy and Eileen Young for seeing me through the stress of home-buying. Most of all, thanks to Mike and Judy Coffin for all their help.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for July 10th - the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Cultural Arts "Summer Dance" event here at the Civic Center. The event is free, but donations

are certainly appreciated! Wonderful music provided by Don Miller's "Reunion Swing Band" and exciting dances done by the Pacific Ballroom Dance Team formerly known as "48 feet". The festivities begin at 7:00 PM. A limited kitchen will be available for snacks and drinks.

Pioneer Day will be upon us in no time, so send in your booth applications or entries to the parade as soon as possible. Applications for both appear in this issue.

We want to welcome a new ad salesman to our ranks. John Kirk has come aboard to sell, sell, sell! For those of you who already advertise, John will be contacting you soon! Welcome, John.

See you next month!

Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 13th, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Marcus at 7:40 PM. The minutes from April were accepted and corrected. Secretary Kristen Bottiger read correspondence. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

Manager's report given by Irene Zimmer: New carpet was installed and the old needs to be cleaned. Pat Donnelly and Jimmy Beck will be teaching Karate. A hole in the men's restroom wall needs to be repaired. Still having problems with recycle bins. Pioneer Day sign needs to be repaired.

Newspaper Report: Lost \$114 last month. Advertising and circulation are both down. Still need to get someone to solicit more ads or will have to reduce operating costs. MSC to highly edit "Reynolds Roost".

Program/Group Review: Comprehensive Mental Health - Mike Leaderich reported that it's been a great year. They have been committing funds to projects and families for next year.

Lakebay Fuschia Society - Sharon Miller reported they did great on their plant sale during Spring Festival. Thanks to Loyd Miller for fixing the water. They also requested access to electrical outlet to run a pump for

possibly having a fountain in the garden.

Children's Home Society - Edie Morgan reported that this summer they will be hosting a "Summer Fun" program June 28th - July 30th. Monday and Friday at the Civic Center 9:00 - 12:00 and Wednesday and Thursday at Longbranch Improvement Club from 9:00 - 12:00. They would like to have more volunteers.

Historical Society - Tim Kezele reported "Old Timer's Picnic" will be held on June 26th at 12:30.

Building and Grounds Report: Vicky McClung reported that permits for storeroom are still good. The storeroom needs a new foundation, and we are waiting for bids. MSC to budget up to \$10,000, but to delay financing until we get the money.

Old Business: Parking lot lighting - MSC to approve \$600 to purchase materials so Peninsula Light can repair parking lot lights.

New Business: US Tennis Association wants to use the Civic Center tennis courts June 5th and 12th for free tennis lessons. MSC to allow them to use tennis courts.

Meeting Adjourned:
Kristen Bottiger, Secretary



The Children's Home Society's FAMILY ROOM

During the summer, many children tend to sleep in, stay up late, and spend less time involved with academic pursuits. This is a much needed time of rest, but it can also be a period when children lose their academic edge. Children often spend the first few months of the school year catching up and reviewing studies that were learned the last half of the previous year. Here are some ideas to help children keep up their skills during vacation time.

- Visit the library and check out books
- Spend some time doing odd jobs to earn money and keep up math skills
- Do crossword puzzles and word searches (often found in newspapers and magazines)
- Practice science and math skills by cooking foods from scratch
- Learn more about nature and science by gardening
- Use reading and language skills by putting on a play with friends
- Learn to play a musical instrument which also enhances math skills
- Read the newspaper to keep up with social studies
- Keep a journal of summer events

- Attend a day camp or overnight camp

Speaking of day camps, our Summer Fun youth program filled up very quickly. During the last week of June, over 100 children started the five-week program at the Civic Center on Monday and Friday mornings, and 55 began at the Longbranch Improvement Club. This is by far our biggest summer program yet. We would like to thank the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Longbranch Improvement Club for providing the space for us to provide lots of informative and fun activities for Peninsula kids.

Due to our staff involvement in the Summer Fun program, some of our other activities such as Toddler Art and Parents Raising Healthy Families have been discontinued until September. Also, Indoor Park will begin again when school starts in the fall. The free clothing closet will remain open this summer during our regular office hours Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00.

To find out more about these and other services, please call us at 884-5433.

The staff of the
Children's Home Society of Washington
Key Peninsula Family Resource Center

Key Peninsula Farmers Market Is Back

Farmers Market vendors and Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District thank you for your support. When you buy from the Market, it encourages vendors to return and that helps support the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District.

The Farmers Market, located at Volunteer Park, is open every Wednesday from noon to 6:00 PM. The Market opened in May with two vendors. They now have an average of six to eight vendors and more are expected as the local produce ripens. You can find a wide variety of plants and hanging baskets, salmon and tuna, five or six varieties of honey, large selection of roses, fresh baked breads and desserts, eggs, and in season, produce.

The Farmers Market is to benefit the community. All non-profit community groups are welcome to post notices at Market. Anyone wishing to collect food for the food bank should see Jan at the Market to make arrangements. The Market supports education about agriculture and ecology and welcomes any group such as 4-H or FFA to set up an information/demonstration area.

Special rates are offered to the local

gardener who has excess produce or fruit that they would like to sell.

Now that school is out it is a good time to come to the Market, have a picnic and let the children play in the grassy fields.

More information is available by calling 253-884-2496 or 253-549-6053.

A Thank You For Sale!

A hearty thank you to the following people for their help at the Civic Center Garage Sale. Thank you to all the people who brought out their things to be sold, you made the sale a big success. Thank you again to the Boy Scouts Troop 220 for helping to set up and break down the tables. A special thank you goes to Hank Matthews who was one of our vendors, and stayed after to help break down the tables. It was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to the kitchen staff which included: Irene Zimmer, Mike Coffin, Phyllis Jardin, Mary Ramsdell, Charles Williamson and myself. Thank you to everyone.

Krys Wylie
Program Coordinator

6th Annual KP Sheep Dog Trials

by Hugh McMillan

Seventy Border Collies, their owners and trainers, 50 sheep, and scads of fans took over Elmer and Betty Anderson's Minter Creek Ranch recently. Warm, sunny weather and clear skies contributed to the success, excitement and enjoyment of the Sixth Annual Key Peninsula Sheep Dog Trials.

The trials started in 1993. From the beginning they've been held at the Andersons' ranch off SR 302 near Lake Kathryn Village. Competitors come from all the Northwest States and Canada. The first year 40 dogs participated. Since then, growing interest in the sport has made it necessary to limit participation to 70 dogs. The dogs' names are drawn for spots in the various competitive classes.

Participants turn the Anderson ranch into a trailer and tent festooned campsite complete to porta potties and all the cooking equipment needed to feed everyone. Some folks spend the nights at a nearby motel.

Saturday's sea food dinner would make the management of Maxim's of Paris jealous. Minterbrook Oyster Co. donated some 350 oysters which were beautifully deep fried by Phil Johnson and Pete Easley did the same to an equal or greater number of shrimp. These were supplemented with salads, breads, pates, and I thought I'd died and gone to heaven.

This 1999 trial was pointed and sanctioned by the Oregon Sheep Dog Society and the United States Border Collie Handlers Association and was judged by Bill Evans of Arlington, Washington.

In the two day event, points were awarded each day. The handler and dog teams compete for enough points to become eligible for the National Finals later this year. Four classes are offered each day.

This years winners are:

Saturday: Novice-Novice Class, Mary Homan of Eatonville, WA, with dog Meg; Pro-Novice Class, Martha McHardy of Victoria, B.C., Canada with Kelly; Nursery Class, Don

Moore of Sprague River, Oregon, with Tuffy; and Open Class, Julie Mathews of Lopez Island, WA, with Moss

Sunday: Novice-Novice Class, Mary Homan and Meg; Pro-Novice Class, Cindy Baker of Rainer, WA, with Pye; Nursery Class, Ken Johnson of Vashon Island, WA, with Hap; and Open Class, Patrick Shannahan of Caldwell, Idaho, with Joy.

The two day high point winner was Karen Child of Redmond, Oregon, with Nan.

Dedicated sponsors who have supported the trials all 6 years are: Minterbrook Oyster Co. (a major sponsor), Walt's Fine Foods, Sunnycrest Nursery, Home Country Store, Home Feed & Grocery, the Westwynd Motel, Johnson Bulldozing, Reni Moriarity, attorney Glen Pszczola, the Brookside Veterinary Hospital, Windemere Realty's Richard Raschle, the Pardy Veterinary Hospital, Close to Home Espresso, Floatation Device Pub & Grill, Border Collies in Action, Minter Veterinary Hospital, Silverbow Farms, Home Texaco, Evergreen Pet Supply, and Ranch Dog Trainer.

Peninsula Hoofbeats and Puppyfeet 4H Club came with its project of homemade baked goods. Also supportive were Arnie Arnold, Jerry Hansen, Clyde & Joann Maybeny, Shirley Marietta, Deb Smith, and Diana Thurman.

The trials were organized by Dale Johnson and the hard labor preparing the trial site was donated by Laura Vishoot, Elizabeth Anderson & Bill DeVoe all of Vashon Island, WA.

If you would like further information on the sheep dog trials, contact Dale E. Johnson of Lakebay, WA, at (253) 884-2607.



A View From Home

By Mary Marcus

A new family has appeared on our road, and I must admit I view their arrival with mixed feelings. This new family is a female fox with six kits, and I suppose the male is not too far away.

I've always supported the right of native plants and animals to have the opportunity to exist in their natural habitat, whether they are pond turtles or cougars, swallowtail butterflies or bears, Indian hyacinth (camas) or huckleberries. I guess I draw the line at slugs, not because they're slimy, but because they don't seem to want to munch on all that good natural vegetation in the woods, but on the stuff we've just planted in the garden. I also draw the line at Scotch broom, because it's not native, it's very invasive and it takes over and suppresses native wildflowers and it burns very readily. In California we used to lead "broom-bashing" work parties of students to try to eradicate some of the stuff from state parks.

There's no question that as the population of humans continues to increase, the amount of habitat available for wildlife keeps diminishing

because of land clearing for roads, homes and businesses, and because some forestry and agricultural practices lead to siltation and pollution of streams and lakes. Humans are also responsible for the introduction of feral animals such as cats, dogs, snapping turtles and pigs, animals that either prey upon native wildlife or compete with them for food. In the case of pigs, they do a tremendous amount of damage to habitat by also rooting up various types of plants. In the state of California, the "wild" pig situation has reached the point where it is now estimated that if 70% of the pigs were caught, within one year their population would be back to where it is now. Part of the problem is due to humans who turn domestic weanling pigs loose so they can hunt them later and get the pork without having to provide food for the porkers.

As for the fox family, my major concern relates to their number. They certainly are cute, they stay fairly close to the road and watch us as we watch them. But what is their impact going to be on the squirrels, chipmunks, garter snakes, salamanders and tree frogs, robins, and my neighbor's cats? And will it be still be safe to put our desert tortoises outside on a sunny day to browse the clover and dandelions in the lawn? Now, if there were only some way to get the foxes to eat slugs ...

PIONEER DAY - NORTHWEST BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Christopher Columbus Society

APPLICATION FORM

Date: Saturday, August 7, 1999
Time: 9AM to 5PM (or completion)
Location: Key Peninsula Civic Center, Vaughn, WA

Teams consist of 4 persons. Entry fee is \$20 per person or \$80 per team. Lunch for each member is included. All Bocce and lawn bowling teams are welcome.

Team Prizes: 1st Place = \$ 150.00
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3rd Place = \$ 60.00

To enter, send this form with all fees (checks payable to "Christopher Columbus Society") to:

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8302 53rd Street Court West
University Place, WA 98467

Questions? Contact Tony Riconosciuto at (253) 584-3310.

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Fuchsia Culture – Lake Bay Fuchsia Society

Basics for fuchsia care consist of water, fertilizer and insect control. Water daily if we have warm weather. Finger test the soil, that is, to stick your finger into the container about 2" depth and if the soil is dry, water. Fuchsias are heavy feeders as they are rapid growing plants. Most nursery plants are planted in a peat based compost. Because they are in containers and are watered frequently, the nutrients wash through. Weekly fertilizing is necessary to keep the plant growing and blooming. Never fertilize a dry plant! Water and wait 1 hour for the plant to take up the water before fertilizing, otherwise you can kill the plant! The Fuchsia Society recommends a balanced fertilizer at half strength once a week. Miracle Grow, Agro and Peters, to name a few, will work well. If you have a plant in a basket with a saucer on the bottom, remove it. Fuchsias require fast drainage and do not like wet feet, it will rot the roots. To keep the growth well balanced it is wise to turn the plant frequently as they will always grow toward the light. Be sure

to remove the seed pods after the blossoms are spent. The purpose of any plant is to produce seed and if the fuchsia is allowed to do this it will harden off and quit blooming. We don't advise using more bloom products either as you will get a flush of bloom, the plant will harden off and quit blooming. For ground hardy plants, feeding is important also and a good time release fertilizer works well. The ten-ten-ten balance will work for 3 months and should handle the plants for the rest of the season. SHOULD we get some very hot weather and the plant looks wilted but the soil is damp a good fogging with a misting head will help revive the plant. Never get water on the foliage when in the sun as it will burn the leaves. They prefer morning to mid-day sun although ground hardies will take full sun. Insects that enjoy the fuchsia are aphids, white fly and red spider mite. Aphids can be controlled with Safer soap and the other two can be prevented by having good air circulation around the plant. Safer will work on white fly but it has to be used

consistently. The root weevil loves the fuchsia also but I haven't found a good solution for that one yet! Enjoy your plants, they should perform well until we get a good frost. Later we will cover fall care and if you want to plan on holding your plants over for next year.

Contest, Anyone?

December 3, 1979, is an important date in Key Center's history. Why? Send your answer to: CONTEST, K.P. News, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. The first correct response received gets the sender a \$20 gift certificate at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. Answers must be sent by the U.S. Postal Service, sometimes known as "snail mail" (or here in Washington as "slug mail") Answers sent via fax, phone, e-mail or carrier pigeon will not be considered.



KEY DATES 1999

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

- KP Business Assoc.** 1st Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest.
- 3rd Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rest.
- Fire Fighters Assoc.** 4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
- Amnesty International** 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM Key Center Library
- Ashes** July 1 - 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station
- Boy Scout Troop #220** Tuesday - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC - Whitmore Rm.
- Cootlett's** NO MEETING IN JULY KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
- KPCCA Exec. Board** 1st Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center
- KPCCA Board** 2nd Thursday - 7:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
- KPCS Board** 2nd Monday - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home
- KPHC Board** 4th Thursday - 7:30 PM Health Center
- KP Lions Club** 1st & 3rd Wed. - 6:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
- VFW & Auxiliary** 2nd & 4th Mon. - 7:00 PM CC/NEW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Adult Literacy Classes** Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
- Angel Guild** 3rd Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Cancer Support Group** 3rd Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Children's Home Society Family Resource Center** - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433
- Food Bank** - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
- Hot Lunch for Seniors** on Wednesdays at Noon - Community House - Home
- Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4780.
- Immunizations (FREE)** Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor
- Key Center Library** 884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM
- KP Baptist Bible Study** Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
- KP Baptist AWANA** OVER UNTIL SEPTEMBER
- Overseers Anonymous** Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
- Seniors Exercise Program** Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House - Home
- WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- KP Fire Commissioners** 2nd Wednesday - 7:30 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
- July 26 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
- KP Parks & Rec.** 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

- Alcoholics Anonymous** - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home
- Peninsula ALANON** - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
- Caregivers Support** July 8 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Grandparents Group** July 3 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
- Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
- I.O.P.S.** - Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

- Bayshore Garden Club** July 16 - Meeting Longbranch Improvement
 - Cancer Support Group** 3rd Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 - KP Historical Society** 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum.
 - MUSEUM OPEN** Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 - LB Improvement Club** July 16 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
 - Peninsula Neighbors** July 13 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
 - Lakebay Fuchsia Society** July 1 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 - Ruth Circle Meeting** July 19 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
 - Senior Society Luncheon** Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
 - Vaughn Bay Garden Club** July - Call 884-5403 for more information.
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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

State convention is over, a new slate of officers are installed for the coming year and we are off and running! Commander Cy brought back another "White Hat" from Yakima for the Post while President Roxyanne Wooldridge has awards galore for the Auxiliary. These include certificates for: Cancer Aid and Research, Youth Essays, Voice Of Democracy, Patriotic Art competition, Outstanding Young American Volunteers Program, 2nd place Community Service, pin for 1999 membership, 2nd place membership for 1999, certificate for Ryan Albright Creative Art competition, runner-up for President of the Year and \$25.00 for paid up membership for 2000. Dee Bea Blum received 1st place for Voice Of Democracy and Essay programs and 3rd place for Youth Activities. All in all, a good showing by Post and Auxiliary. Congratulations!

Now it is time to turn our attention to the fireworks stand which opens June 28th through July 4th. To all the members and volunteers who have signed up to work the stand, a giant thank you. Without these wonderful people we would not be able to earn the dollars that enable us to do all the things we do for our community. Our stand is at Lake Kathryn, and we hope to see you there for your 4th of July fireworks and we thank you in advance for your patronage.

We are happy to report that Marguerite Bussard has had her operation and is feeling much better. To Jean Barnes, Calvin Hawthorne, Louie Aguilar and all those who are not 100% we send our love and prayers. To Joe Barrow and family our condolences on the loss of his dear mother and to Irene Wooldridge and her family on the loss of a brother.

The Aisle of Honor and Memorial service, held at the Vaughn cemetery May 30th was, again, a beautiful success. Thanks to the Vaughn Cemetery Board who did a great job of clean up, mowing, etc. The flags flew with pride and beauty. To the scouts, cubs, leaders, volunteers and VFW members, the day was one for the memory books. To the Yantis family and Henna Moore from Belfair, for their beautiful music, to John Lamston for his bagpipes, to Kathy and Melody Broderon for their outstanding voices we can not thank you enough. To our distinguished guest speaker, Past Department VFW Commander Jane Adamson whose words of wisdom we truly appreciate, but sincere thanks. Our trumpet player Brett Zimmermann, also the recipient of the VFW scholarship,

will be leaving for college in Wyoming. We shall miss you, but are looking forward to your replacement Matt Henrickson and our future association with him. Again, thanks to all.

There will be a Fun Fair at Retail Soldiers Home in Port Orchard on July 4th. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM with the game booths opening from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. District 4 will be running the Bingo games in the activity room all day, so if fireworks are not your way of celebrating the 4th, visit the Home and enjoy the day.

District 4, which includes our post 4990, will have their annual picnic at Penrose Park July 10th starting at 11:00 AM. All VFW members and their families are welcome to the potluck. Bring your favorite food, your utensils and an appetite and spend a day at the park.

I will leave you for this month with a quote from Will Rogers that goes like this: "Even if your on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!"

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers. Now where is the sunshine?

Down Home Band Practices

In preparation for the gala Pioneer Day parade on August 7th, the Down Home Band will begin it's weekly practices at the Key Medical Center at 15610 - 89th Street, in beautiful downtown Key Center at 7:00 PM on July 8th. The band is open to any community members playing band instruments. Show up for practice or call Susan at 884-9221 for more details.



Home Town Meeting

There will be a Home Town Meeting at the Home Fire Station on Thursday, July 1st, 7:00 PM. Come and talk about what's on your mind

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OBITUARIES

Ray Norman Floberg

Ray was born in Longbranch on September 27, 1927. He died on June 13th, 1999 at his home in Lakebay.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and brother George.

He is survived by two sisters; Hilda Markert of Tacoma, and Irene, three brothers; Richard (Opal), of Tacoma, Elvin and Jay of Lakebay, many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews plus many cousins.

Ray was a member of the VFW Post 4990. He served in the Navy during World War II, and Korea when he was in the Army. He worked in construction for many years.

He has always loved hunting, fishing, and the great outdoors. He was a kind and gentle man.

The Memorial will be held on July 11, 1999 at the Longbranch Cemetery at 12:00 Noon. A potluck will follow at the home of Jack Wooldridge.

Robert William Burgess

Robert William Burgess of Vaughn, 52, died on June 11th. He was born on March 8, 1947 in Orange, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Sebenna, two stepsons, Tad Brocenos of Vaughn and Tim Brocenos of Largo, Florida, two brothers, George (Chip) Burgess and Richard Belinski, both of Florida, Two grandchildren and numerous Nieces and nephews. Services were held on Saturday, June 19th at Vaughn Cemetery.



Stress Buster

The naked truth about Massage

by Laura Huddleston, LMP

Massage Therapy is one of the most misunderstood healing therapies of today. It has been around for centuries yet is still considered new. Massage therapy never came out of the closet/parlors because it was never there. Healers all over the world use massage therapy as a natural pain management program. Stress is a wide spread disease today that affects 90% of our population. Stress is not just a city thing, nor is massage something that only the rich can afford. It can be a life saver for those whose backs act up after gardening or whose necks are still mending after a car accident. Here on the peninsula the cost is only \$40. for an hour massage, in town they range from \$50 to \$80. per hour. A half hour for \$25 will relieve your pain. You do not have to be in pain to get maximum benefits; stress has plenty of reasons.

If you have never had a massage you have probably heard many stories and rumors about this touchy subject. And many questions come up for you that you wouldn't dare to ask if it was true. Here is the naked truth.

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I am overweight and I'm embarrassed to be seen so closely, but my back hurts. Weight can easily be a cause of back problems. Massage is a good step toward renewing a manageable weight loss program. You have to want to be good to your body, to nurture and love it. This means you may start thinking more about your whole body than the quick sweetness across the taste buds.

I have scars that I hate to show anyone, but they still hurt. Scars due to an old injury are just that; old and in the past. In order to move on and forget the bad memories of pain, you have to face them and let them go. Massage breaks up the inhibiting scar tissues and helps the tissue realign into a movable muscle, allowing free movement, and mobilization, so you can move forward in your life more easily.

I might be turned on when I am touched, what do I do? Nothing, your mind is in control over your body. During a massage the body may

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KPMS Sixth Graders And The Peninsula Schools Scholastic Foundation

by Hugh McMillan

"My students and I were busy putting on the finishing touches for a school board presentation about our integrated studies in Language Arts and Social Studies with technology when you took the photos," said Mrs. Connie Nelson who teaches sixth grade English and History at the Key Peninsula Middle School.

"My classroom was a part of the Gates Learning Foundation and we received about \$10,000 last August to purchase eight computers, a presentation device, and a printer," she said. "We wanted to share our year with the School Board by using a PowerPoint show to showcase different projects we completed."

"This is where the Peninsula School's Education Foundation comes in," she said. She applied for a grant last year in response to the Foundation's offer of up to \$500 in support of special projects for which

school district funds are otherwise unavailable. This one made possible purchase of hard and software items which enabled the class to create a computer-generated movie through purchase of a CD Writer and CDs, as well as label making software.

The Foundation granted the request. "All of this hardware and software enabled us to produce a CD of our show for the School Board with samples of student work," said Nelson.

The project combines learning the history and culture of another country with enhancement of the student's comprehension of English, creative writing, computer literacy, and movie production.

The youngsters enthusiastically consumed knowledge.

"The kids created their story based on our studies of India during our 'other cultures' studies," said Nelson. "They conceived it, wrote it, and

scripted it. Our goal this year," said Nelson, "was to have one class of students record samples of work permanently on a CD as an electronic portfolio. Electronic portfolios are not new, but technology is now advanced enough for CDs to be affordably and easily made."

Nelson asked, "What is the point of an electronic portfolio?" And answered, "There are many benefits. A student can easily show future teachers a select body of work. Teachers can then get a clear idea of the student's strengths and can assess areas the student needs to master. Most importantly, the student has a permanent record of select work to self assess and to establish future learning goals. All of this on a small, easily stored disk. No mountains of paper. When one thinks about a classroom of students, a school, and then an entire district, it makes sense to move towards electronic portfolios."

"The CD Writer we purchased can rewrite CDs," said Nelson. "Rewritable CDs are becoming more affordable but at this time 'one time only' writeable disks are the better choice. Eventually students will be able to add onto their portfolios each year, until the data storage is maxed out."

Students in the photos will be responsible for demonstrating to other students just how to do this. "It is as simple as saving to a floppy disk," Nelson said. "The CD is formatted and work saved to the disk. Once all work is saved, a prompt asks if you are ready to make the CD readable in most any CD drive. Students can then make their own personalized CD labels and jacket covers."

The program the kids created is called "Rama, The Legend." It will not be up for an Academy Award, but as an intellectual effort of 12 year olds, it is very impressive.

Teacher of the Day

by Hugh McMillan

"Teacher of the Day," under the Accelerated Reader Program is a reading incentive program which began at Vaughn Elementary in October last year.

In February, Billy Hughes, a fourth grader in Cindy Knisely's class, became the first recipient of the honor. He was followed on May 14 by Travis Clark and on May 21 by Molly Patricia Ash of Doug Smith's fourth grade class.

"The three of them are neck and neck in competition for the honor of being 'Principal of the Day,'" said Smith. "While Molly and Travis keep changing leads, Billy has maintained first place thus far," he added.

Smith explained, "In the Accelerated Reader Program students earn points based on how long a book is and how hard to read the book is. Then they take a

computer generated and scored test. It tells them at the end how many comprehension questions they get correct along with how many points they earned. When they get to 5 points they earn a pencil, 10 points a bookmark, 15 points an ice cream and announced on the loudspeaker, 20 points a 1/2 day read-in (in which the student gets to go to the hall to sit in a bean bag and read rather than doing the regular class work), 25 points a free book, 30 points a pen, 35 points an assignment waiver, 40 points an all day read-in, 45 points a choice from the treasure box, 50 points a book, 75 points lunch with the Principal, and 100 points Teacher of the Day."

Of these three student leaders, Molly moved to Lake Holiday last October from Carson city, Nevada. She likes it here. "It's so hot in Nevada," she said. "I like the cool here much better." She is 10 years old, likes to play with her friends, ride bikes, and roller blade. She has a dog, two cats, and guinea pigs. To reach her goal, she has read 31 books at an average 4.6 grade level for 119 points and received 92.6% on comprehension tests. As teacher of the day she taught about possessive pronouns and then demonstrated and involved the whole excitedly squealing class in the properties of dry ice.

Travis was the first student in Smith's class to earn 100 points. He has lived in Vaughn all his life and has two brothers and a sister. He earned a ride in a fire engine for designing an escape plan for his home, won a huge candy bar from the VFW for his essay on "What Freedom Means to Me", and wants to be a writer of adventure books. He has two dogs, two horses, and "a bunch of fish." He likes rope swinging, bike riding, swimming, and reading. Travis read 49 books at an average reading level of 3.9, books from the 1.9 to 6.1 class level and passed the comprehension tests at the 92.7 level. He earned 116.5 points of a possible 129.

Billy Hughes, Vaughn Elementary's first 100 point reader, is the son of Key Peninsula firefighter Robert Gauthier. He too got to ride the fire engine to school for submitting an exceptional emergency escape plan for his home.

Vaughn Elementary's Reading Chain

by Hugh McMillan

"Vaughn Elementary launched stringent efforts to improve school-wide reading skills this year," said Wanda May, a remedial reading specialist. "The following programs have played a part in helping students attain their maximum potential," she said.

"The Husky Read-at-Home Program took place from January to June 1999," May said. (Vaughn Elementary's mascot is the Husky.) "For every 100 minutes of reading in the home, students placed their names in a designated grade level container. Every Friday, names were drawn from each grade level. Students received a book of choice for a reward. At the end of each month, names were compiled, written on a paper 'link,' and formed into a paper chain. The chain now hangs in the school's hall, making a complete circle all around the building, showing reading success of the entire school population."

"Monthly tallies of reading minutes were graphed on a chart in the school foyer for visual access. The accumulated number of reading minutes was 450,000. This averages out to be 90 minutes a day for each student. The program was a great success," said May.

During the 1998/99 school year, many teachers at Vaughn implemented "The Accelerated Reading Program." It has raised motivation to read both in school, and in the home. Students feel personal pride as they

receive points for reading, as well as incentive rewards. This program is currently used by 50% of the staff. Many more teachers plan to come on board as computers become available and the program continues to show substantial growth in reading success.

"Another literary device used at Vaughn is The Life-long Reading Tree in our library," said May. "Students, teachers, parents and volunteers share titles of recommended books by writing summaries on paper 'leaves' which are then placed on the tree," she explained. Students are able to access suggested titles.

"Individual class teachers have many different ways to motivate reading," May said. "As a whole school, we have had a very successful year."

Lakes High School Reunion

The Class of 1969 of Lakes High School will be having their 30 year reunion. For more information please call (253) 582-3523.

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Evergreen Preschoolers Visit A Caboose

by Cyndy Myers

Sixteen children and accompanying adults gathered in a continuing rain at the, "very first all steel caboose ever to ride the Northern Pacific Railway." That's the way its owners, Hugh and Janice McMillan of Home, describe it. It's mounted on track and, in Hugh's words, "ready to go." It's in the McMillan's back yard.

The visitors were from the Key Peninsula Pre-School Co-op at Evergreen Elementary School. During the week leading up to our big outing the children brought toy trains to share with their classmates along with books and photos. Teacher Carol Gulczynski lead several activities throughout the week including paintings and paper collages. All of this built up the children's excitement before the day we arrived at the McMillans who, even on this rainiest of days, could not have been better hosts.

Those who attended were Stephanie Braun, Justin Cox, Katelyn Cummings and her grandma Pat Cummings, Justin Erickson and mom Lisa, Felicia Kolhage and mom Krissy, Jeremy McDonald and mom Olga, Cody Myers and mom and dad Cyndy and Don, and Johnny and Robert Sherman with mom Krissy, and teacher Carol Gulczynski.

Pat Cummings said, "It was not only entertaining, it was educational." Four year old Katelyn "could not stop talking about the train on the way back," she said.

When five year old Felicia Kolhage got home to tell her dad Pat about her day, through all her excitement, all she could get out was, "way cool!"

The Key Peninsula Pre-School Co-op is located at Evergreen Elementary and Vaughn Elementary Schools. The parent cooperative is run by families for the families. For parents who wish to participate in their child's early education, it offers an excellent opportunity.

Cooperative pre-schools have a 50 year history in Washington State. The Tacoma-Pierce county cooperative pre-schools have been affiliated with Bates Technical College for more than 30 years. Under Bates' Home and Family Life Department guidance, cooperatives have developed into small, nonprofit corporations controlled by each school's families. To succeed, each family must commit to participate in the school's activities and operations. Enrollment for Fall classes begins in April.

For information, call President Tom Lique at 884-3366 or vice President Cyndy Myers at 884-9262.



Photos by
Hugh McMillan

L to R: Justin Erickson, Johnny Sherman; Justin Cox, mom Melanie Cox, Cody Myers, Robert Sherman

behind Jeremy McDonald and his little brother, grandma Pat Cummings, and dad Don Myers.



L to R: Co-op vice President Cyndy Myers, at the top of the ladder leading into the caboose's cupola, Cody Myers, on the way up, Justin Erickson, and waiting to start the climb, Jeremy McDonald's. Centered at the door in back, teacher Carol Gulczynski. To her right, Felicia Kolhage and mom Krissy Kolhage on whose right is Lisa Erickson.

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KPMS 8th graders graduation. Photos by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula Middle School Graduates Its 8th Graders

by Hugh McMillan
 An NBA crowd cheering a final victory shot is almost mute compared to the shrieking roar of the graduating class as e- student came forward to receive a "Certificate of Completing the 8th Grade" and to shake hands with principal Jim Adams a staff members Rick Selfors, Dave Tarabochia, Carey Richmond, and Jennifer Durham.

Principal Adams opened the ceremonies to be followed by student speaker Louis Worley. Amy Lewis and Blythe McLoughlin performed Amazing Grace. They were followed by student speaker Sara Mountjoy-Pepka. Graduating student Maggie Morgan performed "Remember Me This Way."

The scene was a wall to wall crowd of parents, brothers, sisters, neighbors, etc. squeezed into the gymnasium at the Peninsula Middle School the evening of June 17. Dubbed, the "Moving On Ceremony," the occasion was the graduation ceremony for this year's KPMS 8th graders. They were dressed in "going to the opera" style, very attractive boys and girls taking another step toward adulthood.

Jason McWhirter gave the youngsters a rousing talk encouraging them to go forward and do their best. A closing slide show and musical accompaniment prepared by the yearbook staff brought cheers, laughter, and moist eyes. Assistant principal Connie West gave the closing address to a wall-rattling cheer from the graduating students, 192 of whose names appeared in the evening's program.



5th Grade graduates shrieking with delight, waving their certificates.

Evergreen Elementary Graduates Its 5th Grade Class

by Hugh McMillan
 In the Evergreen Elementary gym on June 17th, there was virtually no place to sit, hardly anyplace to stand it was so crowded with proud parents, siblings and friends. They were there to wish the graduating fifth grade class well.

prodigy off to their next year which in all likelihood will be at the Key Peninsula Middle School.

Principal Gary Culbertson served as master of ceremonies leaving most of the speech making to Michele Proctor and Bo Kepler, the two fifth grade teachers who were launching their

They called individual students to the microphone where they shook hands with the principal and both teachers and received a certificate of advancement to the applause and smiles of everyone in the room. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served in the office corridor of the main building.

Amnesty International Opens Peninsula Chapter

by Hugh McMillan

"Until today," said Joe Hendricks, Director of the recently formed Peninsula Chapter of Amnesty International, "the nearest chapter was in Kent; there isn't one in Tacoma."

At the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Chapter's first meeting on May 13th, the group wrote letters on behalf of human rights defenders Tengue Nestor and Gaybor Francois who were arrested by police, together with San'Anna Brice, in the capital, Lome, Togo, on May 3, 1999. All three are at risk of torture. They work for the Togolese Association for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights.

"For years," said Hendricks, "a constant stream of information about human rights violations in Togo has been emerging. Extra judicial executions, and 'disappearances' are carried out with total impunity in the country governed since 1967 by President Gnassingbe Eyadema. Arbitrary arrests followed by torture and ill-treatment, sometimes result in deaths in detention."

Founded in 1961, Amnesty International is a Nobel Prize winning grassroots activist organization with over a million members world wide. It works to free all prisoners of conscience detained anywhere for their beliefs or because of their ethnic origin, sex, color, or language - who have not used or advocated violence.

The local Amnesty International group seeks new members to help write letters on behalf of prisoners of

conscience and lead local Amnesty International activities. It meets in the Key Center Library every second Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 PM (June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, etc.). Its mailing address is P.O. Box 127, Vaughn, WA 98394.

At its next meeting, two short videos about Amnesty International will be shown and letters written on behalf of prisoners of conscience. Visitors are welcome.

For information, call Joe Hendricks on (253) 884-207.

Readers Ice Cream Day

by Hugh McMillan

It was Hawaii Day at Vaughn Elementary Friday, June 11th, and everyone was dressed accordingly.

In Doug Smith's fourth grade class, nine year old Pilar Viers, teacher of the day, led the class. She gained the honor by reading enough books to earn 108.5 points in the accelerated reading program. Pilar lives in Lake of the Woods where she has, "lots of friends, a six year old sister, two cats and a hamster. "She likes swimming, biking - "always with a helmet on" - hiking, camping, and reading." Right now she is reading *Little Women*. She thinks she "wants to be a cartoonist."

Smith's class and Beth Harrison's first graders got together for a year-long Reading Buddy celebration with an ice cream party and oodles of fancy toppings.

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Minter Elementary Creates "Sistine Chapel"

by Hugh McMillan

On Friday, June 11th, Minter Elementary fourth grade teachers Steve Hagen and Mrs. Leslie Stowell gave a tour of a class project to Ms. Hundert's second graders and to School Superintendent Mark Mitrovich.

Steve Leitz, Minter's principal, explained that the classes had painted a replica of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. They did this as part of their studies of Europe and European culture.

Each student involved painted a two by two foot square and blended lines and colors with all of the squares around them. The finished product measures 12 by 24 feet and has 72 squares. It took three weeks of hard work to complete.

In order to view the work properly, it is necessary to lie on your back under the huge painting which had been slipped into place on the framing for the overhead acoustical tiles.

When hoping to photograph superintendent Mitrovich, I failed to locate him. I asked principal Leitz if Mitrovich were there. Leitz pointed to the mass of students lying under the painting and said, "he's the big kid."



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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

During the month of June we started a course of study of the TOPS guide book "The Choice Is Yours." We want to emphasize that everyone has the choice to be fat or slim in most cases. At a recent seminar, we heard that most people who are overweight have made their choice to make wrong food choices. At TOPS we are encouraging members to change their ways and consciously make better choices. Along with the changes in diet (life style) adding even a little exercise will result in faster weight loss and higher metabolism. Health improvement is apparent at 5% to 15% weight loss! So you can help yourself to a healthier existence by just taking a few pounds off and let your body adjust to that lower weight, then take off another 5% to 15%, so you can be successful and lose the weight you need to without starvation methods. TOPS' whole plan is to take off pounds sensibly.

Louise Harrison was our speaker June 8th and shared her story of struggles and overcoming many difficulties. Louise lost over 80 pounds when

she first joined TOPS in 1996. Due to her work, school and family obligations, she changed chapters and started to put weight back on. Recognizing what she needed to do, Louise became more active in TOPS and took back control of her eating habits and is on track to get to her goal. Louise is an inspiration to all of the chapter members.

Carol Bischoff led us in the study of the first chapter in our book and also scheduled a skit to make it fun to learn.

Members who made good choices and lost the most weight in June were Louise Harrison, Jane Albrecht, Colleen Spezia and Evelyn Cannon. As a group 16 people lost 35 1/2 pounds.

If you have decided to make changes in your habits and would like encouragement from others who share the same feelings, you are welcome to come to our meetings at the Civic Center every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM to weigh-in privately and stay for the meeting and be taught and inspired by the other members. For more info call 884-4102.

Don't Miss Pioneer Day! Bring the Whole Family For Some fun in the Sun!

Marty Marcus (background) and "Reptile Round-up" at last year's Pioneer Day celebration.



T.O.P.S. Is Here For You

by Mary Nelson

Joining T.O.P.S. is more than attending a meeting once a week. It is support by individuals in that group. It is friendship and fun. It is recognition for your accomplishments toward better health and it is a national group that is constantly supplying you with ideas and health information.

T.O.P.S. News is a magazine sent out monthly to each member, full of success stories, recipes, personal recognition and inspiration. We encourage you to take advantage of this organization whose goal is to help you succeed.

The Morning T.O.P.S.#WA 1325 group meets at the Longbranch Improvement Club, about 1/2 mile south of the Evergreen Elementary School. Our meetings are from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Tuesdays. Babysitting is provided. For more information call Lisa (884-2251) or Ruth (884-9606). All are welcome.

Anna Hostetler, the best loser for the month of May, got to pick a very special prize from a Health and Beauty assortment which included a hairdo or nails (including pedicure) or clothing, etc. The prize she picked was a massage from the massage therapist in key Center. Way to go, Ann! Our next best loser, Lisa Lockes came in second with consistent losses. Congratulations, Lisa! You are both inspirations to us.

Dolores Argabright resigned as

leader this month. She will be attending the Gig Harbor group. Thank you so much Dolores for your contribution to the club. We hope you continue to be successful in your new group.

Lisa Lockes was elected Leader and Ruth Matthews remains as Co-Leader.

Today's Recipe is:
Individual Low Fat Pie Crusts.

- 1 slice bread for each crust
- 1 Can't Believe It's Not Butter Spray
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- Spray bread slice with butter spray.
- Combine cinnamon and NutraSweet. Sprinkle over bread, to taste.
- Spray muffin tins with butter spray.
- Tuck a slice of bread into each muffin cup, leaving the four corners sticking up and space in the center to put filling.
- Toast in oven (under the broiler) for a minute or two, until toasted. Fill with diet pudding, fruit, or eat alone as snack. Or leave off the sugar and fill with Creamed Chicken



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Angel Notes


by Frankie Johnson

There will be a lot of fun in the Angel Guild thrift shop in July! We have been given many Christmas decorations so our board and members decided to declare Christmas in July for the whole month! Those of us stocking and working in the store are very excited about the event. Come and do your Christmas decoration and gift shopping early. As many of our shoppers know, the store is newly stocked on Monday and Tuesday each week so Wednesday at 10:00 AM there is usually a line of shoppers waiting to get in. We do attempt to put fresh merchandise in the store all week as time permits.

We want to thank again the store owners in Key Center for their on-going help and support of the Angel Guild. Walt Schmidt and Claudia Loy have been very helpful.

Angel Guild continues to give back all proceeds to our community in the form of scholarships and donations to our local organizations who request in writing for help. The mailing address is 9013 KPHN, Lakebay, WA 98349.


New members are always welcome. Come to the meeting on the 4th Monday of every month at the library in Key center.



Tax Tips
by R. Marvin Keizer CTP

I have been asked; What should you do if you are self-employed (proprietor) of your own business when it comes to paying your withholding (estimated tax) tax on your net profits on your business? IRS requires that you file estimated tax payments on April 15th, June 15th, September 15th and January 15th. If you under pay these taxes, you can be subject to penalties and interest. As an alternative you may incorporate your business and pay yourself a salary and remit regular payroll tax deductions to IRS. We suggest you seek advice on this from your professional tax preparer.

**Have A Safe
4th Of July!**



TO YOUR HEALTH
by William F. Roes, MD

The biggest change over the last 100 years in Pediatrics has been the development and implementation of a comprehensive immunization program for all children. In keeping with my theme of 20th century developments in medicine, I'd like to look at the development of the vaccination program and where it's likely to go in the future.

The first effective vaccine against human diseases was developed by Dr. Edward Jenner for smallpox in 1776. Although research continued through the 1800's, vaccines for the common illnesses were not available. The first Nobel Prize for Medicine was awarded in 1901 for the development of the Diphtheria antitoxin, and Tetanus vaccine was first developed in 1927. The use of Tetanus immunizations for servicemen during World War II was probably responsible for saving thousands of lives, and following the war in 1948 it became available for widespread use in the

pediatric population. Similarly work on the Polio vaccine during the 1940's became a real vaccine for children in the 1950's. Since I became a physician in 1979 we've seen the development of vaccinations to prevent Hemophilus Influenzae (a common cause of serious bacterial infections), a vaccine against Hepatitis D and Varicella (chicken pox).

The next vaccine to be introduced for children is the Rotavirus vaccine, which will protect infants from a bad type of viral gastroenteritis. Research continues on vaccines against the common cold and the AIDS virus, and it's not unreasonable to expect the development of vaccines against certain types of cancer and even types of Diabetes in the 21st Century.

Although the progression of medical science in the development of these vaccines is impressive, the delivery of them to children is critical. In conjunction with the Key Peninsula Health Center, we have been providing a well child clinic each Tuesday at our office at 9:00 AM, available to all community children. The cost is \$10 with sliding fees available, so there is no reason that children of the Key Peninsula shouldn't be protected by the latest vaccines. If you have questions about the Well Child Clinic or immunizations in general, call us at 884-9221.


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Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan
Phone: 851-4847

"In the Mood", "Strawberry Roan", "Amazing Grace", "Star Dust"; any of these songs strike YOUR fancy? Well, some of them struck the fancy, or memory, of several of the KP Seniors who participated in June's SENIOR SURVEY on music choices. Question asked: "What is your favorite kind of music?" And from a group of 70 and 80 year olds, these are the results:

Country Western: 6, Classical: 3, Opera: 2, Big Band: 2, Gospel: 2, Waltz: 1, Oldies: 1*, Old-timers: 1*, Ballads: 1*, and "just so its music": 1.

Apparently, those marked with an asterisk (*), could be perhaps included in either Western, Big Band or Country Western. But, in any event, the results wouldn't be changed very much. At any rate, we note that rock-and-roll, hip-hop, and even jazz, were not included in responses.

ALSO, SR. SURVEY: We asked another question pertaining to the uses and value of the Community Civic Center here in Vaughn. Question: How do you think the Community Civic Center could additionally be used to benefit the community of Key Peninsula? Not

many responses to this question, but here they are:

1. Use as at present - community groups meetings and working together.
2. Have dances.
3. Need transportation for group trips.

If any of you readers have suggested answers, send them in to KP Seniors or to Irene Zimmer c/o this publication.

Don't know if we complimented Don Blakemore, or upset him when we mentioned that he was passing the 80 year mark last month. 'Tis a foul fib. Actually a mis-understanding. Don, chairman of the KPSS 20th Anniversary observance in September, (Thursday the 16th), is also VP of the group, and sends out an invite to all seniors to call and reserve a place for the big affair - it's FREE! Call 884-5052.

P.S. Don swears he's not yet 80.

Speaking of boo-boos. We made another last month and if you wondered who "Mauves Sack" is, there's no such person. She is Mavis Zacek, long time historian and Secretary of KPSS, whose sage advice should

have been: "Don't quote me until brain is in gear!!" We'll try to do better, Mavis.

The KPSS has been discussing the possibility of planning group trips, and attempting to determine which places would be the most wanted. Suggestions thus far have included: Olympia Farmers Market, Seattle's Pike Place Market and Ballard Locks, Puyallup Meeker Mansion, Westport, Ocean Shores, Long Beach & others. This would be on a "share-the-ride" basis and open to all. Dates for the summer will be set soon...if interested, KPSS member or not, call President, Chuck Williamson at 857-3029.

P.S. Chuck was one of the big hamburger chefs last month at the June 5th Civic Center Garage Sale.

Our Travelers

The Malmgrens flew to North Dakota for Walt's class reunion. Bea Emil also trekked to the Dakotas, but we can't get more information.

Bob Smith, whose spring cruise through the Panama Canal we recounted here not long ago, has just returned from a 14 day cruise to Spain and other spots. We'll get the details from him for next month's column.

Our cute story for the ending:

Young man eating in restaurant. Beautiful blond at table adjacent. She sneezes; he, with good reflexes, snatches her glass-eye, which has popped out of the socket, and hands it back to her. She thanks him, invites him to the theatre and to breakfast next morning, which he enjoys, but is puzzled. "Why have you chosen me for these favors, I'm neither handsome nor rich? Why?" "Well", she said, "It's just that... well.... You caught my eye."

Thank goodness...the END. See you next month.



Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

School is out for the summer and the kids are already bored. Why not bring them to the Key Peninsula Museum? We are open Thursdays and Saturdays. Find out about the piece of property you live on or how the children of the peninsula spent the summer.

The annual scholarship given by the Key Peninsula Historical Society was awarded to Kristina Federspiel, a senior at Peninsula High School. Kristina is the daughter of Pete and Vicki Judge of the Key Peninsula.

We are still looking for a few people to help with the continuing task of cataloging and computerizing the Museum's collection. If you are interested call Mary Krumbain at 884-4783. If cataloging and computers are not your thing then maybe gardening is more to your liking. The Historical Society is starting a new project, the clean up of the Penrose Memorial Garden. This garden was started in 1959. Call Tim Kezele at 884-4538 if you are interested in helping. It's time to pay your \$5 membership dues. Mail your check to the Key Peninsula Historical Society, P.O. Box 577, Vaughn, WA 98394.

If you have out of town guests coming for the 4th of July weekend who might want to see the Museum on Saturday, July 3rd, please call Mary Krumbain at 884-4783 to make an appointment.

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Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Assessment Completed, Key Peninsula's Coming Soon

Employees from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with area university students recently completed a community assessment of the Gig Harbor Peninsula. The results summarize residents' perceptions and attitudes of their community including issues of concern and highlights strengths of the community.

"This type of community assessment is intended to tell us about the priorities of the people who live here. The assessment report gives community members a collective voice, this can be a very powerful and useful tool for future community development and planning activities," according to Gail Brandt, Community Liaison with the Health Department's office located in Gig Harbor.

Residents were interviewed in person by a pair of interviewers. Those interviewed were asked general, open-ended questions about the community in order to allow them to discuss topics of greatest importance to them.

The information collected was then reviewed by assessment team mem-

bers who grouped people's comments into common themes. Follow-up recommendations were then drafted based on the comments and suggestions of those interviewed.

The main topics mentioned by residents of the Gig Harbor Peninsula were grouped into the categories of: neighborhoods and people, growth and development, health and safety and environmental conditions. Many believe the Gig Harbor Peninsula is a safe and beautiful place to live and have chosen to live there because it has a high quality of life. Concerns were expressed about the effect of growth and development on the environment and natural beauty of the area.

"The assessment is really just the beginning step," Brandt stated. "We are now sharing the results and recommendations with people in the community. What happens with this information is largely dependant on what community members and community leaders decide to do with it. Of course, we're here to assist as needed."

If you'd like to receive a copy of the full 40 page report, the 8 page executive summary or the one page summary, please contact the health department's Gig Harbor office by calling (253) 798-3535 or via e-mail to: gail_brandt@co.pierce.wa.us

The Health Department plans to conduct a similar community assess-

ment on the Key Peninsula in the near future. If you would like to learn more about the community assessment process or are interested in participating please call Marie Flake, Community Health Nurse at: (253) 798-4715 or e-mail her at marie_flake@co.pierce.wa.us

Fast-pitch Camp Highlighted by Visit From Gold Medal Pitcher

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US Olympic Gold Medal Coach. The camp is geared to girls ages 10-17. The dates are July 3-8 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and the cost is \$125 which includes a T-shirt, plus Gatorade and Domino's Pizza on the first day. Entry deadline is June 25th. For further information or to receive a registration form call (253)798-4053.



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PLEASE NOTE ANY SPECIAL PARADE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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We reserve the right to re-classify into other categories.
Categories listed may be sub-divided for judging purposes.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Pioneer Day Organization as well as all officers, employees and agents of those organizations, from any injury, damage or loss arising out of the applicant's participation in Pioneer Day activities.

Entry Fee is \$2.00 if you register before July 15, 1999
\$5.00 between July 15, 1999 and August 6, 1999



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P.O. Box 82
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Special Instructions: _____

PIONEER DAY BOOTH APPLICATION

August 7, 1999

RENTAL FEES:

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Electrical Hookup - Add \$20.00

**PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO SEPARATE CHECKS; ONE FOR THE
RENTAL FEE AND ONE FOR THE \$50 SECURITY DEPOSIT.
(DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE AFTER INSPECTION OF BOOTH AREA.)**

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For more information, call the Civic Center at 253/884-3456

REMARKS: _____

PEP-C Needs Volunteers

by Hugh McMillan

At its quarterly meeting on June 7th, the Board and membership of PEP-C (the Peninsula's Emergency Preparedness Committee) concluded that its membership must be increased.

Among other things, "We can count our blessings," said General Chairman Pat Gregory. "When you consider the incredible and apparently growing number of disasters worldwide; floods, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes and typhoons, earthquakes, mud slides, terrorist attacks... we have really been lucky," Gregory said. And added, "so far."

Largely for health reasons, the group's cadre of neighborhood preparedness trainers has downsized. Dave Watson, chairman of PEP-C's executive board, said, "this is a critical area of our responsibilities and we simply have got to enlist the services of a volunteer to oversee this activity." The group also has a need for several volunteers to carry out the work of that committee.

PEP-C works in cooperation with the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Fire Departments, the Peninsula

School District, Pierce County and Washington State emergency managers, the Peninsula Light Company, Century Tel, and other utilities as well as HAMS and the Peninsula Amateur Radio Emergency Team to help prepare our citizens for self-sufficiency in emergencies.

The group sells barrels for emergency water storage monthly and needs help handling the sales. It's a pleasant, non-exertive task and gives you a chance to meet your neighbors. We could use two to four hours of your assistance once or twice a month and would happily provide whatever training might be necessary.

Watch the *Peninsula Gateway* and *Key Peninsula News* for dates and locations of sales of these barrels.

There is room for more licensed amateur radio operators to join our emergency communications committee.

PEP-C meets quarterly and alternately at the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Fire Departments' headquarters. Meetings rarely last more than two hours.

As one board member put it, "being

part of PEP-C gives you a chance to hobnob with the bestest, givingest people and let's you feel good knowing that you're involved in maybe saving someone's life, maybe a whole bunch of lives."

For information, please call general Chair Patrick Gregory, (253) 858-9056, secretary JoAnne Gray (253) 265-8510 or e-mail: jgray@ptinet.net or write PEP-C, P.O. Box 1217, Gig Harbor, WA 9833-3217.



Retired And Senior Volunteer Program

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, sponsored by The American Red Cross, has the following volunteer opportunities:

Mediators and community/school tutors for the Summer Family Literacy Program. All training provided.

For more information call Mildred or Joan at (253) 474-1700

Fire Districts 5 And 16 And Mary Bridge Size Free Bicycle Helmets

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Fire Departments teamed up with four representatives of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma to correctly size and provide free bicycle helmets to 4th grade students at the Evergreen Elementary School on May 14th.

Peggy Fjetland, Susan Asbell, Paula Adams, and Sheila Grennan represented the Mary Bridge Safety Center program which provides free bicycle helmets to fourth graders throughout the area. "Face it," said Fjetland, "kids fall off bikes. If they're wearing a helmet, we might not need to see them at all but if we do their chances of sustaining debilitating injuries are reduced substantially."

Gig Harbor Fire Safety Officer, Nanette Tatum, worked closely with Key Peninsula Fire personnel, Todd Van Scoyk, Michael Riegle, Dale Heidal, Geoff North and Lt. Chuck West throughout the procedure.

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Deputy Fuller Gives A Third Of A Century

by Hugh McMillan

Pierce County Sheriff's Department Corporal Bob Fuller hung it up Friday, June 4th, after 33 years. That's a third of a century!

He was honored by a wall to wall crowd of well wishers at his retirement party at the Gig Harbor Eagles. Well wishers included Pierce County Director of Public Safety Chuck Robbins, Sheriff Mark French, and Fuller's immediate boss, Sgt. Ross Herberholz of the Peninsula Detach-

ment of the Pierce County Sheriff.

A high point of the celebration was the presentation to Bob of the keys to a car wrapped in opaque plastic. When, on the insistence of the "gift givers" he turned the key in the ignition, there was a burst of non-lethal pyrotechnics.

Several officers of the Washington State Patrol, volunteer members of Citizens Against Crime, the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Fire Departments, local businesses, and community leaders were there to say thanks

to Bob.

He spent almost all of his career with the Sheriff's Department on assignment to Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula.

"He knows every highway, road, trail, house, person, you name it, on these peninsulas," said Herberholz, "and we're going to miss him and his treasure of knowledge."

Several people who participated in a "roast" of Bob emphasized that, "he always wore a smile and was liked even by the bad guys he took to jail."



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