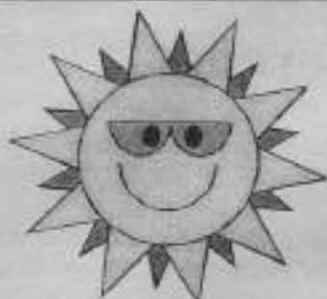
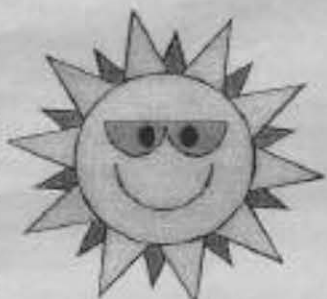


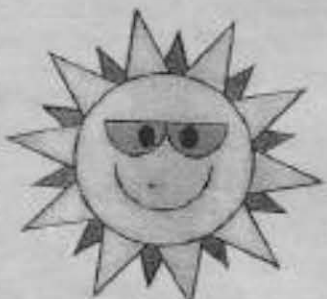
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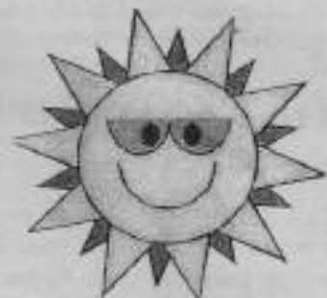
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First Brush Fire Of Season



by Kathy Hale

The first brush fire of the season on the Key Peninsula off highway 302 was just north of Key Center. The call came in at 7:50 AM Tuesday the 20th of May. The fire was on property owned by the Department of Natural Resources. The Fire Department gave first response and the DNR deployed units to help in the fire fight. Crews worked for eight hours knocking down the two-plus acre fire,

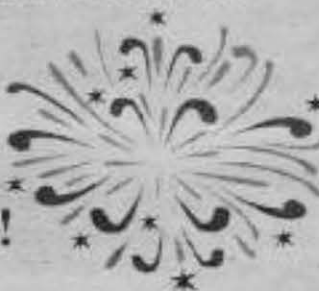
containing it and putting it out. Investigators from DNR were on hand to find the cause of the fire, but no findings have been reported as yet.

With the big storm in December 1996 knocking down so many trees, the woods are filled with an abundance of dry material just waiting to ignite. People are encouraged to clean debris from their property and clear brush away from their homes.



**FIREWORKS
DEMONSTRATION!**
See before you buy!
Everyone welcome!

**Sunday, June 22nd
Starts at dusk
Bring the whole family!**



Pioneer Day Is Coming!

Get your applications in for Pioneer Day booths! The booths are rented on a first-come, first-served basis, so get those applications in! (See pages 17 & 18 of this issue) The parade theme for 1997 is "Community Spirit - Yesterday & Today". The parade entry fee is only \$2.00 until July 15th, then it leaps up to \$5.00! We also need entertainers to perform during the day. Volunteers are needed, too.

If you can fill any of these needs, please call the Civic Center at 884-3456.

Plan to bring the whole family for a fun day! There will be trout fishing for the kids 10 years and under, a horseshoe tournament, arts & crafts booths, entertainment, good food, the beer garden, and much, much more! See you there?

President's Message

I am surprised at the number of local residents I speak to daily who are not aware of the existence of the Civic Center or of the many wonderful activities it has to offer. If you have new neighbors, bring them by the Center. Irene Zimmer, the facility manager, would be more than happy to provide a tour and a run down of the available facilities and activities.

Many do not realize that every resident of Key Peninsula is automatically a "member" of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. The association consists of an 8 member Executive Board and at least 3 representatives from each community district on the association board. All regular user organizations are requested to provide representatives on the association board. In addition, individual residents have an open invitation to become members of the board. All input to the Center's operations is most welcome.

We are a non-profit organization and not subsidized by local taxes, thus, the reason why the facilities must be rented to most users. The income is used for maintenance, repair and utilities. Occasionally, we receive government or corporation grants for major repairs or construction. Still, we must depend on resident's donations and support in order to keep our doors open. A letter has been delivered to every Key Peninsula resident requesting a nominal donation. It is hoped that each will donate generously allowing us to continue to provide great services to our community.

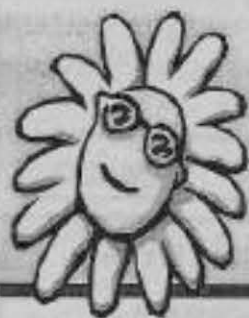
The Civic Center produces this community newspaper that serves to keep you informed of our ongoing events and activities.

Thanks for your support.
Mike Coffin,
President



Garage Sale!

Don't forget the BIG garage sale on June 7th at the Civic Center! Lots of wonderful things have been donated, and I'm sure that you'll find something to your liking. The sale will begin at 9:00 AM and go until 4:00 PM. Come on down and find treasures for your home! See you there?



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

June begins on a sad note with the passing of Jim Wooldridge on May 24th. Jim was a charter member of VFW Post #4990 whose meetings are held here at the Civic Center. Our condolences go out to his spouse Irene, his family and many friends.

Our thanks to Capitol Lumber, who donated 5 gallons of exterior paint and one gallon of exterior primer to the Civic Center. This allowed the crew from McNeil Island to paint most of the old school building here on the grounds. Our thanks too, to the people who donated the money to pay for the other needed 5 gallons of paint. They are: Sylvia Haase & Virginia Liebergesell, Mike & Judy Coffin, Cy & Eileen Young, Tim & Kathy Hale, Rhys Wood, and yours truly. This means that the cost of painting the building was nothing! We do, however, need scaffolding to finish the back end of the building, due to the extreme height. Our ladder just will not extend that far, and would be too unstable for anyone to work on safely. If you know where we can borrow some scaffolding, please let me know!

We are also looking for a riding lawnmower. I have been looking for one of those for three years! Maybe this will be the year we find one!

The big garage sale is on June 7th, here at the Civic Center from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It promises to be a

lot of fun! We do need some volunteers to help set up on Friday night after skating is over at 9:00 PM. We also need help on the day of the sale. Donations are still being accepted. (No clothing, please.) If you can help out, please call me at 884-3456.

I incorrectly gave the date of the fireworks demonstration here at the Civic Center! The correct date is **JUNE 22nd**! Please adjust your calendar to reflect this change! Sorry!

We are also accepting your applications for positions in the Pioneer Day Parade and for vendor booths here at the Civic Center. The theme for the parade this year is "Community Spirit- Yesterday and Today" Please contact me if you have an idea for a float or other parade entry. Our Grand Marshals this year are **Rhys and Ruth Wood**. The parade starts at 10:00 AM in Key Center and wends its way down Olson Road to the Civic Center. During the festivities of Pioneer Day you will enjoy ongoing entertainment, trout fishing for the kids, games, horseshoes, and the famous Beer Garden in the tennis courts. After the parade breaks up as it arrives here at the Center, VFW Post #4990 will have a flag raising ceremony on the front lawn. Bring the whole family and have a great time!

See you next month!

Installation Ceremony

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary 4990 installed the new officers for the 1997-98 year. The Installation Ceremony was held on Monday, 12 May at the Civic Center. Congratulations to the new officers who will be lead by Commander Cy Young and President DeaBee Blum. Bill Howe is Sr. Vice for the Post and Lola Howe is Sr. Vice for the Auxiliary. Other officers are Jr. Vice Harn VanSlyke and Peggy Taylor, Adjutant Jim O'Roke and Secretary Irene Wooldridge, Quartermaster Robert Blum and Treasurer Barbara Stemp. Chaplain Rhys Wood and Audry Paul. Officer of the Day is Robert Cate and Guard Darlene Brown. The Conductress for the ladies is Marquerte Bussard. Stan Stemp is serving as Service Officer and Roy Glass as Surgeon. Jim Wooldridge is Judge Advocate. Trustees are: Sally Cornman, Lorraine Draeger, and Sandy Rust for the Auxiliary with Stanley Paul, Wally Cornman and Joe Barrow for the Post.



Reynold's Roost

by Howard Reynolds

By the time we realize our parents were right, we have children who think we are wrong.

Question: What's the difference between a hunter and a fisherman?

Answer: A hunter lies in wait, while a fisherman waits and lies.



THE FAMILY ROOM

Together, We Can Make A Difference

The Family Resource Center, a program of Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW), has as its goal supporting families, to help them build on their strengths so they can provide a safe, nurturing place for their children to grow. Families experiencing domestic violence cannot provide a safe place. Recently, some of us from the Center, attended a town meeting, the same meeting Marty Marcus's column covered in last month's *Key Peninsula News*. That meeting left Marcus and us very concerned about the rate of domestic violence on the Key Peninsula. It is time for all of us to take action.

On May 5, 1997, CHSW co-hosted a seminar with Communities in Schools. The seminar aimed to help teachers and counselors to recognize potential signs of domestic violence in children and what to do about it.

Since then a collaborative effort has begun with CHSW, Comprehensive Mental Health, the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence, Tacoma Community College, and Communities in Schools. This team wants to discover how we can best serve the community. Before we can do that, we need to hear from community members. We need to have your thoughts on what the needs are and what would help. Two opportunities for community members to give input have been planned. The first is a survey about the issue that will run in the August edition of the *Key Peninsula News*. This will be the first step in developing a plan that can address this serious issue.

The second opportunity will be on Sept. 17, 1997. We plan to host another town meeting so that commu-

nity members can share their thinking as we guide each other in how to proceed.

Domestic violence is a major problem for children and families. As single individuals it may seem impossible to have an impact, as a team we can make a big difference. We can come together to educate ourselves. We can come together as a community to offer safe places for people to come to talk and to find a way out of their situation. Often a safe and caring place can make all the difference in someone's life. We can come together to make the Key Peninsula a safe and caring place for all its citizens.

The Family Center is willing to take a leadership role in developing a plan to deal with domestic violence issues. We can only lead if the community directs us. Please watch the *Key Peninsula News* for the August survey and send it back to us. Encourage your neighbors and friends to do the same. Also, mark Sept. 17, 1997 on your calendars now. We want to hear from you at the town meeting.

If you need help with domestic violence issues, please call **The Family Resource Center at 884-5433**. We can help you get in touch with people who care.

A reminder that Summer Fun is just around the corner. The 1997 program begins on June 30 and runs until August 7. Watch your child's school newsletter for further information or call us at 884-5433 or 884-2205. We can still use your help in the summer program. If you have 2 or 3 hours a week free this summer, please call us and volunteer to help.

Children's Home Society of Washington
Tacoma/Pierce County Health Dept.
Peninsula School District

Stream Team Training On Key Peninsula

The Key Peninsula Stream Team will conduct an EPA Streamwalk, Water Quality, and Stream Volume Training Session at Vaughn Creek from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

At the session, participants will learn how to do a riparian assessment of the stream, water quality chemical tests such as Dissolved Oxygen, pH, and Nitrate, and stream volume measurements.

This data will be used to evaluate the health of the stream. Participants can then volunteer to do further testing on a seasonal basis four times a year on streams throughout the Key Peninsula.

The class is free and open to the public but is limited to 20 people.

To register and receive a map to the training site call Mary Brown, Stream Team Coordinator, at 1-888-845-2973.

KPCCA Regular Board Meeting

March 13, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Kezele. He welcomed those attending and thanked all who helped with Reno Night. It was msc to approve the minutes of the February 12 meeting as published in the newspaper. The secretary told the board the minutes will no longer be submitted to the paper prior to approval. Instead, the minutes will be available for members to read at the board meetings.

The president informed Mr. Yanity that the final decision in regard to his letter was that the letter would not be printed in our paper. He asked if our attorney had been consulted, and was told yes.

The board was told the KPCCA has received bankruptcy notice for Lakebay Lumber. We have lost \$1800 due to this action.

The treasurer reported we made about \$3300 from Reno Night. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The windows have been installed in the Whitmore Room and upstairs with the money from the Archibald Foundation Grant. The grant was for \$3,000 and the total cost of the windows was \$3053. The work for the bathrooms and gym ceiling will probably start this summer. We have applied for another HUD grant, but have not heard back yet.

It was msc to put a plant in the memorial garden in memory of Becky Freeman. There was discussion on other possibilities for remembrances of people such as having small plaques engraved, or purchasing equipment, etc. for the Center with an engraved plaque stating "in memory of..."

The manager reported the Gig Harbor Elks asked if we would exchange the old Bingo machine for some volunteer hours at our next Reno Night. (State law does not allow us to sell the machine.) It was msc to give the old Bingo machine to the Gig Harbor Elks in exchange for volunteer work at the next Reno Night. The Gig Harbor Eagles want to buy our excess Bingo paper and games for \$144. It was msc to sell them these items. Irene asked the board about having a garage sale to raise money for linoleum for the Whitmore Room. She said this would be possibly the end of May or sometime in June. She was asked to bring more details to the next board meeting so a decision can be made.

Children's Home Society room was flooded by a broken toilet. The Center will have the floor cleaned and sanitized. Irene was asked to call a cleaner to do this. We will share the expense to replace the carpet since it will be a permanent fixture.

The Newspaper requested funds to buy a printer that will be compati-

ble with the new computer. It was msc to allow up to \$400 to purchase a new printer.

The VFW thanked the Board for the use of the Center for the public meeting to get more sheriffs on the Peninsula.

Mike thanked the Board on behalf of the Lions for letting them have the Citizen of the Year banquet here.

Sandy reported the Children's Home Society is working with Dave Freeman to set up the Becky Freeman Memorial Fund. She said planning for Summer Fun is well under way, but volunteers are needed 4 afternoons a week starting June 30 through August 7. It was msc to let CHS use the facility for Summer Fun at no charge.

Lila reported skating is going great, but board games are needed for those kids using the Whitmore Room. An article will be put in the newspaper. Skating will be open the Friday of Memorial Day weekend.

Shari reported Indoor Park is doing very well and turned in more money. She would like to expand the park to include younger children next season. The park will be closing the end of May. If anyone would like to rent the equipment for children's parties, they can contact Shari. She also reported many tables have been rented for the Spring Bazaar. She needs help setting up and cleaning up. The Fuchsia Society will be here again with their plant sale.

Lloyd circulated a sign-up sheet for the Fireworks stand. Everything is pretty well organized for the sale, except the help.

It was msc to authorize up to \$200 to purchase candy for the Easter eggs. A potluck will be March 18 at 6pm with egg stuffing afterward.

Claudia brought a suggestion for the old post office boxes which would make them into banks.

The meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, secretary

Car Wash - Fund Raiser

The Citizen's EMS Levy Committee for the Key Peninsula Fire Department will be holding a fund-raiser car wash on Sunday, June 8, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Century 21, Colony Real Estate, in Key Center.

Come in and get your car or truck washed and help support the Key Peninsula Fire District's Emergency Medical Services. Donations will be accepted.

Thank you for your support.

Fire Commissioners To Hold Open House!

Your Fire Commissioners will hold an open house at Station #5, corner of Elgin-Clifton and Wright Bliss Road on June 5, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

Have you taken a tour of the new station? Do you have questions, concerns, comments, suggestions about your fire department? Drop in and visit with your Fire Commissioners. They will be available to talk to you individually, receive your comments and give you a tour of the facility.

Commissioner Bramhall suggested the open house idea at the last board meeting, saying in summary that the regular meetings are so full of District

business needing to be attended to that there is little time left for lengthy public input. She felt that an open house would be an excellent way for the commissioners to talk at length with the citizens of the District, thereby staying in close touch with the citizens of the Key Peninsula.

Chief Franz, Assistant Chief Nelsen and on-duty firefighters will also be on hand to answer any operational questions you might have and show you the inner workings of the fire station.

Please come and join us. Refreshments will be provided.

KEY DATES

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

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| KP Business Assoc. | Jun. 6 - 7:30 AM | Home Port Rest. |
| | Jun. 20 - Noon | Horseshoe Lake Rest. |
| Fire Fighters Assoc. | Jun. 30 - 7:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS | | |
| Cootiettes | Jun. 19 - 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCCA Board | Jun. 12 - 7:30 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| KPCS Board | Jun. 9 - 10:00 AM | Comm. House - Home |
| KPHC Board | Jun. 5 - 7:30 PM | Health Center |
| KP Lions Club | 1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 7:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| VFW & Auxiliary Rm. | 2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:30 PM | KPCC/VFW Room/WM |

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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| Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor | | |
| Angel Guild | Jun. 23 - 10:00 AM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Cancer Support Group | 3 rd Thurs. - 1:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433 | | |
| Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM | | Comm. House - Home |
| Friendship Dinner | Sundays - 5:00 PM | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Comm. House - Home | | |
| Also food & clothing assistance. For More Info., call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780. | | |
| Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor | | |
| KP Baptist AWANAS | Wed. - 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM | KPCC / gym |
| Overeaters Anonymous | Wed. - 7:30 PM | St. Nicholas Church |
| Parenting Network | Jun. 3, 10, 17 - 6:30 PM | Longbranch Improvement |
| Positive Fathering | Wednesdays - 6:30 PM | CHS - Civic Center |
| Seniors Exercise Program | Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9PM | Comm. House - Home |
| WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3535 on Tuesdays for an appointment. | | |

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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| KP Fire Commissioners | Jun. 11 - 7:30 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| | Jun. 23 - 4:00 PM | Key Center Fire Sta. |
| KP Parks & Rec. | Jun. 9 - 7:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| PUBLIC MEETING (To Discuss Fire Stations) | Jun. 5, 7:30 PM | Civic Center |
| FIRE COMMISSIONER'S OPEN HOUSE - Jun. 5 - 7:30 PM at Station #5, Wright-Bliss Rd | | |

SELF-HELP GROUPS

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| Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the KP Community Services - Home | | |
| Caregivers Support | Jun. 12 - 7:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Grandparents Group | Jun. 7 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information. | | |
| T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening - Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center | | |

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

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| Bayside Garden Club | Jun. 20 - Meeting | Longbranch Improvement |
| KP Historical Society | 2 nd Thursday - 7:30 PM | KP Historical Museum |
| LB Improvement Club | Jun. 18 - 7:00 PM | Longbranch Improvement |
| Peninsula Neighbors | Jun. 10 - 10:00 AM | Longbranch Improvement |
| Lakebay Fuchsia Society | Jun. 5 - 7:00 PM | Brones Rm./KC Library |
| Ruth Circle Meeting | Jun. 16 - 10:00 AM | Bible Study, Lunch & |
| Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church. | | |
| Senior Society Luncheon | Thursdays - Noon | KPCC/Whitmore Rm. |
| Vaughn Bay Garden Club | Call 884-5403 for information | |

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL THE INFORMATION BY THE 20th OF EACH MONTH TO: DATES, KEY PENINSULA NEWS, P.O. BOX 3, VAUGHN, WA 98394, OR FAX IT TO US AT: 884-4053.

KPCCA Regular Board Meeting

April 10, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president, Tim Kezele. The minutes of the March board meeting were approved as corrected.

Denise Hollis, an employment career specialist from Pierce County Community Action gave a presentation. Volunteers from their program usually spend six months learning skills in an area they possibly will seek employment.

The treasurer reported Reno Night netted a profit of \$3,223.02 and first quarter profits for skating were \$4,595.84. The HUD grants will be finalized in June, but a preliminary amount of \$5700 to spend on repairing the gym floor was approved. The treasurer's reported was accepted.

The facility manager reported the furnace for Children's Home Society is now repaired. The outside back heat pump has not worked since the power outage. She was instructed to call the furnace company to repair this. We will have nine inmates from McNeil working here to do some of

the yard cleanup and minor repairs to the buildings. The outside spigot by the big toy has been replaced and is now in a locked box. The garage sale will be June 7. Kris Wylie will be helping with this.

The KP NEWS will be changing bookkeeping agencies. ATB Services will also do the newspaper accounting as well as the accounting for the Center. A new printer has been purchased. The staff is very pleased with the new equipment.

SENIORS: Henry Stock reported the senior group is about the same...getting older every day.

CHS: Sandy thanked Irene and the board for the quick response and cleanup to the flooding of their room. Summer Fun plans are shaping up, and many volunteers are going to be on hand to help with craft classes for children. Henry Stock will be teaching youngsters how to make birdhouses. She reported United Parcel Service gives grants in their own state, and the money must be spent on

durable items, such as for remodeling, etc. They would like to work as partners with the board to apply for a sizable grant to be used to remodel office space, counseling rooms, etc. It was msc for the Civic Center Board to offer its support to the CHS in their efforts seeking the grant from UPS.

Jackie Kahler, a specialist in animal behavior and obedience, spoke to the board about her expertise and requested she be allowed to have dog instruction classes at the center. It was msc to grant her request.

The Volunteer Dinner will be at the Center on June 27. Ginger and Krys will help Stephanie with preparations.

Skating continues to have about 140 to 160 kids weekly.

The Spring Bazaar will be May 3, and table rents are coming in daily.

Flavor of Fall has received their first donated item: a 6 foot pool table!

The annual fireworks display at the Center will be June 22 in the parking lot for all to see the various items that will be for sale.

Krys Wylie was elected to the Board. She suggested we sell T-shirts

or sweatshirts for Pioneer Day. A committee of Shirl, Claudia, Donna and Krys will explore this project.

A nominating committee will be appointed at the next meeting. The treasurer has said she does not plan to seek re-election.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, secretary

Home Band Rides Again

The Down Home band will again begin practices for this year's Pioneer Day Parade which will be August 2nd. The first band practice will be at 7:00 PM at the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th St. KPN in beautiful downtown Key Center on June 10th. This is a community band open to all musicians playing wind instruments suitable for a band riding on a float in the annual parade. If you're interested show up on June 10th, or call Susan at 884-9221.

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Bring Your Questions And Ideas To Discuss

County Taxes & Budget

Saturday, June 14th

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Gig Harbor, WA 98332

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Take the Burnham Drive exit off Highway 16. Go west on Burnham Drive (toward Correction Center). Turn left on Schmel; go to top of the hill. Turn left on Bujacich Road, just past the fire station on the right, to the new Headquarters Building.

Pierce County Council
930 Tacoma Ave. South, Room 1046 - Tacoma, WA 98402
(253) 798-6654

KPFD Awards Dinner

by Hugh McMillan

At their annual awards dinner at Miracle Ranch on Friday, the Key Peninsula Fire Department accorded recognition for most training hours to Mike Joyce of station 1 (Wasna), Carrie Morlang of station 2 (Key Center), Kathy Schmidt, station 3 (Home), Mike Sammons, station 4 (Longbranch), Tom Harris, station 5 (Wright Bliss- Elgin Clifton), and Sharon Collier (Heron Island). Credit for most call responses was accorded Mike Joyce, Ken Judkins, station 2, Kathy Schmidt, Mike Sammons, and Chris Williamson of station 5.

For honorable service to the Department, Marc Beal and Hal Wolverton received 5 year service badges, Don Tjossem a 10 year badge, Rick Sutherland and Rick Olsen 15 year badges, Ken Brown and Dee Dee Kerkes 20 year badges, and Fred Ramsdell received a 30 year badge.

Welcomed to the fire force were Mike Kehl, a transfer, Scott Marsh a returnee, and Tom Bolton and Robert Fisher, new recruits. Recognized were probationary firefighters Chris Williamson, day Latteri, Alien Wakeling, and Canie Morlang, as were medical responders Steve Gale, Lisa Gale, Sharon Collier, and Serina Vazquez.

Awards were presented for Rookie of the Year to Bill Sawaya, Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Ken Judkins, Career Firefighter of the Year, Marc Beal, Volunteer Officer of the Year,

Lt. Annie Way, Career Officer of the Year, Lt. Tom Lique, and Top Trainer, Lt. Tracy Lyon. The Helping Hand Award, accepted by John Barnett, went to Peninsula Light Company personnel.

Honorable Service Awards for those who have retired or relocated went to Rick Stout and Mike Schaefer. The award for Outstanding Achievement was presented Fred Ramsdell and the Chiefs Recognition Award was given Ken Judkins and Mary Ramsdell. The Meritorious Service Award was shared by Marc Beal, Gary Way and Hal Wolverton for accomplishing a high angle rescue which saved the life of an elderly woman stranded mid-way after a fall off a 75 foot high cliff. The Commissioners' Award was accepted by retired volunteer fire captain Jim Blunder for his continued assistance to the department.

Thank You

Vaughn Elementary would like to thank all the businesses in the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor areas who contributed to the Carnival/Raffle that helped make it a success.

During the school year, we know it can become very taxing on family and businesses, when they are constantly approached for donations. We would therefore like to send a special thank you to all of you. Thank You.



l to r: Jim Blunder, Mary and Fred Ramsdell, Dee Kerkes, John Schmidt, Bill Sawyer, Ken Judkins, John Barnett, Don Tjossem, Jay Latteri, Kathy Schmidt, Annie and Gary Way.

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Letters To The Editor:

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Let's start off by thanking the citizens of the Key Peninsula for providing me with a job over this the past twenty years. It is not often that a person is able to work in the community in which they grew up. Working for the Fire Department in the area that I have lived all my life has provided me the added blessing of giving back to those that have helped me so much.

I have always said when I was able to retire I would retire. My retirement has nothing to do with any of the many articles in the newspapers or any other rumors about the department. I had stated over three years ago that I planned to retire at the end of May, 1997. This was long before Chief Franz or the alleged problems within the department. I have had the opportunity to work under all of paid chiefs of the department. They all have had their strong points and their weak points. They have and are still advancing the quality of service that the department provides the community.

I am not moving; I hope to continue working on many things in support of the community and the Fire Department. The Fire District's six year EMS Levy is up for renewal in the November election and I am the chair of the committee to see that it happens.

My wife Mary and I wish also to thank the community for selecting us for the Citizens of the Year award. One of the pleasant things about this community is that there are so many people who do so much. We feel that we accepted the award on behalf of all those people.

We are not gone but retired to that world where you are busier than ever, so they tell me.

Thank you all.

Fred Rumsdell

Letter To The Editor:

The Key Peninsula Lions Club would like to thank the citizens of this community for their generosity during our annual White Cane fund raising. Over \$600 was collected for direct distribution to the Lions Sight Foundation. The funds are used for support of the Lions Eye Bank and research center in Seattle, as well as numerous forms of public education of sight concerns.

Many used eye glasses were also collected for recycling. Everyone should be aware the Lions collect used eye glasses year around. They may be delivered to the Key Center Branch Key Bank, the Key Peninsula Civic Center, or given to any Lions Club member.

Thanks for your support.

Russell Beckim,
Secretary, KP Lions Club

50th Wedding Anniversary




Ruth and Jim Bramhall celebrated their 50th anniversary Saturday at the Jackson Lake Sportsmen's Club with about 100 friends and neighbors. Three months after their first meeting at the American Lake Veterans Hospital where he was employed and she a nurse cadet, they married in Victor, Montana, where she was born and grew up. Jim, originally from Yakima, came as a seven year old to the Glen Cove area of Key Peninsula where he grew up. He served in the US Air Force then worked at the hospital where they met until retiring. During WWII Ruth was, as she put it,

"a Rosie the Riveter on C-47s," in Longbeach, CA. She became a registered nurse in Great Falls, Montana, and worked at Doctors' Hospital in Tacoma before beginning 28 years at Mary Bridge Hospital. She served as president of the National Association of Operating Room Nurses. The couple returned to Key Peninsula in 1969 where they have remained on their 30 acre farm since. Ruth, who is a Key Peninsula fire commissioner, has been very active in community service activities for years. Hosts and organizers of the celebration were Marie and Don Irvin of Winds and Tides.


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Cougar Corner

by Marge Macdonald

As our school year comes to a close, we wish our eighth grade class the best on their move to the high school. June sees us celebrating the end of the year in many ways. We begin the month with a band concert on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 followed by a Talent Show on Wednesday and a Choir Concert on Thursday at 7:30. The last dance of the year will be held on Friday, June 6 after school. The following week finds our bands performing several times with special concerts for the elementary schools on the Key Peninsula; this is a great opportunity for middle schoolers and elementary students alike. The last KPVPO meeting for this year will be Thursday, June 12 at 2:45. We will be meeting with potential VPO leaders at that time and discussing transitioning to next year. The KPVPO is in desperate need of new active parents and operating funds for next fall and urges all interested parents to please come out and support your parent group. Monday, June 16 finds our eighth-graders celebrating with their year-end party on the Sound from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The last day of school is Wednesday, June 18.

Congratulations go out to our April Student of the Month, Blythe McLoughlin for Altruism, and a big

thank you to Terecia Smith for all her help this year in organizing this special event each month for deserving students. Also a big thank you to Jaycee McCourt, Denise Killoran and Britta Brones for their help with the KPVPO this year and all the parents who volunteered their time and effort to the school. See you in the fall!

In The Library

The 1997 theme of the Pierce County Library System's Summer Reading Program for school age children will be "Wild About Books."

The program includes free posters and school-age story-telling events.

Beginning June 1st, school-age Summer Reading Program participants can get animal trading cards and a free poster with wacky wild animals, amazing facts and riddles at any Pierce County Library branch or Bookmobile.

For each book read during the summer, children will earn a wild animal sticker to put on their posters.

Summer Reading Club story-telling events for ages 6 and up are 30 to 40 minute programs of stories and activities. These story times will be held each Friday at 10:30 AM, June 27th through August 8th.



A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

While the "bulls" are seemingly unstoppable on Wall Street, the bears, the four-legged kind, that is, are having a field day on the Key Peninsula. There have been a variety of sightings recently, such as a bear promenading on someone's deck, and a sow with a cub checking out a toddler in a backyard sandbox. My neighbor, Terri, out for her early morning walk on McEwan Road, encountered two bears not long ago. While these incidents sound rather scary, there are some good aspects to them, also. For example, seeing those bears probably helped Terri set a new world record for the hundred yard dash.

It's not that the bear population is exploding that's causing these bear-human interactions. It's that the primary habitats of the black bear, forested areas with streams, are becoming deforested. This forces the bears to seek those remaining sections of the Key Peninsula that are still relatively heavily wooded. Unfortunately, recognition of the cause of a problem does not result automatically in a solution that ameliorates the problem. Given the current status of logging regulations, the dearth of funding for enforcement, the pressure to develop more space for human habitation, and the apparent unwillingness of our government to consider substitutes for paper-making such as hemp or kenaf, the daily parade of loaded log trucks going up the Key Peninsula Highway is likely to continue unabated.

I guess what this all boils down to is that if we want to continue living in this area we need to learn how to co-exist with *Ursus americanus*, which, while the smallest of North American bears, is capable of weighing more than four hundred pounds. Although black bears are primarily plant-eaters, they really are omnivores and opportunistic feeders. So if you leave cat food, dog food or garbage where they have access to it, they will definitely chow down on it.

According to a publication of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, electric fence is effective at keeping bears out of gardens, with heavy welded wire fence topped by barbed wire being just slightly less effective. Because berries are on my list of foods to avoid because they can cause kidney stones, I'm willing to share our berries with the bears. And they're more than welcome to any slugs they find. The publication from the Department of Fish and Wildlife is available from their office in Montesano and may also be viewed at the Key Center Library, along with a reprint of an article on a long-term study of black bears in Pennsylvania.

There is much evidence to indicate that black bears are not normally aggressive or highly dangerous to humans, but they can be, particularly in surprise confrontations. One fact, however, is indisputable — the bears were here first. Doesn't that give them some right to continue living here?

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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

What a fun time we are having at our T.O.P.S. WA #1019, Vaughn! Every meeting is packed with good ideas, programs and fun!!! Plus a lot of recognition for every pound lost. Susan Davidson continues to keep up the steady losses. She has lost over 60 lbs. now and has been the best of the month six times!!! Weigh to goal, Susan. Peggy Dervaes has lost a few more until she reaches her goal. Dawn Bolvin also is on her countdown with less than 10 lbs. to lose. It is so exciting to see all the successes in our chapter.

At our recent convention, our new state Queen, Helen Walker from Lacey, spoke to us about how she lost 126 lbs. in T.O.P.S. She says perfect attendance since she joined nearly three years ago is the key to success with T.O.P.S. It is so true. The members who don't stay for the programs or just don't come are the ones who don't succeed. We are a self-help group offering support to all of our members. But we can't support an empty chair. The program you miss could be the one that makes it work for you. One member said she has been in many other weight loss groups but never got phone calls or notes while in those programs. This past month we had some of our best programs ever. Susan Davidson gave one on exercise being essential. She brought in visual aids of how much

fat is in common fast food items. She had lard measured out to show just what the fat looks like in French fries and other typical choices. Nancy Marasco came to our May 28th meeting also to talk about fat in our diets. Nancy is our coordinator and always has a good topic for us. We have the programs all set for June and it will be a great month. Be sure to be there.

We had the pleasure of hearing Bob Sweetgall at our S.R.D. He held a two hour seminar for us on the benefits of walking. Bob is the man who was portrayed in "Forest Gump" when he walked and walked all over the U. S. He really set us on fire to get out there and walk. So T.O.P.S. has joined in a contest sponsored by C. Everett Koop to walk more. In our chapter Carol Bischoff, Laura Carman, Donalda Chidester, Susan Davidson, Julie Higgins, and Dee Lamar have walked over 250 miles in 7 months. Rosalie Bust and Kandy Van Laanen have walked over 350 miles. Isn't it amazing these are the same people we brag about every month? Besides their weight loss, they will all get prizes.

You are welcome to attend the meetings and join us in all this activity. Come to the V.F.W. room every Tuesday night at 6:00 P.M. It costs \$20.00 to join the national club and it is \$5.00 monthly dues to our local chapter. Call 884-4102 for information.

County Honors Peninsulans



Marge Tate receiving outstanding volunteer award from Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland for her work with our local Citizens Against

Crime organization. In the background, l to r, County Council representatives Ken Madsen and Karen Biskey.

by Hugh McMillan

Three Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula citizens were among 48 persons from throughout Pierce County honored Saturday at a packed Tacoma Dome Exposition Hall as "1997 Outstanding Volunteers" for the many hours of service they have contributed, "to benefit Pierce County and its citizens," announced master of ceremonies, County Executive Doug Sutherland who presented each with a plaque at Pierce County's 6th annual volunteer recognition brunch.

Renie Hulbert, a 1996 Peninsula High graduate now attending Tacoma Community College, volunteers with the Diversion Community Accountability Council where she counsels

youths who have committed misdemeanor offenses. Dick Mosher was recognized for his work with Pierce County District Court 2 in Gig Harbor, and Marge Tate for her many hours as a member of Citizens Against Crime working in the Sheriff's Peninsula Detachment in Purdy. George Brummitt and Joyce Case received honorable mention recognition for their work with District Court 2.

Entertainment was provided by the Patch Theater Company of Gig Harbor which performed numbers from "Hello Dolly".

"It was a most rewarding and impressive ceremony," said County Council member Karen Biskey during a conversation following the event.

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Dogfest At Volunteer Park Huge Success



by Hugh McMillan

The first annual Dogfest at Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park wowed an estimated 300 attendees and contestants on Sunday. It took place in sunshine ... and in torrential downpours. None of the participants had dampened spirits. They had fun.

There were over 200 dogs and their, "best friends," said one of the event's organizers, Debbie Sutton of Gig Harbor. "This was not a NAFA (North American Flyball Association)-sanctioned race today," said Sutton. "We raced and played hard to win but this was just for fun."

There were herd dogs, flyball dogs, 4-H dogs all contesting with one another, and there were Purdy Prison Pet Partner dogs demonstrating AKC good citizenship tests (walk well on leash, not jump up, not bark, etc.). The 4-H dogs and their "best friends" did dog obedience skills series and navigated an obstacle course.

The whole thing started when Nyle "Swanee" Swainston of Key Peninsula, "read in the Gateway that Volunteer Park was inviting people to 'bring some new activity to the park.'" He wanted to do a dog Frisbee tournament. The Park Board agreed. He arranged for sponsorship by Alpo which provided Frisbees and prizes, and Polytech of Tacoma which provided doggie sanitation bags. His friend Sutton asked if flyball might be included. Sure. Dave and Sheri Jackson of the 4-H Hoofbeats and Puppy-foot dog obedience and agility program asked to join in. Swanee and Sutton agreed, then included the dog herders and invited the Prison Pet Partners under the leadership of Jeanne Hampl and the Pierce County Humane Society.

Asked if he were the organizer of the event, Swanee demurred, insisting that, "it just kind of grew.

"Not so," said Pete Easley of Home Texaco whose home doubles as a place for training some of the dogs. "Swanee made it happen." Sutton agreed. So did Dave Jackson: "Swanee was a great organizer; he had a checklist 90 days, 60 days, and 30 days out," he said.

"In flyball, it's a team effort on the part of dogs and handlers," said Sutton. "Flyball involves relay teams of four dogs each. The first dog on each team runs up the court jumping four hurdles placed 10 feet apart, hits a lever on the flyball box which releases a tennis ball the dog catches, returns over the hurdles, and drops the ball at the start point. Then the next dog, and so on until the fourth dog completes the race. One team races the other. The race is timed. Times today were from 18 seconds to 28 seconds for the whole team of four dogs to complete the race.

Sutton said this was the first-ever multiple team I-ace in Washington. Previously there were only demonstrations by a single team. She said, "There are races all over Canada and the US. We just got started in Washington in the past two years."

Nine flyball teams participated in Sunday's event, two each from Northshore and Surrey, British Columbia, and five from Tacoma, Renton, and Seattle. The judge, Aaron Hughes, is from B.C.

Sutton was in charge of flyball and duck herding. The ducks were supplied by Pat Pederson of Port Angeles. Among the contesting herding dogs were Bonnie Block and dog Tess from Poulsbo, Pat Pederson and Rogue, and Sutton with Bud.

Swainston explained that the herding dogs are, "Border Collies which trace their lineage to Scotland. Sutton said the Border Collies are working

dogs and are not happy if not constantly challenged with various tasks. She keeps hers actively involved with the Border Collie Rescue organization among other things.

"This was all free, no money was made," said Sutton. "It was basically just people having fun and demonstrating just how smart dogs can be and how many things you can do with your dog and we want to encourage the public to get involved with their

dogs ... to prove that anybody can do any of these things. We're not special, we're not different than anybody else. If we can do it, so can you."

Swanee and Sutton agree: "We're planning to do it again next year." Sutton added, "But the next one will be NAFA-sanctioned."

For info: Call: Nyle "Swanee" Swainston 884-9697, Debbie Sutton 858-2893, or Dave or Sheri Jackson 857-6822.

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Fireman's Muster Plant Heating UP

by Hugh McMillan

The third annual Key Peninsula Firefighters Association-sponsored fireman's muster will be held at KP's Volunteer Park Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20. To get ready for the fun-filled, but surprisingly complex, labor intensive event, committee members Bob Fearnough, Dee Dee Kerkes, Chuck West, Bob Gautier, Fred and Mary Ramsdell, and Chuck West held another of their weekly breakfast meetings Saturday at the Home Port restaurant in Home Saturday.

"There's no way to know how many

will be attending and participating," said the group's chairman, Bob Fearnough. "we could have a thousand or we could have ten, who knows? We've gotten commitments from folk in British Columbia, Oregon, and all over Washington.

This year, there will be a marriage ceremony during the event. A couple from the Parkland area whose names are known at this time only as Lumpy Lauer and Monica will tie the knot. "We suspect that any rice to be thrown will be in the form of a gush from a firehose," said Fearnough.



L to r: Bob Gautier, Bob Fearnough, Dee Dee Kerkes, Mary Ramsdell, Fred Ramsdell, Karl Bonn, and Chuck West.



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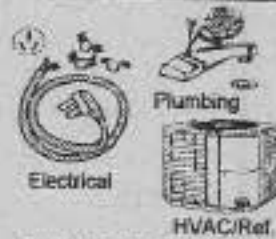
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PHS Seniors Awarded Scholarships; Off To College In Fall

by Keith Stiles

Winding down their high school careers in the Peninsula School District, a total of 188 Seniors were awarded college scholarship help on May 14 when PHS held its yearly "Scholarship Awards Assembly". Through the efforts of the parent and community Scholarship Committee approximately \$160,000.00 in financial aid was presented on the basis of individual student achievement in academic performance and sports, social, community aid, and personal activities. Of the approximately 311 graduating seniors, a total of 188 produced their own personal "Senior Notebooks" which summarized the student's high school years. The

scholarship notebooks were read and reviewed not only by a special, widely-based "Awards Committee", but also by representatives of many of the various groups that presented the financial awards.

The Awards Assembly was an evening event this year, and began with a warm welcome to students, parents, and community members by principal Jon Kellett, who is leaving the District this June to take a position as principal in a high school in the Seattle area. The Masters of Ceremonies for the Evening were PHS staff members Cathy Schneider and Jon Malmin, and most of the scholarship award documents were presented by

representatives of the donors.

Those scholarship donors with basically Key Peninsula "roots" include the Telco Community Credit, the Angel Guild Thrift Shop of Key Peninsula, the S.A.V.E. Thrift Store, the Evergreen Elementary "Eagle Boosters", the Key Peninsula Lions "Brandon Reid Memorial", and The "Harold O. McKinney Memorial". Also the Sean Newhouse Memorial, the Key Bank of Key Peninsula, the Arthur H. Skurdall Award, the Marshall McMillan "Quest for Excellence", Active Construction, the VFW Post #4990 and Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Key Peninsula Historical Society. Other Key Peninsula Donor groups included the Key Peninsula Firefight-

ers Association, the Myron Knudson Memorial, the Longbranch Improvement Club, the Minter Creek VPO, Capitol Lumber, the Vaughn Parent-Teacher Group, "Citizens Against Crime", the Key Peninsula Business Association, the Peninsula Alumni Association, Representative Tom Huff, the SaVanne Shirley Memorial, Black Forest Automotive, and Holland Pump.

Kate Perkins, Shannon Bachmann, Kerry Russell, and Shawn Walpole gave a wonderful rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the evening was closed with a dessert reception for the awardees, their parents, and their respective donors.

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Park News

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 PM, Annex Building at Volunteer Park.

Commissioners: Amy Vandegrift (chairman), Frank Jeffries (Volunteer Park Manager, 884-5046, Fred Ramsdell, Betty Hicks, Park office, 884-9240

Funded by: Levies, user fees

Purpose: To provide recreation opportunities for the Key Peninsula, specifically Volunteer Park.

News: Dogfest was a huge success. Little League is in full swing.

PENINSULA PARK AND RECREATION COUNCIL (PARCS)

Meetings: 4th Monday, 7:00 PM, Swede Hill Fire Station

Volunteer Board: Randy Boss (Chairman, 858-5100 wk), Jennifer Asplund, Bill Schmel, Eric Guenther, Nancy Lind, Lu Winsor, Hal Engbretson, Buck Frymier, Jon Ortgieson, Carol McLaughlin, Lit Lathrop, Norene Glover.

Funded by: Contributions, donations

Purpose: To implement the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan adopted by the Pierce County Council December 1994, to help provide recreational opportunities that are outside the purview of the two Park Districts, to work with both Park Districts, Pierce County Parks and Recreation, Wash. State Parks, City of GH and any organization involved in providing recreation for the two peninsulas.

News: Cushman Powerline Trail: grant applications are being prepared for paving the trail from the Narrows to Stroh's. Signs have been placed on the trail saying NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES. A walk is planned for National Trails Day, Sat. June 7. Meet at the Park and Ride lot north of

Stroh's at 10:00 AM.

PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Director: Ian Wolcott
Tacoma Administration Office:
593-4176

Purpose: To work with KPPRD, PPRD, City of Gig Harbor and PARCS to provide recreational opportunities for the Greater Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula and maintain parks under its jurisdiction, such as Hales Passage Park, Rosedale Park, and Sunrise Beach Park.

News: Areas that the County is working on with PARCS and other Park entities, 1) Purdy Sandspit, 2) Doc Weathers Property, 3) Cushman Powerline Trail, and 4) Concrete Pier on Fox Island

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News: Clam and oyster seasons open at Penrose, May 1st through June 15th.

Times set by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Date can change each year. Joemma Beach for boating. Kopachuck has had some washouts and two day restrooms are closed for a time. Sani-cans are in place. One restroom open in Campground.

For further information or if you have news items, call Nancy Lind at 253-884-3347.

Joint GH-KP FD Live Burn Training Mission



by Hugh McMillan

Saturday found 22 volunteer and career firefighters from the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Fire Departments crawling in smoke filled, flame belching rooms of a two story waterfront structure near the Mason County line. They suppressed the fires over and over again. They were honing their firefighting skills in a joint live fire exercise in a house donated by the owners who plan to build on the property.

"It's always a little sad to see a building destroyed but it was either us or the bulldozer," said KP volunteer Kathy Schmidt, "but it's nice to know

no one is living there and no one got hurt."

Participants were A. Karajiva, B. Beneville, C. Chapple, N. Schimke of Gig Harbor's FD under command of captain C. Goodman, and from the Key Peninsula FD, volunteer firefighters J. Beardon, K. Judkins, K. Schmidt, J. Schmidt, C. Williamson, K. Hale, S. Collier, S. Gale, D. Kerkes, and R. Fearnough, and career KP firefighters D. Heidal, P. Bosch, M. Beal, G. Way, and R. Olsen under the direction of captain C. West and assistant chief E. Nelsen.

Nelsen felt "We learned a lot today."

AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving

We will be conducting AARP 55/Alive Defensive Driving classes on Key Peninsula, every other month. The first class is now scheduled. The classes will be held in the new fire station in Home.

Home May 28 & 29, 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Pierce County Fire District 16 Home station. Call 857-4815 for required reservations.

Home July 30 & 31, 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Pierce County Fire District 16 Home Station. Call 857-4815 for

required reservations.

We also have classes scheduled the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month at one of the Fire Stations in Gig Harbor. Hours are 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Call 857-4815 for reservations.

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Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

Did you pay for airline ticket excise tax after the tax expired? The tax has been renewed by Congress but for the period between expirations and renewal you can collect it back from IRS only, not the airlines.

If you loan your business company money, be sure to document it completely. This means making a legitimate note with a current interest rate and a reasonable payback schedule.

Consider setting your small business up as a 2S Corporation, subject to less IRS scrutiny than a self-proprietorship. You can also pay yourself a salary and take your withholding taxes.

To Your Health



by William F. Roes MD

by William R. Roes, M.D.

A recent article in USA Weekend suggests the many baby-boomers were worried about literally losing their minds, or in other words developing progressive memory impairment. I'm seeing this concern in my practice, as patients are concerned about mental impairment as they age, with the chief concern being the fear of developing Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive dementia seen in adults, becoming much more common with increasing age. It has been estimated that over 4 million Americans suffer from it, and the medical costs run over \$100 million annually. About 3% of 65 year olds are afflicted with it, but the percentage increases with each decade of life.

Certain mental functions change naturally with age, and it is sometimes confusing distinguishing between normal changes and early dementia. Most people will experience difficulty in acquisition of new knowledge with aging, and short term memory and processing speed are also affected with normal aging. On the other hand, verbal skills and abstract reasoning actually improves as we get older, so the ability to reason through a com-

plex problem or critically discuss a complicated issue is a good indication that your memory is OK even if you sometimes can't recall your granddaughter's husband's name.

Although there are significant strides being made in diagnosing and treating Alzheimer's Disease, it still remains a diagnosis of exclusion, as the only definitive diagnosis is made on brain biopsy (usually done at autopsy). The physician evaluating the patient will usually run a series of tests to rule out other more treatable forms of dementia like states such as hypothyroidism, brain tumors, or depression. There are some tests still in the research stages such as P.E.T. scans that are typically abnormal in Alzheimer's, as well as genetic studies which in certain familial cases of Alzheimer's can be predictive of an individual's risk.

The other exciting area in Alzheimer's research is the development of medical regimens that may alter and slow the course of the disease, although we're still a long way from stopping or curing it. It appears that some simple things like keeping physically active and mentally challenged may have a major benefit. There is also research that shows estrogen significantly decreases a woman's risk, and other simple medicines like anti-inflammatories (like ibuprofen) and vitamins (specifically Vitamin E) may also be useful. With literally millions of baby-boomer at the cusp of middle age, research and progress in this area may be one of the most important areas in medicine in the coming years.

Scout Superintends Painting Of Angel Guild Sorting Shed

Eagle Scout aspirant Mike Swanicke and his crew of six did a great job painting the Angel Guild's sorting shed on Sunday, May 18.

Mike planned the steps and materials involved, as a community service project, a requirement for Eagle Scout status.

He did the prep work, including power washing and priming. He was assisted at the grand paint-in by his parents, Mark and Eva Swanicke, brothers Christopher, Thomas, and Steven, and friend Bo Greenfield, all of Gig Harbor.

Mike, a Gig Harbor High School junior, is a member of Gig Harbor Troop #212. He expects to receive his honors sometime this summer.

A generous assist with the paint was given to the Angel Guild by the Capitol Lumber Company.

The building, now resplendent in a new coat of paint, stands behind the Angel Guild Thrift Shop in the Key Corral.

The Angel Guild recently elected Molly Holmes, president; Judy McDonald, vice-president; Vicki Swenning, secretary, and Elsie Vezani, treasurer. The position of coor-

dinator has been recast into a paid part time position, ably filled by Bonnie Stinson.

All proceeds over and above expenses go to benefit the Key Peninsula. The Guild contributes to scholarships, the WIC program, Little League, the Community Center, the Civic Center, and many other causes.

Rummage Sale Supports Scholarships For Peninsula Women

Profits from the Rummage Sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at the Gig Harbor Grange on June 6 and 7 will fund scholarships for women returning to college after taking time out for family or career.

The Rummage Sale includes computer software, office supplies, plants, and books. If you have donations or would like to help, call Carol Robinson (253) 265-6141.

AAUW scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are awarded to women who live in the Peninsula

School District boundaries. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or a community college transfer program working toward a bachelor's or higher degree. They must also have demonstrated financial need and have a realistic plan for achieving financial independence.

Scholarship applications are available at the financial aid offices of Tacoma area colleges and from Jean Cooper, AAUW Scholarship Chair (253) 851-1714. Completed applications must be returned by June 15.

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In The Critter Corner

How to Keep Your Older Cat Healthy

by Jeffrey W. Irwin DVM

Older cats, just like older humans, have special needs that arise from years of hard work done by their body parts. Although cats age at different rates, most begin to enter their geriatric age at about 7-8 years.

Watch For risk Factors

Some risk factors cannot be controlled such as the predisposition of certain breeds to certain diseases. But other risk factors, such as activity level, environment, medical care and nutrition, can be controlled to help increase your pet's quality and length of life.

The following are some common problems that become more prevalent as your cat ages:

Weight - Older cats tend to gain weight as they body metabolism slows as well as their activity. Obesity is harmful at any age, but especially in older cats that may be developing arthritis. Check with your veterinarian to make sure your cat's weight and body condition are appropriate. In general, if it is difficult to feel your cat's ribs, the cat is too heavy.

Mouth - Most cats show signs of gum disease at the age of three. The

onset and progression is often genetically determined but also can be affected by diet. During an annual check up, your cat's teeth can be evaluated for tooth and gum problems and a plan of treatment can be established.

Skin - Again, skin problems can show up at any age but often appear more severe in the older pet. This is because the skin is more elastic and repairs itself less efficiently.

Senses - A reduced sense of smell and taste may have an effect on an older cat's appetite. In this situation, well-balanced, good-tasting food is essential. I tend to see less problems with eyesight loss or hearing loss in cats than I do in dogs. These can, however, occur in some cases, especially cats over 15 years.

Productive organs - Infections and tumors of the reproductive organs occur more often in the pets that have not been neutered. To help prevent this, have your pet neutered early in life. Neutered pets also live longer.

The following are some things you can do to minimize the risk factors in your aging cat:

- Take your older pet to the veteri-

narians for regular geriatric check ups. These should at least be done once a year when vaccinations are due, but may need to be done twice a year to better detect problems before they get real bad.

- Groom your pet often and watch for fleas, ticks, sores, rashes and bumps. Flea and tick control has been made much more effective and easier with the addition of Advantage and Program.
- Make sure your pet has regular bowel movements and can urinate easily. Urinary tract disease in male cats can sometimes lead to a urethral obstruction that is deadly.
- Check your pet's mouth for inflamed gums, loose teeth or swollen areas. Excessive drooling or reluctance to eat hard food can be early warning signs of mouth and tooth disease.

Feed recommended good quality food and adjust the amount fed to maintain proper weight. Avoid feeding cheap

local brands of foods that contain a lot of filler. They are not worth the savings that appear to be present on the surface.

It is not unusual for cats to live beyond 15 years of age. I've seen more than a few 20 year olds in the last several years.

Hopefully, these suggestions will help you extend the life of your feline companion!

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OBITUARIES



**James Hart
Wooldridge Sr.**

James went to be with our Lord on May 24, 1997. He was born in Portland, Oregon on May 18, 1919. His family moved all over Washington State, as his father was a teacher.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Irene, daughter Roxanne Wooldridge - Berry & husband, David Berry Sr., sons James H. Jr. and wife Patsy, Jack L. Sr., & wife Gail, 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jim was a Navy World War II Veteran of the South Pacific. He worked for Foss Tug for 42 years, was a Cub and Boy Scoutmaster of Midland Pack 84, and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Tacoma until the family moved back to their roots in Longbranch in 1984. They became members of the Sportsman Club, the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, the Key Peninsula Civic Center, and American Legion Post 31 of Shelton. Jim was a past Post Commander and a Life member of Vaughn VFW Post 4990. He spent many hours working on the Buddy Poppy program and the fireworks stand.

Graveside services will be Thursday, May 29th at 2:00 PM at the Longbranch Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Lackey Road on Sunday, June 1st at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church.

The following poem was written by the Wooldridge's "Honorary" son David (Dandy) Davidson:

*And now it's time to say good bye
He had to go, we know not why
But in our hearts he will always live
Because he taught us all to give
Our memories we need to share
Our thoughts are only that we care
And now the light must fade to dim
Until it is time to be with Him*

Edwin Donald Umland

Edwin Donald Umland, 53, a Lakebay resident since 1990, died May 5, 1997. He was born in Helena, Montana, May 6, 1943. Ed owned and operated S.O.S. Enterprises investment company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and enjoyed traveling, collecting old cars and fishing. Family members include: daughter, Lori Vanciel, California; sister, Nancee Franks, San Jose, CA; one grandson. The family wishes to express gratitude to Yvonne Connif for her support and concern. Graveside services, 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 at Longbranch Cemetery. Arrangements by Haven of Rest.



Irene Zimmer receives an award from DSHS Employment Specialist Denise Hollis for working with the employment program through the Civic Center. The award was presented at the May 8th meeting of the KPCCA Board. (L to R:) Sylvia Haase, Vice Pres. Irene Zimmer, Denise Hollis, DSHS, Richard Geehan, trainee and Tim Kezele, President.

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PHIL McCOLLEY is returning to the Key Peninsula after a long career with the forest service as a soil consultant in the Wenatchee area.

LESLIE WINDSOR has settled in the Wauna area after traveling all over the world as the wife of a Navy Officer. A long time Key Peninsula property owner, she's now happy to make it her permanent home.

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Summer Dance Program Comes To Key Peninsula

Dallas Dickens, Director of a World of Dance in Gig Harbor, will offer a six week Beginners Tap Dance course at the Key Peninsula Civic Center for children ages 5-12 from July 9th through August 15th.

Emphasis for these classes is on tap dance basics, music, and rhythm appreciation, song and dance routines and floor combinations. Dance and movement are direct influences for building self-confidence and self-esteem and are largely responsible for

important development of motor skills, balance and agility. The dress code is play clothes or leotards, and black tap shoes which are available at PayLess shoe stores, dance suppliers and Nordstrom's.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

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Dallas brings a rich background of dance education to the community with experience founded through successful ownership and direction of A World of Dance in Gig Harbor, two dance studio's and a production company in southern California. She offers more than twenty years of practical knowledge and proved teaching ability. Educational credits include staff positions with Peninsula Schools District, Tacoma Community College,

Tacoma and Kent Cultural Arts Advisory Councils and currently as director of dance at Tacoma Pierce County Branch of the YMCA in Lakewood.

Some of her entertainment experiences include musical productions advisor, beauty pageant director, and television specials coordinator. Entertainment credits include a David Frost ABC Special; consultant for Merv Griffin Studio's, Disneyland Special Events, consultant for primary schools educational dance video's and dance programs, choreographer and technical director for college and community musical productions.

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The Peninsula Outlook Wins Award

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The award came in the division for schools with enrollment of 500 to 1,000 in grades 10-12 and was based on three consecutive issues published during the current school year.

SPJ is the third press association to give the Outlook top honors this spring. Two weeks earlier, the Washington Press Association gave the Outlook a similar award, and in March, the Outlook tied for first in the Washington Journalism Education Association's Best of Show contest.

The three awards are a unique achievement in high school journalism, according to Outlook adviser Paul Spadoni.

"For 12 years, we have won first in either the SPJ contest or the WPA contest, but never both," he said. "We've been hoping that some year we could win both."

The WJEA contest, Spadoni said, is relatively new, and this spring was the first time the Outlook has entered it.

"I'm sure that sometime, some other newspaper has won the top awards in both the WPA and SPJ contests in the

same year," Spadoni said, "but since the WJEA contest has a short history, I know we're the first paper to win all three."

SPJ judges commented, "The Outlook ultimately prevailed because of its overall presentation. It made better use of headlines, understanding that a good headline is not just a label; it made better use of design and graphics, with crisper photos and page labels that better distinguished news pages from opinion or feature-oriented material."

Editor of the Outlook is senior Waylon Brunette. Section editors are seniors Angela Coats, Annaka Kalton, Christine Flaherty, Sandra Spadoni, Grace Lee, Brandon Sawaya and Keith Jones, and juniors Brooke Davis and Tom Merry. Deborah Anderson is co-adviser.

KP Civic Center Hosted Annual Spring Bazaar

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INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Pioneer Day Organization as well as all officers, employees and agents of those organizations, from any injury, damage or loss arising out of the applicant's participation in Pioneer Day activities.

Entry Fee is \$2.00 if you register before July 15,
1997

\$5.00 between July 15, 1997 and August 2, 1997

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PIONEER DAY BOOTH APPLICATION AUGUST 2, 1997

RENTAL FEES

Food booths - \$35.00 All Others \$15.00

Electrical Hook-up - \$20.00

Please enclose two separate checks: One for the rental fee and one for \$50.00 for security deposit. Deposit is refundable after inspection of booth area.

- GAME BOOTH FOOD BOOTH
 EXHIBIT BOOTH OTHER (explain)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

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For more information call the Civic Center at 884-3456 or call Stephanie Zampini at 884-9821

Remarks: _____

WANTED: Pioneer Day planning members. August 2nd is not too far off, and now is the time to start planning for Pioneer Day '97. Ideas for entertainment are especially needed. If you know of any youth or adult performers please call and let us know. There hopefully will be 3 performance areas going from 11 AM to 5 PM, then adult entertainment until midnight. Please call **884-3456**

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JUNE '97

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00 AM Baptist Church 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Private Skate 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Private Skate 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner | 2 3:30 PM CHS Buddies 7:00 PM Karate | 3 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 6:00 PM T.O.P.S. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dog Behavior 7:30 PM Dog Obedience 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dog Obed. | 4 1:00 PM Private Skate 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Lions Club | 5 Public Meeting, Fire Stations 10:30 AM Seniors 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN 7:00 PM Karate | 6 6:30 PM Skate Night | 7 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM GARAGE SALE!! 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN |
| 8 9:00 AM Baptist Church 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner | 9 7:00 PM Karate 7:30 PM VFW | 10 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 6:00 PM T.O.P.S. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dog Behavior 7:30 PM Dog Obedience 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dog Obed. | 11 6:30 PM Bible Study | 12 10:30 AM Seniors 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN 4:30 PM Aerobics 7:00 PM Karate 7:30 PM KPCCA Board | 13 9:00 AM Aerobics - LAST CLASS UNTIL FALL 6:30 PM Skate Night | 14 10:00 AM Private Skate 1:00 PM Private Skate 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN 4:00 PM Funky Footwork Recital 6:30 PM Private Skate |
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| 22 9:00 AM Baptist Church 2:00 PM Private Skate 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner 5:30 PM Private Skate 9:30 PM FIREWORKS DEMO - VFW | 23 7:00 PM Karate 7:30 PM VFW | 24 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WIC 6:00 PM Family Fun Night! 6:00 PM T.O.P.S. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dog Behavior 7:30 PM Dog Obedience | 25 6:30 PM Bible Study | 26 10:30 AM Seniors 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN 7:00 PM Karate | 27 6:00 PM VOLUNTEER DINNER | 28 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Museum OPEN 6:00 PM LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER |
| 29 9:00 AM Baptist Church 5:00 PM Friendship Dinner | 30 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM SUMMER FUN! 7:00 PM Karate |  | | | | |

EVENTS ON THIS CALENDAR
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!