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Photo courtesy of Claudia Gebard, Trillium Creek Winery

Splendor in the grapes

Grape leaves begin to turn golden as the autumn air becomes crisp.

No charges filed against KP homeowners in Oct. 7 shooting death

Staff Report

Pierce County prosecutor Mark Lindquist said charges will not be filed against three men in the shooting death of a White Center man on the Key Peninsula. Lindquist has not yet determined if the homeowners will face drug charges.

According to spokesperson with the prosecutor's office, Rebecca Stover, prosecutors are still reviewing information and the investigation continues into a marijuana grow operation and other alleged drug activity of the homeowners Jeffrey Hack-

er, 29, James Scott, 28 and Tyler Scott, 20 (known to locals as Tyler Commons).

On the night of Oct. 7, Rhett Whitchurch, 44, of White Center was killed just inside the front door at the home of James and Tyler Scott and Hacker on 2nd Street KP S in Lakebay. According to reports from the prosecutor, Whitchurch arrived at the home around 8:30 p.m. with a team of cohorts, including Justin Hill, 27, and Julia Jones, 22, who acted as their driver. Whitchurch and Hill were armed with guns and other

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Medicinal marijuana available in Key Center

By Danna Webster
KP News

Green Health is the name on the window of the former Key Center liquor store. According to the store's volunteer manager, Lakebay resident Dave Norton, the store is a dispensary for medical marijuana operated by volunteers and supported by donations. The building has been remodeled. "It had to be gutted and there are more new signs to come," he says. A picture window affords a clear view into the building, and the certificates posted on the wall -- a registration and license from Washington State and another certificate from the Secretary of State recognizing the formation of Green Health Dispensary, LLC. A large sign on the door advises there is no medicine or cash on the property over night. "Another six weeks and the building will be where we want it to be," he says.

Norton, who is a qualified patient, says, "Only patients with verified documents can come into the store." Verified documents come from medical records recommending the use of medical marijuana for a patient's diagnosis. "There are many ways of taking it -- liquid, capsules, cookies," Norton says. "These products are carried as edibles for patients who don't smoke." At closing time, the building is emptied of product and money. "We leave nothing here in the build-

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KP Council election results in, membership meeting set

Staff Report

At the Oct. 13 meeting, the Key Peninsula Community Council seated a full slate of directors for the 2011 year, and the Annual Membership Meeting will be Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Fire Station.

Directors will introduce the newly elected executive officers and collect issues and concerns to address in 2011 from the membership.

Directors serve two-year terms. Elections occur each year for one half of the positions. All Key Peninsula residents and owners of property over the age of 18 are eligible members of the KPC. This year's ballot, published in the KP News, was designed to automatically register eligible members as voters. The number of ballots received for this election was fewer than last year but the number of new members registered was greater. The new ballot process will be reviewed at the Directors' retreat in December.

The KPC serves as a representative voice for Key Pen residents at the local, county and state level. KPC organizes and co-hosts the annual candidate forums.

Directors represent one of four Key Peninsula areas. Generally, Area 1 is the Wauna community, Area 2 is Vaughn and Elgin Clifton, Area 3 is Lakebay, and Area 4 is Longbranch.

Below is the 2011 roster for those four areas. The date in parenthesis indicates the year the director's position is available for election. For more information visit keycouncil.org

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Danna Webster (2011)

Area 3

Cinda Baldwin (2012)
Dwight Hartman (2011)
Dan Miller (2012)

Area 4

Christine Fitzgerald (2011)
David Mikelson (2012)
Rion Tisino (2011)

KP to get road improvements

By Rick Sorrels
KP News

Since the status of proposed public works projects for the Key Peninsula was published in the KP News last month, Pierce County received a surprise with the release of federal grant money for two additional road projects.

A "Call for Bills" has already been issued. Bid opening dates were the end of October. Construction start dates have not yet been determined, but things are moving quickly.

The first project is for "Rural Road Shoulder Enhancement", where trees are removed and stumps are ground within 10 feet of the travelled road surface.

Work on the KP includes 18 miles of roads: Key Pen Highway from north of Key Center to Devil's Head, Wright-Bliss Road from SR 302 to the Kitsap line, and Cramer Road from Key Pen Hwy to near

Creviston Road.

The second project is a "Safety Edge Project" being promoted by the Federal Government that installs a raised edge at the outside of the lane to warn drivers that they are drifting off the roadway. Pierce County is the only county in the State that has received funding to install the new safety edge.

The roads receiving the safety edge are Lackey Road north of the Lutheran Church, Key Pen Highway between Lackey Road and Home, a portion of Whiteman Road, and Key Pen Highway south of Longbranch.

"Construction dates have not been determined yet," said Sandra Pedigro-Marshall, the Communications and Accountability Manager for Pierce County Public Works and Utilities. "The public will be notified of construction dates by a press release approximately two weeks before the start of construction."

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weapons and attempted a home-invasion style robbery.

The homeowners acted in self-defense, according to the prosecutor, and shot Whitchurch, who died, and Hill was shot in the leg.

"Whitchurch was shot and killed by residents who reasonably believed Whitchurch, who was armed, intended to commit a felony and posed a great danger," Lindquist said.

Both Jones and Hill were arraigned in Pierce County Superior Court on Oct. 11 in connection with the shooting. Jones is accused of buying Oxycontin from Scott and driving the getaway truck. She is charged with attempted burglary in the first degree and her bail was set at \$500,000.

Hill is charged with attempted burglary in the first degree, assault in the first degree and second-degree unlawful possession of a firearm. His bail was set at \$750,000.

A jury trial is set for Dec. 7.

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Keith Stiles: Key Pen Mover and Shaker

By Irene Torres
KP News

Editor's Note: *This story originally appeared in the Key Peninsula News in 2007.*

It may be a good thing Keith Stiles is no longer the volunteer editor for the Key Peninsula News, for if he were, this feature would never make print. During an interview over lunch, he always gave credit for his many successful projects to others — whether it was for the three years he headed the newspaper, or during the time he petitioned the Legislature to retain the original name of Joemma Beach.

Anticipating his fourth retirement in 1975, Stiles bought a summer place on the beach south of Herron Island. He worked as Northwest district engineer for General Instrument Corp. in Bellevue. He had traveled to Hawaii; Alaska; and Los Alamos, N.M.

"I was on the road a lot," he said. He had bought a newspaper business in Keizer, Ore., but lost it in a flood. He had an offer of radio station ownership in Seaside, Ore.,

"but it was too cold and wet" there, he said. He went to Ellensburg to try to buy a radio station there, but the wind blew for four straight days. "I found out the wind always blows there," he said. "We bought radio property in Cottage Grove, Ore., and operated that for a few years until my wife was killed (in a train accident)," he said.

With his radio experience, in 1986 "Keith Stiles, Stan Rippon, Max Bice, and Milt Boyd poured their souls into the creation of radio station KGHP-FM on the campus of Peninsula High School," longtime friend Hugh McMillan said. Stiles explained, "I chose the call letters: K for Key, GH for Gig Harbor, and P for Peninsulas."

KGHP is one of only 40 school-sponsored radio stations in the United States. McMillan said, "He involved me in an effort to scrounge used radio station equipment from a radio station owner friend of mine in Portland, and to assist with the fund-raising effort for the station. During the ice storm of 1996, which knocked out just about everybody's power, Keith all but lived

at the station, providing entertainment and emergency information as, for the first time, KGHP went 24/7.

"Keith is the surviving member of the quartet who founded the station and is still active in guarding its interests against a commercial enterprise's efforts to take over one of KGHP's frequencies for commercial purposes. He again honored me by asking me to do whatever possible in securing the assistance and intervention of Sen. Maria Cantwell and Congressman Norm Dicks, which evolved into a successful two-plus year campaign to ensure the viability of not just KGHP but two other public school radio stations elsewhere in the state," McMillan said.

In 1988, Stiles was appointed and served on the board of the Peninsula School District for seven years, during which time it undertook "major bond issues to build and rebuild most of the schools in the system.

"Vaughn Elementary was mainly portables, and both Evergreen and KPMS needed enlarging. Minter needed more room. Those bond issues contained something for everybody," he said. Also in 1988, he was named the Gig Harbor Citizen of the Year. "I was pretty pleased about the honor," he said.

Stiles and the KGHP-FM radio station sponsors have been looking for a volunteer

to take over as engineer, but no one has come forward. Of the future, he shared a sadness, saying, "Young people are headed off into the idea of pushing a button and something magically happens. They have become a group of users rather than builders." He is a believer in the educational process. "The country can't survive without it," he said.

At age 81, Stiles isn't slowing down. He is actively pursuing a project to document the history of how telephones came to the Key Peninsula. "There was a historic split. Everything south of 118th Street used to be long-distance," he said. And he is still volunteering for the school district, as part of a committee studying school facility needs in a 20-year strategic plan.

These projects bear witness to Stiles as a driving force on the Key Peninsula. He served as president of the KP Historical Society, the Home Social Club, and of the Friends of the Library Association when the new library was built in Key Center.

"I was head of a committee that sponsored and investigated, and won the election for the four KP fire stations in the places they are now," Stiles said, "but the committee did the work."

Keith Stiles died Oct. 19 at the age of 84. Read comments from Key Pen residents at www.keypennews.com.

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Harbor Heights staff, students and teachers went through a mockup earthquake that activated all the building's incident command response teams. Several parents, students and a teacher were recruited as "actors" to make the scenarios realistic. Gig Harbor Fire Medic One personnel were on hand to observe the hour long drill and later give feedback.

"It was a great learning experience for us. We wanted to make sure all team leaders on our incident command were going to practice their roles, and we wanted to practice several scenarios that were realistic," says Assistant Principal Kristi Rivera. The scenarios included injured and missing individuals, as well as parents acting distressed through the parent-reunification process.

Penny Hulse, Prevention Division Chief at Gig Harbor



Fire, has been working with the school district on emergency preparedness for about 20 years and was instrumental in coordinating the Harbor Heights drill, setting up goals with staff, then providing feedback. "Our role is to help the schools help themselves," she says. "It was a good learning experience on a small scale before a major event happens."

The district uses a consistent incident command response system at each building as well as at district level. Administrators and staff have been trained on using the emergency plans and continue to revise them every year.

Kindergarten students (right side) Khloe Sadd, Chandler Rothschilder, Kaelyn Anderson and Adam Anderson (left) are staying busy after their class joined the rest of the students outside during the drill.

"Every time we conduct a drill, it's an opportunity to learn something new and refine the system," says Dan Gregory, Academic Officer. "We receive great support from our first responders. Their feedback is very important because they are the experts, and in the event of a real emergency, we'll be working with them hand in hand."



Accounting for staff, students and volunteers are Office Manager Donata Butchco, Principal Mary Godwin-Austen, Assistant Principal Kristi Rivera and Counselor Joan Storkman.

November Events

- 2 Parent Council Meeting
9:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the
District Office Rooms 4&5
- 11 No school—Veteran's Day observed
- 18 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at
Peninsula High School Library
- 24 Regular start time for all grade
levels—No Collaboration
- 25-26 No school—Thanksgiving break
- 30 Superintendent Forum
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at
Harbor Ridge Middle School Library

December Events

- 7 Parent Council Meeting
9:30 a.m.-12 Noon at the
District Office Rooms 4&5
- 9 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at
District Office
- 20-31 No school—Winter break

Superintendent Forums

The first of four Superintendent forums will be held on November 30 in the Harbor Ridge Middle School Library from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. You do not need to have students in the District to participate. We welcome your input.

Good Citizenship

Please remember to vote in the November 2 General Election. The Pierce County Auditor's Elections page indicates ballots were to be mailed October 15.

Communications Survey

You can help us communicate better by spending 5-7 minutes completing the Communications Task Force Committee's survey at the PSD website: www.psd401.net. Based on your priorities, recommendations as to how to communicate more effectively will be made. Thank you!

Peninsula Views

EDITORIAL

KP suffers great loss in two leaders

The Key Peninsula has lost two important community leaders. Mike Salatino passed away Oct. 3 after a long battle with cancer, and Keith Stiles died Oct. 19 at the age of 84.

Both men were cut from from a cloth of get-it-done attitude, and an intense belief in community. Salatino was opinionated and never backed down from an argument. During his memorial several attorneys spoke of their memories and attested to the fact he was a man of conviction, and held out through years of litigation until he finally did get what he wanted. He was an integral member of the civic center and started the Key Peninsula Fair. He recruited friends and residents to work alongside him to better the community. He is probably most remembered for the 29 years he hosted the Salatino Christmas Dinner at the civic center. (His family will continue the tradition this year, in his honor and memory, the 30th year of the event.)



Stiles was just as committed to the community, and poured his heart and energies into what he knew made a difference. He was editor of this newspaper from 1983 to 1986. He also believed the Key Peninsula needed a radio station, and he did what it took to make that a reality. He was co-founder of KGHP radio, which is housed on the campus of Peninsula High School, and was the chief engineer. He loved our parks, and was a member of the Friends of the Library.

People like Salatino and Stiles can evoke strong reactions and emotions from those around them, but no one can deny that this community would be less than it is today without their tenacity and stubbornness.

The Key Peninsula is more cohesive, has a thriving park district, a radio station, and countless other assets because of these men and others who joined them. If all of us sat on the sidelines it would be a dismal and sad community. We can only hope there are more people who will step in and work as hard as they did to keep the community moving forward, though we know there will never be another Mike Salatino, or another Keith Stiles.

They were each one of a kind.

— Marsha Hart

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you volunteers

Fifteen volunteers donated 33 hours to complete several projects at the National Public Lands Day event held at 360 Regional Park. Key Pen Parks thanks all the volunteers who supported the effort. A special thank you to Site Leader Kim Sutherlin, Peninsula High School's cross country team, the Peninsula Gateway, members of the USS Stennis from Bremerton, and the staff of Key Pen Parks.

Scott Gallacher and Chad Harvell

Thank you to visitors, well-wishers

Thanks to everyone who came to see me at Cottesmore. Thanks for the phone calls and cards and flowers, and all the prayers. Longbranch Church choir came and sang to me. Thanks to my daughter and grandson for everything they did. Also thanks to everyone at Cottesmore for my care.

*Marguerite Bussard
Longbranch*

KeyFest a success

The Key Peninsula Community Fair Association wishes to thank all of our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and most of all you, our attendees for making KeyFest 2010 a wonderful success.

Returning for the 10th anniversary with KeyFest in 2011 the KPCFA is seeking board members and officers. We invite anyone who wishes to help "Celebrate Community" to please consider

becoming a board member or officer by joining the KPCFA today. If you are a student, we encourage you also to consider becoming a board member to help present KeyFest to the community and learn how a non-profit organization operates. Current KPCFA Officers: Jeffrey Nelson - President Chuck West - Vice President Barbara Heard - Secretary Treasurer - vacant

Board meetings are held at the Roadhouse Restaurant VIP Room on the first Tuesday of every month starting at 6:30pm. Our meetings are fun and informative and we invite you to attend.

Interested persons may come to a meeting, leave a message at 253.444.3547, email us at volunteer@keyfair.org, or visit the volunteer page of our website at www.keyfair.org.

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KP Historical Society presents Bad Boys of McNeil Island

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Bad Boys of McNeil Island is the program to be presented at the Key Peninsula Historical Society (KPHS) meeting on Nov 6.

Author and historian Joan Curtis of Steilacoom will present the program at 1 p.m. in the Whitmore Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The presentation describes some of the "famous" prisoners who spent time at the federal penitentiary. Included are inmates Robert Stroud, "The Bird Man of Alcatraz," Roy Gardner, notorious train robber; Alvin Karpis, gangster in league with the "Ma Barker Gang," Frederick Emerson Peters, infamous swindler and impersonator, Roy Olmstead, king of the Puget Sound bootleggers, Mickey Cohen, called "the undisputed boss of Los Angeles gang-

dom" by Time Magazine, Charles Manson, responsible for the Sharon Tate murders, and Dave Beck, Seattle labor leader.

Curtis will explain many interesting aspects of the prison and those imprisoned there while it was under federal control.

The program is free, but donations will be accepted for the presenter.

KPHS annual membership is \$10 per person or \$25 for family. Regular museum hours are Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 – 4 p.m. through second week of December, then open again first week of February. The museum will be open following the meeting and program.

A potluck meal for members and guests will begin at noon. Participants are to provide their own tableware. Beverages will be provided.

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ing at night. We just feel we don't want to bring crime in the area," Norton says.

Determining whether medical marijuana is legal is difficult. The Washington State Department of Health website interprets the law as, "Marijuana possession is illegal in Washington." That sounds like the answer is no. The website continues, "The medical marijuana law, Chapter 69.51A RCW, provides an affirmative defense for qualified patients and designated caregivers." That's a yes answer. Together they sound more like maybe. The bottom line for qualified patients and caregivers is the police can arrest you for possession; and the courts can defend you.

It helps to define terms like qualifying patient and designated caregiver. Those terms are defined on the KPNews website at www.keypennews.com. With regard to dispensaries, the DOH is clearly negative. "No. The law does not allow dispensaries. The law only allows qualifying patients and designated providers to possess medical marijuana."

The DOH position supports the recent action taken by the Washington Department of Tax and Licenses. The office sent notices to eight Tacoma dispensaries on Oct. 14

with the subject line: "Notice to Cease Dispensing Marijuana."

The Pierce County Sheriff office does not have a policy with regard to the medical marijuana law. "It is our belief that dispensaries are not in conformance with medical marijuana law," says Pierce County Sheriff's legal advisor, Craig Adams. His interpretation that a caregiver may provide for one person at a time contradicts the dispensaries position. "They use a quick window of time. They dispense to one person one moment and another the next. I think the argument will fail," he says. "I think we will wind up in court about it."

In the meantime, Dave Norton continues to serve as volunteer manager at Green Health and works 40 hours a week at his day job. He is convinced that medical marijuana is a good alternative to pharmaceutical narcotic drugs. He is concerned about public opinion, he is strict about verified documents, the appearance of the building is improving, and he allows no loitering on the premises. The dispensary is "not trying to get rich," he says, "We do not believe in illegal activities. If you really want it, we can do it legally."

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Flags on display at Vaughn Cemetery

The American flag and seven service flags (US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and POW/MIA) will proudly fly this Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Key Peninsula Veterans Institute will display the flags from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Veterans monument in Vaughn Bay Cemetery. Everyone is invited to visit and take time to remember the sacrifice and dedication of all our Armed Forces-the men and women who daily serve the United States of America. For directions to Vaughn Bay Cemetery please visit: www.kpveterans.com.

Troop 220's annual scouting for food drive

Every year Troop 220 Scouts and their families shuttle throughout the Key Peninsula going door-to-door collecting food and

other needed items for the local Food Bank. All of the items collected support families on the Peninsula just in time for Thanksgiving. Boy Scout 220 will be picking up donations on the morning of Nov. 14.

Boy Scouts and their families will be placing plastic bags near your front door on Saturday, Nov. 13, and pick up the filled bags the next morning.

The Boy Scouts will deliver all items collected to the Key Peninsula Community Services Food Bank located near Home.

Last year the Troop collected and donated almost 2,000 items. The following neighborhoods are included in the Annual Scouting for Food Drive route: Lake Holiday, GreenTree. If you would like your neighborhood to be added to the list contact Shirley Crane at 884-1057 by Nov. 8.

The Food Bank has the following items on their much needed list: sugar, rice, oatmeal, juice, pasta, macaroni & cheese, any boxed products, canned: soup, tuna chick-

en, ravioli, chili, fruit, vegetables, toothpaste, and deodorant. Donations can also be dropped off at the Key Peninsula Civic Center where Troop 220 meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Art auction and sale showcases artists

Watermark Writers will host "THE KEY AT KIANA, Art, Words and Music" at the Kiana Lodge near Poulsbo on Nov. 14 from 1 to 6 p.m.

THE KEY AT KIANA is an art auction and sale; a book signing and sale; a live music event and much, much more.

The venue offers a warm cedar lodge with a fireplace in every room and a water view from every window. Renowned artists, authors, poets and singer-songwriters will mingle with attendees.

Artwork and CDs will be available for purchase to get a jump on holiday shopping.

The \$12 entry fee includes live music, readings and appetizers.

An open wine bar will be available. Visit www.watermarkwriters.com for details.

Tress of Sharing on display

Key Peninsula Veterans Institute is sponsoring the "2010 Trees of Sharing" Nov. 26 to Dec. 21. Key Peninsula residents have the opportunity to purchase gifts for military Veterans at American Lake VA Hospital. Small Christmas trees will be displayed at local businesses. Stop by and remove a gift tag, purchase a gift and then return it to a clerk at the following locations: Peninsula Markets at Lake Kathryn Village and at Key Center, also at the Community House. Join KPVI in making this a season of heartfelt giving and a big thank you to our military veterans! For more information contact Mike Coffin at 884-9852.



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Meditation training brings mind and body together

By Kevin Reed
KP News

Just south of Key Center a wooden sign "Cat Tuong Monastery" is posted at the entrance of a driveway. Vertical logs support the mailbox, and a well-maintained single-level house sits in a mostly wooded lot. The large front porch welcomes visitors, where shoes are left outside. Two large rooms with wood floors cradle a central kitchen area. The largest front room is where people gather to meditate. In one corner is a stack of black knee pillows, and a rug lies at the center. At the far end is a statue of the Buddha and an open text on a pedestal. The room is otherwise empty, dimly lit, and calm.

Welcoming visitors is Thich Chan Phap Dang, or Brother Dang for short, a teacher of Buddhist meditation who lives and practices at the monastery. Dang is a Buddhist Monk from Hue, Vietnam, who came to the States in 1981 to escape communism. He studied Buddhist meditation in Plum Village, France under the well-known Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh for 20 years. During meditation he wears a brown earth-colored robe of freedom and liberation called an 'ao trang'.

The monastery is open for meditation from 6 to 7 p.m. During that time there is no talking, only meditation. Meditation training is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. Everybody is welcome on Tuesdays, especially young people, and it's free. Dang trains on how to meditate constructively. For beginners, training is key. If you try to sit and meditate without being trained, says Dang, you'll get bored and exhausted because you won't know what to do. Meditation, Dang says, is not just sitting.

"Meditation is a way of life where you bring your mind back to the body, because most of the time our mind is wandering away." Too often, Dang says, we turn on television and music, or chase other forms of entertainment to distract the mind from reality. "Our body is here, but our mind is thinking of something else. Meditation is the way to bring the wandering mind back to the body. And you feel that you are whole. Of like body and mind. You are aware of what is going on in the present. You are also aware of your thoughts, your feelings, your emo-

tions, your suffering, and your pain." This moment-to-moment awareness is called "mindfulness." Dang continues. "Most of the time we are controlled by craving, desire, loneliness, anxiety, stress, worries. So meditation incorporate all this problem. So that you can be able to be yourself. And transform the negative thing in our own mind. Things become more real."

"Cat Tuong" means "happiness and peace." Even though the sign reads "Cat Tuong Monastery," Dang prefers "Cat Tuong Meditation Center," because the term "monastery" conjures up apprehension for many people. Dang stays at the house, and maintains the grounds. Outside signs, called meditation reminders, include: "Where am I going to the end of a road? Where am I going to the end of the horizon?" He explains, "When you die, you cannot bring anything along. So why don't you stop at this moment to enjoy life?"

Dang's goal is to practice and teach Buddhist meditation. "Part of being a monk is for you to get enlightenment. For me to transform my suffering, to be free, and to enlighten." This is called "samsara," he adds, a term that means "continuous flow" in the cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth in Buddhism. "The second goal is to help people and transform their own suffering by teaching them how to meditate and lift their life, and how to take care of their pain and suffering. Buddhist monks take a great vow to use [their] life to help relieve the suffering of people, because there's a lot of suffering in society."

The Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, taught people in the city. Buddha's discourses were compiled to form volumes of sacred Buddhist texts. "Each generation [adds] commentary and also composes a new discourse. Buddhism is not strictly one teacher. There are many teachers over many generations. So what the Buddha say is not absolute truth. You have the right to explore and you can compose the new method for new people, new society. And that's why Buddhism become a big tree, you know, growing, growing, growing, growing. And that's why we have pile of books. You know Chinese character? Very tiny. But 100 volume of this all is the teaching of the Buddha. Amazing"

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Age: K-5th
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Session # 1 12/20, 21, 22, 23
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Time: 9:00-4:00 pm

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Location: VFW Room, KPCC
Date: Thursday, 11/11-12/16
(No class on 11/25)

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm
Fee: \$48
Min/Max: 5/20

Note: Deadline to register 11/9

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Date: Saturday, 11/13-12/18
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Time: 10:00 -11:00 am
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Major change at the KP liquor store

By Danna Webster
KP News

The new owner of the Key Peninsula Liquor Store, Longbranch resident Jeanie Weston, is as enthused about the store's relocation as she is opposed to the State Initiatives 1100 and 1105. The new store is bright and colorful with wide aisles and broad shelves showcasing a large range of liquor selections. The diversity of the store's inventory would be sharply reduced with the passage of the proposed liquor Initiatives 1100 and 1105. But one of Weston's major objections is her concern that privatization would increase underage drinking.

She cites the Washington State Liquor Control Board statistic that claims a no-sales-to-minors compliance rate for state stores of 94 percent; compared to the private sector compliance rate of 76-84 percent. She has made some of her own graphics to show that proponent arguments using California liquor prices don't add up. She says those examples do not include the state sales tax of 9.75 percent and fail to consider that Californians pay an income tax of 10.3 percent and have an average property tax of 10 percent.

According to Weston, the major corporation sponsors of the Initiatives are Wal-Mart and Costco and she has developed her own fiscal argument against their position on the Initiatives. "The State loses too much money. It's too much revenue to try to make up from other places. It's a fight about who gets the profit from the sale of alcohol. I'd rather the State take the profit and the taxes than big corporations who may take it out of the country. With it being in the State's hands, we can hire and fire our representatives but not with the corporations."

Numbers and finance have been career skills for Weston since she became a bookkeeper in 1983. She completed her schooling while a single-parent raising her son, Joe Steiner (Kitsap High School); working during the day at minimum wage; and attending school at night. Her bookkeeping background includes work for the

Department of Natural Resources, debt counseling in Port Orchard, and work for the Gig Harbor Marina Boatyard. The boatyard job assignment came as a result of a boating adventure in 1990 when she sailed a "little wooden sailboat" from Port Orchard to La Paz, Mexico. Her son, aged 10 at the time, joined her for part of the journey. It is her hope that he can join her in this new business journey, "when the liquor store grows," she says.

The store's move to the former Red Door Realty office was completed by Weston and her remodeling crew, Well Hung Siding Custom Exteriors, in October. According to Custom Exteriors contractor, Pete Beimford, the new building provides 1000 square feet compared to 400 square feet in the old store and a lot more parking. There is a bright new look to the spacious shop which now includes a broad array of complementary products. The liquor inventory is presented on a shelving layout that Weston designed with the assistance of one of her liquor distributors. "She's got the vision. We're just trying to put it together for her," says Beimford.

Weston's vision revolves around customer service which is directly responsible for the change in store hours. The new store is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. "The whole purpose of the store is to provide a service for our community," Weston says, "If our customers commute a long way and are trying to get home from work, I have to stay open (for their convenience)."

Passage of either Initiative would require Weston and all state liquor and contract stores to close their doors by December 31, 2011 (1100) or by April 1, 2012 (1105). In order for a store to re-open, it must apply for license under the new privatization law. "Even if it all passes, I'm going to try and survive," Weston says.

The language of Initiatives 1100 and 1105 can be found in the State of Washington Voters' Pamphlet and online at www.vote.wa.gov.

Farmers Market ends with questions, no answers

Query about reason behind the fact there were fewer vendors this year left unanswered, except for e-mail message saying ‘See you in April of 2011.’

By Irene Torres
KP News

The final Farmers Market was held on the same day as the HarvestFEST Farm Tour on the Key Peninsula Oct. 2. During the cool, wet growing season, passersby noticed a decrease in the number of tents in the parking lot at O’Callahan’s, compared with prior years.

Though farmers and Farmers Market chairman/manager Dale Shultz avoided the questions, Key Pen News set out to determine the reason for that decline. One factor may have been the weather, which diminished harvest throughout the region, but competition seems a more likely cause.

Dorne Webster, owner of Mosquito Fleet Cuisine, led cooking demonstrations at the market weekly. He suggested better signage might have improved visibility for the market. Webster observed, “It was pretty good at first and then some people quit and joined the co-op. With fewer vendors there didn’t seem to be as much interest.”

The Fresh Food Revolution is a member cooperative offering high quality, local produce. Creviston Valley Farms, Del Tierra Farms, 3 Clouds Bakery and Hans Quistorff were notably absent from the KP Farmers Market, but were active in the cooperative. In late August, as many as 22 orders were filled through the co-op in one day, according to their Facebook page, but there were no answers to questions of co-op manager, Holly Hendrick. Two co-op members also declined to comment.

Donna Daily said she was very sorry to see fewer vendors at the market. “I liked the variety of different people there were each week. I also like the 3:1 Farmers market ratio with three local growers to one crafter. I liked that the crafters could share their booth to make a wider variety in each market booth,” she said. From Morgan Creek Farm, regular vendor Steve White declined to comment, and referred questions to Schultz. Schultz wrote an email to KP News: “Had lots of loyal customers each week. See you in April of 2011. Thank you Key Peninsula Residents for making the 2010 season successful.” A query asking if this season’s goals were met went unanswered.

Daily, owner of Tote it Around waterproof totes, is a frequent market vendor. “I would like the market to go back to the former management,” she said. “Two summers ago the market was more vibrant and interesting than this year offered.”



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Now Basic skills

Enroll now! Key Peninsula residents are able to complete a basic skills education for college entrance or a GED. Classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Home Fire Station. Evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. are now available at the TCC Gig Harbor Campus. For information, registration and orientation call Tracy Clark, 253-460-2356.

Now Swimming available

Water aerobics is available on Mon/Wed/Fri from 10-11 a.m. and Tues/Thurs from 9:20-10:20 a.m. Open swim is available on Tues/Thurs from 8-9 a.m. All classes are held at the Camp Easter Seals heated pool on Vaughn Road and cost \$4.25/session, paid monthly. For morning swims, call Donna, 884-4473.

Open lap swims are held Tues/Thurs from 5-6 p.m. at \$4.25 session, drop-ins welcome.

Family evening swims are from 5-6 p.m. on Mon/Wed for \$4.25/person or \$15/family, children under 2 are free. For evening swims, call Ellen, 884-2722.

Nov. 1 Christmas sale

To submit an event

To submit an event for the Community Works calendar, please e-mail news@keypennews.com, or mail to P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. Briefs must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Look for the Christmas shelf in the lobby of the Key Center Library. All kinds of holiday-themed media are for sale by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bloodmobile dates

The bloodmobile will be at the Albertson's from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. It will be at the Peninsula Light Company (2nd floor meeting room) on Nov. 9 from 12-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 Fuchsia club

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

Nov. 5, 12, 19 Skate nights

Skate night is held from 6-9 p.m. for elementary and middle school-aged students at the KP Civic Center. Admission is \$5, which includes skates and all the games in the Whitmore Room. Refreshments are available for purchase. www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

Nov. 8 Parks budget meeting

Key Pen Parks holds a public meeting to discuss Key Pen Parks 2011 Budget as required by RCW 84.52.020. Meet at Volunteer Park at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 9 Zumba deadline

Register now for the KP Parks' Satur-

day Zumba class to be held Nov. 13-Dec. 18 from 9-10 a.m. or the Zumba Gold (cardio) class on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. Both classes are held in the VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$48; no class 11/27. chad@keypenparks.com or 884-9240.

Nov. 9 Friends meet

The Friends of the Key Center Library meet from 5-7 p.m. at the library. 884-9240.

Nov. 10- Knit or crochet

Loving Hearts meet from 1-3 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 18 at the WayPoint Church. New members are welcome to attend and make projects for non-profits in the community. lovingheartsonkp@aol.com or Virginia, 884-9619.

Nov. 11 Circumnavigator speaks

The Friends of the Key Center Library host Nancy Earley, who circumnavigated the globe with an all-women crew. She will speak on "Waves, Storms and Pirates" from 7-9 p.m. at the library. Donations to the KP Food Bank are appreciated. 884-2242.

Nov. 11 Zumba deadline

Register now for the KP Parks' Thursday Zumba class to be held Nov. 11-Dec. 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the VFW Room at the KP Civic Center. Cost is \$48; no class 11/25. 884-9240 or chad@keypenparks.com.

**Nov. 13
Museum of glass**
Ages 18 and older are invited to join KP Parks for a tour of the Museum of

Glass and lunch at the Spaghetti Factory in Tacoma on Saturday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus lunch money. The first 5 to 10 to register will go on the tour, which leaves from Volunteer Park. Chad@keypenparks.com or 884-9240.

Nov. 13 Lyme group

The Lyme disease support group meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Key Center Library.

Nov. 13 Chili cook-off

Support the local artisan community and check off that holiday shopping list at the KP Civic Center's Third Annual Winter Warm-Up & Chili Cook-off event from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free. Applications for vendors and chili cooks available at www.kpciviccenter.org or 884-3456.

Nov. 20 Bazaar

Ashes, the local firefighters auxiliary, holds their Christmas Bazaar at the Key Center Fire Station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 884-3771.

Nov. 27-28 Winterfest

The annual Winterfest Arts & Crafts Fair with nearly 200 vendor booths is held at Peninsula High School. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. All proceeds benefit the Peninsula High School Associated Student Body. 857-3530 or peninsula.wednet.edu.

**Nov. 30
Teen Time**
Teen time is held from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 884-2242.

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Dec. 4 Holiday madrigal concert

The Friends of the Key Center Library host a free holiday concert at 2 p.m. at the library. Madrigalia, a 5-member group of Seattle-based singers, will be performing Christmas and other madrigals. Donations to the KP Food Bank are encouraged. 884-2242.

Dec. 10 Winter camp deadline

KP Parks is hosting an indoor Winter Break Camp for K-5th graders on Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the KP Civic Center Gym. Session one is from Dec. 20-23. Session two is from Dec. 27-30. Fee is \$100/session or \$30/day if registered before 12/10; fee is \$35/day for those registering after 12/10. Only 15-30 are allowed per session. Obtain a camp registration form by stopping by the KP Park Office, calling 884-9240, or at www.keypenparks.com.

OFF THE KEY

Nov. 19 Free movie

“Tortilla Flats” will be shown at Galaxy Uptown Theatre at 10 a.m. The free movie is sponsored by the Gig Harbor Welcome Club. Coffee and conversation follows the movie in the party room.

Nov. 25 Turkey trot

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Peninsula School District Board

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KP Civic Center Board

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Dessert potluck meeting, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. Longbranch Improvement Club.



Photo courtesy of Jim Buckwalter

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A force reckoned with: Salatino made a difference

Mike Salatino never held back an opinion. He garnered extreme reactions from Key Peninsula residents and civic leaders alike. He was loved and hated, and didn't give a rip, one way or the other.

By Rick Sorrels
KP News

Mike Salatino died peacefully at home Oct. 3, following a battle with multiple myeloma (bone cancer) since 2004.

Salatino was a well-known presence on the Key Peninsula since he and his wife moved here in the late 60s.

He was a family man, friend, business owner, altruistic benefactor, community activist, and when necessary — even politician.

Born in 1942, Salatino was proud of his Italian heritage. His great, great granduncle

Frank Salatino fed early Tacomans from his grocery store, the Tacoma Fruit Market.

Salatino opened his own full-service grocery store, The Fruit Stand, on SR302 in 1970. In 1972, he added "The Garden Shoppe" next door. In 1976 he partnered with Don Zimmerman and started the Lake Kathryn Village shopping complex. From 1982 to 1987 he owned Harold Meyer Drug in Tacoma. He started The Farm in 1987, which sold produce, starts, and animal products such as pigs, chickens, eggs, and cows.

In the early 1970s, Salatino was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, which developed the first-ever community plan for Pierce County, the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan, which regulated development for the Gig Harbor Peninsula and also included that portion of the Key Peninsula lying east of 135th Avenue.

Salatino became vice-president and then president of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association not long after he joined in 1980, and remained an actively involved board member through 2009. A subsidiary of the Civic Center is the local newspaper,

the Key Peninsula News, which was produced by a very few individuals, including Salatino. In those early years, the KP News was partnered with the Gateway, which printed and bundled the newspaper.

The Gig Harbor-Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce presented an award to Salatino in 2001 for his efforts, which created the popular and successful Key Peninsula Community Fair.

Among his many other involvements, Salatino was a member, officer, and chief fundraiser for over 40 years for the Christopher Columbus Society, an Italian men's association that is extensively involved with scholarships and other social outreach to help those in need. In 1977, Salatino was asked to deliver a Christmas basket to an elderly person who lived in senior housing. He came away so depressed that he had to take some action.

Since 1978, Salatino's Senior Christmas Dinner has produced a scrumptious turkey dinner, entertainment, and gifts on Christmas Day for over 100 senior citizens who lacked the opportunity. The first two years were held at Miracle Ranch, subsequent

years at the Civic Center.

Salatino served as a parks commissioner for the Key Peninsula Parks Department. He created the Initiative for the county ballot which re-formed the Parks Department into the present Key Peninsula Metropolitan Parks District.

Salatino was especially irked by what he perceived to be mismanagement by the Fire Commissioners of FD 16. He wrote frequent letters to the editor and opinion articles for the newspapers to inform the public, he attempted a recall petition, and paid for full-page political advertisements for the 2009 election.

At an interview a few months ago, Salatino stated "I waited until I was successful in getting Bosch out of office before I checked out of this World. I expect others to knuckle down and finish the job for me (FD16). We need to get some more new people in there (as Commissioners)."

Salatino is survived by his wife Joyce, his daughter, and two grandchildren.

Salatino was an opinionated and stubborn man, but his dedication to the Key Peninsula community cannot be disputed.

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Blue Star Memorial Marker honors veterans

By Colleen Slater
KP News

The Bayshore Garden Club celebrated its 60th anniversary in June 2009 with the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker and Memory Gardens at the Longbranch Fire Station.

The Blue Star Marker program is officially sponsored by the National Federation of Garden Clubs to honor all veterans who have served our country.

The project to raise funds for the marker and gardens began in 2008 and took a year for completion.

Under the leadership of president Francine Minor and project chair Tedi Spiering, Bayshore Garden Club members, families, friends, KP firemen and others created the gardens to beautify the area along the highway near the Longbranch Fire Station, where the club holds its meetings.

Crews cleared the area of blackberries,

Scotch broom, and other weeds, brought in dirt, collected broken marble to edge a gravel path, and planted a tree and donated plants.

The club invited local community groups to participate in the dedication program. Local firefighters Chris Hagen and Mike Riegle, also veterans, were selected to be the military guests of honor. FD 16 Division Chief Chuck West and Russell Hurd also joined in the occasion. The Key Peninsula Veterans Institute color guard, Dr. Roes' Down Home Band, Key Singers, and local pastor Dan Whitmarsh added to the celebration.

The second memory garden was to honor garden club members on the peninsula who have helped shape the community. It contains a birdbath and benches.

The garden club maintains the marker and gardens, and they encourage people to pause, admire the gardens and contemplate the marker that honors our local servicemen and women.



Hugh McMillan, Special to the KP News
Karen Haas, storyteller, living History Performer and Voice Artist, mesmerizes her audience of kids with ghost stories at the second annual "All Hallows Harvest Celebration" at Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park.

Participation triples for All Hallows Harvest Celebration

By Hugh McMillan
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As shadows turned into darkness, youths 15 and under were judged on best costumes and adults on pumpkin carving abilities for prizes during the second annual All Hallows Harvest Celebration at Volunteer Park.

The crowd of over 90, triple that of last year, gathered around an open fire Oct. 16 where Karen Haas, storyteller, living History Performer and Voice Artist mesmerized them with funny stories before going into creepy crawl tales which made for a great Halloween event.

Kids of all ages armed with flashlights then headed into darkened fields for a "Ghoulish Goodie Hunt" of over a hundred bags filled with candy, which glowed in the dark with teeth and skeletons.

The event was a hugely successful family outing providing a safe, fun-filled, exciting evening for kids of all ages.

"We are looking forward to the growth of this event each year," said KP Parks Recreation Coordinator, Chad Harvell.

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Key Peninsula 4-H youth wins at Puyallup

By Karen Lovett
KP News

Josh Maurmann won the 4-H Rabbit - Senior Showmanship competition this year at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup beating top finalists from counties all over the state. The 17-year-old took home the Grand Champion award.

Josh has been a member of the South Kitsap Musketeers for six years, the nearest 4-H rabbit club. He won an Honorable Mention for Showmanship and a Reserve Champion for the judging competition at the Kitsap Fair in August this year. Those wins made him eligible to compete in the state championship 4-H competition at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup.

Josh said, "The award winning final question at The Fair was: 'What question do you wish you'd been asked?'"

"My question was to tell the judge everything about my breed the Trianta. The Standard of Perfection, Type and History. The Trianta was originated in Holland in the 1930s. They were created by

a breeder by the name of Mr. H. Andrea. He achieved this breed by crossbreeding Havanas, self English Spots and Tans. The breed gained popularity and on May 1, 1940 they were accepted into the Dutch standard recognized as the orange tan. May 10, 1940 Holland was invaded by Nazis, so many rabbit breeders lost their homes and were forced to set their rabbits free. The Trianta was hunted to near extinction.

"It was believed the last remaining animals of this breed were imported into East Germany by a Dr. Kissner. He had a similar breed he was working on known as the Sachengold, which had a similar color to the Trianta. He hoped the Trianta color would help the Sachengold, but it had negative affects to fur and color. In the 1970s Dutch breeders became interested in bringing back the Trianta. They contacted Dr. Kissner, but because German lines were not open, they smuggled the rabbits along with carrier pigeons inside coffins, which were being sent to Holland for the return and reburial of dead Ger-



man soldiers.

"The breed was refined in Holland and in 1976, it was renamed the Trianta. It gained popularity across Europe in the 1970s and 1980s. They were introduced to the United States in 1996. They received full recognition February 1, 2006.

Josh's first breed was Holland Lop, but when he joined the American Rabbit Breeders Association in February 2006, the same month and year the ARBA admitted a new breed to the Standard of Perfection, he decided to get another

breed.

"Everybody was talking about the new breed. With all the hype about the Trianta, I wanted to find a breeder. I got serious about finding a Trianta buck for fitting and showing in 2007. I like bucks personalities. I obtained a senior Trianta buck in the fall of 2007. I got a doe in 2008 right after fair, my buck suffered hindquarter paralysis. I obtained a new buck in November 2008. I have had two litters so far."

Josh is currently a Running Start student at Olympic College. He is considering a degree in environmental science. His 15-year-old sister Marissa raises Dutch, Cole, 13, and Tawny, 11, both raise Holland Lops. All four of the home-schooled children are active in 4-H. Rabbits are the only livestock they show. Marissa and Tawny also participate in sewing and crochet.

Josh said, "What I really like about 4-H is it teaches you about responsibility, record-keeping, self-confidence, public speaking, teamwork, other skills and you meet lots of cool people."



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Tedi Spiering, keeper of family history

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Tedi Spiering cherishes family stories of ancestors' travels to Lakebay, plus relatives who helped capture McNeil Island escapees.

John Burton, wife Fannie, and children Mary and William, arrived in Detroit, Michigan in 1880. Burton, a printer, had "what not" kinds of shops in England and Detroit. In Lakebay "he just worked on his property," says Spiering.

Mary, called Nellie, married Peter McKay in Detroit. His parents, born and raised in Scotland, migrated to Quebec where he was born.

McKay was a printer and brass polisher in Detroit.

David, Grace, and Vivian were born in Detroit, but Jessie, the youngest McKay, was born in Lakebay in 1906. Spiering has her baptism record, so she knew the family came here by that date. Nellie helped found the original Lakebay Community Church.

Grace McKay married Peter Paulin-

ski, and their daughter Geraldine, Spiering's mom, "kept everything." A photo album and scrapbook are well labeled with names and dates. Spiering has a wedding invitation sent to the Burton family in Birmingham, England, from the family of Sam Watkinson, a retired printer who became manager of the Co-op and later a store in Longbranch.

Spiering holds an old deed for her property. Diederich Tiedeman purchased the acreage from Mason County Timber Company in 1884. Jessie McKay and husband, Andy Westrom, bought it in the early 1940s.

Spiering spent many of her growing up years in Spain, and claims her Spanish is better than her English. The family returned to the states when she was 13.

Spiering and husband, Harold, owned several businesses in Olympia, including the Royal Mocha, a walk-up and drive-through Espresso, The Cactus Café restaurant, Sweet Cantina, a candy store with plank floors and an old west atmosphere. They also operated an audio engineering



Photo courtesy of Tedi Spiering
Mary Ellen (Burton) McKay and children Grace, Jessie, Effy, and David, about 1908 in Lakebay.

video studio, making TV commercials and editing sound tracks.

They bought Aunt Jessie's home and began remodeling in 2002. Spiering loves being back in her childhood neighborhood. Her sister Kathleen lives in Longbranch.

"Us kids used to lie down in the middle of the gravel road and bet each other about

the number of cars that would go by." There were not many cars, and they went much slower than today's whizzing traffic.

"They always stopped and asked what we were doing. We'd say 'counting cars,' but we wouldn't get up from the road. They'd ask how many we had, and I'd always whisper, 'Would you come back again?' so I could win."

Andy Westrom was house caretaker for out of town neighbors. One day a house he was looking after had been broken into. He went in, and the McNeil Island escapee tied him up, but said he didn't want to hurt him and hoped it wasn't too tight. Westrom said his wife knew where he was and would be worried when he didn't get home. The man said he had to borrow his car, but he'd leave it at the Portland airport.

Westrom's wife came, untied him, and he called police. The convict was caught at the airport.

Spiering's brother, Dean, 6, was playing in the yard when he saw two men on the road "jet into the woods." He ran to the store, called police, and "G-men" came to interview him. They caught the convicts, based on Dean's description. His reward: a letter from President Hoover, a dollar and certificate.

Spiering's multiple bins of photos and papers contain many fascinating family tales.

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Flavors of Fall a 007 success

By Rick Sorrels
KP News

Nobody could have possibly guessed the vast quantity of unused dinner jackets (tuxedos) stashed away on the Key Peninsula in the back of closets and the bottom of trunks, just waiting patiently for the slightest chance to escape into the public view. Flavors of Fall gave them that reprieve from solitude. If the lights could have been turned lower (much lower), and we squinted a bit more, we could have even imagined being at Casino Royale or at a high falutin' Washington D.C. diplomatic affair.

Flavors of Fall is the annual big wing-ding fund raiser for the Key Peninsula Civic Center. This year's theme was James Bond 007, Shaken Not Stirred, and it was a sold out affair to remember.

The majority of the guys dressed like Bond, or his American side-kick Felix Leiter, for a night of cocktails: Vodka Martini's, shaken, not stirred, of course.

The women were simply ravishing, with low cut gowns and long, tall slits, with well-turned legs playing peek-a-boo. If asked, I'm sure they would say their names were Pussy Galore, Solitaire, Honey Ryder, Octopussy, Jinx, Mary Goodnight, Kissy Suzuki, or Xenia Onatop. The Bond Girl characters always had some very intriguing monikers.

A few evil villains attended, including a couple with stereotypical Russian fur hats, who could have been stand-ins for Boris and Natasha. Fortunately, Rocky and Bullwinkle never made an

appearance.

Two individuals known to be retired real life agents were in attendance. One even came in a trench coat, obviously oblivious to any of today's real life threats.

In typical Bond fashion, the very well-stocked bar continually needed to be restocked. The spectacle and witticisms were memorable. The meal provided by Chef Dorne Webster was truly outstanding and deserving of a five star review. And everybody had fun with a smirk, a leer, and a tongue in cheek.

The real reason for Flavors of Fall, however, was an auction, both silent and live, with a professional auctioneer, to raise funds to maintain the civic center and support the many community services provided for residents of the KP.

Over 200 items were generously donated from nearly as many businesses and individuals. They covered a spectrum from gift certificates to a reading by a Lipologist; from a couple treatises on James Bond to a condominium in Puerto Vallarta; from a hundred year old pump organ to a case of choice wines; most anything imaginable.

According to Mark Roberts, the event Chairman, "Approximately \$40,000 was raised this year. Bidders won many bargains, some were outright steals."

The last Flavors of Fall was held three years ago. The next will probably be in two years. Attendees are already trying to figure what future theme could possibly top this year's James Bond. You will have to wait to find out.

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By Faith Rhodes
Special to the KP News

The Food Backpacks 4 Kids program provides nutritious food on the weekends for children who rely on the school lunch program for their major daily meal. Sixteen area churches formed a nonprofit group, called Peninsula Communities of Faith, to sponsor this national program for the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor schools. It started in March at Evergreen Elementary with nine participants and has already expanded to Vaughn Elementary, with a total of 83 backpacks now being distributed each week to the two schools. Applications from families continue to come in and the program will expand fur-

ther as additional funding and support are received.

Karen Jorgenson, program supervisor, states that "the economic downturn has had a severe impact on many Peninsula families, and too many are now faced with choosing between paying for housing or for food. In the two schools currently served by Backpacks 4 Kids, approximately 70 percent of the students use the free or reduced breakfast and lunch provided on school days and often have little access to quality food on the weekend." Food Backpack programs have been shown to

increase school attendance, decrease behavioral problems, and improve concentration and academic achievement.

Students are referred to the program by the school, and their parents must sign a permission slip, which also calls attention to any special needs or allergies. The collected food is stored at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, which serves as the operations base for the program. "A dozen or so volunteers assemble the backpacks on Wednesday mornings, filling them with practical and healthy food for the weekend - enough to feed a family of four,"

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

To recognize and honor the Food Backpacks 4 Kids Program, the Peninsula Communities of Faith is sponsoring a special program, called "The Wonder of Christmas", on Dec. 18, 3 p.m. at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church. Sing along to favorite Christmas carols and enjoy the talents of local singers and musicians in recounting the biblical story of the birth of Jesus. The program includes narration with a variety of musical numbers, including traditional, contemporary, folk, old spirituals, and Silent Night in four languages. All are welcome to the free concert. Information about the Backpack Program will be available.

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Anita Hendersen, Karen Jorgensen & Judy Isaksen pack food items into backpacks for students on the Key Peninsula. The backpacks are filled with food and given to children who are on the free lunch program to take home on the weekends.

says Jorgenson.

All of the foods are non-perishables and easy to prepare, like canned tuna, powdered milk and cereal, rice, beans, fruit cups, peanut butter. The filled backpacks are labeled and coded then delivered to the schools where teachers distribute them to the students.

Empty backpacks are returned to school on Monday and are picked up by the program volunteers for Wednesday's refill.

As a nonprofit organization, the group does several things to generate the necessary financial support for the Backpack program, including applications for grants, donation cans at area stores, fundraising events, and displays at the area fairs and activities.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer time: to pack bags, stock pantry, deliver and pick up backpacks, pick up food donations. Donate items: the specified food listed on the brochure, backpacks, and school supplies like spiral notebooks and markers.

Donate money: \$30 sponsors one child for a month, \$60 buys a case of zip bags to repackage bulk food, \$100 buys a pallet of beans. "Every donated dollar is used to purchase food, supplies, or more backpacks" says Jorgenson. "We encourage your participation at all levels and we welcome your calls if you have additional questions."

Contact information: Food Backpacks 4 Kids, c/o

Peninsula Communities of Faith

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Questions? Call Judy Isaksen 1-253-884-0720

PENINSULA COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Organized in late 2009, several churches joined together to pool their resources and talents to serve the basic, unmet needs of our local community. Its first project was the Food Backpacks 4 Kids in partnership with Evergreen School, with the goal of including other schools as the program and support system developed. In October, they sponsored a Homeless Forum to develop a plan for the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area, cooperating with city/county government, schools, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies.

The area churches participating are:

- Fox Island United Church of Christ
- Church of the Nazarene
- Key Peninsula Lutheran Church
- Longbranch Community Church (Ruth's Circle)
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 5 Wards
- United Methodist Church
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The **Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA)** serves as a central meeting place for many of the non-profit organizations on the Key Peninsula. Community participation from any of these groups, and the general public, living on the peninsula, is needed.

This month, on **November 11**, elections will be held by the KPCCA to select officers and general board members.

If you wish to serve as a KPCCA board member or officer, or want to work with the nominating committee to recruit new, active members to run for a position on the Civic Center board, please call 253-884-3456 or email kpiviccenter@centurytel.net.

Mike Salatino

Feb. 5, 1942- Oct. 3, 2010

Mike Salatino was born Feb. 5, 1942 to Art and Marie Salatino. He died Oct. 3, 2010 quietly and peacefully, surrounded by his family and friends, as he had wished, after a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joyce, their daughter, Angela (Dale) McKee and grandsons Ryan and Carson.

A private burial took place at Vaughn



Cemetery. A reception to celebrate and remember him was held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center Oct. 12, Christopher Columbus Day, Mike's favorite holiday. Donations may be made to Compassion & Choices, www.compassionwa.org. Please see story on p. 15.

Keith Stiles

Feb. 8, 1926 – Oct. 19, 2010

Keith Leonard Stiles was born to Conrad and Mildred Stiles of South Pasadena, Calif. on Feb. 8, 1926. He passed away in Gig Harbor on Oct. 19, 2010 at the age of 84.

Keith married his first wife, Eleanor in 1950. She passed away tragically in 1972. He married Marilyn Lee Wagner in 1974 and they moved to the Key Peninsula in 1977. She passed away after a seven-year

battle with cancer in 2005.

He is survived by sons Dr. William K. Stiles of Salem, Ore. (C a t h y), Thomas H. Stiles of Seattle, and



stepchildren Angelie Jacobsen (Scott), Ralonne Morss, Michael Morss (Fran), Robert Hanchey (Debbie), Sherry Barba (Steve), and Alicia Burnett, together with many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Oct. 30. Remembrances may be made in the memory of Lee and Keith Stiles to The Friends of the Key Center Library. An online guest book is available at www.havenofrest.com for condolences or memories.

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Nancy Deress was one of many spinning yarn at the Longbranch Improvement Club during the Fiber Arts Festival in October. The festival was part of the Harvest-FEST farm tour on the Key Peninsula.



Photo by Dale Goodvin, KP News

The Little Mercantile was an oasis for visitors at the Longbranch Improvement Club's Fiber Arts Festival.



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Dahlias were in full bloom at Creviston Valley Farm, headquarters for the Harvest-FEST Farm Tour in October.

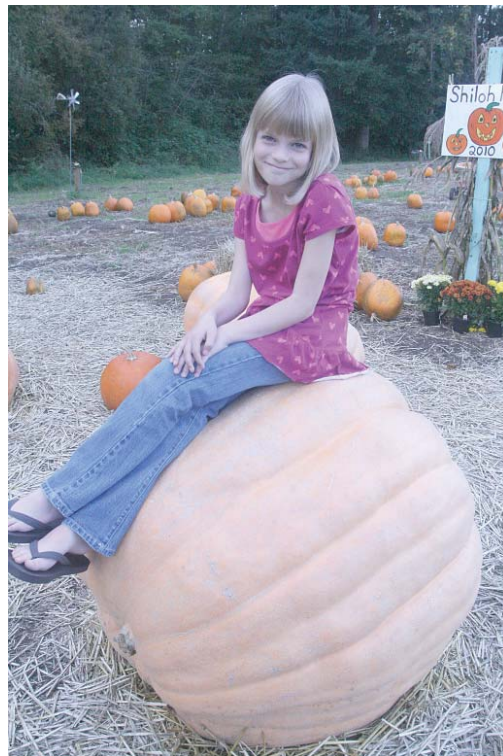


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Ann Greetham poses on one of Shiloh Farm's giant pumpkins in October. She had her first shot with one of these huge pumpkins when she was five, and has been the subject of a photo nearly every year since.