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Voter Turnout Essential for KP Fire Levy Renewal

By Lisa M. Bryan, KP News

Key Peninsula Fire District 16 will ask voters to approve renewal of a four-year Maintenance and Operations (M&O) levy in an election Aug. 2. The current levy expires at the end of this year. If it is not renewed, the district will face cuts in staff and training, said Fire Chief Guy Allen.

The district has received strong community approval in the last several years, Allen said, but high voter turnout is essential to renew the levy. At press time, there was no organized opposition.

Washington state law requires all so-called excess levies to pass by a supermajority of at least 60 percent of voters within the fire district, and with an overall turnout of at least 40 percent of the total votes received in the previous general election.

State law further restricts fire district revenue growth to a rate of 1 percent per annum. This imbalance between the annual rate of inflation and the statutory limit can only be remedied through taxpayer-approved levies, Allen said.

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Photo by Anne Nesbit, KP News

KP firefighters train on a car fire during recent drills.

Two Arrested After Peninsula Shooting

By Ted Olinger, KP News

Two local men, ages 23 and 19, were arrested in the early hours of May 18 after police received numerous reports of shots fired from a car driving south on the Key Peninsula Highway from Purdy to Penrose State Park, where they are suspected of shooting a dog.

The Key Peninsula News will not identify the men unless or until they are charged with a crime.

According to police and witness reports, gunshots were heard between Purdy and Penrose after midnight May 18. Kristen Hicks, who lives near Penrose, heard a shot ricochet through the trees on her property at 1:15 a.m. and called 911. She identified herself as the spouse of Gig Harbor police officer Joe Hicks.

“When they figured out who I was, the supervisor got on the line and said they’d already had nine calls in the last few minutes and had units rolling,” she said.

Meanwhile, her husband, Officer Joe Hicks, armed himself and went outside to investigate. An unfamiliar car was parked down the street and the neighbor’s dog was barking. Officer Hicks reported hearing a voice say, “Give me the gun. I’m going to kill that [expletive] dog,” immediately followed by a rapid series of shots. He identified himself as a police officer and ordered the shooters to halt, but the car immediately fled.

“Our guys were there in minutes,” said Kristin Hicks. Some police units turned around to find the car while others, including Officer Hicks, searched the area and checked on the neighbor,

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‘Benchwarmers’ Smash Record, Win Championship

By Ted Olinger, KP News

The Key Peninsula Little League (KPLL) minors team, the Benchwarmers, finished a perfect season by winning their Division 2 championship game against South Kitsap Western June 11 in Olalla. They won after tagging out the tying run between third base and home, completing a record-breaking 20-0 season.

“I am so proud of my team, my coaches and my parents,” said team manager and KPLL president, Lee Miller.

The stands were packed with KPLL supporters, including players and coaches from opposing teams and even other leagues, to cheer on the Benchwarmers in what would be their toughest matchup of the year.

After starting the game behind in runs for the first time all season, the coach of the opposing team repeatedly called timeouts to stop the Benchwarmers’ momentum. When a Benchwarmers coach was ejected following a miscommunication with a Kitsap umpire, the opposing team demanded a forfeit since league rules require three coaches on the team

roster be present for play.

Miller consulted league officials and discovered that as team scorekeeper, Shannon Coons was on the team roster and could fill in, satisfying the league requirement.

Play resumed, but not for long.

At the top of the sixth inning, left fielder Cooper Miller, 7, stopped a bouncing grounder and fired it back to his brother, catcher Tristan Miller, 9, at home plate to cut off a runner leaving third. Tristan Miller threw to third baseman Conner Burton, 9, who tagged the runner out, winning the game and the championship.

Final score was 8 to 7, Benchwarmers.

“The team consists of some amazing and talented boys who show great sportsmanship and are always supportive of each other, as well as their competitors,” said team parent James Coons. “They even helped another team from a very poor area in Tacoma who were struggling and had their coach quit in the middle of their season.” Miller and the en-

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tire Benchwarmers team and coaches practiced with the other team to improve their skills.

"We parents feel blessed to have been a part of this team," Coons said.

"This has been truly an amazingly special season. I hope these boys remember this for the rest of their lives," Miller said.

The Key Peninsula Business Association sponsored the Benchwarmers. The coaching staff was Lee Miller, Megan McFarlane and Kenny Arnold. The scorekeeper was Shannon Coons and team mom was Lynda Burton.

The Benchwarmers show off their championship medals. Standing behind, from left to right, are coaches Kenny Arnold, Lee Miller and Megan McFarlane.



Photo by James Coons

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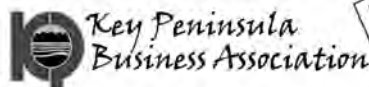
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Classes will be Sundays, August 7, 14 and 28.

The first session (Aug. 7) will be at 8 am in the concession stand at Volunteer Park. Other session times and locations are TBA.

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The Key Center Library, the Friends of Key Center Library & Key Pen Parks present a **FREE** family concert with popular children's recording artist Nancy Stewart at 11 am on Saturday, August 27, at Volunteer Park. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day in the park!



MARITIME GIG VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!

Thank you to the awesome folks and kids who walked or rode with Key Pen Parks in the Maritime Gig Parade on June 4. Walkers included: Leah Beal; Kirsten and Caden Gallacher; Audra, Alyssa and Kelsey Garcia; Hunter and Matthew Grandt; Kolton Hallock; Jerry and Marilyn Hartley; John and Kara Kelly; Shawn, Sami, Isabel and Sara Jensen; Mckayla Nichols, Mallory Riddle; and Traisey Strange.

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- Aug. 12 - Minions
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- Aug. 26 - Star Wars: The Force Awakens

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“Unlike city fire departments, fire protection districts are the only essential emergency services not supported by sales tax revenues,” Allen said. “The vast majority of our revenue comes directly from property tax assessments.”

The abrupt drop in real estate values beginning with the 2007 financial crisis caused budget problems for many municipalities and emergency services dependent upon income from property taxes. The Key Peninsula was hit especially hard. The local real estate market is improving now, but has not recovered to the same extent as in neighboring communities.

“Looking at our 2016 operating budget, it quickly becomes apparent there is little fat left to trim and no other category within our operating budget, aside from salaries, where we could make up for an \$800,000 loss in annual revenue were the levy to fail,” Allen said. “The reduction in staff and subsequently our service capacity would be considerable.”

Allen also said that staffing, both of professional firefighters and volunteers, directly affects homeowners’ insurance rates based on an industry rating scale applied to each fire station. Without adequate station staff,

Get the Vote Out

Election Day is Aug. 2. Registered voters will receive mail-in ballots beginning July 15. Ballots must be returned by Aug. 2. Fire District 16’s M&O levy is called Proposition 1.

property owners would likely see homeowner insurance rates rise.

“Tight finances eliminated much of our budget for continuing education on best practices in firefighting,” said volunteer battalion chief and administrative assistant Anne Nesbit. “The science of firefighting is evolving all the time. Our people need to be current.”

During a recent presentation to the Key Peninsula Sportsmen’s Club, Allen said, “The upcoming M&O maintenance levy will not increase your tax bill. Approval of the new levy will keep both current funding levels and staffing exactly the same. We’re not asking voters for more money, we’re asking voters for the same amount you approved four years ago.”

The Pierce County auditor estimated that renewing the levy would maintain the current rate of approximately \$6.50 per month for a home valued at \$200,000.

When asked whether the department had a reserve account, Allen said, “Industry standards suggest we hold 20 percent of our annual operating budget in reserve, which in today’s dollars equals roughly a million dollars. Currently, our reserve account holds less than \$200,000, so you can see it will take a while to reach our goals. This year we’re retiring the bond debt from building the stations, which is a relief. Our future financial goals include building back up our reserves to prudent levels.”

If the levy fails in August, the Board of Fire Commissioners may have little choice but to put it before the voters again in November. “Simply getting on the ballot costs us between \$12,000 and \$15,000—an additional cost the district would prefer to avoid,” Allen said.

“Provided we pass our upcoming M&O levy, there will be no levy in 2017 or 2018,” said Allen at the Sportsmen’s Club meeting. “We are on schedule to renew our EMS levy in 2019, and we’ll be looking to renew this 2016 M&O levy four years from now in 2020,” he said. “But first things first. We must pass this M&O levy and voter turnout is especially important. However you personally choose to vote, the important thing is that you do.”

Local Boy Scout Troop, Always Helping, Now Helped by Community

The 35 members of KP Boy Scouts of America Troop 220 raised nearly \$10,000 in recent months to fund their summer activities, including a trip to a scout camp in Mount Hood, Ore. in August.

That money disappeared from their bank account in May.

After contacting police, the troop decided to try to replace the missing funds. A car wash and rummage sale held at the Key Center fire station June 4 lasted more than seven hours and raised approximately \$15,000, far exceeding their \$8,000 goal.

One week later, outside donations brought the total to nearly \$20,000. Troop Committee Chairman Spencer Wiklund said, “I am truly thankful for everyone’s support. I am so proud to be part of our Boy Scouts and the best community to be found anywhere—the Key Peninsula.

“I could not have picked a better place to raise my boys.”



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Phyllis Olson, 84, and her dog, Joe.

"I was on my computer, and I heard this shot," said Olson. "But that's not unusual out here, you know."

Olson said her dog started barking, followed by a quick succession of shots, and then silence. "I called 911. I was very nervous," she said.

When Olson went outside to speak with the police, she noticed that someone had trampled her garden and knocked over planters to get in or out of her yard. Olson, her neighbors and responding officers searched unsuccessfully for any sign of her dog.

"There was no blood, but we did find three shells [bullet casings] 15 feet from my front door," she said. Other casings were reportedly found nearby, and police noted that numerous road signs in the area had been shot.

Three men were apprehended after their car crashed on Lorenz Road KPN north of Cornwall Road KPS. One fled the vehicle and was tracked down hiding in nearby woods by a K-9 unit. Both suspects were arrested for reckless endangerment and class 3 malicious mischief. The

23-year-old was also arrested for attempting to elude police. A third man, unconscious in the backseat and believed to be impaired, was not arrested. One semi-automatic pistol and two pellet pistols were found in the car.

Neither suspect was charged as of press time and were free on bond. The Pierce County prosecutor's office did not respond to requests for a comment to this report.

"I'm just so thankful that no people were injured with how many rounds they must've fired," Kristen Hicks said. "Can you imagine how easy it would've been for a bullet to go into a house along the road?"

About her missing dog, Joe, Olson said, "He was my watchdog, and he was my friend. He did his job."

Two subsequent searches for Joe failed to find any trace of him. He is a large shepherd mix, black on top, brown below, with white spots on his chest. He weighs approximately 90 pounds and was wearing a choke chain but no tags. He was last seen south of Penrose State Park near 159th Avenue KPS and 8th Street KPS when the shooting occurred. Anyone with information is asked to call 884-2586.

First Lifetime Member of KP Historical Society Enrolled

Marge Summerfelt of Vaughn recently became the first lifetime member of the Key Peninsula Historical Society with a single donation of \$1,000.

"Now I don't have to worry about paying my dues on time," she said.

Summerfelt works as a museum docent nearly every month and has shared family and other local history with the organization for years. Her father and three brothers are included in the museum veteran's display and album.

She arrived in Vaughn in 1937 at 6 years old with her parents, Glen and Wanda Rose, and four of her siblings. They lived in several locations around Vaughn, eventually purchasing property from Ted Knudson on Lackey Road. Summerfelt and husband Jack Niemann later built their own home on that property and she's lived there ever since. Four of her seven siblings eventually returned to the Key Peninsula. Summerfelt hosts an annual Rose family picnic for brothers, sisters and descendants.



Photo by Ed Johnson, KP News

Longtime KP resident Marge Summerfelt is the first lifetime member of the KP Historical Society.

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Peninsula Views

Love Thy Neighbor

Violence changes us. It drills into our hearts with anxiety and fear.

Violence drives us to self-protection. It puts us constantly on watch for enemies to defend against, or perpetrators to blame. Violence demands action based on simplistic assumptions, bypassing careful thought and consideration for the immediacy of fight or flight.

Violence demands retribution and destruction of The Other. The myth of redemptive violence lies at the core of our national ethos. Violence destroys all that makes us human.

Our society thrives on violence. Violence is glorified in our movies, television shows, video games and music. Violence has been visited upon Orlando, San Bernardino, Umpqua, Charleston and Newtown. Violence is the first response when we feel threatened or insulted, whether as individuals or as a nation.

There are those who use violence to their own end, attempting to bend society to their crooked vision of what the world should be. Hateful men pour out their loathing through the end of a rifle, spitting lead for every perceived hurt they bear.

Others capitalize on violence. Politicians scapegoat minority groups and promise protection from The Other. Radio hosts froth with conspiracy theories, exploiting and perpetuating the paranoia and anxiety of their listeners. Those who profit from the manufacture and sale of weapons add to a climate of fear, spinning tales of enemies at every door while pumping more firearms into the world.

We have a choice. We can live in the world these fearmongers are trying to create, or we can create something other than this culture of violence and paranoia—this world

Dan Whitmarsh
Writing by Faith



that stockpiles weapons while hiding behind walls.

We have a choice and a chance to create a world that denies the dreams of these sick people, surprising them with beauty and joy and love and compassion instead.

The empathy embodied in prayer is good and right. Announcing that we stand strong with victims is appropriate. We must, however, go beyond that and take real steps to a world of mutual understanding.

Words like beauty and love and compassion are often empty sentiment, but after yet another act of mass murder, they should become our marching orders.

Sow seeds of love. Practice compassion. Remain curious. Forgive. Meet your neighbors, especially the ones who aren't like you. Create beauty. Refuse to participate in the endless cycle of violence begetting violence.

Ignore the hatemongers who shift the blame to all Muslims, or the LG-BTQ community. Ignore politicians, radio hosts and religious leaders who speak hatred about fellow human beings. Ignore weapon dealers who feign innocence every time their tools lay waste to yet another group of innocent victims.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," said Jesus. Blessed are those who create beauty and live lives of compassion, mercy and forgiveness.

We all have a part to play.

Dan Whitmarsh is the pastor at Lakebay Community Church.

Fourth of July— Herron Island Style

It's a reunion of sorts as you walk up Herron Road from the ferry dock. Islanders and guests mingle and prepare for a weekend of patriotic celebration.

Sue Kingsbury-Surratt
Insights of an Islander



Thanks to island member Judy Grienke, Herron has a traditional parade that starts at Good Pasture Park and finishes up at North Beach. Islanders of all ages show up decked out in red, white and blue, and have the option of participating on foot, being pulled or pushed, or driving anything drivable. Imagine an assembly line of streamer-covered floats, wagons, bikes, tractors, golf carts and other various vehicles rolling slowly down a dirt road. Observers whoop and holler, catch candy thrown by the parade-goers, or throw it back, and eagerly accept Popsicles from the booster committee.

As evening draws near, we grab our gear of choice for the night and head down to the beach to scope out a spot for the best fireworks viewing. Boats have already jockeyed for places at the dock and trucks have tailgates down, facing the water. The favored location is near the flagpole and the fire pit, where the heart of the night will beat.

It's magical watching people of all ages run up and down the beach laughing and lighting fireworks. Pure joy lights up the

night as you gaze up at the bursts and flares all around.

One of the more memorable Fourth's of July from my childhood was in 1983. I had a girlfriend visiting for the weekend, and a male cousin of mine. At the campfire that night, they were getting chummier than I was comfortable with, so I took a walk.

I headed to the biggest fire on the beach. Someone had fueled it with a dry rot boat from the shoreline. I recognized some faces in the glow of the fire and sat next to a friend's brother, whom I was a little familiar with.

"Why the glum face?" he asked, so I told him a little about why I was upset.

"Hey, I'm heading up to The Kozy Kirks Store. Want to come along?"

"Sure!"

We drove around the island the long way, listening to music and making small talk. We stopped at the store, bought some rope licorice and penny candies, then headed back to the beach.

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Community Invited to Turn Dirt at Ceremonial Groundbreaking

Things will be getting a little messy at Volunteer Park in a few months, and if things continue to go well with the progress of the new Gateway Park, you'll soon be seeing a mess there, too. And these messes mean good things are being done!

Our park commissioners are finalizing details of a contract to install new LED (light-emitting diode) lighting at Volunteer Park. The work will include retrofitting the existing lights on Field 1 to LED and installing nine new light poles with LED fixtures on Fields 2 and 3. This work is being done thanks to a Youth Athletic Facilities grant of \$250,000 from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, along with assistance from Peninsula Light and the KP Little League.

Sometime in July or August, you'll start seeing construction equipment and dirt moving at Volunteer Park as the property is readied for its new fixtures. The park will remain open, but the ball fields may be unusable at times.

At our June park board meeting, it was also decided to move forward with construction of Phase 1 of Gateway Park as soon as possible instead of waiting for spring. Waiting could help us avoid permitting and weather delays, and maybe give us a small cost savings. Waiting would also mean a later opening date for the park. Starting early means that, if all goes exceptionally well, we'll be open in 2017.

We hope to award a contract sometime this summer and start construction this fall; however, there are many variables out of our control that can delay progress. We ac-

Scott Gallacher Beyond the Backyard



quired this property just a short four years ago. The fact that we are already moving forward with construction of Gateway Park is a considerable achievement for us, our grantors, and the organizations involved in this project so far.

During the upcoming Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social, we'll celebrate the beginning of the evolution of Gateway Park with a ceremonial groundbreaking at 1:45 p.m. The public is invited to bring shovels from home and join us as we turn dirt to kick off the construction phase of this property.

I'll be at an information booth at the Social with details on Gateway Park. We'll also have areas of the property highlighted with balloons corresponding to items on a large map. You'll be able to see exactly where some things will be located, like the playground and the picnic shelter.

The KP Parks & Recreation Foundation will also be there to share how businesses, individuals and organizations can contribute to Gateway Park through tax-free contributions. We hope you will stop by while you are having good, old-fashioned family fun at the Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social Monday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gateway Park, 10405 State Route 302, south of Wauna.

Scott Gallacher is the executive director of Key Pen Parks.

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But instead of returning to the fire, we went out to the dock. He wanted to check a crab pot he'd dropped earlier. He hauled the pot up, and it was glowing from phosphorus. It was so bright and mesmerizing, he dropped it again and again.

I asked to pull it up, and as I leaned in I felt his hand brush the hair off my neck. I turned to face him, and our lips came together. I felt a surge of wonder.

I could vaguely hear my name being

called in the distance, then booming footsteps getting closer and closer, then felt a sudden jerk of my arm. My girlfriend pulled me away and up the dock to my mother, standing on the beach in her bathrobe. She'd been searching for me.

I'll never forget the scolding and grounding that followed, or the new feelings that overshadowed the fireworks that year.

Sue Kingsbury-Surratt is the health technician at Evergreen Elementary School in Lakebay. She lives on Herron Island.



2nd Annual Key Peninsula Ohana Luau

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This year's Ohana Luau will take place Saturday, July 9th at the Key Peninsula Civic Center from 3 pm to 8 pm. This fun family event will feature live music from Robby & Singers, Hula performances and lessons, a raffle, no-host bar with a signature Mai Tai cocktail and more.

The civic center is excited to announce that Christine Darsow with Little Dwellings & More will coordinate the children's carnival. It will be guaranteed fun for all ages in the big tents.

Luau dinner will include Kahlua Pork, Chicken Long Rice, Lomi Lomi Salmon, Potato Macaroni Salad, rolls, fruit, chips & water. Adult tickets are \$15, children 5 to 12 \$8, children under 5 free. A family package that includes 2 adult tickets, 2 children's tickets and 5 carnival tickets is available for \$35. Tickets available at Sunnycrest Nursery, The Blend Wine Shop, the KP Civic Center, or at Brown Paper Tickets @ <http://kp-ohanaluau.bpt.me>

All proceeds benefit the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is gearing up for our Flavors of Fall gala. This year's theme is "Flavors of the World". Guests will travel around the world in 80 days (or 180 plus minutes) and feast on culinary delights from a variety of countries. Committees have formed and are looking for additional volunteers in the following areas: decorations, food/catering, silent auction procurement, and clerical assistance. If you are interested in joining any or all committees, please call the civic center at 253-884-3456 OR sign-up through the "Friend of the Civic Center" link found on our website (www.kpciviccenter.org) or at <http://goo.gl/forms/gpQxvVvaZ0fiW012>.



A HUGE thank you to all the individuals who donated through our Annual Appeal envelopes this month (Envelopes were included in the May issue of the KP News.) If you haven't yet donated, we ask you to consider helping us with a springtime donation. These donations help us to maintain our buildings and to carry on the long tradition of hosting community programs such as: the Livable Community Fair, Winter Warm-up Crafts Fair, and events like the Crab Feed, Blues & Brews and Mardi Gras, all of which help enhance our community and our lives.



Upcoming Events at the Civic Center

- **Fireworks** - June 28th through July 4th in the Key Center Food Market parking lot. Sales start at noon on the 28th, thereafter 10 am to 9 pm. All proceeds benefit the Key Peninsula Civic Center.
- **Flavors of Fall** - October 8th
- **Blues & Brews** - October 29th (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
- **Winter Warm-up** - November 12th

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, through its facility and the efforts of its members, fosters and promotes the civic, social, cultural and general well-being of the Key Peninsula community.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

An American Story

It was the summer of 1992. I had recently moved to Seattle and was on the ferry to Southworth crossing Colvos Passage, the strait between Vashon Island and the Kitsap Peninsula, for a day of birding. The name Colvos had a familiar ring to it. Greek? Italian? I was intrigued and filed it under “Things to Research Some Day.”

That day came a few years later when I bought my place on Herron Island. The island, I learned, was named after Lewis Herron, the barrel maker on the four-year U.S. Exploring Expedition (1838-1842) led by Lt. Charles Wilkes. Wilkes surveyed Puget Sound in the spring of 1841 and assigned names to over 250 geographical features. That piqued my curiosity.

I bought a copy of “Puget’s Sound: A Narrative of Early Tacoma and the Southern Sound” by Murray Morgan. I hit paydirt on page 55: Colvos Passage was named after George Musalas Colvocoresses, nick-

Joseph Pentheroudakis On the Wing



named Colvo by the crew and described as “a Greek refugee from a Turkish massacre in 1822.”

The Colvocoresses clan was a prominent merchant Greek family on the island of Chios, off the Turkish coast in the Aegean Sea, until war found them in 1822. Chios was part of the Ottoman Empire, which had ruled the eastern Mediterranean for centuries. In 1821, the people of what is now mainland Greece rose up and fought for independence in a bloody campaign that lasted until 1828. The Greeks of Chios, reluctant to join the cause, were forced in March 1822 to support the war.

The empire attacked Chios with unprecedented fury. George, born in 1816, was almost 6 at the time of the massacre.

Members of his family were killed or fled; many women and children were enslaved, including him. George’s father survived and eventually bought his son’s freedom, and in 1824 put him on an American brig headed for Baltimore. Once there, George was adopted by Capt. Alden Partridge, the founder of the military academy now known as Norwich University in Norwich, Vermont. After graduating from the academy in 1831, George joined the Navy and signed on to the Wilkes expedition as a passed midshipman in 1838.

Wilkes named at least two other geographical features after George Colvocoresses: Colvos Bank, east of the entrance to Grays Harbor (a feature that has since disappeared), and Colvos Rocks, a group of offshore rocks just outside Port Ludlow in Admiralty Inlet, now a favorite diving spot.

That there are three places named after George demonstrates that “being an agreeable and somewhat popular young midshipman who tended to be obedient to duty, impressed name givers on the Wilkes Expedition into giving his name to several locations on the Northwest coast,” at least according to the compilers of the Tacoma Public Library Washington Place Names database.

To my surprise, I discovered a personal connection to George. My grandmother, Tolia Calvocoressi (the preferred Greek spelling), was related to him. She descended from the branch of the family who ended up on the Greek island of Syros after the 1822 massacre.

The story of migration can be a painful one, tearing families apart, severing one’s sense of belonging to a place, and courting trouble in a strange land. By any measure, however, George made the best of his new life in his adoptive country. He served in the Navy for the rest of his life, and his descendants have served and continue to serve in the country’s armed forces with distinction. He was also a successful author. His personal account of the Wilkes Expedition, “Four Years in a Government Exploring Expedition,” published in 1852, was a best-seller.

So next time you’re on the ferry crossing Colvos Passage, pause a moment for Passed Midshipman George Colvocoresses because, unlike so many who came to these shores before and after, his name is not forgotten.

Born in Greece, Joseph Pentheroudakis is an artist and an avid birder and cyclist. He lives on Herron Island.

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Elections Belong to the People

Abraham Lincoln spoke of our government as being of the people, by the people, and for the people.

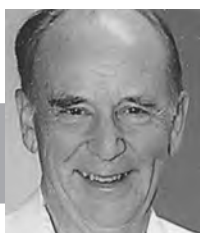
National polls show unprecedented unfavorable ratings for the presumptive candidates of both parties and the legislative branch of our federal government. They indicate to me that many in the electorate think the government is not responsive to the will of the people, and that most elected representatives are more concerned about getting re-elected than they are about the good of the country.

I recently read an item quoting someone in The Wall Street Journal: "I think electing Donald Trump is the second worst thing we could do this November, better only than electing Hillary Clinton."

If you choose not to vote in the presidential election because both candidates offend your sensibilities, and if after the election your very worst fears are realized (a not unlikely scenario), don't complain about the results.

The Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among

Frank Slater
A View from Here



these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

I think it is my duty as a citizen and registered voter to choose between the two candidates who have a chance of winning. By not voting, I increase the chance that my worst fears will be realized.

The Republicans, the party for limited government and fiscal responsibility, said elect us to Congress and things will change. The people elected enough Republicans to the House of Representatives, where all spending bills originate, to give them a majority. The national debt kept increasing and the regulations on

business kept getting more onerous. The Democrats said pass the Affordable Care Act and you can keep your doctor. The Act was passed. Insurance rates went up. Maybe you kept your doctor, if he or she was on the right list.

If we the people want a government for the people, then we had best get involved and make it a government by the people. Choosing our elected officials is our responsibility, but it is only a first step to ensure government is responsive to the will of the people. Some next steps are to stay informed about what the government is doing, to share with those we elect what we think they should be doing, and working to find and elect someone better if we think we are being poorly represented.

It was also Lincoln who said: "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

Frank Slater, retired math teacher and Korean War veteran, lives in Vaughn.

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Former Key Center Marijuana Seller Gets 10 Years

Lance Gloor, 37, of Gig Harbor, the owner of the former KPN Cross medical marijuana dispensary in Key Center, was sentenced June 3 to 10 years in prison and five years supervised release for two federal charges related to drug distribution. Gloor was found guilty in January of growing marijuana and conspiracy to distribute.

According to court records, Gloor was arrested in 2010 when police discovered 70 pot plants and a firearm at his Gig Harbor home. While awaiting trial in state court, Gloor and two others operated four medical marijuana dispensaries in Tacoma, Lacey, Seattle and Key Center.

“Far from being a marijuana crusader helping sick people, this defendant was nothing but a black marketeer,” said U.S. Attorney Annette L. Hayes. “Despite repeated notice that his marijuana business was illegal under state and federal law, he continued to use lies, threats and intimidation to try to cover his tracks and make as much money as he could.”

Gloor contended his shops were legal medical marijuana nonprofit dispensaries. The trial determined they were for-profit businesses generating millions of dollars in gross revenues inconsistent with all applicable state requirements. Gloor was indicted in November 2003 with two co-conspirators who have entered guilty pleas and await sentencing.

Council Votes Against Marijuana, But Sales Continue

The Pierce County Council voted four-to-three along party lines June 14 to overturn Ordinance 2015-27s, which permitted sale of recreational marijuana in rural activity centers like Key Center. They approved a new ordinance (2016-35) that would ban sale of marijuana in all of unincorporated Pierce County. The ordinance included an amendment that the Planning Commission review and make recommendations on zoning in view of the April advisory vote to lift

a countywide ban of retail marijuana stores.

Fifty-two percent of voters rejected sale of marijuana in unincorporated Pierce County, with a 30 percent voter turnout. Voters on the Key Peninsula approved it by 61 percent.

According to Councilman Derek Young, who sponsored Ordinance 2015-27s, the impact of the new ordinance will be negligible. Planning Commission review required by the amendment will take so long, any shops that have been licensed will be “grandfathered in” and continue to operate as legally nonconforming even if the commission eventually decides that no marijuana sales should be allowed in any zone.

“I don’t think that some of my fellow council members understand how the Planning Commission and zoning rules work,” Young said.

Eagles Make A Difference

Under the leadership of its president (and Key Peninsula resident) Mirella Geyer, the Gig Harbor Eagles Post 2809 Auxiliary raised \$12,369.10 for charities between June 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016. With just over 300 members on the rolls, a core group of women organized the main fundraising events of the past year, including dinners, auctions, a holiday bazaar and a comedy show. Individual donations to honor loved ones increased the total.

All of the monies were sent to the Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles charities fund, which returns the money in the form of grants to local universities, medical centers and hospitals.

Charities supported by the Gig Harbor Eagles are the Max Baer Heart Fund, the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, the Robert Hansen Diabetes Fund and the M. “Blackie” Floyd Alzheimer’s Fund (all named for posthumous members). One hundred percent of the earmarked money raised is used for research and education.

Each summer, the Gig Harbor club also hosts a dinner to present scholarship awards to students to further their education in academia or a trade school. Applicants must be related to an Eagles member in good standing.

Local Veteran and Author Wins Award, Publishes Sixth Book

By Matthew Dean, KP News

Local author Richard A.M. Dixon won a national award in May for his 2013 autobiography, "Angels in My Foxhole," soon after releasing his sixth book, "The Tiger of Dien Bien Phu."

"Angels in My Foxhole" draws on Dixon's recollections of his 20-plus year career as a paratrooper at home and abroad. It also touches on other experiences, including his Mount Rainier summit attempt and his work clearing the Iditarod trail in Alaska. The book won honorable mention for self-published memoir in the 2016 Eric Hoffer Award, a national contest highlighting the work of independent publishers.

For Dixon, self-publishing has been just another adventure in a rich and diverse life. From a young age, he sought exploration and learning with the Boy Scouts, joining in 1947 and earning his Eagle Scout rank in 1956. "A lot of the things I did in the army I learned in the Boy Scouts; map reading, compass use," he said.

Scouting also gave Dixon the opportu-

nity to travel to the Netherlands for the international Scouting Jamboree, where he met other scouts from all over the world. He saw firsthand the aftereffects of the Second World War and what it had done to the Dutch countryside: "They had rubble, rationing, and they couldn't get any kind of meat. I said to myself, if I go to war, I'll fight anywhere else as long as it's not in the United States."

Dixon did eventually go to war after a stopover at the University of Washington. "When I first arrived at UW, I didn't want any part of the military," he said. However, after receiving a draft notice and excelling in a mandatory ROTC course, Dixon chose to make the best of his situation and opted for airborne service as a paratrooper.

Dixon was deployed to Vietnam at the outbreak of the war, and steadily accumulated promotions and medals throughout his eventful and tumultuous service there. "I was always kind of a rebel in the Army," he said. "I knew how to follow orders, but if I didn't think an order was right, I would do my best to get around it.

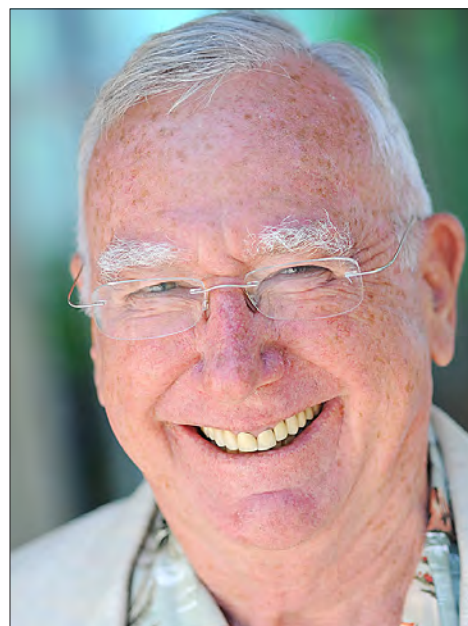


Photo courtesy Richard A.M. Dixon

Local author Richard A.M. Dixon will read from his works July 14 at Blend Wine Shop in Key Center.

I wouldn't disobey it, but I would find a way to get around it."

After his return from Vietnam and retirement from the military in 1985 at the

rank of lieutenant colonel, Dixon worked as a sales manager traveling around the country. He moved to the Key Peninsula from Vashon Island before starting to write in 2006.

"As it turned out, I made the best possible choice to support my writing because it's so quiet out here," he said, but Dixon struggled to write about his experiences.

He eventually found success by writing an account of the various canine companions he worked with throughout his life, inspired by a suggestion from his wife to "stop writing about yourself, start writing about the dogs." Dixon published "My Heroes Have Always Been Dogs" in 2008.

His new novel, "The Tiger of Dien Bien Phu," is set in Indochina at the end of the French colonial period, predating his own experience in Vietnam.

Dixon will host an open party and autograph signing at Blend Wine Shop in Key Center July 14, 6 to 8 p.m., to celebrate his award and the publication of his new book. For more information, go to: richardamdixonbooks.com/.

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Morning Route

10:35 EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY
10:38 LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
10:40 ROUSE RD KS @ 174TH AV KS
10:42 WHITEMAN RD KS @WHITEMAN COVE RD KS
10:47 PALMER LKE - PUBLIC ACCESS 24TH ST KS (SUNNY SIDE)
10:48 PALMER LKE - 21ST ST@ 193RD AV (PARK SHELTER)
10:53 KPCS SENIOR CENTER & FOOD BANK
10:53 HOME GAS STATION - KP HWY NORTH
10:58 VOLUNTEER PARK
11:00 KEY PENINSULA HWY N @ 84TH ST KN (RED BARN)
11:01 FOOD MARKET I@ KEY CENTER
11:03 WRIGHT BLISS & OLSON DR KN
11:06 4 CORNERS/DRIVE THRU FEED / 76 STATION
11:09 SR302 & 150TH AVE KPN (LAKE HOLIDAY)
11:11 SR 302 & 140TH KPN (LAKE OF THE WOODS)
11:16 FOOD MARKET @ KEY CENTER
11:17 KEY PENINSULA HWY N @ 84TH ST KN (RED BARN)
11:22 11612 SR 302 (CHARBONEAU'S)
11:25 LAKE KATHRYN CENTER @ COSTLESS
11:29 PURDY PARK & RIDE
MAKE THE CONNECTION FOR THE
PIERCE TRANSIT ROUTE 100 @11:44
11:30 PHS



Afternoon Route

PICK UP THE CONNECTION FROM THE
PIERCE TRANSIT ROUTE 100 @3:32
3:30 PHS
3:32 PURDY PARK & RIDE
3:38 LAKE KATHRYN CENTER @ COSTLESS
3:41 11615 SR 302 @ WINDERMERE REALTY
3:46 FOOD MARKET IN KEY CENTER
3:47 KEY PENINSULA HWY N @ 84TH ST KN (RED BARN)
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COMMUNITY PAGES

Submit calendar items to connierenz@hotmail.com • Deadline is the 15th of the month

JULY 1

Lego fun

Children all ages (under 6 with an adult) use Legos, straws, connectors, blocks and more for "Building Madness" at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library. 548-3309

JULY 4

Community event

The second annual Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social is at Gateway Park, 10405 State Route 302, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new park will begin at approximately 1:45 p.m. Enjoy food, games, crafts, bouncy houses, lots of good old fashioned fun. The event is free, rain or shine. This event is sponsored by Food Market at Key Center/Lake Kathryn and the KP Business Association. For more information or a timeline of games, visit keypenparks.com; click on 'Stuff to Do.'

JULY 6-AUG. 19

Summer lunch

The free children's Summer Lunch Program is on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. All are welcome. Free transportation is available from Palmer Lake. Food Backpacks 4 Kids, 857-7401 or 884-4449

JULY 7

Fuchsia group

The Fuchsia Club meets at 7 p.m. in the KP Civic Center Whitmore Room.

JULY 7 and 21

Cat tales

Children ages 5 to 18 in 4-H learn all about cats 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. Dianna, 884-4182 or cat.tales4h@gmail.com

JULY 8

Puppets

The Puppet Theatre presents "Anansi and the Moss-covered Rock" and "Ferdinand" for ages 6 and up at 2:30 p.m. at the KC Library. 548-3309

To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please email Connie Renz at connierenz@hotmail.com, or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

JULY 9

KP luau

The annual Ohana Luau featuring live music, raffle, no-host bar, hula lessons and demonstrations, a children's festival, and a luau dinner of Kahlua pork, chicken long rice, Lomi Lomi salmon, potato macaroni salad, rolls, fruit, chips and water is 3 to 8 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Dinner prices are \$25 for adults; \$8 for children under 12. A family package for two adults, two children's dinner tickets and five carnival tickets is \$35. kpciviccenter.org

JULY 11

Lego fun

Ages 8 to 18 use Lego Mindstorms 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at KC Library. Maximum is 25. Registration required at piercecounitylibrary.org/calendar. 548-3309

JULY 11, 18 and 25

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile is at Albertsons 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

JULY 12

Pet neuter program

The Northwest Spay and Neuter Center animal shuttle will be at the KP Civic Center 7 to 7:30 a.m. to pick up dogs and cats. Animals will be returned to the civic center at 9 a.m. the next day. Appointments are required. Call 253-627-7729 ext. 217, or email shuttle@nwspayneuter.org for questions or to schedule an appointment. The Northwest Spay and Neuter Center offers affordable spay and neuter services for cats and dogs including special programs for feral cats and pit bull dogs. nwspayneuter.org

Prayer meeting

A prayer meeting is held at 6 p.m. at Grace Church.

JULY 12 and 28

Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group meets 1 to 3 p.m. at WayPoint Church from 7 to 9 p.m. Yarn donations are always needed. loving-heartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619

JULY 13

Ashes meet

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

Garden club meets

The Bayshore Garden Club meets 1 p.m. at the fire station in Longbranch. Wendy, 332-4883

Walk with Walter

A free walk and talk with retired for-ester Walter Briggs begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parking area of 360 Trails Park, 10905 144th Street NW. The walk is family-friendly but strollers are not advised. Keypenparks.com

KP Council

The KP Council meeting 7 p.m. at KC fire station features a conversation with the new PSD Superintendent Rob Manahan and a presentation about the Key Pen Fire Department levy proposal by Anne Nesbit.

JULY 13, 20 and 27

Summer series

Grace Church hosts a five-week summer series for families of a simple casual dinner, some music and some discussion time at 6 p.m. The church is on the corner of KP Highway and McEwan Road.

JULY 15

Salmon life

Children 5 and up and parents can attend "Salmon, the Ultimate Champion" at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library to learn about a salmon's life cycle and journey. 548-3309

Benefit run

The sixth annual Benefit Run for KP

Family Resource Center is held starting with sign-ups 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Empire Pizza in Port Orchard. Last stop is at Jimmy D's in Wauna, which features a pig roast, live music and raffle. All vehicles are welcome; cost is \$20/person or \$25/couple. Robert, 225-0050 or Vonda, 225-2329

JULY 16

Penrose camping stories

Stories of the early campers at what is now Penrose Park, from Puget Salish People to the family of Dr. Stephen Penrose are presented at the park 8 p.m. Presentations are free, but parking permits are required for park entry.

JULY 17

Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session held at Longbranch Church (16518 46th Street 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.

JULY 21

Community forum

The Mustard Seed's Third Thursday Community Forum is 10 a.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-9814

JULY 22

Hiking tips

Ages 5 and up participate in 'Hiking 101 with Ranger Jane Shonk' at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library. Learn how to prepare for trails on the KP. 548-3309

JULY 23

Tour the preserve

Community members are invited to tour the Filucy Bay Preserve, recently acquired by the Great Peninsula Conservancy. Meet at the Longbranch Improvement Club between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., visit GPC's booth at the Key Peninsula Healthy Waters Fair, and sign up for a tour via a shuttle. Shuttles will take visitors to the nearby preserve between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A short

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OFF THE KEY

JULY 1-3 and 8-9

Play presented

“The Little Mermaid” is presented at Paradise Theatre on Judson Street in downtown Gig Harbor. Shows are 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. 954-PLAY

JULY 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Family movies

Movies begin at dusk and are free. Kitsap Bank provides free popcorn. Harbor Wildwatch provides entertainment before the film. Sponsors are City of Gig Harbor, Multicare Gig Harbor and Taylor Thomason Insurance. gigharborguide.com

JULY 2, 9, 16 and 30

Walking tour

Walk a family-friendly 1.3 mile tour mostly on flat grades on a one-way trip through downtown Gig Harbor; tour starts at 10 a.m. gigharborwaterfront.com

JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Farmers market

The Saturday Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5503 Wollochet Drive (the former Peninsula Gardens building) and is open rain or shine.

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10-minute walk along a woodland path will bring you to the shoreline where one can explore the shore and learn about nearby shellfish farming operations. Guides will be on hand to answer questions about the 67-acre preserve, the bay, its tidelands and shellfish. Let the conservancy know how the community might best enjoy the preserve and partner in its upkeep. www.greatpeninsula.org/events/activities.html#conservancytea

JULY 29

Game day

Library Game Day begins at 1:30 p.m. for all ages (children under 6, with adult). Drop in for a variety of activities: mini golf, hopscotch, obstacle course and more at the KC Library. 548-3309

JULY 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

Uptown market

The Sunday Uptown Farmers Market is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4701 Pt. Fosdick Drive and is open rain or shine.

JULY 5, 12, 19 and 26

Support group

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

Summer concerts

The Summer Sounds at Skansie Outdoor Concerts kick off with the 133rd Army Guard Band. On July 12, the Groovin' Higher Orchestra will perform. July 19 features The Beatniks. July 26 hosts Danny Vernon's Illusion of Elvis. Concerts start at dusk; bring a blanket or chair. Concerts are free and sponsored by CHI Franciscan Health, Harbor Hill and the City of Gig Harbor.

JULY 6, 13, 20 and 27

Walking tour

These one-hour adult tours start at 5:30 p.m. ending with an optional tasting at the Heritage Distilling Company. gigharborwaterfront.com

JULY 7

Democrats meet

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

JULY 7, 14, 21 and 28

Waterfront market

The Thursday Waterfront Farmers Market is 3 to 7 p.m. at Skansie Brothers Park.

Uptown concerts

Uptown Pavilion hosts free weekly summer concerts (rain or shine) 6 to 8 p.m. under the pavilion. Uptowngigharbor.com

JULY 16

Patio sale

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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior exercise class

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TUESDAYS

Story times

Every Tuesday, discover books, learn nursery rhymes, sing songs, play with blocks, and do arts and crafts at the KC Library. Music/Motion Story time (0-2 years old with an adult) is at 10 a.m. and Preschool Science Story time (2-5 years old) is at 11 a.m. 548-3309

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Senior tai chi

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

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

Visit the museum

The KP Historical Museum has a new display of Historic Hotels and Resorts of the Key Peninsula. New display cases in the VFW Room expand the area to show off the various artifacts and photos of the area. Free admission; monetary donations welcome. 888-3246

WEDNESDAYS

Writers meet

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

Writers workshop

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

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Senior meals

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

THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

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Seniors lunch

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

Bingo

Free bingo 7 to 9 p.m. at KP Community Services in Home. 884-4440

FRIDAYS

Story time

Families with young children enjoy summer stories 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the KC Library. 548-3309

SATURDAYS

Writers Guild

The Writers Guild meets the first and third Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon at the KC Library. 884-6455

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Geoduck Farming Going Up Again at KPAC

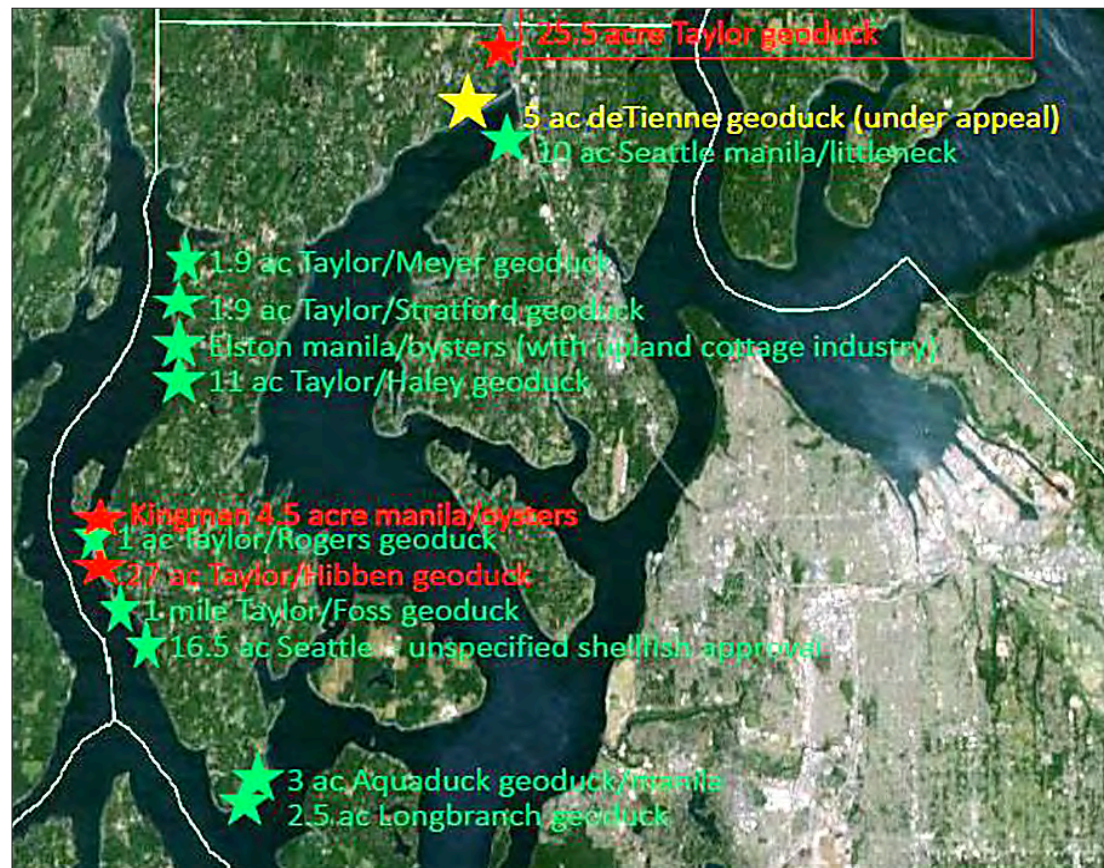
By Sara Thompson, KP News

It has been nearly two years since geoduck farming was addressed by the Key Peninsula Land Use Advisory Commission (KPAC), but at the May meeting, the group was asked to weigh in on a new permit request for farms on the west side of the Key Peninsula. Three property owners want to lease their land to Taylor Shellfish Farms on 4 acres of intertidal land north of Dutcher's Cove and south of Vaughn Bay. The new location would abut existing farms that have been operating since 2009.

About 15 community members attended the meeting. No one living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed farm was present.

Ty Booth, senior planner for Pierce County, convened the meeting. He provided materials summarizing the proposal, outlined current aquaculture activity and reviewed its consistency with

(See **Geoduck**, Page 15)



Map of approved (green), pending (red) and appealed (yellow) geoduck farms on the KP.

Courtesy Pierce County Planning and Land Services Department

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the Key Peninsula Community Plan and compliance with the state Shoreline Management Act.

Booth also reviewed the status of farming in the region. He observed that, compared with the significant public outcry concerning geoduck farms in 2006, there were very few comments on this application.

There are eight farms with approved applications and three applications pending on the Key Peninsula. Of those three pending applications, only one is actively being pursued. An additional application is under appeal.

Booth noted that all the advisory commissions conduct their reviews much earlier now. "The commissions were concerned that they were hearing cases so late in the process that it was often too late for them to provide input that could result in meaningful changes," he said.

Diane Cooper spoke on behalf of Taylor Shellfish Farms. She said Taylor is a five-generation, family-owned business employing 500 workers. They have won international recognition for its work in sustainable aquaculture. She described

the growing cycle and harvesting of geoducks and noted that Taylor has been responsive and innovative in its techniques, such as its use of mesh tubes to mitigate any negative environmental effect. She also noted the extensive review process involving multiple state and federal departments required for a successful application.

KPAC Chair Don Swensen asked whether Taylor had a plan if the Chinese market falls through, since Taylor sells most of its geoducks there. He also pointed out the density of farmed geoducks far exceeds that found in nature.

Other members noted the review did not yet include recommendations or conditions for approval because it was early in the process, and asked whether they would be able to weigh in again later. Booth said they could make individual comments on the website.

Public comments came from supporters and opponents of the application.

Longbranch resident and KP News writer Lisa Bryan commented that Taylor has been a strong community partner and environmental steward. She compared them favorably to the timber industry, which has no apparent community con-

Want to Know More?

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nection.

Laura Hendricks of Protect Our Shoreline criticized the use of pesticides and herbicides in other areas and the use of high-density polyethylene on beaches. She doubted that no other permits were pending, and said there may be potential requests that have not been made public.

Of the seven members of KPAC, two (Marcia Harris and Mark Nelson) supported the application and five (Don Swensen, Audra Garcia, Cindy Worden, Mark Cockerill and Colleen Mullen) opposed. Those opposed expressed concern about the lack of specific information in the initial review and were also concerned that Pierce County had not provided sufficient compliance oversight in the past. Those in support felt that if the application is in keeping with the KP Community Plan and county regulations,

it should be approved. They also suggested that it is time to review the current plan.

Cooper said Taylor is determined to meet the requirements of the community plan, but that it is difficult to respond to concerns that are not part of the plan, such as the stability of the Chinese market or Pierce County's oversight. She noted that Taylor has not actively sought tidelands on the Key Peninsula, but has responded to requests from landowners wanting to lease them. She said the owners of the tidelands now being considered contacted Taylor after watching how the adjacent farms worked. She said Taylor has no other leases under consideration.

Taylor also has an application for a farm in Burley Lagoon. Because it is larger (25 acres) and deeper than is typical of other farms, Taylor is conducting its own environmental impact study.

Planning and Land Use Services (PALS) will complete the review process and present its findings to the Pierce County examiner. The examiner will review comments and the KPAC vote, as well as compliance with the shoreline plans, in making a decision. That decision may then be appealed at the state level.

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KP Man Featured in Black Film Festival Premier

By Irene Torres, KP News

When Theatre Puget Sound placed a call for auditions, Lake Minterwood resident William Michael Paul showed up with a smile. Casting began for a movie, "Shade of Music," July 23, 2015.

To prepare for the role, Paul said he spent "two hard weeks studying stroke victims on YouTube, listening to classical music, reading Leviticus and Deuteronomy, and watching 'Schindler's List' and Mel Brooks movies."

He returned to audition two or three times, he said.

Nearly a year later, Paul traveled to watch himself co-star at the movie's premiere at the San Francisco Black Film Festival, June 16 to 19.

Dmitry Gelfand (known as D. Mitry) wrote the script, the musical score and the screenplay. He also directed and produced the 27-minute short film. It will air on KCTS public television July 18 and 24, and will stream online at kcts9.org/reelnw. The REEL NW series features independent films



Courtesy KCTS

Movie poster for "Shade of Music" featuring KP resident William Michael Paul, seated, with co-star Malcolm J. West.

by Northwest filmmakers.

KCTS Senior Producer Laila Kazmi told the KP News, "It was selected as one of our top shorts. It is very beautifully shot in Seattle, with vibrant colors. We're very excited to have it [in our program lineup]."

This is the second film produced by D.Mitry, and he said it was shot on location in Tukwila and West Seattle over "four long

days." It grew from an idea his mother gave him about two grandmothers who never got along, but he changed the genders for his movie. "These two old men are geometrically opposite: one white, one black, as different as they could possibly be," he said, describing the film's characters.

Paul said it's "A friendship story like I've never seen in my life."

Malcolm J. West played the other main character in the movie. "The chemistry with William was instant," he said. "He walked in smiling a big sunshine smile. The way he entered the room, I felt attached. We had already connected. At the audition, we talked for an hour, until we felt the role."

"My relationship with Malcolm is the best friendship on and off the set I've had," Paul said. "We are true brothers."

The acting careers of both men bloomed later in life. West has "performed in live theater, one production after another, for the past five years," he said.

Paul has 30 movies, a television series and commercials in his credits. "For the last 15 years, the KP has embraced me. I want to give back that 'community feel' to everyone who screens this movie," he said.

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Lakebay Student Wins Scholarship for Study Abroad

By Ted Olinger, KP News

Natalie Beesinger, 16, of Lakebay, will spend her junior year in a German high school as one of 250 students chosen out of 3,000 applicants to receive the 2016 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship (CBYX). She will join a host family of five in Herzogenrath, a town of 50,000 bordering the Netherlands, at the end of July.

Natalie has lived in Lakebay for 10 years. She attended Evergreen Elementary and Key Peninsula Middle Schools and just finished her sophomore year at Peninsula High School.

CBYX was founded in 1983 to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen-level diplomacy, sending students to each other's country. It's jointly funded by the two governments, and in the U.S. is administered by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. More than 24,000 students have participated in the CBYX program since its creation, they said.

"When she presented [this idea] last year, it was, 'No, we're not sending you away,'" her mother, Alisha Beesinger, said. "But it's a scholarship; you have to apply. You have to show them you're committed, and we were a lot more on board with that."

"My parents lived in Germany for three years when I was born because my dad was in the Army, and I want to see it," Natalie said, adding that their stories of traveling in Europe inspired her.

"She did all of this on her own," Alisha said. "She put together her whole packet, essays, transcript, teacher and counselor recommendations."

The Beesingers were invited to a parent interview a month after Natalie submitted her application. "They let us ask a million questions. We had a bunch of what-if scenarios and just found what the thing would look like as a whole," Alisha said.

Then came Natalie's turn. "It started with a panel interview, which was really scary," she said. "On the other side of the table, there were five or six judges and they would take turns asking questions. Later, they had all of us at a table to do a group exercise type of thing to see how we worked with people."

Previous scholarship winners conducted the interviews. One alumna told the group, "It's really a big deal for me to be on this board, and it's a really big deal [for you] just to get an interview."

"It was stressful waiting. I couldn't sleep," Natalie said. "I'd go over and over it again. I'd pick one thing and say, 'This is why they're going to reject me.' After I found out, I had to lay down for a while."

The group has already heard advice



Photo by Alisha Beesinger

Natalie Beesinger will depart July 30 for a year of study in Herzogenrath, Germany.

from students who recently returned: Have no expectations. It's exhausting. Don't think you'll pass all your classes.

One girl said she celebrated when she finally wrote an essay in German.

"They really stress that they are going over there as ambassadors," Alisha said. "They're going to be held to a high standard. There's a chance she might be the only American student those kids ever come in contact with."

Natalie has been teaching herself German since December and said she plans to travel in Germany as much as she can. "I've looked at a couple of the colleges there, and they have some really good programs, and they're mostly free," she said. "So I'm checking out places that I may end up going" to pursue a degree in computer science, she said. "I'm still kind of figuring myself out."

"We know how life flies by so fast," Alisha said. "We know once she's out of high school, it's just going to click: It's going to be college, it's going to be a job, it's going to be a family. So if she can take a year to go to Germany and it's paid for, it's an amazing opportunity. I told her, after this there will always be 'before Germany and after Germany.'"

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Bluegrass Festival Returns to LIC for Fifth Year

By Alice Kinerk, KP News

How many years does it take for an event to become a community tradition? On Saturday, July 30, from 2 to 6 p.m., the Bluegrass Festival will return to the Longbranch Improvement Club for its fifth year. For many in the area, it's already a can't-miss highlight of summer.

The free festival is a fundraiser for the Longbranch Community Church. The event has drawn increasingly large crowds to hear bluegrass bands from near and far. Chef Oliver Coldeen is back at the barbecue again this year, and the silent auction will return as well with a variety of treasures up for bid.

Church member Leroy Seeley enjoyed the music, the food, and the silent auction last year. "I bought a photograph done by David Montesino of the Tacoma News Tribune," Seeley said.

While admission and parking for the event are free, the church relies on food sales to bring much-needed funds. "We

Want to Go?

The Bluegrass Festival happens Saturday, July 30, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy South in Longbranch. 884-6022

do charge for food. That's where the fundraising comes in," church Pastor John Day said. All money raised will go to the ministry of Longbranch Community Church.

The church hosted a salmon bake every summer from 2001 to 2011, when the rising price of fish made the event too expensive for many in the area. Since the church was already hosting a gospel bluegrass jam on the third Sunday of every month, an annual festival felt like a natural fit.

Local favorite The Bluegrass Minstrels will return for 2016. The large and versatile band includes three local church leaders: Day, Pastor Dan Whitmarsh of Lakebay Community

Church, Pastor Tim Stobbe of Waypoint Church, as well as Key Peninsula residents Ben Wysong, Bill and Lynn Lloyd, and Doug and Dorene Paterson. Doug Paterson is assistant pastor at Lakebay Lutheran Church and chaplain of the KP Fire Department.

"It's a lot of fun playing with these guys," Bill Lloyd said.

In addition, the Day Brothers, a trio that includes John Day and his brothers, Daniel and David, will take to the stage again this year. The three grew up near Stanwood, born to music-loving parents who had them singing, playing piano and strumming banjos from a young age.

Although both Daniel and David now live out of state (Daniel in Oklahoma and David in Portland), and follow in their father's footsteps as chiropractors, John Day has lived in Longbranch and served as pastor at the Longbranch church since 2011.

Coyote Hill, a popular bluegrass band from Oklahoma, will be back with its unique mix of traditional, classical and

gospel bluegrass.

Coldeen's barbecue is a tradition in itself, and this year he is offering a choice of pulled pork or pulled chicken sandwiches with sides of coleslaw and chips for \$6. Soda or bottled water will be available for \$1.

Those in the mood for something sweet can dig into strawberry shortcake for \$3.

The silent auction is another component of the festival that draws a crowd. While items for the 2016 auction had not been finalized at press time, past auction items have included handmade silver jewelry, Rainiers baseball tickets and an antique dollhouse. "It varies a lot from year to year," Day said.

Dorene Paterson, one of The Bluegrass Minstrels, enjoyed the inclusive aspect of last year's event, which featured a jam circle where any musician who brought an instrument was welcome to play.

"It seems there's a lot of people in the community who really look forward to this each year," she said.



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Bringing Substance Abuse Treatment to the KP

By Sara Thompson, KP News

Jeremiah Saucier has a dream. As director of Crossroads Treatment Center, a chemical dependency and treatment facility in Lakewood, he sees firsthand the need for a holistic approach to treatment of substance abuse. And as a resident of the Key Peninsula, he knows that most families in this community have been touched by this problem.

For those reasons, Saucier founded Hope Recovery Center (HRC) in 2015 with a five-member board and a large group of advisers. He said HRC is applying for nonprofit status and plans to establish a treatment center on the Key Peninsula.

The HRC business plan states: "The Key Peninsula is considered underserved and high-risk in the areas of methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, alcohol and prescription-drug abuse. There is also a significant need for mental health services in the area as evidenced by the high percentage of clients from these areas who have to wait extended periods

of time for services in the surrounding areas of Tacoma, Gig Harbor or Port Orchard."

Saucier said he wants a local center to treat substance abuse and assure long-term success. There are often coexisting mental health issues confronting clients and many do not have the life skills they need to succeed once they have completed their drug treatment program.

For that reason, Saucier said he envisions a combined chemical dependency professional and mental health therapist team approach, with referrals to proper medical, dental and legal professionals. HRC plans a 50-bed residential treatment program on the KP, along with extensive outpatient services.

Under the current plan, outpatient programs could start after 30 days of inpatient treatment, and would likely last 60 to 90 days. Programs would include follow-up for the residential treatment clients, individual adult, youth and family counseling, domestic violence treatment, and programs to address anger management and parenting skills. Saucier said

he would like to add hands-on job training as well, such as carpentry, masonry and gardening, and financial courses that would allow clients to return to their communities with a high likelihood of success.

Much remains to be done, Saucier said. A site needs to be located, continued community support will be sought, and money needs to be raised. HRC estimated it needs more than \$3.5 million to open its doors.

Saucier has spoken with local leaders, including Pierce County Councilman Derek Young, Larry Seaquist and Hugh McMillan. He has met with the local Lions Club and the Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club as well as the Key Peninsula Community Council. He said they have all been supportive.

Saucier said local residents might see a need for a facility but also express a "not in my backyard" sentiment.

"Crossroads, the treatment center in Lakewood, has been located across the street from a high school since 2008, and we have never had a problem," he said.

"If clients aren't serious about recovery, they won't be here. But they deserve a chance to stabilize and gain life skills."

Saucier has experience overcoming barriers. In 1998, he was arrested for his role in a methamphetamine ring in Virginia and spent eight years in federal prison. His marriage ended, and relationships with his three children suffered. However, he vowed to be a different man by the end of his term. He moved to Tacoma to be closer to his sister, and became involved with A New Beginning Family Christian Center, where he met his wife, Lila. He attended Olympic College and earned a degree in chemical dependency counseling.

Fundraising begins with a baseball game July 23 at Volunteer Park with the Pierce County Sheriff and Gig Harbor Police facing the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor fire departments. "Guns and Hoses," as it's called, begins at 1 p.m. followed by a spaghetti feed at the KP Civic Center with speakers, an art auction and raffle. All donations will go to support the Hope Recovery Center.



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KP Parks' Fourth of July Event Returns

By Alice Kinerk, KP News

After a successful debut in 2015, Key Pen Parks' Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social promises to be even bigger and better in 2016, according to Christina Hallock, the recreation coordinator for Key Pen Parks.

Key Peninsula residents of all ages are invited to the free, family-friendly event, she said, featuring community games such as tug-of-war, a three-legged race, water balloon toss and sack race, as well as activities like bouncy houses, kids' crafts and free raffles. Hot dogs, soda, watermelon, chips, cake and ice cream are back this year thanks to many generous sponsors.

Among the major changes this year is location. While the 2015 event occurred at Volunteer Park south of Key Center, this year it will be held closer to the Purdy Bridge, at Gateway Park.

With last year's sizzling temperatures, feedback from attendees included requests for more shade. Hallock scouted a new location, Gateway Park, with its mix of tall trees and open fields.



Photo courtesy of KP Parks

Key Peninsula residents learn how low they can go at last year's Hot Dog Social.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new park will also occur during the festivities. (See Key Pen Parks Director Scott Gallacher's column in this edition.) Attendees of all ages are encouraged to bring a shovel to take part.

"We're really excited about Gateway Park. It's a great property, great characteristics, and will be around for generations," Gallacher said.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without

Want to Go?

Key Pen Parks' Second Annual Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social will be held Monday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gateway Park, 10405 State Route 302, south of Wauna. For more information or to volunteer at the event, contact Christina Hallock at Christina@keypenparks.com.

Food Market," Hallock said. "Last year, they were the people who donated the bulk of the food. There is a good number of generous sponsors this year."

More sponsors this year also means more fun things to do. There will be three bouncy houses this year, up from two. Children and teens can hunt through hay for buried treasure in a game sponsored by the Angel Guild. More than double the number of gunnysacks will mean more participants in the sack race. A beanbag toss, ducks-in-the-pond game and a go-fishing game are just a few more additions.

Chad Oliveira returns as master of ceremonies of games for 2016.

With an estimated 500 attendees and many new activities, Hallock is seeking volunteers to help with the event. She would prefer to be contacted in advance, but there will be work to do for anyone who is willing. "If people show up and they want to help out for an hour or two, we'll find something for you to do," Hallock said.

While there is no plan to limit game play with a punch card or bracelet, residents should be mindful of others. "We ask that people be considerate to those behind you in playing games," Gallacher said, adding that there were no problems last year and that Key Peninsula residents tend to be thoughtful and share. No fireworks or sparklers of any kind are allowed.

The fields at Gateway Park have not been graded or leveled, which could make walking difficult for some of the more senior guests. Gallacher and Hallock plan to use flatter portions of the field where possible for much of the event. Plenty of accessible parking and restrooms will be available.

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Two Waters Arts Alliance to Host Second Annual Art Walk

By Sara Thompson, KP News

Key Peninsula artists will be celebrated and showcased in Key Center, Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Inspired by regular art walks in other communities, Two Waters Arts Alliance (TWAA) organized the inaugural art walk last year. After more than 300 visitors came to view the displays, organizers Taylor Reed and Margo Macdonald decided to make it an annual event.

“Last year, it was really wonderful to see the town full of people strolling from one location to another, happily chatting with friends along the way,” Reed said. “It really felt like a small-town community.”

At least 25 local artists will be featured this year. The work ranges from glass and pottery to oil painting and jewelry. Artwork will be for sale, with pieces in every price range and style, Reed said.

Art will be displayed at seven locations in Key Center, including the library, the professional center next door, the fire station, the KC Corral, Close to Home Espresso, Sunnycrest Nursery and Blend Wine Shop.



Photo by Taylor Reed

A sample of the art on display at Sunnycrest Nursery during last year's Art Walk.

Art in three of the venues—the library, the professional center and Blend—will remain on display through August.

There will be live music at Sunnycrest. “The drummers have been practicing,” said owner Claudia Loy.

Molly Swensen, co-owner of Blend,

said, “Last year we had no idea how many would attend, especially midweek. But so many came to see the work. We saw new faces; people who often just pass through Key Center stopped to see what was going on.”

Refreshments will be available along the

way and artists will be on hand to discuss their work and answer questions.

Laura Mosely will demonstrate sumi-e, Japanese black ink brush painting. Reed plans to schedule additional music and demonstrations. “We are still working on a couple special attractions, so stay posted,” she said.

TWAA will offer a sneak preview of a work to be offered at its 2017 Spring Fling live auction. “Dragonflies” is a stunning collaborative piece by Barbara Lee Smith and Andrea Uravitch in mixed media,” said Reed. “It will hang in the Brones Room at the library for the month of August. It’s valued at \$3,000 and we feel very fortunate that Barbara has donated it to us. We think that when people see it, they will begin to battle over who gets to own it. It could make for a very active auction!”

It’s not too late for artists to participate, Reed said. Anyone interested can contact Colleen Brown at cattalos@aol.com.

To volunteer for the Art Walk, contact Reed at Taylorreed100@gmail.com, or the TWAA Facebook page. For more information, go to: www.TWAA.org.

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Tiedman Neighborhood Launches Crime Watch

By Irene Torres, KP News

After being the victim of a series of car prowls, Kristen Granroth decided she'd had enough. She formed the Tiedman Road KP Neighborhood Watch Group on Facebook and started planning a strategy to deter crime.

"I have levels of deterrents: a gate and a fenced yard, a beware of dog sign, and a lighted area," she said. "I want a more immediate, super-localized group with local control and access, rather than the broader-based group that meets in Key Center."

Granroth invited a group of 15 to 20 to meet at the Lakebay Community Church in early May. Off-duty Deputy Dan Wulick of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department attended with "straightforward, good information," Granroth said. His advice to homeowners included installing surveillance video cameras, lights, signage, and starting a neighborhood watch group. "Make it uncomfortable for the criminals to commit crimes," he told the group.

In an email to the Key Peninsula News, Wulick said, "The Peninsula Detachment really appreciated the opportunity to come out and talk to the community. It's something we

miss doing on a regular basis and hope that, in the future, we are able to do more community outreach. This neighborhood has truly encompassed the idea of 'community policing' and we are very supportive of their efforts."

"It's working, and it's extremely doable because it's small," Granroth said. "It's just our neighborhood." She said that one of the car prowlers was caught committing another car prowl in Gig Harbor and was turned in to law enforcement when he was recognized on surveillance video.

Granroth ordered a neighborhood watch sign that was installed at the intersection of Herron and Tiedman Roads in early June. She intends to "keep engaging to keep up interest," and is planning a neighborhood barbecue later this summer. The Facebook group was up to 54 members at press time.

Eric Erdman, a KP resident who attended the watch group meeting, said, "We should know our neighbors. We should know who they are and know what they drive." He said he would approach suspicious cars and people with his "camera out. People who aren't doing anything shameful can't be shamed," he said.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Thomas James Marzano IV

Thomas James Marzano IV (aka Tommy T and Tom Tom) died suddenly May 4, 2016, but surrounded by friends.

He was born in Tacoma Jan. 20, 1958, to Donna (née Gallagher) and Thomas J. Marzano, Jr. He graduated from Stadium High School in 1976, lettering and excelling in wrestling. Marzano worked in construction all his life and had just celebrated his 25th anniversary working with and for the city of Fircrest.

He married Debbie Michaelson in 1980 and had two sons, Thomas V and Ryan. He married again to Linda Marie Cooke Nimrick April 2, 2005, and became father and example to sons Jeremy, Mathew, Jeffery and Randy, and daughter Alyssa.

Sports played a major part in his life through his role as coach and mentor. He challenged his athletes-in-training to work hard, play hard and, above all,



win. When he wasn't working, raising his two boys, coaching and mentoring, he played hard at camping, boating, manicuring the lawn and babying his truck.

Marzano was preceded in death by his father and mother, his sister Karen and nephew Michael. He is survived by his wife Linda, his brother and best friend Jim and his wife Lynn (Jason and Josh), his sister Sherry, niece Kris, children T.J. (Jessie), Ryan, Jeremy (Heather), Mathew, Jeffery (Kylee Mae), Alyssa, Randy Junior and grandchildren Ryan, Nathan, Grace, Eleanor, Thomas VI, Max, Lola Mae, Henry and Hudson.

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Longtime KP community leader, photojournalist and raconteur Hugh McMillan celebrated his 90th birthday in style with wife Janice at Blend Wine Shop in Key Center June 17. Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA 6th) read an appreciation of McMillan's service into the Congressional Record on the floor of the House of Representatives, concluding, "I am just very grateful for all he does on behalf of kids and on behalf of our community and our country, and I am proud to call him a friend."

Right: Branch Supervisor Rosina Vertz displays free museum passes available for patrons to check out from the Key Center Library. Passes for the Washington State History Museum and the Museum of Glass provide free admission for two adults and any children under age 18. The Tacoma Art Museum pass provides four free admissions; children ages 5 and under are free.



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Where in the World...



Lakebay residents Sara and Sergio Gingerich with their one-year-old, Elsie, were keeping current with the KP News last April in Tavira, Portugal.



Left: KPMS eighth-grader Kara McKinney, 14, finished her middle school career with 10 athletic awards, including first place at district track finals for the 200 and 400 meter dash and long jump, breaking school records she set the year before in all three events. She is the state-ranked eighth fastest girl her age in the 400. McKinney will attend PHS in the fall.

Far left: Vaughn Elementary School said farewell June 2 to three retiring colleagues: from left, Communities In Schools Coordinator Linda Shelley, counselor Laurel Young and resource teacher Mary Wark.

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