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Street Address Changes Coming to Key Peninsula and Neighboring Islands

Lisa Bryan, KP News

Sweeping address changes are in the works for the entire Key Peninsula, Anderson Island and Fox Island communities to comply with the national standard required for the Next Generation 911 (NG911) emergency response system, Key Peninsula News has confirmed.

“Up to 10,000 addresses will be affected by these changes due for implementation by mid-2018, changes all but certain to include dropping the familiar references of KPN, KPS, AI and FI in favor of cardinal directions such as north and south,” said Ray Clark, the data and geographic information services manager for Pierce County Planning and Land Services (PALS).

“We are in the earliest stages of determining address changes to bring us into compliance,” Clark said. In a county that includes multiple islands and twin peninsulas, he explained, “the current address system was established in the early 1980s

as a solution to clear up address confusion, but has instead become a relic that doesn't fit very well in a digitally integrated world.

“Frankly, we're still trying to figure out the right square peg for the round hole,” he said. “The AI used at the end of street addresses on Anderson Island, and similarly the FI for Fox Island, could conceivably be dropped altogether. KPN and KPS, however, clearly serve a purpose for residents but simply don't conform to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) standards adopted by the NG911 directive.

“There is a need for reliance upon a common national standard in order for the expanded 911 program to function as intended,” Clark said.

Text-to-911 service has been running live in seven Washington counties since April 21, 2016, including neighboring Kitsap and Thurston counties. Technological upgrades

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Rocky Bay Water Quality at Risk

Sara Thompson, KP News

Routine testing last winter at the head of Rocky Bay revealed a concerning level of coliform bacteria to the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH). Eight and one-half acres were closed to shellfish harvesting until further testing could be performed. When that testing showed persistently high numbers, the bay conditions were downgraded from approved to closed.

The Rocky Bay Closure Response Plan, initially written in 1996, was updated as a result and residents were notified. The downgrade and the draft of the updated plan were discussed at a public meeting June 22. Nearly 30 residents attended, along with representatives from Pierce County and the shellfish industry.

WSDOH routinely tests water safety at all sites where shellfish is harvested recreationally or commercially, though testing is more frequent in the commercial areas. Water is tested for naturally occurring biotoxins and vibrio parahaemolyticus, as well as for coliforms associated with human and animal waste.

According to Jean Snyder of WSDOH, in 1996, Rocky Bay's water was downgraded and the Rocky Bay Shellfish Protection District was formed. The water improved over the next five years and the bay was listed as approved in 2001. Testing since then showed slowly increasing coliform. Levels had risen significantly by 2014. By last fall, the levels at the head of the bay precluded shellfish harvesting.

With that closure, the state called in Pierce County to help with planning to address the problem. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), the Pierce Conservation District, the Department of Ecology and the Department of Surface Water Management are all involved with planning and implementation.

Ray Hanowell of the TPCHD said that property owners in the watershed were identified using a county mapping system. Mailing addresses were obtained through tax assessor records, with the goal of reaching all those who own property with buildings.

The draft plan focused on identification, prevention and correction of sources of contamination. The possible sources are humans, pets, livestock and wild animals such as Canada geese and raccoons. Hanowell acknowledged that, at this point, the sources of the coliform contamination are not certain.

Environmental Compliance Manager Erin Ewald of Taylor Shellfish attended the meeting. She previously worked for Kitsap and Pierce conservation districts. Taylor Shellfish and Minterbrook Oyster Co. both harvest clams and oysters on Rocky Bay from beaches that are not contaminated, but they are concerned for the overall safety of the water. “Shellfish is just the canary in the coal mine.



Current Rocky Bay shellfish closures.

Courtesy Washington State Department of Health

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in NG911 will allow callers to text and add pictures or video as the program expands.

Pierce County Councilman Derek Young (D-District 7) has fielded address-related complaints from constituents. "I get calls from people saying they dialed 911, but the fire department couldn't find their property. I get calls from people who live on the Key Peninsula, but have Gig Harbor addresses," he said. "With over 70 percent of calls to 911 coming from cell phones, we lose the advantage of landlines, which let us know where the calls originated."

"We understand people feel attached to their addresses, and we want to include the communities in this process," Clark said. "As we explore these broader address changes, we'll also review current residences whose addresses we already know are in need of correction. We plan to dovetail the two projects to limit the number and impact of address changes."

Both Clark and Young stated inde-

pendently to KP News that all options are being considered, including the possibility of petitioning the USPS to consider changes for the Key Peninsula.

"We could seek, for example, a single Key Peninsula address solution for everyone living on the Key Peninsula," Clark said.

"Affected communities can anticipate a robust outreach program as we consider the best path forward," Young said. "It's a project so new, the county council has only had one informative study session with PALS on the subject to date."

"We know KPN and KPS are going to be replaced by something, but at this preliminary stage we don't know exactly what that will look like, nor have we determined the overall cost of the project," Clark said.

Before receiving this mandate for NG911, major address changes were not on PALS' radar. "It may not be what we were looking for, but eventually we will need to comply with the new standards to make a hugely expanded 911 available," Clark said.

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The real issue with water quality is human health. Taylor wants to be a part of any community effort to keep our water clean and safe," she said.

Cindy Mullins, a resident who attended the meeting, said, "Residents were very concerned that one of the main steps in the plan was for regular inspections and maintenance of septic systems at considerable personal expense, when it is not at all clear that failing septic systems are the problem. They wanted more information and more time to review and make recommendations on the plan."

The county provides financial assistance for septic system evaluations and repairs, but repairs can still present a financial hardship for those with limited incomes, Mullins noted. She was also concerned that a county plan for regular inspections was a one-size-fits-all approach. "It doesn't make sense to have the same schedule for a weekend or summer home, a home with

just one or two and a home with a large family," she said.

Some residents at the meeting brought up the presence of homeless camps in the watershed area. Pet waste is also a problem. Hanowell noted that septic systems are not good at handling pet waste and that it should be bagged and disposed of with the garbage.

Because there were so many comments and concerns, there will be an additional 90 days (until Sept. 20) for community input. Feedback is encouraged concerning prioritization, the usefulness of the proposed actions, and any additional proposals.

Review the Rocky Bay Closure Response Plan at www.tpchd.org/draftrockyplan. To give feedback, get on the mailing list or join the water-quality team, contact Austin Jennings of TPCHD at ajennings@tpchd.org, or at 253-798-6470.

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Squaxin Tribe Surveys Vaughn Bay for Harvest

Sara Thompson, KP News

This past June, the Squaxin Island Tribe conducted its most thorough shellfish survey of Vaughn Bay since 2009. Squaxin shellfish biologist Eric Sparkman and his assistant, tribe member Justin Saez-Garcia, examined each beach to calculate how many clams were living there. Those calculations will determine how many shellfish are harvested over the next several years.

Sparkman and Saez-Garcia explored the bay by boat. After identifying a beach associated with a given parcel of land, Sparkman located the “clam belt”—the band of beach where clams live—using a small rake to take samples from the high-tide mark to the water’s edge. He then placed stakes at 10-foot intervals in a grid throughout the clam belt.

Saez-Garcia removed the clams at each stake and placed them in individual bags using a 1-foot-square template. Those bags were taken back to the Squaxin lab, where the clams were identified, weighed and measured.

This will provide an estimate of the total poundage of harvestable clams on a given beach. From that estimate, the tribe will schedule a harvest for commercially licensed tribal members.

Waterfront owners will be informed of the survey results and any planned harvests by certified mail at least 30 days in advance. The harvests can take place all year and the time of day depends on the tide. Whenever possible, harvests and surveys are scheduled for daylight low tides.

When the harvest occurs, a buy barge operated by Salish Seafoods (a Squaxin-owned company) will arrive with a harvester, a harvest monitor and sometimes a tribal enforcement officer. Each harvester has a catch limit for the three-hour dig. When they are finished, the clams are weighed out on-site and purchased by Salish Seafoods, who then markets them.

The clams on Vaughn Bay are manilas and little necks. Sparkman estimated that about 30,000 pounds a year are harvested from the area, worth approximately \$56,000 to tribe members.

Geoducks, which grow wild on intertidal beaches, are difficult to survey and to harvest. The vast majority of tribal geoduck harvests are sub-tidal and conducted from boats.

According to the state’s Shellfish Imple-

mentation Plan, which is based on a series of court decisions (see sidebar), the Squaxins can harvest half of the sustainable biomass of clams. To maintain a sustainable harvest rate, the tribe plans to take 50 percent of the estimated clam population on privately owned land once every three years. By comparison, the tribe harvests one-sixth of the population every year on state-owned land to get an equivalent amount of clams.

Before white settlers arrived, several Native American tribes had lived and prospered in South Puget Sound for thousands of years, including the Nisqually and Squaxin Island tribes. Emmett O’Connell, information officer for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, said, “Treaties did not give Indians the rights to fish in Washington state. They confirmed the rights the Indians already had.”

Judy Mills, who lives on Vaughn Bay, leases her tidelands to Dabob Bay Oyster Co. to help pay property taxes. The company deals directly with the Squaxin Tribe.

Mills said that the last clam harvest took place over several months. Harvesters came separately from Dabob and the tribe, each on three separate occasions. She was told how many clams were estimated to be there and how many had been taken once the harvest was complete. “It’s nice to know that we, as landowners, have rights as well,” she said.

“It was not a big impact on our lives,” Mills said. “We still have plenty of clams for our own personal use. Some were left for us when the harvest was done, and this year when we dug over the Fourth of July, we could tell the population had recovered.”

The History of Tribal Rights

The history of tribal treaty rights is reviewed in “Understanding Tribal Treaty Rights in Western Washington,” a document published by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (nwifc.org) and summarized below:

By the time westward expansion reached what is now the state of Washington, tribes had few choices. They could fight a war they could not win or cede most of their land and live on reservation lands. Tribes chose not to fight and instead agreed to live on reservations. But they also kept what was most important to them: the right to continue to fish, hunt and gather in all their traditional places.

Through treaties in the 1850s, tribes gave up land in exchange for rights to fish and harvest shellfish. Over the next hundred years, the population grew, nontribal fishing expanded and agriculture and logging impacted habitat. The harvest dropped and the state began to arrest tribal members as they fished off-reservation, despite treaty rights.

The Fish Wars resulted. In the 1960s and ‘70s, Native Americans fought for their civil rights, staging “fish-ins” and

other acts of civil disobedience. In 1970, the Nisqually Tribe set up a fish camp near Tacoma. When state officials gassed them, Stan Pitkin, the U.S. attorney for Western Washington, was there to witness. He filed a suit, *U.S. vs. Washington*.

Four years later, the Boldt Decision upheld those previously established treaty rights. Judge George Boldt stated that the tribes were entitled to half the harvestable number of salmon returning to or passing through the tribes’ usual and accustomed fishing places. He established the tribes as co-managers of the salmon resource with the state, along with conservation standards that restricted the ability of the state to regulate treaty-related fishing.

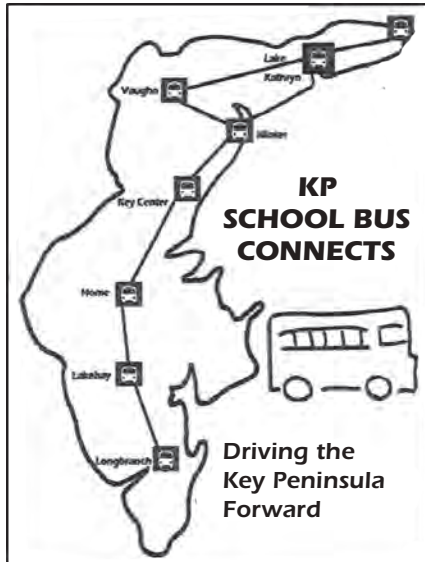
In 1994, federal Judge Edward Rafeedie followed in the footsteps of Judge Boldt, ruling that tribes were entitled to half the harvestable shellfish on most Washington beaches. Rafeedie also ruled that shellfish are the same as fish under the treaties.

The NW Indian Fisheries Commission was established in 1974 to assist member tribes in their role as natural resource co-managers and works with the Squaxins and 19 other WA tribes.



A Squaxin Island Tribe member examines clams on Vaughn Bay in June. Photo: Sara Thompson, KP News

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Dale Loy, Marsha Kremen, Kelly Hettinger, Margo Macdonald, Melinda Deane, Don Swensen, Jim Hettinger and Jilly Eddy during the shooting of "Colton." *Photo: Kevin McKeon*

Filming on the Key with Local Talent

Sara Thompson, KP News

The neighbors noted suspicious activity: A car off-kilter on the side of the road, bright lights in the woods on a dark night, a scuffle and maybe sounds of gunshots on the beach. Criminal activity on South Key Peninsula? Fortunately, the answer was not so ominous. Kevin McKeon was making a film.

The film was shot over eight days on the Key Peninsula, at the head of the Cushman Trail, and at the Hoodspout Coffee Co Friends and neighbors served as extras in a scene filmed on the Key.

Marsha Kremen, who volunteered as an extra, said, "Everyone was fascinated by the movie-making process and said they would do it again in a heartbeat."

McKeon loved filming on the Key Peninsula. "The environment was incredible. We could film in someone's backyard, and it looked like Olympic National Park. The ambient sound [chain saws and leaf blowers] was our main challenge," he said.

McKeon described the project as a political allegory. "When I turned 60, I became more aware of my own mortality," he said. "I needed to wrap my head around the vast divide in our country. I wanted to examine our environment in a neutral way and tell a story about what might happen if the disenfranchised and alienated take their views to the extreme."

The result is "Colton." After writing the script, McKeon turned to Spark and Seed, an online crowdfunding platform, to raise \$15,000 for the project.

McKeon grew up in a tiny community near Yosemite. He often visited his grandparents in Tacoma and came to love the area. He went to college at Pacific Lutheran University, returned to California for a

master's degree in acting, and joined a repertory company in the Los Angeles area. He left acting to work as a magazine art director, and during this time he and a friend made a movie. This was in the predigital age and editing the 90-minute film noir took four years.

"We showed 'Formula for Mayhem' at a number of film festivals, including ones in Sweden, Brazil and Germany. It was a hit, but we never made a dime," McKeon said.

In 1994, it was time to leave Los Angeles, and when he heard about a house on Horseshoe Lake, he made the move.

McKeon returned to acting in a production at the Tacoma Arts Group. He met Jane Jones, one of the founders of Book-It Theater in Seattle, and they later married. He now acts and directs at Book-It. "The acting community in Seattle is so different from L.A.," he said. "L.A. is so egotistical. Here it's about the work, about making something valuable."

Twelve years ago, while cycling, McKeon and his wife discovered the Key Peninsula. They sold the Horseshoe Lake house and never looked back, though they still spend much of their time in Seattle for work.

Editing and marketing "Colton" come next. McKeon will edit and his brother will compose a musical score. Getting the film seen and distributed is the final challenge. McKeon's strategy is to get it premiered at a major festival, such as those at Telluride, Sundance or Seattle, where the film might get picked up for wider distribution.

But McKeon hopes to show the movie locally first once it is completed. "Sundance and Telluride won't mind if we show it on the Key Peninsula before a world premiere at their festivals," he said.

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Matthew Swainston, owner of Swainston Homestead Farm and Sprouts Outdoor Preschool in Lakebay, checks in on some of the family's pigs with his son Christopher, 7, and family friend Gabriel Perez, 5. Photo: Alice Kinerk, KP News

Outdoor Preschool Opening in Lakebay

Alice Kinerk, KP News

The Key Peninsula's newest preschool has no roof. Instead, youngsters at Swainston Homestead Sprouts Preschool, opening in September, will play, count, draw, make music, snack and listen to stories entirely outdoors.

Except for rare occasions when weather makes outdoor play unsafe, rain or shine, Matthew Swainston plans to let youngsters romp all over his 2.5-acre hobby farm off Tiedeman Road, care for and enjoy farm animals and crops, and guide them on nature walks through an adjoining 80-acre wooded parcel.

According to Swainston, an outdoor, interest-based curriculum in which children's curiosity about the natural world guides their learning is effective education for this developmental stage. "It allows children to have a true and profound connection to nature where they can learn in a concrete way," he said. Daily inter-

action with chickens, goats, pigs, rabbits and honeybees on the farm will lead to "concrete understanding of how to take care of animals, their needs and feelings," Swainston said.

For example, collecting leaves to practice counting offers additional benefits beyond typical counting practice in the classroom. "[The child] will also learn there are different types of leaves and what they are. They can be different colors and shapes, they can change depending on the time of year. Some grow in one area but not another, some we grow on purpose and some grow wild," he said.

Originally called "forest schools," outdoor preschool was popularized in Scandinavia in the 1950s. They continue to be an important component of preschool education in both Denmark and Sweden and have recently gained acceptance in the U.S. and United Kingdom as well.

Swainston has 13 years of experience working in early childhood educa-

tion, beginning when he was a student at Henderson Bay High School as a volunteer providing on-site child care, and later in a paid position there. For the past six years, Swainston has commuted to his job at Early Head Start Center in Seattle. His wife, Amanda, is a teacher at Key Peninsula Middle School, where his mother is employed as well.

Bohemia Taylor, Swainston's mentor teacher in Seattle, suggested Swainston consider opening his own outdoor preschool. "He really liked the idea and ran with it," Taylor said, adding that Swainston enjoys taking children outdoors. "When he takes the kids out into nature—whether to the park or for a walk—his entire demeanor changes. His view on the world is so bright and engaging. Outdoors is where he's at his best," Taylor said.

Swainston ran a licensed day care in his home for about three years when his three children were younger, but the small state subsidies were insufficient. "Five hundred

dollars a month to watch a kid for 10 to 12 hours a day is not enough," he said.

For this reason, as well as difficulty adhering to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) regulations about fencing outdoor play spaces, Swainston Homestead Sprouts will not be a fully licensed preschool. "Although most of the spaces on my farm are fully enclosed, I would not be able to fence the green space behind my house," Swainston said.

"When you are licensed, your site is monitored by a licensor who is allowed to interpret WACs and RCWs [Revised Code of Washington laws] as they see fit, so the oversight provided by the state tends to be very subjective and not applied evenly," he said. And since the program is an education-focused preschool and children attend for only three hours per day, Swainston added that it is exempt from most child care licensing laws.

The short day and lots of outdoor time was what led Leslie Mays to sign up her 3-year-old daughter, Andelynn. "We chose what [Swainston's] doing because it's an outdoor environment and that's perfect for that age group," Mays said.

While some parents might cringe at the idea of sending their youngsters outdoors for hours on the coldest and rainiest days, Swainston said that adults generate body heat when running, lifting and doing physical work outdoors, similar to children's active outdoor play. Quoting one of his favorite Scandinavian proverbs, he said, "There is no such thing as bad weather, just improper clothing."

A meet-the-teacher event for prospective families is scheduled at the Swainston Homestead Farm Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, go to swainstonhomestead.com, or contact Swainston at homestead@swainston.org.

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Defining Trauma

At a recent conference discussing changes in the mental health field, the topic of trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) came up. What qualifies as trauma has

changed significantly in the current version of the diagnosis. In what used to be “being involved or witnessing” an experience that is life threatening, we now include “having heard” about trauma as justification for the diagnosis.

This change is very important and opens the door to more people to qualify for treatment for a serious disease, but there are concerns about diluting the diagnosis by allowing someone who merely watched the news or played violent video games to be diagnosed with a mental health problem. However, there was a clear distinction made about the control we have over these activities: By simply turning off the device, we no longer expose ourselves to the experience.

In the simple question of “should I pay attention to this?” is the distinguishing point for trauma. If by turning off the television you are no longer exposed to the offense, then it is not justification for PTSD. If you watched the planes fly into the towers 100 times, sure, it was traumatic but this was a choice and could have been stopped with the push of a button.

More important questions are: Why do we choose to expose ourselves to these images? Why do we fantasize about being in horrific situations or play war games? Why do we slow down at accidents trying to see carnage?

We delve into those worlds of darkness as a way to appreciate the light in our lives.

At the conference, we discussed the concepts of internal versus external locus of control and how this affects our recovery from trauma. This means that if we believe our destiny is set, we often question “why me?” longer than people who believe their destiny is in their hands.

Chad Beaver, LFMT To Your Health



However, the way the presenter stated this was, “If you believe in God, it is harder to recover from trauma.”

This statement reflects some fallacies in logic and faith that were surprising to me. I understand that many people of faith read the stories of horror and famine in holy books and even picture themselves surviving along with the characters they read about. They can gain strength from these stories and there are great morals. However, when tested and put through a true trauma, often they say, “I’m a good person; why would God do this to me?” and they get stuck trying to justify why they were exposed to some heinous act.

While this is a valid point and a situation I have seen many times, there is a fallacy of faith in this mindset. In questioning God, we often miss many morals and lessons of our own life. Changing this external locus to an internal locus requires a change in mindset. Instead of asking “why me?” try asking, “I survived a situation that many could not; what did I learn?”

Conversely, this same reaction can become the same trap for someone with an internal locus of control; they may believe they are in control of their lives and yet some trauma occurred. They find themselves questioning their own abilities and again fail to learn from their experiences.

This is how therapy helps. By examining our experiences in an objective manner, we absorb their lessons.

That is the key to overcoming trauma.

Chad Beaver is a licensed mental health professional at Key Peninsula Counseling Center.

Youth and Consequences

I had a reality check a few weeks ago. I was listening to a couple of young people in the office talking about old people and it dawned on me that when people that age talk

about old people, they are actually talking about people my age. That was pretty sobering.

The saying goes that youth is wasted on the young, meaning that young people don’t appreciate the energy and vitality they have until they no longer have it and hence are no longer young. I can only assume that whoever said that was actually one of those whom the young would refer to as old. I don’t think young people believe youth is being wasted on them.

There can be little doubt that those under 40 think and function differently than those of us who are over 40.

This was made obvious in the recent British vote for Brexit. The overwhelming majority of those over 40 voted to leave the European Union (EU). Conversely, the overwhelming majority of those under 40 voted to stay. Ironically, if the vote stands, the young people are the ones who will have to live with the repercussions of leaving the EU for a much longer time than those over 40. Doesn’t really seem fair, does it?

The same polarity seems to be obvious in our presidential election. Someone in their 20s was more likely to vote for Bernie Sanders than for Hillary Clinton. In a recent poll, only 28 percent of voters under the age of 24 had a favorable opinion of Hillary. Voters under the age of 30 tend

to only have a turnout rate between 20 to 30 percent, whereas voters over the age of 45 turnout at around 60 percent on average.

I firmly believe that this polarity is essential, especially in this election year. Youth may be impetuous and rash at times. We, the older crowd, may feel that they don’t understand and haven’t studied history enough to understand the ramifications of what they are voting on, but I also know that they think that we are stuck in the past and are either unwilling or lack the courage to change—change that is essential for this country.

Unfortunately, the young don’t seem to want to listen to the older generation any more than the older generation seems to want to listen to them. Candidates who appeal to the one age group tend to alienate the other, even if they say they want to hear from them and listen to their concerns.

Unlike voters in England dealing with the Brexit vote, neither the older nor the younger voters here in America will have to live forever with the repercussions of their decision; they can always vote for a new president in four or, at worst, eight years.

All that said, however, what we do need is to listen more than we rant. Who knows, both the young and the old might have something valuable to say.

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Letters to the Editor

Support KP Addiction Treatment

On the Key Peninsula, we have beautiful scenery, recreation, fishing, farming, many community groups, people helping people and so much more. But there is and has been a storm brewing behind this serenity. We've all seen it, heard about it and maybe experienced it.

If you belong to any Facebook group from the area, you have seen complaints about thefts and burglaries, syringes and needles, suspicious people in areas they don't belong, even people lying unconscious on the roadside.

We just can't ignore the problem anymore.

KP resident Jeremiah Saucier, CDP, is trying to help by opening a drug and alcohol treatment facility on the Key Peninsula called Hope Recovery Center. It will be a nonprofit center that will not only treat addiction, but also provide life skills, training and education to help a person become whole again.

Many insurance companies pay only for limited days at a treatment center; Saucier wants to provide longer stays for patients and follow-up with outpatient treatment to help reduce the rate of relapse.

For more information, go to www.hope-recovery.org.

*Colleen Mullen
Vaughn*

Student Backs Seaquist

As a high school student, I'm not old enough to vote in the upcoming primary election. That's why I'm writing to ask that you vote on my behalf for Larry Seaquist for state representative.

Larry won my support because of his dedication to fully funding our schools. When he chaired the Higher Education Committee, Larry froze tuition and stopped tuition increases. He also increased student aid at state colleges and universities. In addition, he took a voluntary 5 percent pay cut and refused state health care, showing his dedication to this state by putting it before his personal gain.

I have no doubt that when Larry is elected, he will tirelessly work to improve our education system following his Apple Action Agenda education plan.

For those reasons, I fully support Larry Seaquist for state representative.

*Max Meyer
Gig Harbor*

Anti-Shooting Hearing Draws a Crowd, Opposes Restriction

Colleen Slater, KP News

Approximately 95 persons attended a standing-room-only meeting of the Pierce County Firearms Advisory Commission at the KP Civic Center July 18.

A resolution to restrict or prohibit the discharge of firearms in a 123-acre area south of Carney Lake was reviewed by the commission at the request of the Pierce County Council. The public was invited to comment.

Complaints of frequent shooting in the area and safety concerns of local residents addressed to Councilman Derek Young (D-7th) led him to propose the resolution under consideration, designated 2016-63.


The first eight speakers, all residents of the affected area, objected to the resolution. Many described their own skill, experience and safety records with firearms and said they trusted their neighbors' abilities as well.

More than 20 KP residents who didn't live in the affected area said there were already enough anti-shooting laws on the books and that better enforcement was needed. Some said the people doing the shooting were not local residents and suggested the complainers didn't reside in the area. Some expressed concern that if the county started restricting shooting on private property, there would soon be no shooting allowed anywhere on the KP.

Councilman Young, Rep. Michelle Caldier (R-26th) and Rep. Jesse Young (R-26th) attended the hearing. Rep. Young also spoke against the resolution. No one spoke in favor of it.


Following the public testimony, the commission passed a unanimous recommendation to the council to reject the proposed ordinance.

In an email to the KP News following the meeting, peninsula resident Jerry Gibbs wrote, "Your Key Pen neighbors had a clear message to send, so I was glad Councilman Young was in attendance. I commend him for attending and staying to hear all the testimony and to see the commission's 6-0 vote to send a 'do not pass' recommendation back to the county council."



CIVIC CENTER

2nd Annual Key Peninsula Ohana Luau Wrap-up



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Cloudy and gloomy skies didn't dampen spirits at the 2nd Annual Ohana Luau held Saturday, July 9, 2016. The Luau expanded this year to include hula dancing and a children's carnival generously donated by the wonderful Christine Darsow of Little Dwellings & More. Traditional Hawaiian music was beautifully performed by Robbie Spear & Nick Berry, Doreen Geiger delighted us with her Hula Dancing and expert instruction, and all feasted on the delicious luau fare of chef Jim Harper, Delbert Kahuli and Louise Sagapolu-Jones, who made the civic center their home for nearly 24 hours preparing the feast. We'd be remiss if we didn't thank the wonderful youth and parent volunteers from 4-H Cat Tales: Alexis Perron, Tommy Perron, Will Gray, Caitlin Calhoun, Dianna Calhoun, Timmie Calhoun, Tim Calhoun, Tommy Azerado, Dianna Robinson, Carla Robinson, Marcia Gibbons, Marianne Gibbons and Samantha Chambers. Completing this dynamo of youth volunteers were youth and parents from Girl Scout Troop 40956: Alyssa Garcia, Audra Garcia, Kelsey Garcia, Kaylee Geiss, Lauren Hutchinson, and Sierra Jackson. Last but not least, board members and friends, event co-coordinators Tracy Geiss, Mark Roberts, Kat Wingers with support from Bruce Macdonald, Phil Bauer, Jud Morris, Keith Axelsen, Ed and Jean Brown, Erik Geiss, Mitchell Nelson, Peggy Gablehouse, Scott Dervaes, Ted Ralston and Roger Kaffer.

Photos by Ed Johnson, KP News



Hula Contest



Children's Carnival by Christine Darsow



Nick Berry & Robbie Spear

Upcoming Events at the 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.

The Group Dynamic

Volunteerism is a way of life on the Key Peninsula and whether you have volunteered for an on-Key group—or in the off-Key world—you are aware of the hierarchy of organizational subgroups that contribute to progress or a lack thereof. It is a Group Dynamic that can be observed at the most basic level of any organized social interaction.

Here is the scenario: You are engaged in a group exchange when someone happens to notice a potentially problematic situation and blurts out, “Somebody should do something about (fill in the blank).”

That astute observation is validated by a chorused endorsement from Everybody: “Yes, Somebody really should fix that.”

Rare are the moments when Somebody is involved in the discussion or comes up with a solution, because Somebody, like Elvis, has left the building.

Sometimes the observer/commenter group identifies Somebody (in absentia) who is seemingly capable of dealing with the situation, but who turns out to be chronically afflicted with the “Yeah-But-If” syndrome, a systemic aversion to fixing anything without further assessment and board approval.

Even when Everybody concurs that a fixable problem exists and a solution is at hand, it invariably turns out that the task is well below their pay grade. At last, Somebody pops back onto the scene with the suggestion that a work party should be organized. Of course, this organizational task is one that Anybody could do.

But since Anybody is neither capable

Carolyn Wiley Devil's Head Diary



of reading a calendar nor comprehending a digital nor analog timepiece, no timely action is undertaken.

Eventually, the problem is ping-ponged back to Everybody—the omniscient, ubiquitous, Everybody. It is agreed that there should have been a work party, each Everybody claiming they would have been willing to do the required work, “if Anybody had told us.”

Aha, glitch identified. The task would have been done if only Somebody (management) had taken on the task of delegating responsibility for recruiting a work party, then Anybody (middle management) could have gotten the word out, and Everybody would have pitched in.

And so, the potentially problematic situation is unresolved and tabled and, after a proper interval will, once again, become a topic for discussion.

Unexpectedly, and much to Everybody's amazement, if not chagrin, a person—actually Nobody in particular—happens by, and without any consultation hauls out a step-stool and replaces the damn light bulb.

This causes a temporary disruption of the Group Dynamic and leaves Everybody speechless.

Carolyn Wiley lives in Longbranch, volunteers frequently and aspires to be Nobody.



The crosswalk where a KP teen was struck last Christmas Eve will be upgraded this summer.

Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

Safer Crosswalk Coming to SR 302 at Harvest Time

Lisa Bryan, KP News

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) plans to install a pedestrian activated Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) to improve pedestrian safety at the crosswalk on SR 302 and 97th Avenue NW this summer, according to Rep. Jesse Young (R-26th).

This is the same crosswalk where Key Peninsula resident Chad Stark, 14, was struck and seriously injured by a van shortly after 5 p.m. on Dec. 24, 2015.

“I’ve driven those roads enough to know that when you’re going past those crosswalks, you don’t notice those flashing lights, they become part of the background,” Young said. “But the actuated lights are coming, and I’ve been informed by WSDOT they’ll be in by the end of August.”

The crosswalk over the highway includes two flashing warning lights alerting drivers to the presence of the crosswalk. Steve Kim, regional traffic safety engineer for WSDOT, said the new RRFB “is an enhanced crosswalk technology that lights up and really grabs a driver’s attention when actuated by pedestrians.”

RRFBs are user-actuated amber LEDs that supplement warning signs at uncontrolled intersections or mid block crosswalks, such as the crosswalk in front of the Key Peninsula Fire Department headquarters in Key Center.

The Key Peninsula Community Council (KPC), longtime proponents of traffic safety on SR 302, made improving visibility at the Harvest Time crosswalk their top priority for 2016. “Representative Jesse Young was very helpful in arranging a visit from WSDOT personnel to our April 13 meeting,” said Chuck West, KPC president.

“We listened to the serious safety concerns expressed during that community meeting and went back to our office determined to find a solution that might be implemented relatively soon,” Kim said.

Glencove resident Jerry Lampert was among the first motorists on the scene of the accident last Christmas Eve. He said he was “sickened at the sight of this young body collapsed in the crosswalk directly in front of the van that struck him.”

Lampert ultimately “reached out to Representative Jesse Young for help.” Young sits on the House Transportation Committee. He and Lampert met with Superintendent Duke Stryker, who is responsible for maintenance on SR 302, and later attended the KPC meeting in April.

Claudia Bingham Baker, Olympic region WSDOT, said, “Federal transportation guidelines help WSDOT make decisions to balance the need to protect public safety, while providing vital transportation of goods, services and people. Funding is always the biggest hurdle, but we were able to meet the challenge this time.”



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Write About Your Life (Yes YOU)

Kevin Reed
Here's Something



So, here's a recommendation for what it's worth: Write about your life. Just start writing things down about what you remember about your life. Things that happened. What you did when you were a kid. What you thought at different times. Things you did right and wrong. Challenges. Accomplishments. Embarrassments. Times you were amazed or scared or hopeful, disappointed or happy. What kind of bike you had. Crushes, loves, friends, enemies, fights, travels.

Try to be honest. Maybe stick a photo or two in there as you go, showing a scene from the time you're writing about. Put it in order. Write in it for a while, put it down if you get tired of it, then go back to it when you feel like it. Doesn't have to be well written, or super long and detailed. Just whatever you want it to be.

If something happens to you, there will be this cool record of who you were and what

you thought about the world. The people who love you can read it and get more insight into what you were all about. This is fun even if you're still alive, because few of us really sit around and talk about all these things all the time. There's a lot we miss.

You can ask someone important to you to start one. I asked my dad to do this, and he gave me 10 pages of insanely great things that I never knew about him, including terrific, everyday details that might otherwise be lost.

I started a "book" a few years ago for my son, writing down everything I can remember about his mom, who died of cancer in 2013. While I did that, I also started writing a book with things about my (yes, boring) life to him for when he's older.

I recommend you do it, too. If you don't

want everyone reading things, then stick the document in your will and have people read it when you're gone. Or, have them read it while you're alive and when they're ready, so you can understand each other more and maybe help those coming up behind you better deal with worries, fears and life in general. You can just leave out the really bad stuff if you want. But knowing how you handled that stuff might be helpful to someone else.

If you print it, then it will float around between your loved ones while you're alive or after you die and maybe, in the year 2542, somebody will pick it up at an estate sale, be blown away by it and make an Accelerated Immersion Experience out of it (that's the kind of movies they have in 2542).

The people who love you care more about what you think than you realize, and your perceptions about things have more value to others than you might think. And, as a bonus, some people in the future will surely be fascinated by what you think today. Even if that future is only one generation away.

Kevin Reed lives in Lakebay.

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New Marijuana Store Plans to Open in August

Sara Thompson, KP News

After many chapters in the story of legalized marijuana sales on the Key Peninsula, the story may be reaching a conclusion.

Clint Pipkin, owner of the now-closed Herb N Wellness in Key Center, hopes to open for business in August in the space next to Harvest Time Country Store near Lake Kathryn Village. KP Healing Center, which had been at that site, did not renew its lease in June.

Pipkin's new business will have a new name: Weed Patch USA. If there is a sufficient need or demand, he'll consider reopening the old Key Center store.

The new store will offer both medicinal and recreational sales. Pipkin noted that the product is the same, though medicinal clients often receive specific advice about the type of marijuana and dosing that will work best for their condition. In addition, medical clients do not pay a sales tax.

"The medical part is my soft spot, and we will continue to provide that service," said Pipkin.

Before he can open, Pipkin will need to get his state license, and the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board is behind schedule. Once he has the license, he will apply for a needed conditional use permit with Pierce County.

According to Pierce County Councilman Derek Young (D-District 7), the permit should be processed on an expedited schedule, taking weeks instead of months.

"I am very happy this is finally over. It's been a long struggle, and now I am ready to concentrate on other issues I really care about," Young said.

Confused? Highlights of Marijuana Legalization in Washington

1998: Initiative 692 passed with 59 percent of the vote, decriminalizing medical use of marijuana by qualifying patients in Washington state. Medicinal dispensaries, largely unregulated, opened in various locations.

2012: Initiative 502 passed with 55 percent of the vote and a voter turnout of 79 percent. Recreational use was decriminalized statewide and the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (formerly the Liquor Control Board) was tasked with implementation.

2014: First recreational marijuana store opened. Pierce County Council requires sellers to prove that the sale of marijuana is not a Schedule 1 drug under the federal Controlled Substance Act in order to get a conditional use permit, essentially a de facto ban.

April 2015: Washington State Senate Bill 5052 became law, requiring all dispensaries to be state licensed by July 2016.

December 2015: Pierce County Council passed an ordinance allowing licensed sale and production of recreational marijuana. At the same meeting, the council approved an advisory vote regarding continued sale and processing of marijuana in specified zones in unincorporated Pierce County.

April 2016: Nonbinding Advisory Vote on Proposition 1, which would have allowed sale and processing in approved zones, did not pass, with only 48 percent in favor. Voter turnout was 30 percent. On the Key Peninsula, 61 percent voted in favor.



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Nature Photography Class with David Montesino

David's beautiful photos of KP life and scenery are awe-inspiring. There are a few spots left in his next 3-day, hands-on photography workshop!

Classes will be Sundays, August 7, 14 and 28 and are 2 hours. Cost is \$59 per person for the three sessions. This is the last workshop in 2016, so don't miss out! Register today!



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A great time was had by more than 550 people at the second annual Fourth of July Community Hot Dog Social on July 4! We're looking forward to next year at Volunteer Park! We are looking for sponsors, volunteers and ideas for 2017! Email Christina@keypenparks.com.

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COMMUNITY PAGES

SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS TO CONNIERENZ@HOTMAIL.COM BEFORE THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

AUG. 1

Quilters meet

Key Peninsula Quilters meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the meeting room in the Key Center Library. This is an open group and participants work on their own projects, by hand or machine, including quilting, embroidery, general sewing, knitting and crochet. Come for the whole time or drop in to work for as long as you want.

AUG. 1-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

AUG. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bloodmobile

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

AUG. 1 TO SEPT. 14

Write in the Harbor

Early-bird registration (\$139) is open now for TCC's regional writers conference, Write in the Harbor, scheduled for Nov. 4 and 5. Regular registration is \$169, starting Sept. 15. Seats are limited to 75. Go to: [continuingeducation-tacoma.com/writeintheharbor](http://continuingeducation.tacoma.com/writeintheharbor)

AUG. 3 & 10

Summer series

Grace Church ends a five-week summer series for families with a dinner and movie and discussion time at 6 p.m. The church is on the corner of KP Highway and McEwan Road.

AUG. 4

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

AUG. 4

Roosevelt at Glencove

Teddy Roosevelt, aka Jim Greetham, will be the featured speaker at the KP Historical Society fundraiser at historic Olde Glencove Hotel 4 to 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit Save the Vaughn Library project. Tickets \$35 at Sunnycrest, Blend wine shop and KP museum. Call 884-3246 or 884-2511.

AUG. 4, 18 & 27

Tech help

Book a librarian for tech help 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 and 18; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 27. Get one-on-one help with computer problems. Call Key Center Library staff to sign up, 548-3309.

AUG. 5

Music fun

Eli Rosenblatt presents Music Is a Game We All Play in Our Own Way at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library. For all ages. 548-3309

AUG. 5, 12, 19, 26

Free movies

Key Pen Parks and PenLight present the ninth annual Cinema Under the Stars at Volunteer Park. Family craft activities begin at 7:30 p.m., movies start at dusk. Aug. 5, "Charlotte's Web" (1973 version), G; Aug. 12, "Minions," PG; Aug. 19, "Zootopia," PG; and Aug. 26, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," PG-13. ("Zootopia" is dependent on availability.) www.keypenparks.com

AUG. 8

Duct tape art

Ages 8 and up may use imagination to craft their own piece of duct tape art at 2:30 p.m. at the KC Library. Registration required at piercescountylibrary.org. 548-3309

AUG. 8 & 22

Senior shopping

Seniors have an opportunity to grocery shop and attend any scheduled Gig Harbor doctor's appointment with transportation provided; a "Dutch" lunch is included. 884-9265

AUG. 9 & 24

Crochet or knit

The Loving Hearts group meets 1 to 3 p.m. at WayPoint Church Aug. 9 and 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24. Yarn donations are always needed. lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com or Virginia, 884-9619

AUG. 10

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

KP Council

The KP Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the KC fire station features county engineer Brian Stacy talking about the crosswalk improvements on State Route 302 at the Harvest Time/Union 76 and a state highway update.

AUG. 12

Backyard birds

Preschoolers may learn about backyard birds from the Tacoma Nature Center at 1:30 p.m. at the Key Center Library. 548-3309

AUG. 15

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 piercescountylibrary.org/calendar. 548-3309

AUG. 17

Community forum

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

Walk with Walter

A free walk and talk with retired forester Walter Briggs begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parking area of Maple Hollow Park, 4411 Van Beek Road KPN, Lakebay. The walk is family-friendly but strollers are not recommended. Keypenparks.com

AUG. 19

Olympic origins

Local historian Tames Alan will present "The Olympics in Ancient Greece: Ceremony, Competition and Celebration" at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library. Children ages 7 and up and adults are invited to come and learn about the origins of the Olympics. 548-3309

AUG. 20

Penrose camping stories

Stories of the early campers at what is now Penrose Point State Park, as told by Puget Salish People to the family of Dr. Stephen Penrose, are presented at the park 7 p.m. Presentations are free, but parking permits are required for park entry.

AUG. 21

Sunday bluegrass jam

Bluegrass Gospel Jam session hosted 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.

AUG. 26

Lego madness

Use Legos, blocks, straws and connectors to construct fabulous contraptions at 1:30 p.m. at the KC Library. For all ages; children under 6 must be with an adult. 548-3309

AUG. 27

Summer concert

A free family concert, "She Sings Sea Songs," is presented by Nancy Stewart and features songs about Pacific Northwest sea life, tide pools and ferries, at 11 a.m. at Volunteer Park, 5514 KP Hwy. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the park after the concert. Sponsored by Key Pen Parks and the Key Center Library.

MORE WEEKLY EVENT LISTINGS ONLINE See what's happening at keypennews.com

OFF THE KEY

AUG. 1-27

'Fiddler on the Roof'

"Fiddler on the Roof" 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

AUG. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Support group

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

AUG. 2, 9, 16

Summer concerts

The "Summer Sounds at Skansie" outdoor concerts present the David Correa Group Aug. 2, the Olson Bros. Aug. 9 and Sounds like Delores Aug. 16. Concerts are free and start at dusk; bring a blanket or chair. Sponsored by CHI Franciscan Health, Harbor Hill and the city of Gig Harbor.

AUG. 4

Democrats meet

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

AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25

Waterfront market

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

AUG. 4, 11, 18

Uptown concerts

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

AUG. 6

Car show

The Cruise the Narrows Classic Car Show is along the waterfront in Gig Harbor. gigharborcruisers.com

10th anniversary

The Greater Gig Harbor Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary with the first

Community Myxer at the Harbor History Museum. The event starts at 7 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music, followed by awards and presentations at 8 p.m. and then more music and dancing. Tickets are \$50/person and available at community-myxer.eventbrite.com or 514-6338.

AUG. 6, 13, 20, 27

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.

AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

AUG. 13

Half-marathon

The Galloping Gertie half-marathon invites the whole family to participate. Galloping-gertie.com

AUG. 20

Bluegrass festival

The renowned Olalla Bluegrass Festival with music, food, demonstrations and activities for the children takes place in Olalla. Olallabluegrass.com

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS

Senior exercise class

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

TUESDAYS

Story times

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: "Historic Hotels and Resorts of the Key Peninsula." 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-plus are served at noon at KP Community Services; \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. 884-4440

THURSDAYS

Toastmasters

The Toastmasters meet 8 to 9 a.m. at the KC Library. Have fun improving your speaking ability. 858-5761 or 548-3511

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. 884-4440

FRIDAYS, AUG. 5, 12, 19, 26

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Aug. 3 & 17, **KP Lions**, 7 p.m., KC fire station; 853-2721

Aug. 3 & 17, **KP Veterans**, 7 p.m., KP Lutheran Church; membership for veterans and military service members and families over 16 years; 509-8656 or keypenveterans@outlook.com

Aug. 5, **Artists' Blend**, 4 to 6 p.m., Blend Wine Shop, for all artists; kathybauer100@gmail.com

Aug. 5 & 19, **KP Fire Dept.**, 5 p.m., KC fire station; keypeninsulafire.org

Aug. 8, **KP Parks**, 7:30 p.m., Volunteer Park office; public is encouraged to attend; 884-9240

Aug. 10, **KP Community Council**, 7 p.m., KC fire station

Aug. 11 & 25, **Peninsula School District Board**, 6 p.m., district office

Aug. 11, **KP Civic Center Assn. Board**, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center; 884-3456

Aug. 11, **TWAA Board**, 7 p.m., VFW Room, KP Civic Center; kathybauer100@gmail.com

Aug. 15, **KP Democrats**, 7 p.m., Home fire station; johnpatkelly@aol.com

Aug. 17, **Longbranch Improvement Club**, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting, LIC; 884-6022

Aug. 17, **KP Advisory Commission**, 6:30 p.m., VFW Room, KP Civic Center; Toni Fairbanks, 253-798-7156

Aug. 18, **KP Citizens Against Crime**, 7 p.m., KC fire station

Aug. 22, **KP Farm Council**, 6:30 p.m., Home fire station; c.wiley@mac.com

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Author Anna Brones on a research ride through Paris last year. *Courtesy Anna Brones*

KP Author Publishes New Book and Magazine

Sara Thompson, KP News

Anna Brones is a busy woman.

Her third book has just been published. She has launched a new magazine. And she has at least two other projects percolating.

Her new book, "Hello, Bicycle: An Inspired Guide to the Two-Wheeled Life," was published by Ten Speed Press this spring. "To be a cyclist, really all you have to do is ride a bike. This book covers a bit of bicycle history, how to buy a bike, maintenance basics and additional advice on topics such as picnicking and traveling by bicycle," Brones said.

"Comestible" is her seasonal quarterly magazine, now available at Sunnycrest Nursery and online. Brones described it as "part food narrative, part food guide, part cookbook. This is about your food beyond what's on your plate." There are illustrations but no photographs or ads. "The world doesn't need more food porn," she said.

A fourth-generation Key Peninsula native, Brones returned to the KP last fall

after years abroad. She attended Vaughn Elementary, Key Peninsula Middle School and Peninsula High School. After graduation, in her words, "I fled. If you grow up in a rural community, you want to experience something new."

Brones spent a year in Sweden during high school and attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland, majoring in French and international relations. After graduation, she worked for a year in Guadeloupe teaching English, and returned to Portland to write for an outdoor adventure magazine. She left that job to start a company focusing on social media and digital strategies, and blogged and freelanced. She later went to Paris to work on a film project, and stayed for three years.

Brones published her first book, "The Culinary Cyclist," in 2013 through an independent publisher in Portland.

When she and a friend, illustrator Johanna Kihdvalla, cold-pitched their idea for a new book, they did not expect a response. "No one ever gets a bite from cold calls," Brones said. But an editor at Ten Speed Press was taken with the

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concept and “FIKA, The Art of the Swedish Coffee Break,” was published in 2015. She self-published yet another book on the specialty coffee culture of Paris.

Brones and her husband, Luc Revel, a French-Australian, moved back to the Key Peninsula from Paris in November 2015. “We craved something different than the big city. And I missed a lot of things about the Northwest. I like my parents. I loved the aspect of family history and connection, which is really rare for my generation. Having this attachment to place—I feel lucky to have that.”

Brones’ great-grandfather came to the Key Peninsula from Havre, Montana, when her grandfather, one of five, was a child. Though her grandfather moved to California to raise his own family, her father, Norm Brones, spent summers on the KP. With grandparents, an aunt and uncle with a chicken farm near Longbranch, and an uncle who owned the hardware store, Norm developed deep ties. When he met his wife, Britta, a Swede, she was not inclined to live in southern California, and in his own words, “Los Angeles is a good place to be from.” They moved to the KP to live, work and raise a family.

About her own return to the KP, Brones said, “It’s both new and familiar at the same time. I see this place I grew up in through the eyes of a returning adult.”

Brones acknowledges that her path, largely one of creative self-employment, has not been a conventional one. “It is a different path from those [whom] I went to high school with and from my parents’ generation. But, I am surrounded by people who have followed an unconventional path.”

For more information, go to www.annabrones.com.



“Sunshine and Fireflies,” a portrait of the artist’s daughter, Lily. *Courtesy Adria Hanson.*

KP Artist Welcomed By Choctaw Nation

Irene Torres, KP News

Key Peninsula artist Adria Hanson will exhibit her work during the Choctaw Cultural Meeting at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center Aug. 5. The program will include an art show, pottery, ancient weaponry, stick ball, social dancing, a beading class, a language lesson and Choctaw songs.

“The Native American population in the U.S. is eight-tenths of 1 percent. I am proud to be a Choctaw and proud that they want me to show my work. It’s wonderful to bring beautiful things for the people to see,” Hanson said.

Hanson is an official registered artist of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. “A thousand people came last year. They have a scout who looks at Choctaw artists and finds a few so they can come and show their work. In 12 years, this is the first time I’ve been called.”

Hanson is one-eighth Cherokee and

one-sixteenth Choctaw. She has resisted marketing herself as a Native artist since she considers her work mainstream. But after being encouraged by her husband, “It is starting to get into my heart, to be proud,” she said. “I am starting to realize how much of a passion I have about the Native American culture.”

Hanson earned a bachelor’s degree in fine art and a minor in anthropology from Oklahoma University with support from the Choctaw Nation. She also studied for two months in Florence, Italy. “That changed everything,” she said. “I realized what teachers were not teaching, so I taught myself.”

She favors oils and watercolors, but has also painted frescoes and does some acrylic painting. Hanson shares her skills with local schools through Two Waters Arts Alliance and recently taught students to make headbands and a shield from an embroidery hoop.

Hanson paints about 15 hours a week,

“from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m., when everyone is asleep,” she said. “Then I have to get into an ‘art’ frame of mind. I listen to jazz or podcasts about art.” She said some commissioned paintings, like the portrait of a Choctaw chief she painted in 2006, can take a year to finish. “I like to put in a lot of detail,” she said.

The Hansons are raising their three children in a home they built on 20 acres above Carr Inlet at the south end of the Key Peninsula. She teaches private art classes for 5- to 10-year-olds, a class for adults in acrylic portraiture, Van Gogh-style painting workshops, plein air painting and other classes for children ages 7 and up. Her goal is “to teach more classes, hold art events and do more plein air painting,” she said. But she is also focused on her children, whom she will homeschool next year.

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Thor, right, and his wife, Elea, will relocate from Iowa so he can become the new pastor at Key Peninsula Baptist Church. *Courtesy of the Williams*

Local Church Welcomes New Pastor

Matthew Dean, KP News

Key Peninsula Baptist Church (KPBC) will welcome a new senior pastor in August. Thoryold Williams brings with him a wealth of experience in church administration and youth programs, as well as a passion for ministry of all kinds.

Although he is relocating to Washington from Iowa, Williams is no stranger to Puget Sound. He grew up in the Tacoma area and spent time working in the region as a member of Youth Missions International, an organization that equips groups of young adults for short- and long-term foreign missions trips. During this time, Williams also acted as a leader in his church's Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed youth ministry and served as a counselor at local Christian sports camps. Williams later moved to Ankeny, Iowa, where he currently resides, to attend Faith Baptist Bible College.

After earning his degree in biblical studies and pastoral ministries, Williams spent time in Iowa as an assistant pastor before applying for the job at KPBC. "It feels like it started a very long time ago," he said, describing the application process. After a long period of waiting and praying, however, "I was able to go out for the interview, as well as go out in May, preach at the church, and do a Q & A with the congregation there. We prayed as a group, and then they sent my wife and I outside while they discussed. Later, they called us as pastor and we accepted."

Williams is eager not only to begin his tenure as pastor at KPBC, but also

to return to the unique environment of the Pacific Northwest. "It's just so beautiful," he said. "God created such a beautiful place, where he's glorified through all creation, all year-round."

When Williams arrives, he will be getting involved immediately with KPBC. Although he will be serving as the new senior pastor of the church, he has a special passion for youth ministry of all kinds. "We're renting out the [KP] Civic Center, and so using that to our advantage to help serve the community with youth-type events is also something I would like to do," Williams said.

He also expressed a desire to continue his involvement with youth-focused summer sports camps as both a ministry opportunity and a community service. "It's really a good service for the community because people enjoy sports, people like getting better at sports," he said. In addition to any youth ministry projects he takes on, Williams will also be performing the standard duties of a senior pastor, including congregational interaction and weekly sermons.

Williams will be moving to Washington with his wife, Elea, and taking his position Aug. 1. While there are many potential difficulties associated with a new job and a cross-country move, Williams remains enthusiastic and looks forward to meeting new people and sharing his faith with a new community. Although he admitted some nervousness, Williams said he felt nothing but gratitude and anticipation for what he called "a great opportunity and responsibility that's exciting as well."

Purdy Good Haircuts

Danna Webster, KP News

The barbershop in Purdy Shopping Center is sporting a new style. After more than 30 years, the name on the building has changed from Gentleman Jim's to Peninsula Barbershop and the interior has been transformed from its former surgical black-and-white into the woodsy outdoorsman spirit of new owner Paul Dunlap.

Dunlap rolls down to work each day from his home on Peacock Hill, sometimes riding his Honda SX-600 motorcycle. On certain days of his Tuesday through Saturday workweek, part-time staff will join him. Both barber Rachel Cable and cosmetologist Carrie Brown are Key Peninsula residents. The new business opened in October 2015 and has enjoyed a steady stream of diverse but mostly male customers.

After 18 years of barbering, including 12 in Gig Harbor, Dunlap has merged his outdoorsman lifestyle with owning his own business. He says he wanted to get away from the popular and more common sports club atmosphere. "A million barbershops have the sports theme. I just had to change that up," he said, explaining the brown paper wallpaper and the wood grain laminated floor.

Dunlap worked solo throughout a recent interview. He cut hair for a retired, happy wanderer staying at Joemma Park, a North Mason High School teacher preparing for graduation, a father and his eighth-grade son getting ready for summer vacation and a laborer on his way to his graveyard shift in Tacoma.

All in the room were involved to some degree in the conversations between the

barber and customer in the chair. Watched by examples of fish, fowl and mammal taxidermy, their talk ranged from best lakes to catch cutthroat trout on the Key Peninsula, to history of backcountry motorbike trails, to how to select the right camper vehicle and "keep the wife happy." The music in the background made the eighth-grader's foot tap to Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and even David Allen Coe, who affirmed "I Still Sing the Old Songs."

Customers seemed to approve of Dunlap's business decisions. Expressions of thanks and generous tips were observed during the interview. They indicated they liked their haircuts, appreciated the efficiency and found the price reasonable. None of them thought to make an appointment, however, since walk-ins are welcome.

Peninsula Barbershop is at 6703 Tye Drive NW, Gig Harbor. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 253-857-5064.

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Paul Dunlap, Peninsula Barbershop in Purdy.
Photo: Danna Webster, KP News

Final Season for Blue Willow Lavender Farm

Colleen Slater, KP News

This was the eighth and final year of the annual lavender festival at Blue Willow Lavender Farm held July 8 and 9 at Wright-Bliss Road in Vaughn.

The lavender season ends Aug. 27, and although owner Tracy Ketts plans to host the Key Peninsula Farm Tour Oct. 1, she will be moving out and moving on with her life soon after, including getting married and making her home in California.

Ketts and her late husband, Bill, came to Washington to start a house church in friend Mike Walsh's home in 2008. It took them four years of prayer, study and consideration to make the leap to become church organizers and lavender farm growers.

Ketts wanted to name the farm Blue Willow, but Bill said she needed to find and grow such a plant if they were to use that name. She did, and planted the farm's sign near the roadside lavender beds.

"You never know what the tide will bring in," said Ketts about this new chapter of her life. Bill died two years ago after being diagnosed with leukemia. An apparently strong, healthy man succumbed to the rare disease in a few short months.

Ketts knew she didn't want to spend the rest of her days as a single woman, but felt she was trying to work a puzzle with a missing piece. She prayed, she said, but had no clue what her future held. Meanwhile, she took care of her lavender business.

She visited family in California in January and took another trip down in April. Before Ketts arrived that time, her sister called with the news their mom had died. The trip was extended to take care of a funeral and other business.

Ketts always borrowed a car to use there from longtime friend Wayne Biller. In what seemed a brief time, friendship turned to love and they became engaged.

"I've learned, but have to keep relearning, to not calculate without pushing the God button," she said, meaning she shouldn't make plans without "checking in with God."

Ketts is selling individual lavender plants on a "you dig" basis for \$2 each. Pictures of lavender fields, products and crafts may be seen at bluewillowlavenderfarm.com

Pro Wrestlers Entertain at KP Civic Center

Matthew Dean, KP News

Key Peninsula residents of all ages gather monthly at the KP Civic Center for a night of fighting, food and fun, courtesy of North West Pro Wrestling (NWP).

Although the evening's entertainment didn't begin until 7 p.m. on a recent Saturday, the civic center was packed by 6:30. The main gymnasium had been transformed: A full-size wrestling ring was set up in the center and chairs occupied the floor, the upper level and balcony. A concessions stand and merchandise booth in one corner was humming with activity when the show began.

Soon, however, the crowd returned to their seats as the combatants were introduced and the matches began. Each of the gladiators entered the ring and attempted to subdue his opponent with punches, kicks, holds and high-flying acrobatics. The signature style of each wrestler added flair: Some were clad in standard wrestling attire, others wore clown outfits, skull masks or karate costumes. One wrestler, known as "the Chef," entered the arena with a wooden spoon and a chef's hat. He also carried a large soup pot, from which he threw candy

to the audience, making him a favorite with the many children in attendance.

The spectators quickly warmed to the action. Underdogs and favorites earned cheers with every landed punch, while the villains' every success was met with a wave of boos and hisses.

The night ended in a spectacular all-out brawl, with almost a dozen wrestlers packed into the ring, fighting it out until only one remained standing. The crowd departed happy and satisfied, but not before one particularly hated wrestler challenged a crowd favorite to a title match next month.

NWP is a passion for the people who organize it. "I wanted to bring wrestling to the Key Peninsula ever since I was a kid and I went to skate night at the civic center," NWP founder J.D. Mason said. He put the league together in July 2013. Only 20 people attended their first shows at the civic center, but they now draw over 100 every month, with dedicated fans returning to cheer on their favorite wrestlers.

"NWP is good family fun," said Mason. "There is something for everyone." NWP returns to the civic center Aug. 20. For more information, go to www.northwestprowrestling.com.

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R.N.J. Smoked Meats Comes to the KP

Irene Torres, KP News

Rob Haworth has been smoking meats for Boy Scout camp outs and special events for the last five years. Many of the scouts' parents encouraged him to start selling his product commercially. He opened for business on Memorial Day weekend in the parking lot at Charboneau Construction and Supply to sell his product out of a custom-built trailer. The Longbranch resident specializes in smoked bacon-wrapped hot dogs, ribs and brisket.

Haworth's friend, Joe Hackmough, encouraged him to pursue the food truck idea. He found a trailer and modified it to comply with state Labor and Industries code requirements by putting the smoker outside.

Haworth wanted to sell in the parking lot by Capitol Lumber in Key Center over last Father's Day weekend, but a health department inspector did not agree that the restroom inside the store qualified as a hand-washing station. Undaunted, Haworth returned to Charboneau Construction Supply during the Fourth of July weekend. He said, "I cooked ribs and brisket for 400 people. I sold out in three hours on July 2 and in four and a half hours on July 3. On Sunday, I added 60 pounds of pulled pork."

Smoking ribs and brisket requires four to 20 hours and smoked butts need 12 to 20 hours, he said. "You lose a lot of sleep. You've got to monitor the heat and smoke to do it the proper way." Haworth learned smoking techniques "from my Uncle Howard, YouTube videos and



Rob Haworth shows off his wares at a recent cookout. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*

experimenting," he said. He built his own smoker out of a freezer and calls it "the Froker." He is in the process of converting a walk-in cooler into a smoke house where he can smoke 1,000 pounds of meat at a time. Until then, he is renting the commissary kitchen at the Lutheran Church.

"The health department thinks I need a walk-in cooler. I found a 43-cubic-foot refrigerator that I'll propose to see if it is acceptable," he said.

"We're excited about this. I've got six catering events lined up. I'm in the process of getting an annual permit through the health department and lining up a fire department inspection of the truck and the commissary. I'll be full-time every weekend on the KP and might travel into Gig Harbor," he said.

A truck driver by trade, Haworth is encouraged by the public demand. "If people want me, I'll take it to the next level," he said. "I don't want the overhead of a restaurant right now, but it is fun. I love cooking for hundreds of people. Maybe something will happen."

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What's in Your Growler?

Danna Webster, KP News

A new brew is on tap on the Key Peninsula. It's called kombucha and is available in The Cellar at the Key Center Food Market and at Local Boys produce in Purdy. The beverage is sold to customers in growlers filled from kegerator taps. Growlers are refillable bottles with capacities of 32, 64 and 128 ounces, and are more commonly filled with beer.

Kombucha is a fermented black or green tea produced by a symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast (SCOBY) similar to the mother starters used in making sourdough bread and vinegar. It's sometimes called "mushroom tea" when home-brewed because the bacteria and yeast that grow on the surface create a blob that resembles a mushroom. Kombucha may be a historically ancient product but commercially bottled kombucha became available in U.S. stores in the late 1990s, and kombucha on tap is a new distribution system for the tea.

There are claims that kombucha can treat a wide variety of illnesses such as AIDS, cancer and diabetes, and that it can reverse graying hair. Reputable organizations such as the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society advise there is little scientific evidence for such health claims and there are reports of

serious side effects and occasional deaths associated with drinking kombucha tea, especially home-brewed.

Kombucha's popularity is partly because of the probiotic content of healthy bacteria that studies do show benefit digestion and boost immunity. To maintain the probiotic benefits, the tea must not be pasteurized, which increases the risk of contamination. Commercial brands are pasteurized.

Though kombucha is sold as a nonalcoholic drink, it contains trace amounts of alcohol from fermentation. People sensitive to or avoiding alcohol should be warned. In 2010, Whole Foods recalled the beverage after discovering alcohol levels greater than one-half percent. Today, popular brands keep their brews below the allowed alcohol by volume (ABV).

By comparison, natural fruit juice is less than one-tenth of 1 percent ABV; kombucha is one-half to 1.5 percent; cider 2 to 5 percent; beer 2 to 12 percent; wine 9 to 16 percent; and whiskey 40 to 68 percent.

Despite the cautions and disqualifiers, kombucha is a hit not only on the Key Peninsula but also around the globe. Some health advocates claim it is overtaking the sale of kale in healthy diet popularity.

Sales are doing well at The Cellar. Quite a few growlers are sold every week, according to operations manager Kip Bonds. "It

doesn't sell as well as the beer, but I'm shocked at how well it does sell," he said, adding that he, too, likes to drink it.

Stacy Stoican, liquor manager at The Cellar, fills most of the kombucha growlers. She has been drinking kombucha for 20 years. "I was drinking it long before it was cool," Stoican said. She enjoys her own home brew and credits an increase in her energy to the tea. She also notices that it helps her rehydrate after running.

The Cellar offers four choices of kombucha and regularly rotates flavors. Customers are invited to taste samples before filling their growler. The current favorite, according to Stoican, is Coconut Lime.



Stacy Stoican, The Cellar liquor manager, fills a 64-ounce growler with kombucha for a Food Market customer. Photo: Danna Webster, KP News



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How Key Center Got Its Name

Colleen Slater, KP News

Key Center, now with over 30 businesses, professional services and organizations, began with the ideas of two men—Alden Visell and Elmer Olson—more than 85 years ago.

Elmer's father, Andrew Olson, was one of the first settlers in the area. He owned 300 acres that included his homestead northwest of the present Key Peninsula Highway, plus an adjoining relinquishment that extended into Glencove.

Andrew supplied wood for the Winchester brick kiln in Glencove. His ox team dragged the wood from Vaughn Bay, creating a track for traveling. He sold a lower portion of land to kiln manager Hans Nicholas Petersen, and their boundary became the county right of way from Glencove over the hill to Vaughn. It is now known as 92nd Street, but for many years was simply called "Over the Hill Road."

Andrew gave up ownership of 92nd Street instead of paying taxes on it. Elmer contributed gravel from a pit just above the present post office when the lower road (aptly named Olson) to Vaughn was built in 1924, also in lieu of taxes.

Visell built a store at the new crossroads where 92nd and Olson met at what later became the intersection with Key Pen Highway. It was an extended complex for lumber and hardware at one end and groceries, food lockers and more at the other.

Elmer registered Sunnycrest Farm, Hatchery, Dairy and Berries in 1929 and became a full-time farmer. He and his family constructed a berry shed (now El Sombrero), a milk pickup station and an auto camp just behind what is now the vacant building next to El Sombrero. A barber also had a shop there.

Gene Brown put up the first gas pump in Key Center across the street. His small store included a soda fountain and stood right next to the road on the property where O'Callahan's is now. It was the first place in Key Center to sell alcohol.

In 1931, Visell and other local businessmen sponsored a contest to rename the peninsula, first called the Indian Peninsula and later the lower Kitsap Peninsula. Ed Stone won \$25 for suggesting "Key Peninsula" because of its resemblance to an old-fashioned key. Nelson Peck proposed calling the business area Key Center, and a community celebration was organized.

After a week of balloting at the store, Elsie Olson, Elmer's wife, was named the mayor of Key Center and

building later shared by other businesses that became known collectively as the KC Trading Post. It is now called The Landing.

The first KP fire station was built in Key Center in 1954 and was equipped with one fire truck.

A fire, which was started after a burglary, destroyed the Visell complex in February 1970. Lumber, hardware, grocery and butcher shop, freezer, storage units, liquor store, attorney's office, barbershop, apartment, garage with tools and equipment all burned. The fire was discovered at 3 a.m. by Don Olson, who lived across the street, when he awoke to the sound of windows blown apart by the heat. Ken Brones, who then owned the property,

was uninsured but determined to rebuild. He filled in the gully below and behind the complex and built a separate structure for his business. Dominic Marietta, then owner of the grocery section, opted to reopen only the liquor store, but across the street between the restaurant and gas station.

Purdy Realty built a new market that Walt Schmidt leased in 1972 and later bought. He eventually planned a new building, but opted to retire and sold it in 2002 to Don Stolz, who kept it until building the new Food Market.

A variety of stores and services still make this the main business area of the peninsula, living up to the name Key Center.



Visell Lumber complex in the 1960s when Ken Brones owned it, with Dominic's store on the left. *Courtesy KP Historical Society*

presented a bouquet of "Key Center flowers"—skunk cabbage.

The number of businesses more than doubled in the next 15 years. Elmer added a small café at the end of the berry shed, Ed Gabrielson built a larger service station, and Ralph La Flamboy started the Wood Preservative Product Co., purchasing brush and ferns for the floral business.

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Irene Knudson Rodman Evelyn Dadisman Evans

Irene Knudson Rodman died in Plainville, Kansas, July 1. She was 86 years old. Born in Highmore, South Dakota, Feb. 19, 1930, to Theodore and Dorothy (Mercer) Knudson, Rodman was the oldest of four children. She moved with her family to a farm in Vaughn in 1937, graduated from Peninsula High School in 1948, and attended Seattle Pacific College for one year.

She married LeRoy "Bud" Rodman on Sept. 3, 1954, and lived in the Port Orchard area for many years. Irene worked in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for a few years as a secretary. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, canning and camping and was very involved with church activities.

After retirement, Irene and Bud traveled the United States for over 17 years as part of the Mobile Missionary Assistance Program, providing various assistance and repairs to Christian churches and camps. They settled in Hays, Kansas, in 2005.

A woman of deep faith, Irene touched and helped shape the physical and spiritual lives of family, friends and people around the world through her tireless examples of love, devotion and care. She enjoyed serving others and encouraged them through her letter writing and cards. She was very proud of her seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Irene is survived by her husband of almost 62 years, Bud, of Stockton, Kansas; son Stephen of Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania; daughter Gail Gallaway of Stockton; and brother Curtis of Gig Harbor.

A private graveside service and a memorial service were held in Stockton. Memorials may be sent to North Oak Community Church in Hays, Kansas, or Lutheran Braille, care of Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, 723 North First, Stockton, Kansas 67669. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.plumeroverlease.com.

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Evelyn Dadisman Evans died peacefully at her home—in Home—June 30 at age 96.

Evans was born Dec. 5, 1919, to Charlotte Lehman Dadisman and David Dadisman in the family home attached to the Dadisman store on A Street in Home. Her paternal grandparents, Martin Van Buren and Mary Dadisman, were among Home's earliest settlers, arriving in the colony in 1898.

Evans' fondest memories included those of her idyllic childhood in Home—days spent swimming, playing on the beach and sitting around bonfires with other children. She attended local Lakebay elementary schools and graduated with her class of 13 from Vaughn Union High School in 1937.

Evans attended the State College of Washington (WSU) in the fall and later transferred to the University of Washington in Seattle for the additional four years of study required for her teaching degree in home economics. She began teaching at Elma High School and then moved to Centralia High School.

In 1944, she met William D. "Bill" Evans of Tennessee when he was stationed at Fort Lewis. After he returned from the war in Europe, the couple married in October 1945 at the Dadisman house.

Evelyn and Bill raised their three children in South Seattle. She taught school and he worked at Boeing. They built a house in Home when they retired.

Evelyn reunited with the community and friends of her childhood. She enjoyed gardening, traveling and being active in local organizations such as the Home Social Club, Key Peninsula Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Angel Guild and the Bayshore Garden Club.

Evelyn is survived by her two brothers, Chester and David; cousin Lucille Daniel; daughter Betsy Phillips (Roy); sons Bill (Gloria) and Bob Evans (Eloise Richardson); and her four grandchildren.



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Unwanted Dogs Get New Lease on Life

Karen Lovett, KP News

Steve Weigley and his wife, Barbara Davenport, the owners of Packleader Farm at the north end of the Key Peninsula, use their years of training unwanted dogs to track certain odors in order to locate endangered species worldwide.

"I take dogs the public has ruined," Davenport said.

"Most of the dogs are selected on traits of being obsessive-compulsive over a ball," Weigley said. At Packleader, they are trained to associate an odor with getting to play with a ball.

"Dogs are a very noninvasive methodology to find scat," Davenport said. "The dogs are looking to find the source of the smell so they can be rewarded. They are not trying to catch the animal."

Davenport takes jobs in South and

Central America; Weigley covers Asia and much of North America. They have found Javan rhinos in Vietnam; jaguars, pumas and ocelots in South America; and Right whales off the coast of Maine with their dogs pointing the way from the bow of an open boat.

"Some projects are pure scientific research, others are commercial environmental projects," Davenport said. "The Right whale project started in 2006 and went for four years. They were measuring toxicity and hormone levels in scat and determining sex."

Weigley recently flew to Clay County, Florida, at the request of the state forest service. The highway department could not undertake an expansion project before ensuring there were no rare Indigo snakes in the area.

"They wanted 100 percent coverage,"

Weigley said. "Dogs have 80 percent accuracy and only have to search the area once. People would have to search the area five times. Transecting lines covered 210 miles.

"The chocolate labs were trained to avoid poisonous snakes," Weigley said. "Charlie's been doing Indigo snakes for years. Kona is the backup dog. Typically, we work one to one-and-a-half hours, then switch. We use a snake skin training aid so dogs can find something to alert and get a reward: a tennis ball and a short period to play," he said.

"Temperatures were in the 90s. We started work at sunrise and worked

until 2 p.m.," Weigley said. "We had to beat down waist-high saw palmetto and couldn't use a machete or stick because the dog thinks it's a toy. Each dog wore out six sets of boots. Palmetto sliced them up."

They didn't find any Indigo snakes. Work on the highway could begin.

Davenport was 10 years old when she

got her first job working for professional handlers at dog shows. "I ran dogs from ringside to the bench area and helped with grooming," she said. "I saved for a dog: an Alaskan Malamute. I continued to do dog shows and did training in 4-H."

When she graduated from Peninsula High School in 1975, Davenport knew she wanted to work professionally with dogs. "Women weren't in dogs back then," she said. "The only way to work with dogs was in the military as an MP."

Davenport enlisted in the Army and went to Germany. She was reassigned to Fort Lewis, but requested patrol and narcotics dog training school at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She left the military when she was offered a position with the Washington State Department of Corrections.

"I was working my own cross-trained patrol and narcotics dogs," Davenport said. "I've been with the DOC for 34 years."

Weigley worked with dogs at the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. In 1992, he went to training classes taught by Davenport and never left. They started Packleader Farm in 2003 and became renown for herd dog training.

"We are coming up on 20 years of doing this," Davenport said. "I have no desire to move to any other position or job. I'm where I want to be."



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Fans are already lined up on the Purdy Spit early in the afternoon of July Fourth for the annual fireworks display. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



Edie Morgan, right, founder and executive director of The Mustard Seed Project, presents a lifetime achievement award to Betty Watkinson for her volunteer work at a recent Mustard Seed celebration. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



Family and friends memorialize the life of KP Eagle Scout Scott Odell with a tree planting at the civic center July 10. Odell graduated from Gig Harbor High School in 2012 and was diagnosed with liver cancer in June 2014. He was inducted into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor by KP's BSA Troop 220 in September 2014 and died one month later. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



The Charlie Wells ferry plying its way to Herron Island on a bright summer day. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



Revelers receive a lesson in proper hula dancing at the second annual Ohana Luau at the KP Civic Center July 9. *Photo: Ed Johnson, KP News*



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