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## Dog agility event scampers into Volunteer Park

By Alice Kinerk, KP News

A dog agility event is scheduled for Aug. 2 and 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Volunteer Park. Although the event will be hosted by Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington, it is open to all AKC registered breeds.

An obstacle course will be set up so that dogs' skills can be assessed by a judge. Participating dogs will have the opportunity to run the trial one at a time, led by a handler. All dogs, from those just beginning agility training to those with expert skills, are welcome. Dogs must be over the age of 15 months and have an AKC number to participate.

However, there is much more to the event than just dogs jumping through hoops. In keeping with the club's outreach efforts, a portion of the collected funds will go to area rescue groups.

Representatives from CHEW of Gig Harbor will be at the event on Saturday and Old Dog Haven will attend on Sunday. For folks looking to adopt a dog, there will be information about dogs available locally.

The club also works to promote the betterment of the breed, participating in several events each year to educate the public about how to properly care for dogs.

"We try to promote good dog wellness for all breeds," said Jenell Johnson, a member of Boston Terrier Club of



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

**Pudge, a Boston terrier, navigates the tunnel as part of her agility training, following the commands of her owner, Jenell Johnson, of Minter. There will be a dog agility event Aug. 2 and 3 at Volunteer Park.**

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## KP couple goes public in search of life-sustaining kidney

By Scott Turner, KP News

Longbranch resident Kim Gebhardt needs a kidney.

About six years ago, she was diagnosed with kidney disease.

"I thought I had tension headaches so I was taking a lot of ibuprofen — probably four tablets every two hours," Gebhardt, 51, said. "Ibuprofen will kill your kidneys, and it turned out that I had extremely high blood pressure."

So high, in fact, that her doctor put her into the hospital immediately and started doing tests.

"When your blood pressure is that high,

it affects your kidneys," she said. "All my other organs looked OK, but my kidneys looked questionable."

So her doctor began to monitor her every three months as Gebhardt slowly progressed from stage 3 to stage 5 kidney disease.

"Stage 5 is when they usually put you on dialysis," said Kim's husband, Jim Gebhardt, 54. "It's the red-flag stage where they also put you on the list for a kidney transplant."

According to the National Kidney Foundation, a person's Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) is the best overall index of kidney function, because it shows how

well the kidneys filter the body's blood. As of mid-July, Kim's GFR was 15.

"If you're 90 or above, your kidneys are in good shape," Kim said. "My numbers have been slowly, steadily declining."

She's now on the national list, searching for a life-saving kidney donor.

She's checked all the possible donors in her family, but none of them match, so now the Gebhardts are trying to get the word out that Kim needs a donor to, essentially, save her life with a new kidney.

"For me, it's just surreal, because I feel good," she said. "But the doctors are say-

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ing that I'm on that point where I need a transplant.”

It's a quiet disease, her husband said. "It's something that creeps up on you, and she doesn't have a lot of the symptoms like being tired all the time. But you're in a place where you know that something's going to happen. She's handling it like a real trooper."

Kim has been on the waiting list for three months, along with 100,601 other people in the United States, according to the kidney foundation's website.

The average wait for people with Type O blood — Kim's type — is three years.

And every month, nearly 2,500 new patients are added to the list and, on average, 14 people die each day while they're waiting for a transplant.

In 2013, slightly more than 14,000 patients got lucky and received new kidneys. While most came from deceased donors, nearly 5,000 came from living donors.

The majority of the people on the donor list — 61 percent — are women.

"The thing is," said Jim, "you don't have to die to be a donor. People can help now. And just about ev-

eryone can function just fine with just one kidney. But donating a kidney is really a major decision to make."

The next step for Kim is to have a fistula placed into one of her veins so that when she starts dialysis, "they can get the needle in more easily," she said.

The fistula procedure will happen within the next three months, because it takes about six months for the incision to heal. "I might not need dialysis for awhile, but this way I'll be ready," she said.

Fortunately, the Gebhardts have insurance, which pays for most of the costs. The transplant center at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, where Kim is a patient, also pays for some things, Kim said. Still, the couple has a lot of expenses.

They've printed up some business cards, which they're distributing throughout the Peninsula, that ask potential kidney donors to get in touch by email.

They've also recently set up a Facebook page — *KimneedsakidneyGebhardt* — where they'll be posting progress reports about her condition.

For information on how to become a donor, or to learn more about kidney disease, visit *donatelife.net* or *kidney.org*.



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

**Key Peninsula residents Kim and Jim Gebhardt are hopeful that someone local will step up and donate a kidney. Kim Gebhardt has stage 5 kidney disease and is on a waiting list for a vital organ.**

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## Key Pen Parks PROGRAM GUIDE

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### Summer Camps

Week long specialty programs

**ECO ADVENTURE: FARM TOUR**  
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**Ages:** 8-12 **Fee:** \$109 **Location:** meets at Volunteer Park  
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**Ages:** 8-12 **Fee:** \$135 **Location:** Volunteer Park  
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Key Pen Parks, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Pierce County, and many other local agencies will lead families through hands-on learning and fun activities, including sing-a-long songs about water, slugs, trees, and the Puget Sound, interactive demonstrations about composting, watershed awareness, recycled art, and stewardship of our natural resources.

### Cinema Under THE STARS

**Free Movies at Volunteer Park on FRIDAY NIGHTS August 1 - 29**  
 Pre-Movie Activities at 6:30pm: Showtime at 8:30!  
 Bring chairs, blankets, & snacks:  
 Murph's BBQ is open too!  
*\*Suggested Donation: Non-Perishable food items for local food bank*

- 8/1 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
- 8/8 Despicable Me 2
- 8/15 THE LEGO MOVIE
- 8/22 WALL-E
- 8/29 Frozen



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### Upcoming Events in 2014

- Sept. 20 - Shake & Bake at 360 Trails, 10 am to 4 pm, a fun mountain biking event.
- Sept. 20 - Play Day: Never Leave the Playground, 10 am to noon, Civic Center
- Oct. 5 - KP Farm Tour, 10 am to 4 pm
- Oct. 18 - Harvest Party, 6 to 8 pm, Volunteer Park
- Dec. 7 - Breakfast with Santa, 9 to 11 am, KP Fire Station

**Stay tuned for public discussions regarding the future development of Gateway Park!**





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- Call (253) 798-4788

Savings are available for a limited time. Log on today!



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Western Washington and one of the event's organizers. This includes providing information about how to choose a dog that is right for your family and lifestyle, the responsibilities of dog ownership, and tips on keeping your dog healthy.

Similar agility events had occurred at Volunteer Park in past years, typically hosted by the Gig Harbor Kennel Club. However, when that group declined to host this time, the Boston Terrier group stepped in to make sure the tradition continued.

"We're not sure what happened with the Gig Harbor club, but we wanted to keep this going because dog agility is pretty big in this area," Johnson said. "Last time we checked, we had over 100 agility entries per day."

This is not the first event hosted by Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington.

"We host two conformation shows of Boston terriers only, and have other events throughout the year. We host two other all-breed agility trials, the last weekend of the year in Elma, and the third weekend of March in Auburn," said Helen Johnson, Jenell's mother-in-law and the club's agility

chairperson.

According to Helen Johnson, the event will be fun and informative for dog lovers in the area, even those who do not have a participating dog.

"This is a great spectator sport and something that is free to watch. We will have staff on-site to answer any questions and can help people understand the importance of dog and handler relationships for this sport. I learn so much every time I watch agility and it makes me become a better agility handler of my dogs," Johnson said.

In addition to registration fees, funds will be collected through raffles scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. A silent auction also is tentatively planned, pending donations.

Organizers want to get the message out that although human spectators are welcome, nonparticipating dogs will be restricted from this area of Volunteer Park while the event is occurring. As the park has multiple fields, dogs are welcome in nonevent areas.

For information about the dog agility event, visit the club's Facebook page, contact Helen Johnson at (360) 692-1440, or visit the website at [bostonbarker.com](http://bostonbarker.com).

## 2014 ballot measures and candidates

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

It's election time again. There may be only two measures, a school levy and a school bond, but there are many candidates — with the vast majority running unopposed. The primary is Aug. 5.

**U.S. representative:** Incumbent Derek Kilmer is challenged by W. McPherson, Marty McClendon and Douglas Milholland.

**State senator:** Jan Angel is challenged by Judy Arbogast.

**State representative:** Jesse Young is challenged by Bill Scheidler and Nathan Schlischer.

**State representative:** Larry Seaquist is

challenged by Michelle Calder.

**County auditor:** Julie Anderson, unopposed.

**Prosecuting attorney:** Mark Lindquist, unopposed.

**County councilmember:** Stan Fleming is challenged by Derek Young.

**Supreme Court justices:** Two opposed, two unopposed.

**Court of Appeals judges:** Unopposed.

**Superior Court judge:** Unopposed.

**District Court judges:** One opposed, seven unopposed.

**Precinct committee officers:** For Key Peninsula, nine precincts (18 positions), only one opposed.

## KP Farm Tour calls for vendors

The KP Farm council invites vendors and entertainers to contact them if they want to participate in this year's Key Peninsula Farm Tour.

Deadline for program inclusion on the farm tour publication is Aug. 15.

The tour is a free family event on Oct. 4, and is planned and staffed by volunteers. The council plans the farm tour on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m., at Home Fire Station. For information, call 884-9157.



## August ballot measure is based on public input

Peninsula School District will be asking voters in August to approve a capital bond and a levy. The proposed ballot measures are the result of extensive feedback the district and the school board sought from the community in the past few months.

The two ballot measures complement each other. Should both of them be approved by voters, the \$60 million bond will be used to finance capital improvements and upgrades and the levy will be reduced to only pay for technology needs.

If both measures pass, the bond will cost property owners 92 cents per \$1,000 in assessed property values, and the levy will cost 4 cents per \$1,000.

“The ballot measures are the result of the board listening and compromising. The two pieces don’t compete but rather complement each other,” said Superintendent Chuck Cuzzetto.

The changes the board made as a result of the community input include:

- Proposing both a levy and a bond and making the levy contingent if the bond passes;
- Creating a plan that would not cost taxpayers more than \$1 per \$1,000 in assessed property values;
- Using the bond for long-term capital projects and launching projects that are part of the 30-year facilities plan;
- Designing the measures so no tax increase will be required while continuing to finance the 30-year plan;
- Adding Key Peninsula Middle School to the list of major projects.

“The two measures work together to meet the needs of the community,” Cuzzetto said. “The board tried to come up with a plan that will work for everybody while meeting the needs--we listened to Key Peninsula.”

For more information, visit the PSD website at [psd401.net](http://psd401.net), or follow via social media (Facebook/[psd401](https://www.facebook.com/psd401) and Twitter/[psd401](https://twitter.com/psd401)).

## Safety Grant

We are pleased to announce that our district was awarded an Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) safety grant for \$65,356. The grant allows us to hire an expert consultant to assess safety needs at all 15 of our schools and the Soundview Building. The grant also allows for the installation of “panic buttons” to expedite 911 response times, as well as the purchase of software and applications that will be integrated as part of our emergency response system.

## Calendar 2014-2015

School starts on Wednesday, September 3, at the regular start time (late start begins the following Wednesday) and the last day is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015, subject to change with weather conditions. Graduation dates are as follows: GHHS June 14, 2015; HBHS June 12, 2015; PHS June 14, 2015; Community Transition Program, to be determined.

### Other key dates:

- 9/10 - Late start Wednesdays begin
- 12/23-1/3 - Winter break
- 2/17-21 - Mid-winter break
- 4/14-18 - Spring break

## What is SchoolMessenger?

SchoolMessenger is a rapid notification system used by PSD. It specializes in school-to-home communication. Schools can use the system to inform parents and staff about a number of things including attendance, wildlife alerts, and school closures or delays, among other matters.

### How do I update my contact information?

If you are a parent/guardian, you need to annually complete registration paperwork, making certain your primary contact number and email address is provided. If your number changes, please notify your children(s) schools to ensure all records are accurately maintained.

If you are a staff member, you need to email your district payroll representative who will update your records with your primary phone number and email address.



Key Peninsula Middle School was added to the proposed list of major projects to be completed if the Peninsula School District bond passes the August 5 vote.

**Central Office Summer hours** - The District Office is open all summer long; however, we reduce our “public hours” to 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through August 15. If you need assistance outside our public hours, please feel free to call (253) 530-1044 or (253) 530-1048.

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# Peninsula Views

## Camping with a real Big Foot, the final chapter

The year was 1972. Forests were receding instead of my hairline, and I was a strapping young man of 22.

During that endless summer, my two friends and I decided

to spend a weekend in the wilderness near Mount Rainier. One was Wayne Hanson, a childhood buddy. The other was a gentleman I had met and befriended in college. His name was Abduhlmossen Ali Alsaif, and he was from Saudi Arabia.

One sunny Saturday, the three of us backpacked on the Green Water Lakes trail just off highway 410. The trail was mostly uphill and after two grueling hours, we arrived at Second Lake, where we made camp. The lake is glacier fed and always extremely cold. There's a small island that sported a lean-to for campers. A large, downed tree provided its only access, and passage was precarious when carrying a pack.

That evening just as dusk was turning into night, someone or something began throwing softball-sized rocks at us. The rocks were thrown from the distant shore, too far for a human to throw them. The rocks were coming from about 75 yards away.

We could plainly see the rocks as they landed near us, but it was too dark, even with my six-cell flashlight, to get any glimpse of the throwers. After about two hours of this nonsense, we were tired and

### Steven Whitford Words of Whit



wanted to sleep, so I drew and aimed my .36-caliber Drogoon at the sky and let go a loud, fiery blast that ended the rock throwing immediately. The next morning we hiked back out to civilization speculating that perhaps a bear could have thrown the rocks, but a ranger we met said bears can't throw rocks.

A few years later, Hanson died from black lung disease at the age of 25. Abdul returned to Saudi Arabia to fulfill his destiny with the military, and I'm the only one left here to tell the story. It was years later that I learned that it's extremely common for Big Foot to throw rocks.

A long time ago, there were two different types of humanoids, man and Neanderthal. Neanderthals were thought to have gone extinct some 60,000 years ago, but during this time they interbred with man for thousands of years. Neanderthals were similar in appearance to the legendary Big Foot and maybe, just maybe, they were smarter than our ancestors. Seeing man's propensity for destruction, perhaps they chose to live apart from us and in secret. Someday we will find the indisputable proof of their existence and for Big Foot, that day will be sad.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New food bank concerns

Rural areas like ours offer a special challenge for people who want to help others feed their families healthy food.

Why so many food banks? The oldest food bank in the area is able to supply people who need help about three days per month of groceries. Food banks are not just about distributing food to people who need it, but they must first find that food and other donations needed to run and maintain the facility.

Here is my perception about how food banks are funded:

- Private contributions
- Corporate contributions
- Government contributions
- Donations of food from local groceries
- Fundraising activities
- Community food drives

Other than government, it appears the corporations and individuals who contribute are fairly local. Government contributions depend on how many people the food bank is able to help.

Even if the newer food banks bring in lots of their own money, they will eventually be soliciting contributions away from existing food banks.

Fundraisers are also supported by the local community, where there are only so many funds available to raise. Fundraising is an investment that takes time and money to organize, and if the funds don't show, the food bank might lose money while trying to raise it.

I believe food banks should compete with poverty, not each other. Some food banks are close to more people, but even a mile can be too far to walk, especially when food is carried home. A vast majority of people drive to visit food banks.

Every food bank must support a building, (and/or truck), electricity — including refrigeration, sanitary conditions, mar-

keting, paperwork and more.

Consolidating efforts always means more success achieving goals. Are there reasons why all the efforts couldn't be consolidated into the location south of Home? That facility seems to have been built for this function. Every time another food bank opens on the Peninsula, the resources shrink for the original food bank. Perception of value by the public is important. Why not cooperate?

*John P Earls  
Lakebay*

### Fair and responsible

It is unfortunate that Citizens for Responsible School Spending did not keep their word and support Proposition 1. Instead, their supporters continue to spread false misinformation about both school funding measures on the Aug. 5 ballot.

To clarify things, the community needs to know that every alternative to these funding measures has been explored. Class sizes have increased. Portable classrooms have been added. Programs have been moved to schools that have some capacity left. Peninsula schools have been closed to out-of-district students. New neighborhoods have been redistricted. Countless families are being negatively affected by these changes.

Asking for capital financing is not the first plan, but rather, the last resort that has been five years in the making. Can you imagine what Gig Harbor North is going to look like in 2015? Have you seen the massive construction that has taken place? Where are all of those new students supposed to attend school with Purdy currently overcrowded?

Redistricting is merely a temporary band-aid which might work for about

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# Walking together for 90 years

Anybody remember 1924? Four planes left Seattle that spring for the first-ever flight around the world, and the first Winter Olympics were hosted in France.

J. Edgar Hoover was appointed head of the FBI. Poet Robert Frost won a Pulitzer Prize. George Mallory died on the slopes of Mount Everest. Little Orphan Annie showed up in the comics. The Washington Senators won the World Series. Macy's hosted its first Thanksgiving Day Parade. Calvin Coolidge was reelected as U.S. president.

Closer to home, the Key Peninsula found itself growing and developing. Steamboats gave way to railroads and automobiles. Native Americans found their ancient land being settled by white newcomers. Telephone lines helped the growing population stay in contact with each other.

In August of that year, a small group of men and women officially formed the Lakebay Community Church. For \$205 they bought the Lakebay schoolhouse, where they had been meeting for classes. The Lakebay Ladies Club raised the necessary funds to make the purchase and to cover the cost of renovations.

For the past 90 years, Lakebay Community Church, the church where I serve as pastor, has been part of the Key Peninsula landscape. We're not the oldest church, we're not the largest church, we've never been a perfect church. But those 90 years have seen a lot of good work. Ninety years of weddings and funerals, 90 years of feeding hungry people. Ninety years of offering hope and friendship to lonely and hurting people.

They haven't always been easy years. There were seasons when the church shut down due to financial constraints. In the 1970s, a fire gutted the old sanctuary. In the 1990s, vandals broke into the new sanctuary and created a large mess.

Through it all, for 90 years, this church has been deeply woven into the local community. In the early days, Dr. Stephen Penrose would row over from his vacation spot overlooking Puget Sound and preach at Lakebay services. Sitting above the Lakebay Marina, for many years the church was at the center of town. For a short while, the ramshackle house in the yard of the marina served as the Lakebay Church parsonage.

In the eight years I've been here, I've had the privilege of meeting some of the KP's

**Dan Whitmarsh**  
Writing by Faith



oldest residents. I've heard stories of the first cars on the peninsula and of ships overturning in Mayo Cove. I've listened to accounts of life in Home Colony and of loggers clearing dense old-growth forests. I've enjoyed walking through the cemetery next to the church and finding the gravestones of many of the original pioneers of this area.

We've been here for 90 years and are proud to be part of the community that is Lakebay. We're throwing a party after our Aug. 10 service, and you're all invited for some cake and ice cream. As pastor of this church, I wanted to thank you for letting us be a part of your world all these years. Lakebay is a good place to call home and we're honored to share it with you.

*Dan Whitmarsh is pastor of Lakebay Community Church. He can be reached at dan@lakebayconemant.net.*

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### Dog Days of Summer

**Bruce Macdonald, Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, Treasurer**  
*Macdonald has been a board member at the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association since the early 1990's and was president from 2009-2012.*

No sooner is the Civic Center fireworks stand safely tucked away under the firs for another year, than... there is nothing but all this talk of the "dog days" of summer.

Everyone starts to move a little slower and more reluctantly, emails are ignored for the time being and we spend more time on our porches panting and dozing in the heat of the day... tails flopping lazily. The mere mention of a meeting sends shivers down the spin, or elicits a groan from the depths.

Well, the Civic Center Board has chosen to fight back against this lethargy. Our prescription for overcoming this affliction... have a Party! Well, not exactly a party but, rather, a gathering.

Instead of our usual Board Meeting on August 14th, we will be hosting those of you who wish to meet the Board to discuss anything Key Peninsula and Civic Center related. Join us to offer advice and/or help, and just share in what being from the Key is all about.

Blend has generously opened their doors to us and to you... we will be receiving guests and serving from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Thursday, August 14th. We are very eager to hear from you on how we might better serve our community... please join us.

Having already brought up the Fireworks Stand... we are happy to report our most profitable and successful year of fireworks sales in the last decade. All of this is due to our great organizer, our volunteers, and especially to all of YOU who buy your WORKS at our stand.

As you surely know, fireworks stand profits stay here on the Peninsula and that money helps us keep the doors open at the Civic Center 363 days a year. Special thanks are due to our Prince of the Punks - Board Member Scott Dervaes. Scott starts his yearly planning for these "dog days of summer" in February, which culminates

in the parking lot of the Food Market in Key Center.

Scott gets able assistance throughout the year from the Civic Center's Marketing & Facilities Coordinator, Holly Hendrick, and our Caretaker, James Allyn. Then, for the seven days that we're down in Key Center, KPCC Board Members, Boy Scouts, Friends of the KP Civic Center, and other volunteers staff the stand.

Thanks to all of you... Phil Bauer, Scott Dervaes, Chloe Duttry, Peggy Gablehouse, Stephanie Flintoff, Tracy & Eric Geiss, Claudia Jones, Sharon Kaffer, Sherri LaGood, Claudia & Dale Loy, Bruce Macdonald, Loyd Miller, Don & Judy Mills, Mitchell Nelson, Cheryl & Jacob Ozbirn, Ted Ralston, Amy Shaver, Stephanie-Lynn Stevens, Irene Torres, and Kat Wingers. What a team!

Remember Flavor of Fall is coming in early October... it is one of the premiere social events on the Key Peninsula. This event, dinner and auction, is so special we only do it every other year (every year and we would be having way TOO much fun).

Calls and letters have gone out seeking sponsorships and support. Equally as important are donated items, product and gifts that can be used in the auctions. If you are contacted by friends or neighbors, please think seriously about donating something to our efforts. This is our biggest fundraiser and the profits need to sustain us for two years.



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(From Letters, Page 6)

18 months. Ideally, that amount of time could be used to build a new elementary school.

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*Jodi Olive  
Gig Harbor*

### Farm to cease tours

It is with great sadness that Gentle Giant Meadows Ranch has had to withdraw from the Key Peninsula Farm Tour this year and for the foreseeable future.

We have, for the past few years, enjoyed the honor and privilege of sharing our life and our beautiful ranch with the hundreds of farm visitors who brought their grandparents, children and grandchildren to the ranch the first weekend in October.

Sadly, as a result of an inquiry with our insurance agent relating to a premium payment and a side question about coverage of the Farm Tour, we have been dropped without discussion or options from our policy.

The well-known company has covered us for the past 10 years and we had no idea that we had been violating our policy

agreement.

Our ranch has been able to survive because we board horses, which is an agricultural activity. Sadly, horse boarding and farm tours are not covered by the insurance. We are a ranch and apparently “slaughtering” is not considered an acceptable activity, either, on a livestock ranch.

Clearly, the company was unprepared to compromise and we found ourselves summarily uninsured. Not only are we unable to participate in the Farm Tour, but our “give back” policy of opening the ranch to local schools and senior living facilities has had to be canceled.

We never charged for these farm tours, just requested a donation for the food bank. We were happy to give our time and share our blessings in a wonderful community. Sadly our horses, cows and sheep can no longer entertain young and old visitors, city kids will never again “discover” an egg in a nest box and we will never again enjoy the smiles and joy of our visitors.

The company hasn't just canceled our insurance, they have taken something very special from us and our community, young and old.

You can still enjoy our ranch fresh eggs at our farm gate. Oh yes, we are not insured for that activity either, even though we are a WSDA licensed egg dealer. Thanks for being such a loving, supportive community.

*Greg and Maureen Sikora  
Vaughn*

## MAFCA rolls to Longbranch

By Hugh McMillan, KP News

The Model A Ford Convention of America took place on a very warm, sun-drenched day on the Key Peninsula, July 16.

The vehicles, 160 in all, assembled at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, and to the delight of surprised onlookers, ultimately proceeded down the Key Peninsula Highway to the farm and “old iron and car collection” of Fred Leenstra in Longbranch.

The Fords (originally built in the early 1900s) came from all over.

One couple drove from North Carolina via a circuitous route they said ate up 5,376 miles. Another couple had their

Model A shipped from their home in New Zealand. Many were from the three West Coast states. At least one was from Alberta, Canada.

Most all of the vehicles appeared to have been driven off the showroom floor.

Attendees compared notes, ogled another's cars, did some repair work and all assembled at tables on the farm's lawn for an outdoor buffet lunch catered by Warthog BBQ Pit of Fife.

Following lunch, a tour of the farm and enjoying the spectacular view of Puget Sound with Mount Rainier on the horizon, one by one they moved on their way and the farm returned to normal before nightfall.



## Horseshoe Lake norovirus concern concludes

By Rick Sorrels, KP News

About 300 park visitors reported sickness after visiting Horseshoe Lake Park. The first report was on July 13, which closed the park on July 14. The park reopened on July 19.

Weekly lab testing of water samples showed no bacterial or other problems. Samples sent to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta also showed negative for bacteria and norovirus.

"Swimmers and others with contact with the lake water reported stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, typical flu-like symptoms, except that the high fever and body aches which accompany the flu were not present. This combination of symptoms convinced us that we were dealing with a norovirus," said Jim Zimny, the Food and Living Environment Program Manager for the Kitsap Public Health District.

"Another difference is that the diarrhea and vomiting are more violent with a norovirus, but it passes very quickly, with recovery within 24 hours," said Zimny. "With a highly contagious, virus-like norovirus, it is critical that people who are ill stay away from public beaches and recreation waters for at least 48

hours after they start feeling better."

Zimny said that norovirus is the most common of all viruses, with more than 80 million cases reported each year.

Among all of its 24 lakes, Kitsap County has only experienced one case of a norovirus outbreak before, which also happened at Horseshoe Lake, back in 2010.

"It is important to not go into the water if you are experiencing any sickness," Zimny said. "It is also important to wash (preferably shower) thoroughly both before you go into the water and after you exit the water. You also need to wash your hands after splashing or getting splashed along the shoreline. Touching food after contact can spread the virus quickly."

Sun exposure on shallow lake water, like Horseshoe Lake, helps kill off the norovirus fairly quickly. The virus is more persistent in deeper waters. This fact helped eliminate all trace of the virus quickly, so that the park could reopen after just a few days.

A little common sense helps greatly when exposed to public facilities, Zimny said. Horseshoe Lake does have shower facilities available. An estimated 2,500 people visit the park during a hot summer day.

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## Mentors of the Month

Selected by **Communities In Schools of Peninsula**

**Math Mentor: Margaret Buchanan**  
Margaret Buchanan has been a math mentor at Kopachuck Middle School and Peninsula High School for three years. Margaret moved to Gig Harbor in 1980 and has four children who graduated from Gig Harbor High School. She has an Engineering Degree from University of Texas in Austin.

Margaret explained "I love showing students that math can be fun!" She continued "I love showing them why we need math and why it matters."  
Margaret went on to say, "The program is so rewarding and the kids really appreciate it. It's about improving their sense of worth, and I get more out of it than the kids do!"  
Nice job, Margaret, we can't thank you enough!  
- Communities In Schools.

**Reading Mentor: Judy Dresser**  
Judy Dresser has been a reading mentor for eight years at Minter Creek Elementary School. Judy moved to the area in 2000 from Anchorage, Alaska. She had her own business there as an accountant, and worked for her husband's CPA firm. Judy has a solid belief that reading is the basis for all learning and she loves the one-on-one relationships with her students.  
Judy shared that "It doesn't always happen, but I mentored the same boy for three years. He trusted me to be there for him, and we are still close. He knew I was going to be around to help him."  
She concluded "It just takes an hour a week from a caring adult."  
Judy, thank you so much for caring.  
- Communities In Schools.

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# Lakebay man jailed, charged with the murder of his KP girlfriend

KP News staff report

On June 30, Lakebay resident William Grisso reported his girlfriend, Nancy Gardner-Edwards, missing.

On July 10, Grisso, 41, was charged with her murder.

The following night, Key Peninsula residents gathered at Palmer Lake for a candlelight vigil in memory of Gardner-Edwards, described by her friends as bubbly and kind, and a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Her body was found a few days later in Belfair, according to Ed Troyer, spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's deputies believe Grisso shot Gardner-Edwards then dumped her body in Mason County.

Evidence pointed to Grisso as the primary suspect because the statements he made to police didn't make sense, Troyer said.

Grisso had told police that he found Gardner-Edwards' cell phone, wallet and keys in their house, but that Gardner-Edwards and her gun were missing.

Detectives, however, noticed what appeared to be blood on Grisso's shoes, and later found blood and Gardner-Edwards' gun in his car.

By tracing the coordinates of several photos of flowers taken on her cell phone, investigators went to the location where the photos had been taken, where they found her body.



Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

Palmer Lake residents and other concerned citizens gather for a candlelight vigil for murder victim Nancy Gardner-Edwards last month.

According to Troyer, Grisso couldn't explain how Gardner-Edwards' phone could have taken the photos in Belfair, because he had earlier told police that the phone was in his house that day.

In addition, neighbors had reported hearing the couple arguing just before Gardner-Edwards went missing.

Also, Gardner-Edwards' friends told police they were suspicious of Grisso because he had been taking down missing persons posters they'd posted around the region.

Court documents allege that, in addition to Gardner-Edwards, Grisso was dating at least one other woman and that he had recently filed for divorce from his wife of three years.

The wife had been granted a temporary restraining order because she said he has wild mood swings, carries a gun and had threatened her.

Grisso is being held in the Pierce County jail on \$3 million bail.

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# COMMUNITY PAGES

Submit calendar items to [news@keypennews.com](mailto:news@keypennews.com) • Deadline is the 15th of the month

**AUG. 1**

## Make a windsock

Children from ages 6-12 create a Tyvek windsock with Tillie at 11 a.m., at Key Center Library.

**AUG. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

## Free movies

Cinema Under the Stars at Volunteer Park, presented by Key Pen Parks, begins with pre-movie activities at 6:30 p.m., followed by free movie at 8:30 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks. Aug. 1 movie is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Aug. 8 is "Despicable Me 2," Aug. 15 is "The Lego Movie," Aug. 22 is "Wall-E," and Aug. 29 is "Frozen."

**AUG. 2-3**

## Agility trial

Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington hosts an all-breed agility trial at Key Pen Volunteer Park. This event is open to the public, goes from 8 a.m. until about 2 or 3 p.m., and features vendors and information booths. 360-693-1440 or [claypup@comcast.net](mailto:claypup@comcast.net).

**AUG. 3, 26 and 27**

## Red Barn activities

The Red Barn Youth Center hosts five bands and a BBQ with chef Oliver Coldeen 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Aug. 3, so people may meet the new program directors. On Aug. 26 a "Back to School Open House" is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., for students of Key Peninsula Middle School and another Open House is Aug. 27 for students from Peninsula High School. The Red Barn is south of the Key Center Library at 15921 84th St. KPN.

**AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25**

## Bloodmobile

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

**AUG. 5**

## Primary election

Vote for primary candidates and on school propositions today, or before, and

## To submit an event

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

mail your ballot or put it in ballot box behind Key Center fire station.

**AUG. 5 and 12**

## Stories and crafts

Children ages 0-2, with an adult, share books, action rhymes, knee bounces, songs and more at 10 a.m. Children ages 3-6, with an adult, enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and crafts at 11 a.m. Both events take place at Key Center Library. 548-3309.

**AUG. 5 and 19**

## Senior shopping

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

**AUG. 7**

## Fuchsia meeting

The Lakebay Fuchsia Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Ginnie, 884-9744.

**AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28**

## GED help

Teens, young adults and adults receive help, from local educators, preparing for a GED, completion of high school or college and placement tests 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Key Center Library. Call 548-3309 to make an appointment.

**AUG. 8**

## Science and song

Children ages 3 to 8 use musical experiments to explore gravity, electricity, colors, space and more at 11 a.m., at the Key Center Library. Nancy Steward leads this event.

## Skate night and teen fun

Skate Night is hosted at the KP Civic Center 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Club Cosmic for high school kids is 9 p.m. to midnight at KP Civic Center. 884-3456.

**AUG. 9**

## Ashes meet

The Ashes support group for FD16 meets 10:30 a.m., at the fire station in Key Center. 884-3771.

## Explore careers

Children grades K-3 explore career options (scientist, health care, computers) doing fun, hands-on programs at 1 p.m., at the Key Center Library. This event requires registration. 548-3309.

## Lind celebration

A celebration of Nancy Lind's life, contributions and service to the community will take place in an evening memorial gathering held at the Lind family farm in Home. Call Dave if you would like to attend and for details: 302-9218.

**AUG. 12 and 28**

## Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group knits and crochets for charities and meets on Aug. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m., and on Aug. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m., at WayPoint Church. Yarn donations are always needed. Virginia, 884-9619.

**AUG. 14**

## Mixer

A KPCC Board Recruitment Mixer from 6 to 7:30 p.m., will take place at the Blend so residents may learn about the KP Civic Center's programs, projects, events, and fundraising activities. A hosted bar and appetizers are included.

**AUG. 14 and 28**

## Free clinic

Non-emergency medical care for KP residents without any medical insurance is provided 5:30 to 8 p.m., at Key Peninsula Health and Professional Center in Key Center. 884-2234.

**AUG. 15**

## Sense-ational science

Children ages 4-8 years test taste buds, make "scents" and open eyes to illusions during a presentation by the Pacific Science Center at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library.

**AUG. 16**

## Logging show

The logging show, formerly called Old Timers' Day, opens the gates at 10 a.m., at Gateway Park on State Route 302 in Wauna. The show starts at noon followed by country music by Donn Allard and Renegade Train.

## Park presentation

The last session of stories of early KP campers told by Puget Salish people to the family of Dr. Penrose are told by members of the KP Historical Society at 7 p.m. This free event is at Penrose Park. 888-3246.

**AUG. 17**

## Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session is hosted at Longbranch Church (16518 46th St. KPS) 6 to 8:30 p.m., for all acoustic instruments, ages, and skill levels. Everyone is welcome to play, sing or simply listen. Bring music stand and finger food to share; music and beverages are provided. (253) 492-4177.

**AUG. 19**

## KPAC hearing

KP Advisory Commission's public hearing about shellfish hosted in the Whitmore Room at KP Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Toni, [tfairba@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:tfairba@co.pierce.wa.us).

**AUG. 20**

## Family stories

Preschoolers and their families enjoy stories, art activities, finger-plays and more at 2:30 p.m., at the Key Center Library. 548-3309.

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# PUBLIC MEETINGS

## KP Lions' dinner and program

Aug. 6 and 20, 5:30 p.m., in VFW Room, KP Civic Center; 853-2721.

## KP Veterans

Aug. 4 and 18, 7 p.m., at McColley Hall/KP Lutheran Church; 884-4407 or 884-9852, kpveterans.net.

## Key Pen Parks

Aug. 11 and 25, 7 p.m., at Volunteer Park; keypenparks.com.

## Key Peninsula Fire Department

Aug. 12 and 26, 5 p.m., in meeting room, fire station in Key Center; keypeninsulafire.org.

## Key Peninsula Council

Aug. 13, 7 p.m., general meeting at Key Center Fire Station; kpcouncil.org.

## KP Civic Center Association Board

Aug. 14, 7 p.m., in Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center; kpciviccenter.org.

## KP Land Use Advisory Commission

Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m., at the KC Library; chuck-west@hotmail.com.

## LIC

Aug. 20, regular potluck, 7 p.m., at Longbranch Improvement Club; 884-6022 longbranchimprovementclub.org.

## KP Citizens Against Crime

Aug. 21, 6 p.m., annual potluck at President Cindy Worden's home; call for directions: 851-2401; kpcitizens-againstcrime.org.

## Peninsula School District Board

Aug. 21, 6 p.m., at District Office.

## KP Farm Council

Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m., at fire station in Home; c.wiley@mac.com.

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Free lunch for all children, ages 1 to 18, is served 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at KP Civic Center from Aug. 4 to 20.

## MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

### Community walk

Free walking for exercise 9 to 11 a.m., in the KP Civic Center gym. 884-3456.

### Senior exercise class

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

## TUESDAYS

### Story times

Summer stories for babies (ages 0-24 months) at 10 a.m., and stories and crafts for toddlers (3-6 years) at 11 a.m., at the KC Library runs all summer starting June 24. 548-3309.

## Swim

Family swims are 5 to 6 p.m., followed by an adult lap from 6 to 7 p.m., at Easter Seals Camp Stand by Me. 884-2722.

## TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

### Senior tai chi club

Senior tai chi meets 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the KP Community Services in Lakebay. 884-4440.

## WEDNESDAYS

### Writers meet

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

(From **Community**, Page 12)

## AUG. 23

### KPHS social

The Key Peninsula Historical Society hosts an ice cream social at the Cape E Farm and Vineyard in Home. The history of Home as viewed by author Justin Wadland through his recently published book "Trying Home" is the program. Charles LeWarne, author of "Utopias on Puget Sound," will speak briefly. Dr. Roes and his Down Home Band will welcome and entertain members and guests for this special event. Parking is

### Writers' workshop

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

## TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

### KPHS Museum open

The KPHS museum, located at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn, is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. "Forest to Farms -- The Land, the People, the Legacy" is this year's display. No admission charge, but monetary donations are welcome. More information on Facebook -- Key Peninsula Historical Society. 888-3246.

## WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

### Senior meals

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

## THURSDAYS

### Toastmasters

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

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

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## AUG. 26

### 4-H meeting

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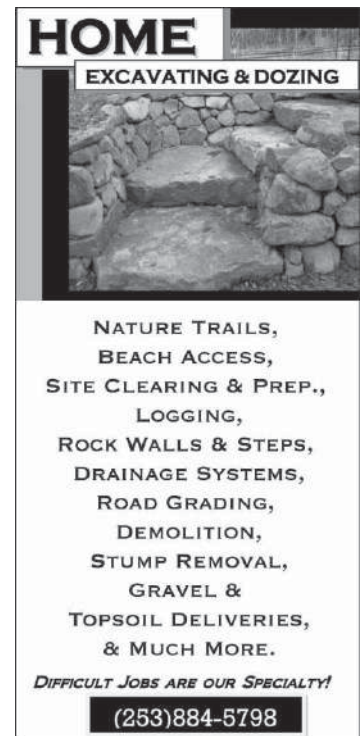


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**AUG. 5**

### Night Out

Free barbecue and live music will highlight a community-wide block party meant to heighten crime prevention awareness, to promote neighborhood spirit and build police-community partnerships from 5 to 9 p.m., as part of the National Night Out at the Gig Harbor Civic Center.

**AUG. 5, 12, 22**

### Outdoor concerts

Summer Sounds at Skansie Concert Series presents Blue Rocket Music on Aug. 5, Stickshift Annie on Aug. 12, and the Funaddicts on Aug. 22. St. Anthony Hospital and CenturyLink bring this free live music to Skansie Brothers Park. Gigharborguide.com.

**AUG. 7, 14, 21**

### Uptown concerts

Uptown Summer Concerts are presented every Thursday at the Uptown Gig Harbor pavilion. Aug. 7 is The Shy Boys, Aug. 14 is Hook Me Up, and Aug. 21 is Common Ground. Uptowngigharbor.com.

**AUG. 9 and 23**

### Family outdoor movies

Saturday Night Family Night at Skansie Brothers Park features are "Big Miracle" on Aug. 9 and "The Jungle Book" on Aug. 23. Free movies begin at dark (about 9 p.m.) and are canceled during rain or high wind. Bring chairs or blankets for seating.

**AUG. 16**

### Bluegrass and bowls

The Olalla Bluegrass Festival is from 11 a.m. until dusk at the Olalla Valley Ball Field on Olalla Valley Road. The festival features local and national bluegrass bands, good food, homemade arts and crafts, and activities for kids. The Peninsula Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) presents the Empty Bowls Project by offering original handcrafted bowls by local artists to be filled with soup or strawberry shortcake; all donations benefit local food banks. Hobie, 857-5171 or hobied@gmail.com.

## KP Land Use Advisory Commission meeting

On Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m., the KP Land Use Advisory Committee will meet at Key Peninsula Civic Center. They will consider substantial development permits for geoduck farms and citizen input for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. For information, contact chuck-west@hotmail.com.

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FISH food bank, which provides free food for those in need from the LDS church parking lot near the SR-302 and Elgin-Clifton "Y" will change its hours of operation from every Friday and every Saturday to Fridays only starting Aug. 1, from 2 to 7 p.m.

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# Fun, bugs and adventure abound with Key Pen Parks summer offerings

By Scott Turner, KP News

Summer is a busy time for Key Pen Parks, with specially focused camps taking place all season long.

It started in early July with an Insect Safari, according to recreation assistant Brittany Langdon.

"We had about eight kids attend that one," she said. "We started out by making journals, and butterflies from coffee filters.

"Then the kids got a little taste of insect vocabulary," and Don Ehlen, a bug guy from Seattle, brought his bug collection and his live insects like cockroaches, stick insects and other large critters. "The kids got to handle the live specimens," Langdon said.

Eight-year-old Samuel Pounds had a great time at Insect Safari. "I liked learning about spiders. They're not insects — they're ... arachnids," he said, pausing for just a moment to think of the right word.

Sam Babbitt, 9, agreed.

"It's really fun. We learned all about insects. We went adventuring in the woods, exploring their habitat and then we got to touch real insects like stick bugs," he said as he examined the live specimens. "We don't have a lot of these insects here."

According to Ehlen, the program focused on classification and taxonomy.

"We talked about the six major groups of arthropods, insects being one of them. We also talked about vertebrate classification and classification in general. "Classification is the foundation of bi-



Photo by Scott Turner, KP News

**Grace Nesbit handles a stick bug last month at Volunteer Park. Devynn Wallace and Mallory Riddle focus on other insects during the outdoor session of the park sponsored "Insect Safari."**

## Want to go?

Key Pen Parks will host three weeklong summer camps in August.

Eco Adventure: Farm Tour, for ages 8-12, takes place Aug. 4-8. Cost is \$109.

LEGO Superhero Academy, for kids ages 5-7, takes place Aug. 11-15. Campers will have a superhero LEGO adventure led by Bricks 4 Kids instructors. Cost is \$135.

Angry Birdies & Bad Piglets LEGO camp, also led by Bricks 4 Kids, also takes place Aug. 11-15. This camp is for 8- to 12-year-olds. Cost is \$135.

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ology. It's the framework that helps you understand the rest of biology as you move along," Ehlen said.

Ehlen's bug collection includes 2,100 specimens from all over the world. The live insects are especially popular, he said, because "kids want to see the real thing."

Other July camps included yoga and meditation and an Eco Adventure Wild Water camp, which featured daily visits to sites with natural water sources such as Puget Sound and local creeks and lakes.

In August Key Pen Parks will host an Eco Adventure: Farm Tour Aug. 4-8, Langdon said. That camp will be primarily for 8- to 12-year-olds.

According to the Key Pen Parks website, the Eco Adventure Farm Tour will start at Volunteer Park and then continue to a permaculture wonderland and forest.

From there, campers will visit Blue Willow Lavender, Cape-E and Kaukiki farms.

Instructors from Pierce County Educators, Key Pen Parks staff and farmers will lead the tour.

Two LEGO camps also will take place Aug. 11-15:

The LEGO Superhero Academy, for 5- to 7-year-olds, will be led by Bricks 4 Kidz instructors. Young campers will go on a superhero LEGO adventure.

Angry Birdies & Bad Piglets, a creatively themed LEGO camp for kids 8-12, will also be led by Bricks 4 Kidz.

Both camps will be hosted at Volunteer Park and will feature models designed for specific age groups and skill levels. There are even motorized models.

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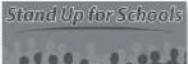
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## KP Logging Show and Festival moves to Gateway Park

By Scott Turner, KP News

What began 29 years ago as “Old Timers Day” has become the Key Peninsula Logging Show and Festival.

And the event has moved from the Longbranch Improvement Club to Gateway Park, according to Susie Donahue, administrative assistant at Key Peninsula Community Services.

“We decided to move to the park for a couple of reasons,” Donahue said. “First, we sort of outgrew the Improvement Club space, and also because the LIC has plans to upgrade their septic system right in the spot where we had the logging show.”

The new location is a lot more convenient, she added. “It doesn’t seem as far out so we can hopefully attract more people and more families.”

As for the name change, organizers were concerned that the Old Timers Day moniker was confusing.

“It was a good name, but we want to attract younger, new families who didn’t show up in the past because they thought it was just for old timers,” Donahue added.

### Want to go?

The Key Peninsula Logging Show and Festival – formerly called Old Timers Day – takes place Saturday, Aug. 16 at Gateway Park. Gates open at 10 a.m., and the event runs until 7 p.m. Parking and admission are free. For information, call (253) 884-4440.

The festival, which is KPCS’s major fundraiser every year, will take place Aug. 16 starting at 10 a.m.

In past years, the event raised about \$15,000. “This year we’d like to double that,” Donahue said.

The main attraction will be the logging show, with antique logging equipment and demonstrations by some of the Peninsula’s professional loggers. “It’s a festive day of watching loggers do their stuff,” she said.

And of course it’s not a festival without music. Entertainers include the Key Singers, Dr. Roes and the Down Home Band and country music by Donn Allard and Renegade Train.

Food booths and craft vendors will round out the festival and there will also be a raffle and live and silent auctions.

KPCS’s client base has grown steadily since it was founded in 1982, Donahue said. “We serve about 350 people a month. In 2013 we provided 113,400 meals.

“And we also assist families with their power bills through Pierce County Energy Assistance,” she said.

Summer is an especially challenging time for KPCS because people don’t think about donating to the food bank during this time of year. “They usually just think of that during the holidays,” she said.

Admission to the event is free, as is parking.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the festival and at several locations around the Peninsula, including Key Center Market and the market at Lake Kathryn.

“If someone can’t come to the event, but they want to make a donation anyway, they can support us in that way,” Donahue said. “We are always grateful for donations.”

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# Red Barn music and barbecue open house set

By Colleen Slater, KP News

The Red Barn Youth Center hosts SPLASH, an open house celebration featuring music and barbecue sandwiches, on Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two new program directors will be on hand to meet and greet the public and show off the Key Center facility.

There is a whole host of entertainment slated.

The Key Peninsula Youth Orchestra opens the schedule at 11 a.m., and at noon, the Rusty Roots Band will perform. The Bluegrass Minstrels, including members of The Rusty Roots, begins at 1 p.m. Following them at 2 p.m. is Solarplex, a local trio of strings and drum.

Stunt Doubles Band from Seattle, the final musical group, plays genre fun rock from 3-5 p.m., sponsored by Crime Stoppers through Dan Wilson at Allstar Guitar in Gig Harbor.

According to organizers, The Skit Chicks Comedy Team will entertain between the musical groups and chef Oliver Coldeen's



Photo courtesy of Glen Ehrhardt

**New program directors Laura Condon and Jeremy Schintz, pose in front of the Red Barn Youth Center. The center is hosting a open house Aug. 9.**

famous barbecue sandwiches plus chips and cole slaw will be available for a donation.

"It is amazing what can happen with a little faith," said Glen Ehrhardt, vice president of the Red Barn Youth Center. "We were seeking one qualified person (for program director), but two equally qualified applicants were uniquely suited for the position."


Both applicants, with different but complementary skills, were hired.

Laura Condon, a graduate from the University of Texas at El Paso, College of Education, majored in interdisciplinary studies and minored in middle grades education. She is licensed in English language arts and reading/social studies and in pedagogy and professional responsibility. Her student teacher training in middle school included eighth-grade English language learners.

Jeremy Schintz, a trained professional marriage and family counselor, has 15 years

of experience as a counselor and subcontracted employee through agencies like Child Protective Services and other organizations. He has engaged with clients, professionals and community resources, law enforcement and other contacts to achieve goals of treatment or participate in legal proceedings.


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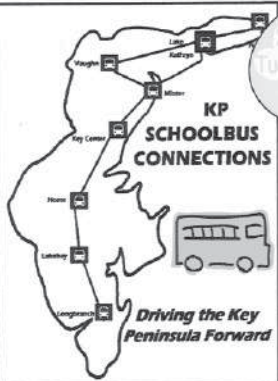
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# KeyFest kicked off to a simmering start in the summer heat

By Karen Lovett, KP News

A single electrical pole and minimal water sources for animals and food booths posed difficult problems with temperatures soaring in the mid-90s for year 13 of the local fair.

This was Brandy Ellzey's first year as president of the annual event, which was hosted at Gateway Park for the second time.

According to Ellzey, the cost to run the event at Gateway Park was driven up by the need to rent generators and pay for

the carnival.

The decision to spend \$20,000 and hold it at the large park was made to allow the carnival rides to be part of the fair. Ellzey said public feedback warranted that choice since Volunteer Park is too small to house the rides. The \$1,000 cost to hold the fair there was outweighed by the desire to please fairgoers. The last year KeyFest was at Volunteer Park, only 500 people attended. More people attended this year than ever before.

The layout was completely changed

from last year.

"Entertainers were brought in from Tacoma, Port Orchard and Gig Harbor as well as from the Key Peninsula," Ellzey said.

Clowns from Caring Clowns International roamed the grounds. Clown Beverly Morrow said, "We collect financial donations for kids with problems."

"This was the best organized fair that they produced," Key Peninsula Community Council President Danna Webster said. "They thought of every detail and were

ahead of problems before they began. A wonderful opportunity, this nonprofit booth they set up for us."

The large, four-table booth centered near the KeyFest information booth and the entrance housed the nonprofits: Peninsula School District, Citizens Against Crime, Key Peninsula Community Council and the Key Peninsula Business Association.

KP Council District 2 director Audra Gar-

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cia assisted with Kid Zone.

The Kid Zone included water boat and other children's games, marble art, and the duck pond. They had 28 youth assistants during the three days who did whatever they were needed to do to help with garbage collection, babysitting, set-up and breakdown of the nonprofit booth.

"We loved the fair. This was the best one. I saw my favorite donkey, the spotted one," Alyssa Garcia, 10, said. She was part of Kid Zone. This was her second year helping at the fair.

The fenced arena was a constant source of interest and entertainment with young horse vaulters demonstrating their prowess on the back of a horse. Horse trainers including Dana Pedersen and Chuck Kraft instructed training techniques. A variety of other equine events kept the audience in awe on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday went to the dogs as canine athletes took over and wowed onlookers with feats of agility, Frisbee catching and an array of stunning tricks.

Authentic African hand drums and Cuban congas provided by Rhythm for Life gave eager fairgoers the opportunity to try out

their rhythmic ability in the popular booth.

Representatives from one KeyFest sponsor, PenLight, were on site to hand out the familiar pens, pencils, notepads and other items.

"We like to give back to the community. We're community owned and a community service," said Jonathan White, the director of marketing and member services.

Second-generation author Brian Herbert of the Dune series stopped by the "Meet the Local Authors" booth to say hello. The Bainbridge Island resident continued writing the popular science fiction novels following the death of his father, Frank Herbert.

Reptile Man's Mobile Reptile Zoo from Molalla, Ore. held a popular exhibit.

Wags and Whiskers 4-H dog club was in charge of running the animal exhibit.

Attendees were encouraged to fill out suggestion slips to see what things were great and what changes could be made to make the event even better next year.

KeyFest is run by the Key Peninsula Community Fair Association. The nonprofit organization headed this year by president Brandy Ellzey has two vice presidents, a secretary, treasurer and about 15 other volunteers.

"Between 2,800 and 3,000 people paid

to get into the fair. Final expenses came to approximately \$45,000. We still have some final expenses, but we made approximately \$1,500 in profit," Ellzey said. "We need more money through sponsors to keep gate costs down."

*Editor's note: Visit keypennews.com to see a collection of fair photos captured by KP News staff photographers.*

### KPC call for candidates

Applications to serve on the Key Peninsula Community Council (KPC) are due Aug. 17.

The KPC board of directors rotates positions each year and six board seats are open for the 2014 election. KPC is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of life on the Key Peninsula.

Director candidates must be 18 years old and live or own property on the Key Peninsula. Application deadline is Aug. 17. Copies of applications are available at kpcouncil.org, by emailing dwebsterkp@gmail.com or by calling 884-BUSS.

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## Marta Lynne Lonning

Marta L. Lonning, 52, died n July 9, after a long-term battle with multiple respiratory conditions.

She was born on May 21, 1962 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and then resided on the Key Peninsula, for 32 years where she enjoyed life as a daughter, a wife, a mother and a grandmother.

Lonning was kind and generous with her love as well as her home and her family — not just her given biological family, but to any child in need at any time. She maintained a strict open-door policy and became “mom” to countless number of kids needing some guidance or any amount of love, and took a great deal of pride in her ability to give selflessly.

The love and kindness she gave so freely is now and will be forever reflected in the hearts of everyone she touched. Each and every one of her friends and her adopted children have taken a piece of her morals along their journey.

Lonning was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy L. Brown, and her father, Marvin O. Brown, Sr. She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Lonning; children, Matthew R. Lonning, Amanda C. Lonning and David R. Burr, along with granddaughter Brooklynne J. Lonning and brothers, Russell J. Brown and Marvin O. Brown. She also leaves behind several brothers-in-law and more adopted children than can be named.

## Helen Margaret Hendrix

Helen Margaret Hendrix, 99, died in her sleep June 30.

Born in Boulder, Colorado on Dec. 20, 1914, she married Donald Russell in 1931.

She was remarried to Russell Hendrix in 1959, and he preceded her in death in 1979.

Her son, Donald D. Russell, and grand-

son, Donald Curtis, preceded her in death in 1977.

Hendrix is survived by her son, Ronald “Jack” Russell (Boni) and Marjorie Evans; by six grandchildren, Steve Evans (Annie), Stacey Volpei (Mark), Fred Groendyke (Vicki), William Russell (Eileen), and Herb Russell (Melissa). She was blessed with 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hendrix moved to Key Peninsula in 1984 from Southern California and made her home in Lake Holiday where she enjoyed a long, fulfilling life. She faithfully attended her

Thursday senior luncheon for years and spent time with many dear friends until her health declined. Her daughter, Marjorie, cared for her at home for several years.

A private ceremony is planned later this month.

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Above: Peninsula High School Key Club members, from left, Simone Bogarde, Danielle Smith, Megan Desing, and teacher Sheri Ahlheim hold their tresses. They were donors of their hair to "Beautiful Lengths," a partnership between Pantene Hair Care and the American Cancer Society.

Right: Fireworks rain above the Purdy Spit during the Independence Day. The parking was solid and the traffic continuous, but the display made it all worthwhile, said many.




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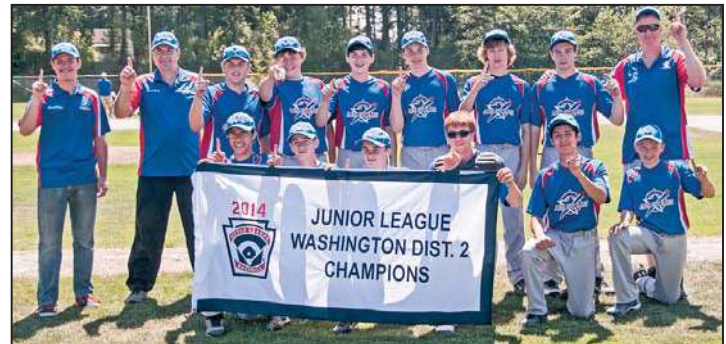


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Above: The Junior Division team of the Key Peninsula Little League recently won the District Tournament and advanced to the state tournament in Vancouver, Wash. They departed themselves well, succumbing finally to the host team from District 4 on July 15. The team was managed by Greg VanOverbeke.



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Left: The tap class from Dance Avenue School does a patriotic number for the crowd at KeyFest in July. The school performed a dozen numbers featuring students from several classes. Visit [keypennews.com](http://keypennews.com) to view many more fair images from our staff photographers.