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## KP could become part of 35th Legislative District

By Marsha Hart and Danna Webster, KP News

Pierce County just went through a redistricting process, something that happens every 10 years after a census. Now the state is going through a similar process.

A commission has been appointed with two republicans, two democrats and a non-voting chair.

Members of the commission have submitted draft plans, received public comment, and an agreement on those plans is expected prior to the next commission meeting on Nov. 8. The plan is to be adopted on Jan. 1 and submitted to the Legislature. The deadline for legislative amendments is Feb. 10, and the commission expires June 30.

The plans directly affect the Key Peninsula. The Key Peninsula is currently part of the 26th Legislative Dis-

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Photo courtesy of Fire District 16

## Total loss

A Silverbow Farm house was engulfed in flames as Key Peninsula's Fire District 16 arrived on the scene Oct. 15. The crews were able to save a building behind the home, but the main, original home was a loss, estimated at \$400,000. Flames were reportedly visible from the Purdy Sandspit.

## Backpacks 4 Kids program in need of supplies

The program that has been feeding families each weekend during the school year is now in need of backpacks and food. Backpacks 4 Kids serves more than 300 children in the Peninsula School District.

### Staff Report

More than 300 children are currently getting backpacks filled with food for a family of four each Friday afternoon. The backpacks are filled with a supply that will feed the whole family each weekend. But the program is in desperate need.

The food supply has dwindled, and

with the price of peanut butter expected to increase this month, it is the first time they have run out of peanut butter, said Karen Jorgenson, coordinator of the program.

Backpacks 4 Kids began when a group at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church saw a need in the community. Little did they know the need was much larger than the 50 backpacks they packed that first time in 2009.

"At three weeks in we were at 300 plus," said Jorgenson.

"The demand is exceeding the supply. We have never been low on peanut butter, but we are now," she said.

The community has supported the program, with churches and local restaurants such as El Sombrero in Key Center doing

food drives.

"We don't say no," Jorgenson said. "We expect to top out at 400 backpacks each week this year."

Jorgenson said monetary donations are especially helpful so whatever items are needed can be purchased.

Five sites participate in packing the backpacks that are distributed to 13 schools within the Peninsula School District.

Thirty volunteers pack them, and spend about two hours at each site preparing them for the children to carry home to their families.

Donations can be dropped off at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church at 4213 Lackey Road or Peninsula Baptist Church at 6127 38th Ave. NW in Gig Harbor.

# Unopposed candidates join community conversation

Staff Report

About 25 people assembled in the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center to participate in a conversation with candidates Oct. 20.

All of the candidates are running unopposed, so the tone was more of a discussion.

Mark Michel is running for position one on the Key Pen Metropolitan Park District Commission, and Kip Clinton is running for the No. 2 position.

They highlighted the responsible way in which the commissioners have used the public's money.

"We're trying to do the best we can with the money the taxpayers give us," Michel said. Clinton added that the staff has been excellent and presented a conservative budget that maximizes the money.

Fire District 16 commissioner candidates, Keith Davies who is running for position No. 5, Raymond Lamoureux who is running for position No. 3 and Frank Grubaugh who is running for position No. 1 all said it is a new day for the fire commission. Working with the public and doing everything in their power to regain public trust is the goal of the current commission, they said. Davies and Lamoureux each have fire fighter experience. Davies serves as a firefighter for the Gig Harbor FD 5, and Lamoureux serves in Kitsap County. Grubaugh said he brings an outside perspective to the commission, and wants to continue to have conversations with the community.



Key Peninsula area candidates -- all running unopposed for various positions -- used a forum Oct. 20 to answer questions and speak to their respective strengths.

Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

"I serve you," he said.

Two of the three Peninsula School District School Board candidates attended. Jill Uddenberg was not in attendance.

Matthew Wilkinson is running for the No. 1 position, and said he always looks for ways to make things work better, faster and cheaper. Randal Wilhelmisen is run-

ning for the No. 3 seat and said he is open to listening.

The school district budget is right, and Wilhelmisen said the district could have to do both cuts and taxes to give the students a quality education.

Running a levy would be a challenge, they said, but there is no decision yet.

Election Day is Nov. 8. Ballot deposit boxes are located at the Purdy Fire Station 5210 144th St. NW, or the Gig Harbor Fire Station at 6711 Kimball Drive.

For more information about initiatives and candidates running for office, please visit [keypennews.com](http://keypennews.com), and [cxpienet.wa.us](http://cxpienet.wa.us).

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## K-12 Writing Teacher Development Strategy Show Positive Results

When Peninsula School District adopted a new writing curriculum called SpringBoard for middle and high school a few years ago, part of the process included implementing staff development for teachers. The adoption of SpringBoard and the teacher training has paid off.

Results from last year's SAT tests show a 13-point increase in writing scores from the previous year—a rare double-digit improvement not seen very often.

"We're proud of our SAT scores. That's a very impressive increase. We attribute it to the work the teachers have been doing with SpringBoard," said Director of Assessment Amy Nelson.

The school district consistently scores well on state assessments in writing. Students show an increase in scores between fourth and 10th grade. Last year, about 70 percent of PSD's fourth-grade students met or exceeded state standards, and that number grew to 80 percent for seventh graders and 92 percent for 10th graders.

"SpringBoard Pre-AP uses research-based strategies to develop college-bound writers," said Jennifer

Dempewolf, PSD instructional support specialist for secondary grades. "The staff development has provided further training for teachers to help them align their strategies and provide more rigorous instruction."

This year, the district is expanding its staff development to include elementary school teachers.

"We need a clear understanding of the ruler we are using to measure writing success in our students," said Purdy Elementary School first-grade teacher Kathleen Perez. "That ruler should be the same in all our schools."

The teachers are mapping their curriculum so they can connect state standards with their lessons in writing and reading as well as to align the curriculum districtwide.

"The idea is to make the curriculum more cohesive for grades K-12," Nelson said. "Our emphasis is collaborating as a group to make sure we are all working on getting our students at standard or above."



*Above: First grade teachers from Minter Creek, Purdy, and Veager discussing student writing. Pictured (L-R) are JanDun Hall, Wanda Angus, Kathleen Perez, and Beth Goodbar.*



*Left: The students pictured are Riley Johnson (back to camera - 2nd grade) and Max Barr (facing camera - 2nd grade) at Purdy station for journal writing.*

### Regular & Emergency Bus Routes

Due to local construction, weather and traffic please arrive daily at your bus stop 7-10 minutes before the scheduled time. Please be sure to have your student stand a safe distance from the road while remaining visible to the bus driver. Emergency routes should be posted to the PSD website early November. If you do not find your bus stop, please look for a nearby stop—either on your bus route or another bus servicing your school. Go to [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net) and the Central Services scroll down menu to locate Transportation for Bus Routes: Regular and Emergency.

### Student Teachers, Interns, Practicum Students

The screening and approval process is important for our schools. We have attempted to focus this process on the goal of developing teachers, psychologists, and counselors who have the potential of becoming Peninsula School District employees. It is the intent of the Peninsula School District to provide the student a rigorous, authentic, and high quality classroom experience. To that end, we require intern, student teacher, and practicum applicants to be enrolled in a State Board of Education approved college/university education program, with field supervisors provided by the university. The college/university must also have a current contract with the Peninsula School District.

### Superintendent Forum November 29th

Please join Terry Bouck for an informal visit at Key Peninsula Middle School on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. when anyone can ask questions or raise issues pertinent to the Peninsula School District. You do not need to have students enrolled in the school district to attend. If you would prefer to call or email Terry, you are always welcome to do so: 253-530-1002; [bouckt@psd401.net](mailto:bouckt@psd401.net)

### Practicum/Student Teaching/Intern Application Deadline Dates:

Fall (September) Placement:	May 1st
Winter (January) Placement:	October 15th
Spring (April) Placement:	January 15th

For detailed information and forms go to: [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net) and the Central Services scroll down menu for Human Resources.

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 9 School Board Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Henderson Bay High School
- 11 No School—Veterans Day Observed
- 17&18 Elementary & Middle School Conferences—half days
- 21&22 Elementary & Middle School Conferences—half days
- 23 Early Release for all grade levels—due to Legislative reductions in funding.
- 24&25 Thanksgiving Break

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## Zumba (Ages: 16 +)

Party yourself into shape! Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness class...like nothing you've ever tried before.

Location: VFW Room, KPCC  
Date/Time: Sat. 9:00-10:00 am  
**NEW:** Tues. 9:15-10:15  
Fee: \$53 for a punch card  
Min/Max: 5/20 per class

Note: Punch cards are good for 2 months after purchase date.

## Breakfast with Santa

Create a family tradition w/lots of happy memories. Enjoy a pancake breakfast w/Father Christmas. Includes breakfast, holiday arts & crafts, music and a photo w/Santa Claus. Event made possible by the Key Pen Fire Department & Key Pen Parks. Pre-registration encouraged, registrations day of event accepted as space is available.

Location: Key Center Fire Station  
Day/Date: Saturday December 3  
Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am  
Cost: Pre-Reg \$4/person  
\$6 day of event

Note: Register by November 29

## Winter Camp

It may be cold and bleary, but inside Winter Break Camp things are heating up! Something for everyone w/activities including games, arts & crafts, sports & fitness, and more! Bring a sack lunch & beverage. Afternoon snack provided.

Grades: K-6  
Location: Key Pen Civic Center  
Day/Date: 12/19-22  
Fee: \$85 all 4 days  
\$29/day drop in rate  
Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Min/Max: 10/20

## Pacific Science Center Trip

Learn something new over break in a fun way. Visit the Pacific Science Center in Seattle! Bring a sack lunch & beverage.

Grades: K-6  
Date: 12/27  
Location: Trip departs from and returns to Vol. Park  
Fee: \$39  
Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Min/Max: 8/10

## Snowshoe trip

Want some extra snow this winter? Sign up for this trip to get involved in a different winter sport at Mt. Rainier! Must bring a sack lunch & beverage.

Age: 8-13  
Date: 12/28  
Location: Trip departs from and returns to Vol. Pk  
Fee: \$39  
Time: 8:00 am-4:00 pm  
Min/Max: 8/10

## Basketball Skills Clinic

Co-ed Basketball Skills Clinics for youth in Pre-K through 2nd grade. Focus on basketball skill development (dribbling, passing, & shooting). Parent involvement required. Scaled down equipment, specialized drills and games will be used to ensure success for all participants.

Ages: 4-7  
Location: Key Pen Civic Center  
Day/Date: Saturdays, 1/14-2/18  
9-9:50 am (age 6-7)  
10-10:50 am (age 4-5)  
Fee: \$45  
Min/Max: 10/20 per age group

## 20-20-20 (Ages 16+)

Class is three 20 minute segments that consist of cardio, strength training & stretching. Full body workout builds stamina, strength & flexibility. If you are out of condition this program will help improve your fitness level.

Location: Key Pen Civic Center  
Day/Date: Starts Jan 2, 2012  
Mon., Weds., Fri.  
10:00-11:00 am  
Fee: \$70  
Min/Max: 5/20 per class

# KP Parks ready for park development input, planning

By Marsha Hart, KP News

In the past four years, Key Pen Parks has acquired over 1,000 acres of land. Maple Hollow, 360 Horseshoe Lake, Taylor Bay, and 480 are under the care of Key Pen Parks.

As the year draws to a close, the parks department is setting its budget for 2012, and is also asking for input from the community for the future of these lands.

KP Parks owns outright Minter Creek, Taylor Bay, Volunteer Park and Home Park. The others are leased from Department of Natural Resources.

As the department moves forward, input from the community is needed, said Greg Anglemeyer, president of the parks commission.

"The biggest problem is communication," he said. "If we were in a major city we would have groups who would come and say what they want, such as a playground, or a conservationist group that wants conservation."

There are still a small number of people who are confused about the parks department and the role it plays, he said.

In years past, each school district had land to support the district. That has changed, and though DNR is still tasked with managing the land to provide money to the school fund, it goes into the state fund, and not the school district the property is in.

In the case of 480, which is a piece of land that starts at the north of the Vaughn Post Office in Key Center, and runs up to Minterwood, Key Pen Parks is paying DNR to lease it for community use.

"We took money from the general fund and used it to purchase a 50-year lease on the land and that goes to DNR, for funds or to purchase other land. It did exactly what the land is supposed to do. The cool thing is we picked up a piece of property we have for at least 50 years and won't be logged every 20 years and people will have limited ac-

*"We now pretty much have all the land we want. It's time to turn our attention to what other things people out here really want and need."*

**Greg Anglemeyer**  
President of the Park Commission

cess to it."

Key Pen Parks is finished acquiring land, and Anglemeyer said the commissioners are now ready to get to work developing these lands for the community.

"We now pretty much have all the land we'll ever want," he said. "It's time to turn our attention to what other things people out here really want and need."

Some have suggested a community center, but he said KP Parks doesn't want to duplicate services and is now using the Key Peninsula Civic Center for some of its programs.

"We met with the civic center board, and they passed approval to build a playground at the civic center," he said. "We're looking at what to build there. The challenge I gave to the civic center is that whatever we develop should be different from Home, not the same at Vaughn, and decide what ages they want there, and I'm hoping all ages. We're always trying to get that kind of input."

Currently KP Parks is looking at installing senior equipment along the paved trail at Volunteer Park. The goal is to provide services and programs to all ages, but they need input from the community.

"We're happy to talk to any group and see if there are ways we can work together," he said. "If there are people who want something specific they need to come and tell us."

The KP Parks commission meets on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Park Annex.

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# BRIEFS

## Community

### FD 16 to form citizens advisory panel

Key Peninsula Fire Department is forming a Citizens' Advisory Panel. The purpose of this panel is to review the budget and operations of the district and make recommendations on future building/vehicle/budget needs.

This group will meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Wright Bliss Fire Station beginning Jan. 3, 2012. If you are interested in becoming a member and helping your local fire department, please submit a letter of interest to:

Christina Busch  
8911 Key Peninsula HWY KPN

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district, with representation by Senator Derek Kilmer (D), Representative Larry Sequist (D), and Representative Jim Angele (R).

Two democrats on the redistricting committee, Senator Tim Ceis (D) and Representative Dean Foster (D) recommend that the Key Peninsula become part of the 35th Legislative District. This district is served by Senator Tim Sheldon (D), Representative Kathy Hajih (D), and Representative Fred Finn (D), and it includes a geographic area of the Hood Canal, Belfair, Allyn and Shelton. It excludes Gig Harbor, Port Orchard and Bremerton.

Senator Slade Gorton (R) and Representative Tom Huff (R) are recommending that the Key Peninsula remain in the 26th Legislative District, but they have redrawn some of the boundaries. Those boundaries include Gig Harbor, Port Orchard and the Bremerton Naval Shipyard. It excludes the Hood Canal, Belfair, Allyn and Shelton.

Peninsula School board member Matthew Wilkinson, speaking as an individual, said he believes moving the Key Peninsula into the 35th District could be a positive move and would in effect double representation. He believes the current representatives of the 26th District would still be invested in Key Peninsula issues.

The Key Peninsula Community Council did not take a position on the issue. One question KPC raised was why the democrats recommend the KP shift to the 35th while

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Letters of Interest are due no later than 4 p.m. on Nov. 15, 2011. For more information call 253-884-2222.

### Correction

The article on the October front page titled, "Simple steps avert falls", incorrectly stated, "The Key Peninsula Fire Department is coordinating with Franciscan Health System medical services provider for the second year to address the risk of injuries and deaths from falling accidents among older independent adults and people with chronic medical conditions." The Mustard Seed Project hosted the forum.

We regret the error.

the republicans want the KP to stay in the 26th.

The Key Pen Parks commissioners got to work digging into the redistricting issue as soon as Commissioner Kap Clinton brought it to their attention. Commissioner Bill Trandum said they decided to send a resolution to the redistricting commission before the deadline for public comment on Oct. 11.

Trandum and the commissioners oppose the draft submitted by Ceis and Foster. Trandum said moving the KP into the 35th Legislative District would be harmful because the only elected entities on the Key Peninsula are the parks commissioners and the fire district commissioners. None of the Pierce County Council members live on the Key Peninsula, and Trandum said it would be worse if the KP became part of the 35th District and was represented by someone from Mason County.

"We have spent so much time, effort and energy in building relationships that to suddenly move us into a position where we start all over again with people who don't know what it's like to live on either of the peninsulas puts the KP at a disadvantage," he said.

The Key Peninsula Business Association sent a letter (that supported the position taken by Key Pen Parks) to the redistricting commissioners. The KPBA letter stated they strongly encouraged the redistricting commission to keep the Key Peninsula portion of Pierce County in the 26th Legislative District.

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Type of Chili:  Beef  Chicken  Pork  Veggie  
Entry fee is \$8 (to be pooled and awarded as prize money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.)

Judging will begin at 12:00pm in the Whiteside Room. Please bring your chili in a crock-pot, to keep warm, no earlier than 11am, and no later than 11:45am. There may be two rounds, depending upon the number of entries. You can expect 3-5 judges per round. There will be no public sampling of chili entries due to TPCED regulations. Mail applications and payment for EPOCA, PO Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394.

# Peninsula Views

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### We welcome news ideas, fresh volunteers for 2012

This month a selection committee will review submissions for our 2012 guest columnists. The committee will select them, and the guest columnists for 2012 will be announced in the December edition.

As you can see, we are already planning for the coming year. In addition to guest columnists, we are looking for feedback from readers. We want to know what you would like to see in our paper.

We're calling it our "Fresh Content for 2012" campaign. Some of you have called us, written notes, or emailed us to let us know what you'd like us to cover in our news section. Thank you for that feedback. We'd love to hear more, so please keep those comments coming. We will be planning our sections and beat reporting around those comments.

We enjoy welcoming new volunteers who want to become part of our staff. Whether you love to write, take pictures, or just have a passion for the paper and want to help out in some other way, we'd like to talk to you about how you can become a part of the KP News staff.

We have volunteers who help with distribution, a bird expert who will be helping us identify species of birds that our wonderful photographers have photographed recently, and many other volunteer positions that are so important to the production of the KP News.

Contact us at [news@keypennews.com](mailto:news@keypennews.com), or call us at 884-1366 if you'd like to give us ideas for "Fresh Content in 2012" or if you'd like to volunteer.



Marsha Hart, editor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Support youth center, not drugs and alcohol

My name is Ian Downen and I am in 4th grade. The reason I have written is to say that if we can support all those alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana stores in Key Center, we can support the Red Barn. They need \$100,000.00 to open it. If everybody gave about \$10, they could open the youth center. I'm not happy that our community has no problem supporting drugs and alcohol and that there are lots of places for teenagers to get drugs. I don't like that and I hope I'm not the only one. We should have a youth center so kids will have a safe place to hang out.

Thank you.

*Ian Downen  
Longbranch*

### Setting the record straight

In response to Michael Hays' letter in Issue 40, Vol. 10.

Think about the effort it takes just to go get your tomatoes, lettuce, etc., to your home. . . gas, lines at the register, and constant traffic are just some of the costs of shopping at the supermarket. Now imagine going down to your basement or to your 4'x4' indoor grow tent (available for only \$269 at KP Indoor Garden Store) and picking fresh

veggies, fruit, and herbs all year long! You know what went into it—no chemicals and no carcinogens.

Dumbfounded by the latest "Letter to the Editor," we, KP Indoor Garden Store, needed to write to the community of the Key Peninsula and surrounding areas to set the record straight and abolish unnecessary labeling.

We are not in any relations or business with any "medical collectives/dispensaries." Cannabis is illegal in the eyes of the Federal Government, so we refuse to knowingly sell products to anyone with intentions of cultivating cannabis.

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We hope to alleviate any negative thoughts or images anyone would have towards us. We strive to keep a positive image in our community. Our interests are the growth of our store and to teach the possibilities of "perpetual harvest" and "sustainable healthy-living." We'd like to thank our customers for their continued support.

*Joel Turner, co-owner  
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## Meet Your Neighbor

# Chris Copeland has many talents; dog training is just one

By Karen Lovett, KP News

A walk through Chris Copeland's home in Lakeway is a trip down memory lane. The service dog trainer/communications technician, grew up on a dairy farm in Oak Park, Ill., surrounded by animals larger than she was. Her parents raised and showed Great Danes and Borzois (Russian wolfhounds). Her mother's life-size ceramic models of the breeds Chris once looked up to stand in her house today.

Her father's sisters, Chuckie and Teri Taylor, both dog trainers and trick riders, taught their young niece the skills. She learned to ride a horse before she could walk and competed in rodeo barrel racing mounted on Sir Echo, her Palomino. Chuckie provided music instruction and instilled a love of music in the young girl.

Copeland learned to play guitar and sing at the age of four and added piano, organ, mandolin, banjo, xylophone and drums to her musical accomplishments. She plays by ear and was singing and winning talent shows as a young girl, writing songs at thirteen. She



Chris Copeland enjoys a moment with her best buddy, Nicki.

Photo by Karen Lovett, KP News

is an able ventriloquist with authentic dummies, Granny and Jerry.

Her father, Edward Taylor, was a hypnotist. He entertained under the stage name Edmund Andre at the Hunt Club in Chicago.

Her Aunt Chuckie, a Rosie the Riveter worker in the women's workforce in the war effort during World War II, was a successful photographer. Some of her pictures of famous stars including Roy Rogers adorn the walls in

Copeland's home.

Her mother, Valerie DeValois, was a writer, seamstress and inventor, although she never patented the many common inventions we use today. Copeland's maternal grandmother, LaVie DeValois, was a famous hat and scarf designer.

The family moved to California, near L.A. when she was 11. At the age of 13 she went to work for a private landscaper who had been employed as a gardener by Disney. He trained Copeland in the art of topiary—plant sculpture. In high school, she was a mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service.

She learned to drive on an 18-wheeler and thought everyone did.

Her parents divorced when she was 17, so she joined the Army in 1973 and was trained as a field wireman, telephone communications technician. Following her stint in the military, she worked for Pacific Bell in Los Angeles. Work entailed everything from putting in poles and up in air wiring, splicing underground lines and telephone installation.

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One of only three women employed by the company, Copeland said, "We called ourselves the Linettes."

She moved to Federal Way, Washington in 1990 and went to work for U.S. West until 1997. She quit the company to go into her own business, Heartfelt Communications, installing telephonic and surveillance systems, voicemail and networks.

She gave up the business to become a caregiver for her aunt and husband. Her aunt died in 2003, her husband in 2005. She returned to California to care for her mother who died in 2006. After the death of her mother, she moved to a thirty-acre ranch in Oroville, Wash., five miles south of the Canadian border. She needed space and time to grieve and recover from the deaths.

The victim of Identity Theft, she lost her farm in Oroville, land in Illinois and most of her savings. She had enough left to buy and move to Lakebay in 2008.

Copeland said, "I'm not a hoarder, I'm an inheritor." Shadow boxes of war memorabilia, photographs, collectables, treasures collected by her mother and aunt have found a haven in her home along with her own display of antique telephones and Martin the Martian. Her house and garage abound with

relics, but Copeland laments they are a fraction of the original number.

Many of her possessions disappeared in the move from eastern Washington. Her dispute with the moving company over losses and damage is unresolved.

She writes songs, plays and teaches guitar, and records music. Eighteen guitars as well as numerous other instruments fill the music room in a house protected by a well-designed surveillance system installed and maintained by her.

She uses dog training skills learned from her aunts when she was young, along with her love and knowledge of dogs, to train them for disabled service, companion and therapy.

She works with the owners to train their dogs. She said, "I train you to train your dog, and train owners how to handle their dogs and overcome behavioral problems. I don't do it for money. I do it as a community service or barter and trade."

She lives at a home set in woods with her white Samoyed/chow cross service dog, Nicki. A cascading waterfall splashes into a pond with Koi and goldfish swimming among pink flowered lilies in the front yard.

She quoted her mother, "You have a choice of miracles or disasters in your life."

Chris Copeland said, "I always think miracles."

## KP Historical Society program

The Key Peninsula Historical Society will have its fall membership meeting on Nov. 5 and the public is invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the VFW Room of the Civic Center, commencing with a potluck meal at noon, followed by a brief business meeting. President Joyce Niemann will review this season's activities, and discussion on goals for next season.

The meeting is open to all. Bring your own dishes for lunch and something to share. Connie Hildahl will report on our Act One Centennial Faraway Celebration held in August.

In 1889, Edward and Katherine Yeazell bought the west side of Pilocy Bay as well as all of what was to become McDermott Point, for \$1,000.

Yeazell built a summer home for his family near the present day Longbranch Marina, on Rice's Point, now named Conboy Point. The following year, in 1890, Yeazell platted 50-foot wide lots into what was called, The City of Long Branch (naming it after the popular New Jersey seaside resort). On the point, Yeazell constructed a dance hall, printed sta-

tionery, and invited guests from around Puget Sound to come and see this amazing resort area. He held New England Clambakes and shared his dreams on these shores. In 1897, Linton Sturgis, a Texas oilman, bought four lots from Yeazell on the west side of McDermott Point. This became the site of what we now know as FARAWAY.

As the KP Historical Society plans for special Act Two Faraway Centennial Celebrations the members are thinking of having a New England Clambake this summer. Everyone is welcome to join in the planning of the events.

A second edition of *Early Days On The Key Peninsula*, by Father Thaddeus Alredge, has been printed. These books are for sale for \$35 a copy and can be picked up at the meeting, or during hours the museum is open, Thursday and Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. until Dec. 10.

The museum opens again in February, with the 2012 display planned about Pentose Park.

For more information, please call 884-3702 or 884-3272.

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## Now Volunteer mentors needed

Communities in Schools of Peninsula needs reading and math mentors to give one hour of time each week after school to help a child learn/improve skills. Mentors are guided by staff in student instruction. Programs are scheduled for fall at these school sites: Minter Creek Elementary, Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45; Vaughn Elementary, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30; Purdy Elementary, Thursday, 3:45-5:45; Key Peninsula Middle School, Tuesdays, 3-4:15; Peninsula High and Henderson Bay High, please call CISP office, 884-5733, for details.

## Now Library donations

The Friends of the Key Center Library thank all who have generously donated gently used books for the ongoing lobby book sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund programs at the library. The Friends currently need used paperbacks.

## Now GED classes

Key Peninsula residents may complete a basic skills education for college entrance, employment skills, or a GED. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes (6 to 8 p.m.) are available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. For detailed class information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

## Now Swim times set

Water aerobics and open swim times are available at the Camp Stand by Me Easter Seals heated pool on Vaughn Road. Classes meet at 8-9 a.m. or 9:20-10:20 a.m. and cost \$4.25/session paid monthly. Register with Donna, 884-4473. Evening open swims on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5-6 p.m. and family swim on Wednesday

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## Saturdays & Tuesdays Zumba class

Zumba for ages 16+ is offered on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. and Tuesdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the VFW Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Fee is \$53 for a punch card, which is good for 2 months after purchase date. 884-9240.

## Tuesdays & Thursdays Preschool play time

The Children's Home Society Key Peninsula Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the KP Civic Center gym. Children play in a non-structured environment with age-appropriate toys. Caregivers must stay with child. Drop-ins are welcome; stay for as long as you can. A \$1 donation per child is suggested. Call Tam, 884-5433.

## Thursdays & Saturdays Museum hours

The Key Peninsula Historical Museum, in the KP Civic Center, is open 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays or by appointment. 884-3702.

## Nov. 1, 8, 15 Story time at library

Baby story time at 10:15 a.m. is followed by story play time at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 2, 9, 16 Family story time

Family story time for toddlers is held at 11 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

## To submit an event

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

## Nov. 3 Fuchsia club

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

## Nov. 4, 11, 18 Skate night

Friday night skate night for elementary and middle school students is from 6-9 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Entry is \$5, except for the special of \$2.50 on 11/11, and includes skate rental, games and crafts. Fresh concessions are available. 884-3456.

## Nov. 5 CPR training

CPR and First Aid training is taught from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Register at 884-222 or [keypeninsulafire.org](http://keypeninsulafire.org).

## Nov. 6 Time change

Turn the clocks to fall back an hour as daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m.

## Nov. 7, 14, 28 Bloodmobile dates

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

## Nov. 8 Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts meet from 1-3 p.m. at WayPoint Church to knit and crochet items for non-profits in the community. Yarn donations welcome. Virginia, 884-9619.

## Nov. 8 Elections today

Vote or mail your completed ballot today.

## Nov. 8 Friends meet

The Friends of the Key Center Library meet at 5 p.m. at the library. All Friends are welcome. 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 10 Teen activity

Teens and young adults (ages 12-18) build gingerbread houses from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Key Center Library. All materials are provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 10 Celebrate local authors

Seven local authors who've published books this past year gather from 6-8 p.m. in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library to share, sell, and sign their books. Light refreshments will be available. 884-5403.

## Nov. 11 Author speaks

Dr. John K. Sturteheim talks about his experiences as a teenager in an internec Japanese labor camp at 2 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Copies of his book, "Diary of a Prisoner 17326: A Boy's Life in a Japanese Labor Camp," will be available for sale and signing. This adult event is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library; please bring a donation for the food bank. 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 12 Second Saturday

"Board Games are not Boring" is presented for families at 11 a.m. at the Key

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Center Library. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library, 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 12 Crafts & Chili

Support the local artisan community and do holiday shopping at the KP Civic Center's 4th Annual Winter Warm Up & Chili Cook-off event from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information and entry forms available at [www.kpcciviccenter.org](http://www.kpcciviccenter.org) or in the Civic Center office 884-3456.

## Nov. 19 Ashes bazaar

Ladies of the Ashes Auxiliary for Fire District 16 fire fighters hold their annual holiday bazaar at the Key Center Fire Station from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 884-3771.

## Nov. 19 Lyme group

The Lyme support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Lyme mimics over 300 other diseases including MS, and ALS. Local doctors and nurses, on the frontlines for rural communities, are especially invited to come and learn from patients.

# OFF THE KEY

## Nov. 1-Dec. 4 Quilt exhibit

The Harbor History Museum, 4121 Harborview Drive, presents "The Artistry of Quilts" during the regular hours, 253-858-6722 or [harbohistory-museum.com](http://harbohistory-museum.com).

## Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Rug hook gathering

Bring an unfinished rug, start a rug, get help if needed and meet new rug hookers on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. Utility fee is \$5. Carlie, 206-351-7739.

## Nov. 3 Girls' night out

Uptown Gig Harbor presents a 'shop until you drop' event from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy give-aways, drawings and

## Nov. 21 Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Pier 1 Imports, 5160 Borgen Blvd NW, from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Nov. 29 Superintendent's forum

Terry Bouck, Superintendent of Peninsula School District, hosts an informal forum from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Middle School.

## Dec. 3 Santa breakfast

The KP Fire Department and KP Parks present a pancake breakfast with Father Christmas from 9-11 a.m. at the Key Center Fire Station. Pre-registration by Nov. 29 is strongly encouraged and is \$4/person. Registrations will be accepted as space is available on the day of the event at \$6/person. 884-9240.

## Dec. 3 Winter concert

A Key Peninsula favorite, Madrigalia, returns to perform at 2 p.m. at the Key Center Library. This concert is presented by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Donations for the local food bank are ap-

preciated. 253-548-3309.

## Nov. 3, 10 & 17 Rug hooking

Beginning rug hooking classes meet on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - noon in Purdy. The \$60 kit includes a 16x16" pattern, a hook and recycled wood. Class fee is \$75. Carlie, 206-351-7739.

## Nov. 5 Art walk

Gig Harbor Historic Downtown Waterfront District hosts the First Saturday Art Walk. Look for the Red Shoe banners. 857-4842.

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## Dec. 19-22 Winter camp

Winter Break Camp will be held for grades K-6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. An afternoon snack is provided. Cost is \$85/4 days or \$29/day for drop-ins. There is a minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 campers. Key Pen Parks, 884-9240.

## Dec. 27 Field trip

Key Pen Parks sponsors a field trip for K-6 to the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. Trip departs and returns to Volunteer Park. Participants must bring a sack lunch and beverage. Departure is at 9 a.m. and return is 4 p.m. and the cost is \$39/child. Sign-up now at 884-9240.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### KP Community Fair Association

Nov. 3, 6 p.m. in Boardhouse Restaurant VIP room, [www.keyfair.org](http://www.keyfair.org).

### Fire District 16

Nov. 8 & 22, 8 p.m. in meeting room, Key Center Fire Station.

### Key Peninsula Community Council

Nov. 9, 7 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station.

### Peninsula School District Board

Nov. 9, 6 p.m. regular meeting at Henderson Bay HS, Commons.

### KP Civic Center Board

Nov. 10, 7 p.m. in Whitmore Room, KPCC.

### Key Pen Parks

Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex.

### LIC

Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. dessert meeting at Longbranch Improvement Club.

### KP Citizens Against Crime

Nov. 18, 7 p.m. at Home Fire Station.

## Dec. 28 Snowshoe trip

A snowshoe trip to Mt. Rainier for ages 8-13 is planned by KP Parks. The trip departs from Volunteer Park at 8 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Participants must bring a sack lunch and beverage. The cost is \$39. Sign up now at 884-9240.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Tuesdays TOPS #1325

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

### Tuesdays Key singers

The Key Singers, the KP community chorus, meets from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the KP Lutheran Church sanctuary. 884-5615.

### Wednesdays Lakebay writers

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

### Wednesdays Watermark writers

The Watermark Writers present a free writer's workshop from 5-8 pm in Vaughn. Call 253-778-6559 for information.

### Thursdays Toastmasters

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

### Thursdays Senior Society

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

### Saturdays Writers' guild

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

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Properties Pending	47

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Average Days on Market	222
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(price per sq ft)	\$238
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Properties Pending	2

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# Replica of Filucy Bay cabin on exhibit at WSU

By Danna Webster, KP News

About nine years ago, when nationally acclaimed architect, Jim Olson, wanted to build a cabin on his Filucy Bay property, he hired Mark Ambler from Vaughn. This September, the Museum of Arts at WSU opened an exhibit presenting a career overview of Olson that includes a replica of the cabin. When the exhibit planners started looking for someone to build the cabin replica, Olson told them they might as well have the guy who did the first one.

Ambler was given about three weeks to assemble a replica of the cabin for the museum's opening day on September 30. "I like anything challenging and it was a challenge. It took over two years to build the original-- It all worked out," he says.

Building the replica was only part of the job. The next step was to carefully dismantle it, identify and label the pieces so that the structure can be reassembled, and load it up on his flatbed trailer to



Photo courtesy of Mark Ambler, Vaughn

Mark Ambler assembled a replica of the Jim Olson cabin for art museum exhibits. The replica towers above Ambler's home.

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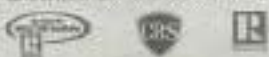
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deliver it to WSU in Pullman. Ambler said  
when Olson saw it, he thought he was at  
his cabin home. He moved in his chair  
and a wheelbarrow and the replica was  
just like the real thing. Actually, the living  
room of the cabin is built at full scale. As  
Ambler built the structure in his yard, it  
began to tower above his own house. He  
said he expected to see the building in-  
spector show up and was surprised that  
none of the neighbors complained. "A  
couple came over and said, 'What are you  
building here?' and just looked at me like  
I was crazy," he says.

Ambler discovered his carpentry skills  
when he was 16 and building his own  
house in Lake of the Woods. He says  
carpentry skills trickled down from his  
grandfather. His grandfather worked as a  
carpenter building the Washington State  
Capitol in 1908. After Ambler finished  
his service in the Navy, his construction  
business began on the peninsula with the  
Brookside Restaurant. He is now in his  
41st year of building projects from Purdy  
to Longbranch.

The cabin Ambler built for Olson is on  
property that was staked out by Olson's

grandfather in the 1900s. The site could  
be the inspiration for the work of the Ol-  
son and Kundig Architect firm founded  
by Olson in the late 1960's. According  
to the firm's website, they are based on  
a couple of simple ideas: buildings can  
serve as a bridge between nature, culture  
and people; and inspiring surroundings  
have a positive effect on people's lives.

Ambler and Olson are kindred spirits  
when it comes to appreciating the Key  
Peninsula.

"He just loves it out here," Ambler says  
of Olson. "He's been going there since he  
was a little kid. I think his plan is to retire  
and stay at the cabin." But what was it  
like to build a cabin home for a renowned,  
award-winning architect with a world-wide  
business clientele? "He is probably the best  
I ever worked with as far as open minded-  
ness and easy going—a lot (of architects)  
are sort of set in their ways," Ambler says.

More information about Jim Olson  
is available at the KP News website in  
the May 2004 issue. Further informa-  
tion about this story is available at [www.olsonskundigarchitects.com](http://www.olsonskundigarchitects.com) and at [www.museum.wsu.edu](http://www.museum.wsu.edu)—click on exhibitions.  
Mark Ambler can be contacted at [building-services@centuryr1.net](mailto:building-services@centuryr1.net).

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### Nov. 5, 12, 19 \$2 movies

Galaxy Theatre Uptown and the Gig Harbor Police Department raise money for the Jaycox Gig Harbor Police Benevolent Fund by presenting \$2 family movies on Saturdays. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and movies begin at 10 a.m.

### Nov. 6 Poetry readings

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### Nov. 10 Girls' night out

The second annual Girls' Night Out is at Gig Harbor's waterfront district. Enjoy shopping and lunch specials from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., special prize drawings at 6:30 at the Harbor History Museum, and then head to one of the many waterfront restaurants for Girls' Night Out specials. Mary DesMarais, [executivedirector@ghlwa.org](mailto:executivedirector@ghlwa.org) or 253-514-0071.

### Nov. 11 Family movie night

Fox Island Alliance Church hosts a free movie night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free popcorn and candy is available for all ages. Kids

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### Nov. 17 Tea & tour

The Harbor History Museum hosts a "Tea and Tour" from 2-3 p.m. A half-hour discussion of one area of the gallery is followed by tea, coffee and cookies. This activity is free for members and admission plus \$1 for non-members. 858-6722 or [jennifer@harborhistorymuseum.org](mailto:jennifer@harborhistorymuseum.org).

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A free support group, Freedom from Tobacco, is held from 5:30-6:30 at the Milgard Medical Pavilion by St. Anthony Hospital. Please call to confirm location before attending first group. Heidi, 253-223-7358 or [heidihenson@fishhealth.org](mailto:heidihenson@fishhealth.org).

### Nov. 23 Thanksgiving eve service

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### Nov. 24 Turkey trot

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### Nov. 25 Shopping event

Uptown Gig Harbor presents a Black Friday shopping event with monster sales. Kristin, 851-4557 or [uptowngigharbor.com](http://uptowngigharbor.com).

### Nov. 25-Dec. 5 Theater production

The Paradise Theatre presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. 851-7529 or [paradisetheatre.org](http://paradisetheatre.org).

### Nov. 26-27 Winterfest

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# FIRE DISTRICT 16 CALL LOG

A summary of calls for FD 16 for Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

Total Calls: 142  
EMS: 102  
Fire/service: 28  
Other: 12

## Sept. 16

A 30-year-old Vaughn woman and her 2-year-old daughter were taken to a Tacoma hospital after their car left the roadway and went over an embankment. Both mother and daughter were expected to survive the accident that happened near Key Center on Olson Dr KPN.

## Sept. 17

Friends arrived to make preparations for replacing the roof of a home belonging to a 75-year-old Wauna man, but were concerned when he didn't answer the telephone or doorbell. They entered through an unlocked front door and discovered the man lying on the floor in the hallway awake but unable to speak coherently. The man, who lives alone, was last seen by

neighbors three days earlier. Paramedics suspect he suffered a stroke and had been lying on the floor for a couple of days. Key Peninsula Medic One transported him to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

## Sept. 18

A 13-year-old Port Orchard girl was the passenger in a truck that was heading down the hill to the stop sign at 118th Ave and SR302 when a car turned wide right onto 118th Ave. and hit the truck in the driver's side front area. The driver was uninjured but the girl was taken to a local hospital for evaluation.

## Sept. 21

A Longbranch man returned home after work to find his 52-year-old wife seated in a chair unresponsive. KP Medics evaluated the woman and found she had a low blood sugar. They treated her for the diabetic condition and left her at home after she recovered.

## Sept. 27

A 37-year-old Wauna woman was found unresponsive by her family. The woman had sustained a head injury two days earlier from a fall. KP Medics rushed the woman to a Tacoma Trauma Center.

## Sept. 28

Firefighters responded at 2:21 a.m. for a structure fire in Lake of the Woods and upon arrival found a fully-involved house fire with a nearby shop beginning to heat up. Attack of the fire was done with a deck gun (large nozzle on top of the fire engine) and followed up with hose lines. The homeowner had been inside the house when the fire broke out and was able to escape. He was treated and transported for smoke inhalation. His son was in a nearby house and ran over to the house when he heard the noise from the fire. He broke a window and pulled out a dog, saving its life. He also was treated and released at the scene for a foot laceration.

Another dog was reported to have been in the house but was not found. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

## Sept. 30

A 75-year-old woman fell and injured her shoulder when she lost her footing on a ramp outside her home. Thorough stabilization of the patient's shoulder, neck and back was necessary before she could be transported to St Anthony hospital.

## Oct. 1

Two teen-aged males were observed pouring puddles of gasoline on the grass of a local park and lighting them on fire. Neighbors called 9-1-1, prompting a response from both fire and police agencies. The duo had left prior to the arrival of a fire engine and the fires had burned out. Sheriff's deputies obtained the possible names of the teens from witnesses and went to pay them a visit.

(See Fire, Page 17)

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**Oct. 4**

A 19-year-old man from Home drove a friend's 2011 Kia into a ditch on SR302 near the power line road. The young man said that he leaned over to adjust the radio. He then drove into a culvert and flipped the vehicle onto its top. He was transported to a local hospital.

**Oct. 5**

Deputies responded to a Glencove home where a 15-year-old female threatened to harm herself during a dispute with her mother. After assessing the situation the officers called for a medical transport of the girl for a psychiatric evaluation. Key Peninsula Medic One transported her to a Tacoma hospital for evaluation and treatment.

**Oct. 10**

An employee of a local business called 9-1-1 after finding a woman slumped in the driver's seat of a running vehicle in the parking lot. The vehicle was in 'park' but the woman had her foot on the gas pedal, loudly revving the engine. She was found to be poorly responsive and

the alert employee shut off the car and took the keys. Paramedics arrived and discovered the woman, who had no history of diabetes, had a dangerously low blood-sugar level. Key Peninsula Medic One transported her to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

**Oct. 11**

A 50-year-old man was driving his van on Lackey Road when he lost control of it and rolled the vehicle, landing it in a ditch. The van sustained serious damage and the man was treated and transported to an area hospital for moderate injuries. No other vehicles or individuals were involved.

**Oct. 12**

A 73-year-old Rocky Bay resident became dizzy after bending over to pick something up. The dizziness caused her to fall to the ground and injure her back. Responding firefighters found her on the floor and in a great deal of pain. She was fully immobilized on a backboard to protect her spine, and paramedics administered pain medication during the transport to a local hospital.

**Oct. 14**

Firefighters were called to a Lakebay residence by family members attempting to locate a relative. The woman in her 50s was a passenger in a vehicle accident on the preceding night and may have sustained a concussion. She reportedly declined ambulance transport the night before in Kitsap County and was, instead, given a ride home by a friend. Since she was dropped off at home, no family members had been able to reach her and she was not answering the door. Firefighters breached the door with the family's permission. Nobody was found at home. Family members were going to continue to attempt to locate the woman.

**Oct. 15**

A fire destroyed most of the original waterfront residence at Silverbow Farm near Key Center. Firefighters were able to prevent the fire from extending into an adjoining guest house and workshop but the main home was lost. Homeowners believe that an electrical problem started the fire and reported that the den had lost power earlier in the week. The mid-morning fire was visible from Purdy. Estimated loss was \$400k.

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# SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

A summary of calls for Pierce County Sheriff's Department for Sept. 22 to Oct. 18

## Sept. 16-30

13509 Goldman Dr. NW: Motor vehicle recovery. A deputy responded in regards to a possible stolen vehicle. Vehicle was 40-50 feet off the road at the end of the wooded driveway at the address. It could not be seen from road and no one was there. The deputy called reporting party to find out his relationship to the vehicle. The person who reported the found vehicle told the deputy he owns the property but does not live there. He was last there two weeks ago and vehicle was not there.

Jeep Cherokee stolen out of Mason County, and was confirmed through LESA records. Vehicle had both license plates. Propped up on its side with 2x6s and the rear end and transmission was removed. All four tires, seats and dashboard removed from vehicle.

## Sept. 17

7500 block of Lackey Road: Traffic-

ing stolen property.

The victim stated a male friend came to her house with a girlfriend, and shortly after they left she noticed her diamond bracelet and wedding ring had been taken from her jewelry box. They were only two people at her house during that time. She called the male friend and he denied taking it. The following Monday a friend of the victim said she saw the ring and bracelet in jewelry store in Tacoma. The victim drove there and identified the items. She called the male friend again and he said he now remembered that he had driven the girlfriend to that jewelry store so she could sell a bracelet but had no idea it was hers. He denied knowing about the ring. Suspects live in King County.

## Sept. 21

20400 block of 22nd St., Lakebay: Residential burglary.

Security check on vacation cabin.

Neighbor called owner and told her it looked like someone had kicked the door open. Owner called 9-1-1. Said her son would be coming from Tacoma.

Deputy found door of one room wide open and appeared suspect broke window pane on front door to gain access but couldn't open door because of dead-bolt, so the suspect kicked the door in, breaking the frame.

Some gardening tools were taken, but full list of stolen items was not complete. No suspect info.

## Sept. 23-25

1901 1st St. Road, Lakebay, Herron Island Ferry: Vehicle prowler. Victim reported passenger side door window shattered, cds were stolen.

## Sept. 24

13100 block of 118th Ave. NW: Burglary. Suspect pried open a window to a shed. A pressure washer, two orbital sanders and ladder were stolen. Value

est. at \$700 No suspect info.

## Reported on Sept. 25

6200 block of Whitman Rd. in Longbranch: Burglary. Deputy Jake Kreis was flagged down in 6200 block of Whitman road by a victim who told unknown persons pried open a metal cargo container on the vacant property at 6303 Whitman Road. Paint ball gun and five protective masks were taken. No suspect info. Deputy observed pried marks on the door of metal container.

## Sept. 26-27

16902 Olson Dr. CenturyLink property: Vandalism. A vehicle had been driven through the substation's landscaping and into the chain link fence. Fence post was bent over allowing access to substation. No evidence of break in at substation.

13700 block of 103rd St. (Fraud. The victim called to say he discovered some-

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(From Sheriff, Page 18)

one had used his Key Bank credit card on Sept. 26 for two out of state purchases totaling \$415.29. No suspect info.

### Sept. 29

1800 block of 194th Av. Lakebay: Found property. A woman found a purse in parking lot of shopping center in Gig Harbor and took it to the Peninsula Detachment but no one was there, so she called and was told to drive home and a deputy would contact her. The purse contained military ID card, medical cards. Not able to contact owner. Property was placed into property at Peninsula Detachment.

### Sept. 29

17000 block of S. Vaughn Road: Residential burglary.

Someone entered residence and took items from kitchen cabinets and freezer. Came through unlocked sliding door. No suspect info. Deputies noted it could be related to fuel theft that occurred at same time across street.

17010 S. Vaughn Road, Key Peninsula Civic Center: Theft. A white male was seen walking through the property to a black hatchback car. Property caretaker

asked what he was doing and suspect said he was having car problems. He filled his tank with fuel from a gas can and left. Gas was stolen from vehicles on the civic center property. A small red and white dirt bike was found abandoned in the flower garden on the property.

### Sept. 30

13000 block of Thomas Road: Residential burglary.

Deputy contacted the victim at address in regards to complaint burglary. When she left the house it was empty. Her stepson arrived and found someone had been in the house. She came home and waited for police.

Back window used for entry and was broken where someone had stood on it. Forensics not available, but fingerprints on the window.

Xbox, piggy bank, jewelry, two digital cameras, two laptops, were stolen.

### Oct. 2

15400 block of 92nd St.: Burglary. A rental storage area was broken into and a metal steam cooler was stolen.

### Oct. 4

13800 140th St.: Unlawful possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia.

Suspect, Landon Walter Baily, 27, 1230 N. Steel St. Tacoma was arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia. Four grams of meth were found when suspect was taken into custody.

### Oct. 1

5514 KP Highway, KP Parks office, Theft.

Office door and maintenance shop door had marks on door jams where someone attempted entry.

### Oct. 7

9200 block of Danforth St. NW: Vehicle theft.

Victim stated his 2000 black Mustang was parked in the driveway when he left to take dog for a walk, when he returned an hour later the vehicle was gone. Looked for the keys but they must have fallen off his ring. No suspect info.

### Oct. 16

8300 block of 150th St. NW: Residential burglary.

Victim said he left home to run errands and left the garage door open while his wife was home taking bath. He returned at 10:30 and vehicle was missing from garage. Was sure that the vehicle was

there when he left.

A short while after, the vehicle was located at 14505 82nd Ave. NW.

Spoke with property owner who noticed the vehicle abandoned on his property. Said he didn't see anyone around the vehicle.

Victim stated no damage, spare set of keys was found on the dash. Message on dash appeared to chastise victims for easy theft.

### Oct. 18

8600 block of Springbrook Lane NW: Residential burglary.

The victim said he came home from work and saw a silver Toyota Corolla parked in his driveway. He pulled behind the car and saw two individuals in the car, a female in the back seat and a male driver.

He honked twice and another male appeared from behind the house. He said he was looking for someone and asked if she lived there. Victim said doesn't live here. The male quickly got in car and left.

The door to a storage room attached to house for tools and wood was open; items were piled up next to door, indicating they were to be taken. Victim feels he interrupted the burglary.

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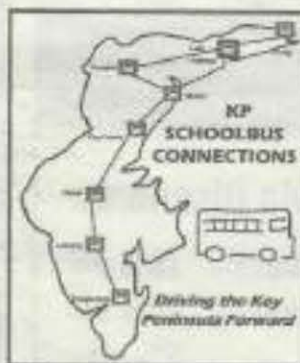
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# Cultural differences in China continue to amaze

By Michael Silk, For the KP News

*Editor's Note: Michael Silk is a Lakebay resident studying in Hong Kong, China for a year. This is the second in a series of columns that he will submit during his stay. Look for his column each month as he writes about his experiences there.*

It seems like almost every day I am surprised by another new and different experience, by something that is polar opposite from what I know all my life. One such experience is the overwhelming realization how safe it is here. There doesn't seem to be a lot of police on the streets but crime is extremely low. There is a total recognition of personal property here. Once I left my Octopus Card in the computer lab at the university. The Octopus Card is like a bankless debit card; you deposit money on it and use it for everything from public transit to fast food, from groceries to restaurants. It's as good as money and doesn't require any form of identification.

I left the card sitting by itself in the open with \$100 on it and no one touched it for over an hour. When I went back for my card and found it untouched, I realized that was something that would only happen in Hong Kong.

I crossed the border into mainland China and was amazed by even the differences between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The public transport in Hong Kong is amazing, I can walk to a rail or bus station and be anywhere in the city in the same time as if I were driving for a fraction of the price, but since it is the major source of transportation it can get overwhelmingly crowded. Since the trains are so busy, people have to push their way off but while people are off-loading, everyone else on the train platform is pushing their way onto the train.

In Shenzhen, the trains are still incredibly busy but the subway platforms are much better organized. There are people around the clock directing foot-traffic, there are clearly marked lines for people to stand in,

and everyone waits for the passengers to offload before getting on the train. It is surprising how after living in Hong Kong for a short while, I find myself experiencing a bit of culture shock at even the small differences between my temporary home and the nearby foreign places that I visit.

One of the must see tourist sites of Hong Kong is the Po Lin Monastery and the Tian Tan Buddha, which is alternatively known in English as the "Big Buddha." It is awesome to hike up the long staircase to the large, bronze Buddha. After visiting this site as well as the Temple of 10,000 Buddhas, I was struck by how inconvenient these locations are.

When you travel in Europe you notice how the cities are really organized around the ancient churches and cathedrals. In Hong Kong you have to work and fight to get to these places of spiritual retreat and only now, with modern means of transportation have these locations become reasonable places to visit. However, the isolation of these sites

does not take away from but only serves to enhance their majesty. You find yourself in awe at the labor it must have taken to build these outstanding structures in such mountainous and remote locations.

I must say the thing that I miss most about being back home in Lakebay is the night sky. The night sky here consists of an orange glow in the sky from all of the city lights. There's been only one night since coming here where I could see stars and only four shone through bright enough for me. I miss being out on the Peninsula where the greatest obstacle to seeing the stars are the size of the trees. The man-made beauty of Hong Kong truly cannot compare to the natural beauty of home.

For photos, visit [keypennews.com](http://keypennews.com).

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# Wine shop opens in Key Center

By Danna Webster, KP News

The new paint was dry, the curtains were hung and corks were popping at the Saturday, Oct. 8 grand opening of the Blend Wine Shop. The wait was over for commuters and Key Center neighbors who watched for several months as Jeff and Dayle Minch remodeled a popular business location next to Sound Credit Union. The doors opened at 2 p.m. and the crowd formed. Bankers, florists, fire commissioners, a wood-carver, the president of the Friends of the Key Center Library and enthusiastic supporters flocked to the tasting room. They were rewarded with generous pourings by distributor-host, Trish Hoff—formerly of the Beach House in Purdy, and the friendly chatter of Key Pen multitudes.

Wine tasting is a regularly scheduled event for the shop. "Friday is the main tasting night around 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will have someone featured to tell the story behind the wines," says Jeff Minch. For the opening day host, Minch chose Hoff because "she is excellent with food pairings," he says. All of the wine tastings will feature

distributors that offer their own personal strengths. One of those distributors, Bob Clark, came over from his home on Vashon Island to attend the grand opening. Minch met Clark at a trade event and found him to be an engaging presenter. Clark visited with guests at the opening and described the advantage of using stainless steel casks for chardonnay. "Chardonnay not in oak has a green apple, crisp, lighter taste. No-wood-chardonnay is food friendly. Oak flavorings can fight with food," he said. Clark looks forward to working with Minch. They plan to introduce wines and offer a selection that customers will not see in a grocery store. "(Minch) has so many great ideas outside the box," Clark said. "He's infectious."

The Blend Wine Shop plans to provide a little different market for wine and beer and is proud to provide a "no snob zone". Minch looks for new brewers and makers that make their products in small lots. Many of their strategies were working well for opening weekend. Several of the wines were sold out. News about wine and beer selections and tasting schedules are available on Facebook.com/Blendwineshop.

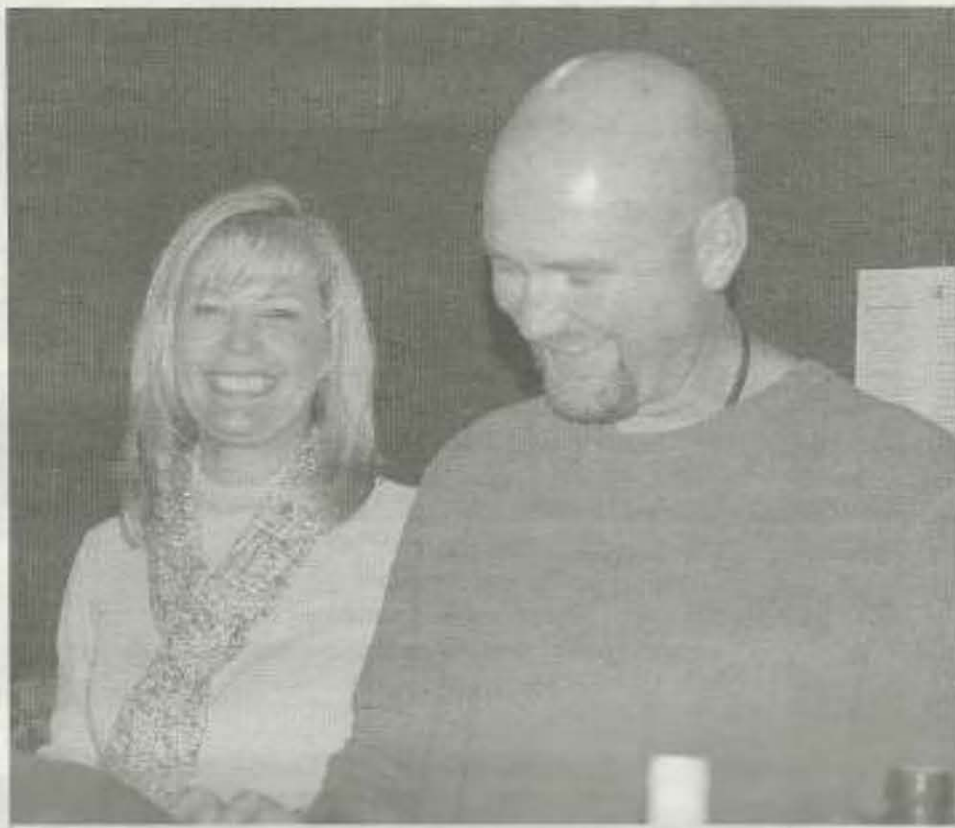


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The cash register skills of Dayle and Jeff Minch were challenged during the grand opening of their Blend Wine Shop in Key Center.



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## John Biggs

John Steven Biggs, of Home, Wash., died at his residence at the age of 71, from complications of cancer. He was a long time resident of the Key Peninsula, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, as well as an attorney, author and teacher.

Biggs the son of Dorothy (Moriarty) Freedman and John A. Biggs, who pre-deceased him, was born in Vancouver, Washington. He grew up in Bellevue, Washington, was a graduate of the 1958 class of Bellevue High School, received his BA in political science from Washington State University in 1964, and his juris Doctor from the University of Idaho, in 1971. He was also a Lieutenant with the 101st Airborne Division, and served in the Vietnam war. He began his career in law as a deputy in the prosecuting attorney's office in Walla Walla, Washington, later moving into private practice where he became retained counsel for various school districts, and ultimately retired from public school employment as General Counsel of Peninsula School District, to focus on teaching at City University and writing.



In March, 2011, Biggs was deeply honored to receive the Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year award during the 27th annual awards dinner, sponsored by the Key Peninsula Lions Club. His community service included work on the Key Peninsula Fair, with the Longbranch Improvement Club, for which he was past president, and the Key Peninsula Business Association.

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Members of the Galloping Gertie Model "A" Ford Club of Tacoma visited the KP in October. Their Fall Tour included a visit to Fred Leenstra's barn of vintage cars, lunch at members Bob and Ann Campy's home, and the KP Historical Museum. John Eyster, Ina Armor, and Nan Thoe stand by "Gertie," Armor's Model A. Her husband was one of the founding members of the club started in 1964.



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Right: Colors and textures filled the Longbranch Improvement Club during the fourth annual Fiber Arts Festival. Hand-spun, hand-dyed yarn and spinners were a common sight.

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