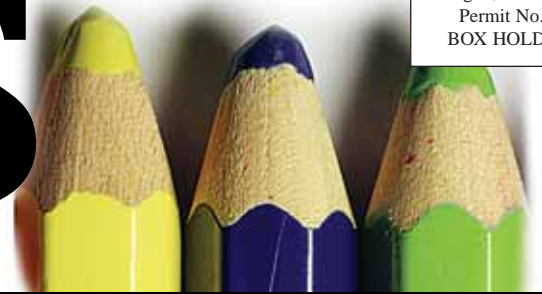




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Mighty Mites mighty good

Peninsula Youth Football provides the early training that can instill basic skills and ready the athlete for high school level.

By Ted Olinger, KP News

No one can read the expression behind Coach Doug Laird's wraparound sunglasses, but he can't help smiling when he talks about his new football team. The Mighty Mites are the beginner year division of the Peninsula Youth Football League, which has been training young players from both the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor for 33 years. But this fall marks the third season of PYF's new relationship with the Peninsula High Seahawks and Gig Harbor Tides. Under this arrangement, PYF players as young as 9 years old can join teams according to the high school they will eventually attend, allowing them to advance with the same kids year after year.

"We teach exactly the same techniques and principles taught at their high (See **FOOTBALL**, Page 19)



Photo courtesy of Doug Laird

Peninsula Youth Football players at a practice in August.

KP Parks Master Plan seeks input

By Marsha Hart, KP News

Now that Key Pen Parks has acquired another 400 acres of property on the Key Peninsula, it is time to take a close look and develop a master plan, said Scott Gallacher, executive director.

The parks district acquired Maple Hollow and 360/Horseshoe Lake properties in July through the Department of Natural Resources Trust Land Transfer Program. The land is valued at over \$8 million, and the leases are no-cost 50-year leases with an option to purchase. In the past year, the district has gained more than \$10 million worth of property.

"There are 800 acres of property on the Key Peninsula under our control," Gallacher said.

The plan will focus on Volunteer Park, but in doing so, he said the other parks will benefit.

"We need to know what other things the public would like to see at Volunteer or at other parks," he said. "We need to know if there are things they want to make it better, or if people in the community want us to leave it alone."

So far the public has not provided a lot of input or shown much interest, but Greg Anglemeyer, vice president of KP Parks, wants to see that change. The

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Public meetings:

Key Pen Parks Commission meeting
Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Master Plan Meetings Scheduled:

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desire is to provide the best possible recreational activities to the Key Peninsula, and he said it is important to

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Fire levy fails

The FD16 Fire Suppression Lid Lift Levy failed at the ballot box with 56 percent of the voters voting against. At a specially called board meeting held on Aug. 19, the Commissioners confirmed that the same levy will appear on the ballot again in the November General election.

Local legend to speak at education fundraiser

The Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, dedicated to providing funds for enhancement of teaching programs within the Peninsula School District, will hold its annual fund-raising breakfast at the Canterwood Golf and Country Club, Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 am. This year's speaker will be Frosty Westering, a well-known motivational speaker, parent of one of the PSD

teaching staff, and local legend in college coaching ranks. For details please call PSEF president John Purbaugh on 253-858-3309 or board member Hugh McMillan at 253-884-3319.

Local residents needed for disaster drill

St. Anthony Hospital is looking for volunteers to play the part of patients for a disaster drill Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Interested parties should contact Tracy Nagy, the volunteer coordinator for the hospital, at 581-6415.

Act early for Winter Warm-up Craft Fair and Chili Cook-Off

VAUGHN, WA-Key Peninsula Civic Center invites artists and crafters of all kinds to participate in the 2nd Annual Winter Warm-Up Craft Fair and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 14. Vendors who offer handmade and one-of-a-kind local crafts and creations, and live in the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor area, may sell their wares at the event. No

second-hand products or re-sales. This event SOLD OUT in 2009, so vendors are encouraged to sign-up early. For more information, call 253-884-3456 or visit www.kpciviccenter.org.

Traffic signal progress examined by KPC

The Key Peninsula Community Council has received a response to the letter they sent to the county, and is planning another community forum Sept. 9 to examine the progress of the traffic signal in Key Center. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the VFW Room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

The council continues to work with the county and councilman Terry Lee on the subject. While some KP residents have expressed an opinion and object to a traffic signal, want only turn lanes and traffic calming devices, others are in favor of a roundabout in place of the signal.

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KP Citizens Against Crime continues

By Danna Webster, KPNews

Charter members stepped forward to preserve the Citizens Against Crime organization in August. The decision to dissolve the organization was reached by the executive board and members at their July meeting. A decline in membership and a reduction in requests for service were some of the reasons for their decision.

At the August picnic meeting, CAC president Pat Latshaw reviewed the decision and outlined some internal conflicts that also led to it. According to Latshaw, action taken in 2008 that asked all members to reapply and endorse rules, regulations and a contract to abide by the rules caused membership to drop drastically. It was determined that CAC needed a new start, new logo and new leadership; but there were no volunteers to orchestrate the change. However, at the August meeting, Latshaw was pleased to announce, "It has been brought to my attention that maybe we won't shut down tonight." She said she would not continue as president and a new leader needed to step up.

The CAC is recognized as an extraordinary organization within Pierce County according to detachment commander for the Sheriff's department, Lt. Rusty Wilder. "There is also a community unity piece to this. I'd be heart broken to see that disappear," Wilder said. "I'm committed to working with CAC. I've advised the Sheriff of the commitment from us to help your

membership and keep this membership going," he said.

Charter member Hugh McMillan stepped forward. "Janice (McMillan) and I want to invite everybody here, and more, to celebrate the 22nd year of this organization. I have been tied up (this year) and not paid as much attention as I should have." McMillan said it is "vital to ourselves and our community that all of us get together. We can't let this device go away."

Citizens Against Crime and Citizens' Patrol began by volunteering to help with simple office duties at the Pierce County Sheriff's Department 21 years ago. Eventually, The CAC/CP assisted with providing information regarding the location of many meth labs on the Key Peninsula, providing vacation watches on homes and properties, business patrols, helping at schools, securing the KP Fair grounds, and many other activities on the Peninsula.

McMillan shared a tribute to a long list of people and agencies that served the organization, including many county executives and sheriffs. He told stories of several communities, within the state and other states as well, which adopted the model of CAC. "I don't want to disappoint them," McMillan said and agreed to accept the position as interim president for CAC.

The meeting moved forward with the business of buying a circular saw to donate to the fire department and recognizing the support of Community Services Officer Emily Watson, Lt. Wilder, and Sheriff Paul Pastor.

McMillan stressed that an outreach for new members



Photo by Danna Webster

At the Citizens Against Crime 21st anniversary picnic, Lt. Rusty Wilder, Pierce County Detachment Commander, and CAC interim president, Hugh McMillan, review memories and documents about the CAC/CP work and activities of the Key Peninsula.

and more leadership is essential for CAC success. "Let us make it work," he said. "One head is good but many heads are a whole lot better." He appreciated that the vice president, secretary and treasurer agreed to continue in their positions.

The CAC/CP meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Home Fire Station. For information contact Hugh McMillan at 884-3319.

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Lid lift levy

My husband is a volunteer firefighter with KP Fire. I want everyone to know that I am proud of him for what he does. He works all week at a regular job. He spends his weekends on shift at the fire station. I live with his emergency pager knowing that at anytime it could go off and he is rushing out the door to help someone. He puts his own life out there to save others. I respect and support him for that. I'm sad knowing that our fire department, for all it does, could be dragged through the mud. When my husband is out on an emergency call, I want to know that he has the proper equipment and gear to keep him safe, so he may return home. With the community growing can we afford to take our safety for granted? Can we afford to start over? We don't have much compared to other fire departments. I want to keep what we have and make it better. I know that it comes down to what the community wants. I will vote "Yes" for the levy in November. To make sure, when I need help someone will be there.

Molly Whittemore

SCHOOL'S BACK

The schools on the Key Peninsula are open again but many of the teachers and counselors are not coming back because of budgetary deficits at the Peninsula School District. They have been rified (Reduction In Force). Being Riffed is best known in this economic recession as being laid off.

I am not going to get into the impossible discussion as to what else the District administration could have done to avoid some or all of these layoffs in our very valuable educational organization. Some administrators are taking a voluntary reduction in pay. This is a "blame game" where everyone loses, especially our children and their education. But I will say however many teachers, counselors, school staff and administrators Key Peninsula schools and students have lost, there are too many. It is a loss for the entire Key Peninsula and the future of our community. There are few indicators of life success, and one of them is education and how far in the educational system a student may go. Yes, I know

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FROM THE WATER'S EDGE



that too many students drop out. And yes, I know that too many students struggle in school. And believe me I know that the schools could do a better job. But the reality is that when schools lose, we all lose BIG TIME. Some would say it's about the money, but isn't it really about all our kids' future? Really isn't getting a great education about YOUR children and grandchildren? Isn't that why you go to school to find out how your child is doing? And what you and the teacher could do to give your child a better education? How many times have you heard someone say, "I want a second-best education for my children."? When it comes to education we want the best we can make happen for our children. Because if there is one thing parents have learned, it's education is one of

This is a "blame game" where everyone loses, especially our children and their education.

the most important keys to success, and how kids feel about themselves.

So, when school starts again, lets each give each other at least one more chance to get it right than we did last year. Patience with school staff, teachers, counselors, parents, and students can go a long way to make this year not only just good, but also great. We are all in this together, and I believe we all want to make this work. Let's prove we can do more with less. If this is the bottom, then from here it must be up, if we do it together. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, those school doors are open for you walk in and help your kids. Get more involved. Give your kids their chance. Do you really have a choice?

Still seeing red on health care

I believe it is wrong when hardworking people are held hostage by health insurance companies that deny them coverage, drop their coverage when they need it most, or charge fees that they can't afford for care that they desperately need. Our healthcare system is broken. Some say we have the best healthcare system in the world. False. According to the World Health Organization the U.S. ranks number 37 after Costa Rica.

Each of us should be alarmed to know that healthcare expenses are the number one cause of personal bankruptcy and account for 50 percent of filings. In a recent study by Harvard University researchers found that the average out-of-pocket medical debt for those who filed for bankruptcy was \$12,000. The

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study also noted that 68 percent of those who filed for bankruptcy had health insurance.

According to the National Coalition on Healthcare these are some of the facts:

In 2008, health care spending in the United States reached \$2.4 trillion

Although nearly 46 million Americans are uninsured, the United States spends more on health care than other industrialized nations, and those countries provide health insurance to all their citi-

zens.

Health care spending is 4.3 times the amount spent on national defense.

Every 30 seconds in the United States someone files for bankruptcy in the aftermath of a serious health problem.

Retiring elderly couples will need \$250,000 in savings just to pay for the most basic medical coverage. Many experts believe that this figure is conservative and that \$300,000 may be a more realistic number.

Working in the credit counseling industry I have encouraged people to save and invest so they would be prepared for unexpected expenses just to come to understand they used their life savings to get better or just to stay alive. The truth is, saving and investing for retirement is a

myth without health reform – each of us able to save is really doing so for our first major health crisis.

Each of us needs to do our part to make sure reform is passed in 2009. Here is what you can do:

Get educated on the healthcare subject so you are not fooled by misinformation perpetuated by those who make profit of the sickness of others.

Suggest to legislators we pay for healthcare for all by rolling back the Reagan tax cuts.

Demand from our legislators a public health option to cover those who have no insurance, reform for private insurance and improvements to social programs such as Medicare.

Tell everyone you know what you know.

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Farm Tour set for October

STAFF REPORTS

Once again the farms on the Key Peninsula will invite the public to stop by and enjoy a day on the farm during the HarvestFest 2009 on Oct. 3

The tour will feature nine farms, with the event headquarters at Creviston Valley Farm in Longbranch.

Signs will be placed all along the Key Peninsula Highway to direct visitors to each farm, and there will be pumpkin patches, wine tasting, fresh vegetables

and fruits and live music.

The culmination of the day will be at the Cornucopia Dinner and Dance at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, and all proceeds from the dinner will benefit the civic center.

For more information about HarvestFest see the back page of this edition, or visit www.piercecountywa.org/harvestfest.

For more information about the Cornucopia Dinner, call the civic center at 884-3456.

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Sept 16 Monthly meeting

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Oct 3 Fiber Arts Show

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Oct 21 Monthly meeting

Member's potluck dinner, 6:30 pm LIC general meeting.

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Fiber Arts Show in October



By Carolyn Wiley
Special to the KP News

On October 3, 2009, the doors of the historic Longbranch Improvement Club will be open to the public for "Fiber Arts: Threads Through Time" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fiber Arts show is free to the public and features the work of local and regional fiber artists who will be on hand to demonstrate and explain techniques, show finished work, and provide buying opportunities for visitors. The goal of the day is to assemble the gamut of fiber arts from Artistic to Utilitarian, and Traditional to Modern.

The fiber Arts Show is presented in conjunction with the Key Peninsula HarvestFEST Farm Tour.

Among the returning artists are:

Elsa Leyden, owner of the Longbranch Fiber Farm; Jan Buday, Kumihimo (Japanese braiding) that compliments her, and fused glass bead designs; Robin Gould, sail maker and canvas bag designs; Lois Henderson, weaver, knitter and owner of Allyn Knit Shop & Spinning Supply; Arlene Egan, weaving, felting and knitted silver jewelry; Delaine Gately, fiber historian and quilter; Peggy Viney, lace making, needle work and owner of Krazy Kat Fiberhaus; Donna Daily, Tote-It-Around; and all my great quilting friends from the Key Center Library Group and the Wednesday Troublemakers.

New and returning artists show different facets of creativity:

Julie Higgins, locally known for theater costume design will be showing wedding gowns; Cinda Peterson, needle felting--

The Fiber Arts Festival was a popular event for the Longbranch Improvement Club last year. This year's event will feature some returning artists.

specializing in custom sculptures of dogs; Denise Hays, "integrating fiber and paper into creative sentiments."

The fiber arts site will also feature the quilt designed for The Mustard Seed fund raising raffle. Do not forget to get your raffle ticket and pick up information about the Mustard Seed Project while at the fiber arts show.

A corner will be reserved for a "knit-in" for the elementary-aged knitters--The Knit Wits at Minter Creek and the After 'Ours knitting group at Evergreen, as well as adults who knit for hospitals.

There is still space available for demonstrators and exhibitors.

If you have a special skill you want to share, contact Carolyn Wiley for details at c.wiley@mac.com or (253) 884-9157.

Several of Fred Leenstra's antique tractors will be on display outside the Longbranch Improvement Club building. A knot tying and rope-making crew is expected to be on hand, too.

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Changes at Camp Stand By Me

By Colleen Slater, KP News

“Easter Seal camp” on the south shore of Vaughn Bay is well known by locals and families who have members with disabilities.

Placement of a new sign stands for more than recognition of the official name – Camp Stand By Me – and a new logo.

A multi-million dollar capital campaign spanning several years resulted in additions and remodels to benefit the over 300 campers served each year at the facility.

Campaign goals were to increase the capacity to serve more campers, renovate and weatherize existing facilities to provide year-round camp sessions, and expand services to include family and respite camps.

Cathy Bisaillon, Easter Seals Washington CEO, is excited about all the new facilities and programs at the camp.

The dining hall, pool building, recreation center, arts and crafts building, and cabins were repaired and refurbished. Some received new roofs, floors, and/or equipment, and all were weatherized.

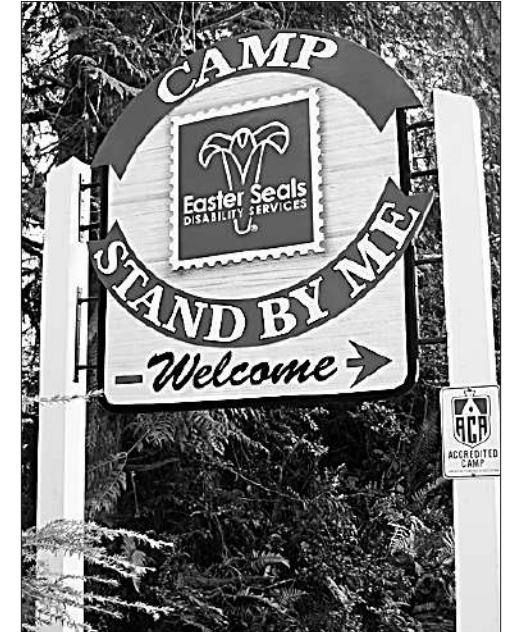
A year-round director, Ellen Stone, lives on site, and has already scheduled weekend respite camps for fall, and a family camp next spring.

First time campers, or those whose families aren't sure their child is ready for a weeklong session, can do a “test run” at a respite camp.

A family camp allows the whole family to spend a weekend with special activities for the children, and time for



Ben, Daniel R, Sugn, and Chris picking wild blackberries. Right, a sign displays the new name and logo for Camp Stand



Photos by Colleen Slater and Marsha Hart

parents to relax and socialize with each other and other parents.

Everyone who wants to do an activity at camp is encouraged and helped to do so. The camp contracts with Grandia Farms for horse riding.

Members of the Kitsap Pogie Club bring fishing poles and take interested campers out to fish, and then join them for lunch.

Stone arranged the purchase of sturdy canoes, and it is one of the favorite activities for this year's campers.

A nature trail and area are available for those interested in local flora and fauna.

A small herb garden has been

planted, with the herbs used in camp meals.

Campfires are a standby, with hotdogs, S'mores and sticky buns to consume and staff and guest musicians to entertain.

Beachcombing is available, participation in drama delights some, and the revitalized, bright arts and crafts room is also a popular destination.

Melissa Neyman, a young adult camper from several years ago, had severe disability, and the only time she remained calm was in the arts and crafts center. After her death, her family donated funds to improve and expand the area that now includes a covered

outside space.

“The camp sessions are sort of segregated by age,” said Bisaillon, as campers prefer to be with their peers. A Young Adult session may have campers from about 17 to 30 years old, while an older adult camp is for 45 and up. One regular camper is in his 70s.

Staff to camper ratios are from 1:1 for those who need more assistance to 1:3 for more independent campers. A Registered Nurse is on site, and trains the incoming staff in first aid and safety. In one instance, a camper experienced a seizure, and by the time the nurse arrived, the staffers had everything under control, behaving like professionals.

The swimming pool, kept at therapeutic temperatures, is used for water aerobics during the non-camper season, with trained leaders and licensed life guards on hand, a community connection for the facility.

The college-aged staff is recruited each year, including five or six international students.

A sign in one cabin epitomizes the attitude of the camp: The only disability in life is a bad attitude.

Camp Stand By Me is a great experience for campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Bisaillon notes that local volunteers and donations are always welcome. For more information, call 884-2722, email camp@wa.easterseals.com or visit wa.easterseals.com.

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Sculpture unveiling on hold

By Sharon Hicks, KP News

Sculptor John Jewell of Vaughn began his preliminary sculpting from clay last fall for the bronze more than life size statue of Chloe Clarke. He was featured on "My Home Town," which aired in November on cable television.

Chloe Clarke became the first schoolteacher in the Pacific Northwest at Fort Nisqually in 1841. Now that Jewell has finished the sculpture, her commemoration, which was set for July 10, has been postponed one year due to a delay in the groundwork at the school in DuPont where she taught.

Jewell's historic sculptures have been displayed as far East as Virginia and South to Georgia. His favorite is "Balancing the Books" which is located in front of the Key Center Library. He relishes taking clay and shaping it into something that express an emotion and shares a feeling with the observer. His objective is to create sculptures that reflect our humanity and history, he said.

Jewell has studied under many internationally known sculptors and when approached by Maj. Gen. John Hemphill with the idea of doing a statue to commemorate Clarke, Jewell agreed with great enthusiasm, he said.

He created the design then worked with an architect and a committee in developing the environment for the sculpture.

Most people, including teachers, don't know anything about the first Puget Sound and Northwest schoolteacher, he said. Chloe was born April 16, 1818 in Connecticut and sailed to Fort Vancouver in 1839 with a 50-member reinforcement group for the Methodist missionary colony. During the 235-day voyage she taught school for the 10 youngest children.

Upon arriving at Fort Vancouver she was assigned Nisqually Mission Station teacher in June 1840 and arrived at Hudson Bay's Fort Nisqually July 10 of that year. A month later she married her carpenter, William Willson. This was the first marriage of an American couple in

today's Puget Sound region. School was open five days a week for 50 Nisqually Indian students but attendance was sporadic.

Chloe wrote in her diary, "The task of instructing the youthful minds in the principles of science and religion is as pleasant to me as ever."

The facilities they lived in at the Mission Station consisted of two joined 9-foot high buildings with a stockade and space for a vegetable garden and school area.

When Clarke is commemorated next year she will be portrayed under a four-log frame representing the stockade entrance.

The Willsons left the Nisqually Mission a year later as William was transferred to Willamette Falls. Chloe continued to teach school to 10 white and 12 Indian students. Rum was being sold in the area so she started a Temperance Society for children. Between the years 1844 and 1856 when her husband died, bore three children, she taught school at the Oregon



Photo courtesy of John Jewell

John Jewell, a KP artist, has finished a sculpture of the first schoolteacher in the Northwest. Chloe Clarke will be unveiled sometime next year in DuPont.

Institute, again as the first teacher, with five students. Returning to Conn. she and her children eventually settled in Mass. where she boarded students, among them being Joseph K. Gill who later became the founder of the J.K. Gill Book Company in the northwest.

Returning to Portland in 1863, Clarke became the first Dean of Women for Willamette University. For health reasons she left the university in 1871 and died in Portland, Oregon on June 2, 1874 at the age of 56.

Chloe Clarke Willson, lived for and did a lot for humanity and is recognized as a leader of history in the school industry thus her commemoration in bronze for observers to recognize and appreciate.

This story ran on the KP News website, www.keypennews.com in July.

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KP Community Council candidates announced

The Key Peninsula Community Council (KPC) will be holding elections for the Board of Directors Sept. 20. The Council is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to address, respond to and meet the needs of community residents by developing partnerships, sponsorships and programs to maintain and improve the quality of life on the Key Peninsula.

If you're not already a voting member, if you're at least 18 years of age and currently either live or own property on the Key Peninsula you may register as a voting member at the polling booth and can then vote on the day of the election.

Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voting members of the Council in early September. Registered voting members can either mail in their ballots, or save the cost of a postage stamp and drop their ballots off at the KPC polling booth at the Farmer's Market in Key Center on the day of the election, between the hours of noon to 4 p.m.

Several members the Council's Board of Directors will be present at the polling booth to talk with interested citizens about current issues that impact our community and present informative briefings on various projects and changes that are being considered for the Key Peninsula.

Candidates who are elected to the KPC's Board of Directors will be sworn in on Oct. 14. The Council meets every second Wednesday in the Key Center public library.

Biographies and statements of intent for currently nominated candidates are provided below.

Area 1 (two positions open)

Michael Razmek: I believe my thirty years of working for government agencies and political organizations would be an asset to the community. I understand the challenges we face and will provide the representation and leadership to ensure our community prospers. Currently, we are not receiving our fair share of the county



RAZMEK

and state taxes for road improvements and other growth initiatives. As a prospective Director on the Community Council my goal would be to secure necessary tax dollars to meet our current and future needs. I am a member of the Association of Government Accountants, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Purchasing Managers, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a retired Contract Manager for the Department of Defense.

Area 2 (two positions open)

Mike Baum (incumbent): Thank-you for considering which candidate would be best for the Key Peninsula. It is concern like yours that sets the Key Peninsula apart. I have lived on the Key Peninsula for over twenty years and have been active in helping it mature into the wonderful place it is. It is critical that as it continues to mature we provide guidance and oversight. I can be diplomatic and engaging. I promise I won't be apathetic or complacent. Traffic and transportation are my passions and I feel I am a good liaison between you and our governing agencies.

Dottie Mazza: I've been visiting the Key Peninsula since the 1960's. Our family decided this is where they want to call home and made it our permanent residence in 1996. I've been a Realtor for Windermere since 2002 and was active in assisting in the purchase of a 39 acre shoreline property at the head of Taylor Bay



MAZZA

for Trust of Public Lands, a conservation group. This property was one of the last large undeveloped pockets of land on the bay, and TPL and the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District are working together to create a public park. I also do volunteer work on the Key Peninsula, such as working at a Habitat for Humanity house, Donations to the Children's home society and various projects for the Park District. I'm hoping to be a part of the Council to work on keeping our waterways clean, safe and available for the people of the Key

Peninsula to use and enjoy.

Danna Webster (incumbent): The Key Peninsula Community Council is the only organization on the peninsula dedicated to representing all communities. The Directors are elected to represent from one of four geographical areas. I have served as an Area 2 director since 2004, working with the Council to learn the issues and concerns of the peninsula and addressing those subjects to state, county and local governments.



WEBSTER

This past year, it has been my proud duty to serve as president of KPC. I am dedicated to helping the Council build a representative voice through authentic community involvement from the chin of Devil's Head to the Kitsap county line. I'm also the Vice President of the Key Peninsula Business Association, Assistant Editor of the Key Peninsula News, a member of the Key Peninsula Farmers' Market Board, Key Peninsula Farm Tour Board, and Key Peninsula Writers' Guild

Area 3 (one position open)

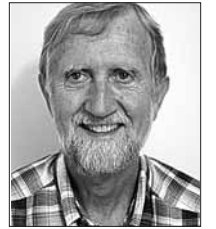
Liz Gefre (incumbent): I've been a resident of the Key Peninsula for five years. After serving on the Key Peninsula Community Council for under a year, I feel that I've only gotten my feet wet. I'd like to have time to work more in depth on several issues affecting this community. As a member of the Small Farm Board, I've been involved with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour since the first year. I have a degree in Human Services from Western Washington University and worked as a Social worker for 15 years. I'm currently a realtor and have worked for Windermere Key Realty for the past two years. I love life on the Key Peninsula and would like to see this quality of life sustained for years to come.



GEFRE

Tom Longley: I moved to the Key Peninsula in 1983 to work at the Minter

Creek Salmon Hatchery. For the last eleven years I've been working with a Christian non-profit that works in Central Asia. I'm actively involved in my church and enjoy meeting people and hearing their stories. After some encouragement from friends, I decided to be a candidate for the KPCC out of a desire to get to know more people in the community and to be more involved in helping people with their concerns in these challenging times.



LONGLEY

Dan Miller: no statement submitted

Amanda Swainston: The Key Peninsula is not only full of retired individuals and families that have lived here for generations but also more increasingly young families are drawn out here for one reason or another. For my husband and me, we were raised out here



SWAINSTON

for most of our lives. It was obvious after only a couple years of being away that we knew it would be the best place to raise our family. It is my love of the Key Peninsula that draws me to run for this position. I would be an excellent candidate as I have worked with many of the families out here. For years I worked as a personal care provider for elderly and disabled Key Peninsula residents. Later my husband and I became a licensed family child care in Lakebay serving many families over the past few years. Currently my husband is running the family child care and I work as preschool teacher/family advocate for ECEAP, our state's low income preschool program much like Head Start. It is for these reasons and many more; I feel I would be a well qualified candidate.

Area 4 (two positions open)

Chris Fitzgerald (incumbent): The Key Peninsula has been precious to me since

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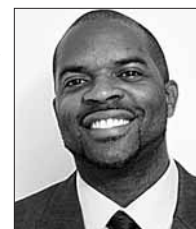
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childhood. I am seeking re-election to advocate sound, community-friendly solutions to land use, shorelines, and rural access issues. I was the organizing force behind the successful geoduck forum sponsored by the Council and local paper, during which time I was also an environmental reporter. The KP is a modern-day rarity – communities caring for neighbors and embracing quality of life in a rural setting. We have been “discovered,” however, and traffic is causing some activities that make country living unique to diminish. If re-elected, I invite like-minded citizens to join with me in challenging the county and state to help us create walking, bicycling and horse-back riding trails. We can’t afford to sit back and let the KP become just another suburb adjacent to a city. This special gem, this peninsula, and the people who love it, deserve more.



FITZGERALD

Rion Tisino: I choose to run as a board member for the Community Council of the Key Peninsula because I want to work to keep our community safe, and maintain and improve the quality of life on Key Peninsula. I have been a homeowner on the Key Peninsula since October 2007. I feel that Longbranch, Washington is one of the highest quality areas of rural living in Washington State. I believe that I am a qualified applicant because of my ethical standards, educational history, and experience. My primary goal when I moved to Longbranch was to set examples and bring a unique sense of diversity. I’ve been in the social services field. I have been working for the Department of Social and Health Services for the last two and a half years. I’ve been teaching a diversity course at Edmonds Community College for the last three Winter quarters. My strength is that I am a people-person. I can go anywhere and make people feel comfortable around me in



TISINO

my conversation. I believe in community involvement on a micro level. Lastly, I believe children are our future. Knowing this is important to ingrain the importance of education to our children. In the fall I plan to offer my services to the community. I have seven board members on my Tisino Family Services Agency. Our goal is to provide ethically appropriate policy and procedures, design innovative mental health and family services, and continue to provide proficient and effective services to families in the Pacific Northwest.

Kim Wiley: I’m running because I feel community improvement depends on the involvement of concerned citizens. I’m a member of the PHS Scholarship Committee, Secretary to the President of “NW PRO4 Trucks” touring circle track racing club, a photographer for “Latent Images,” and a notary with “Key Peninsula Notary.”



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The Key Peninsula News is looking for fresh voices for the position of guest columnist for 2010.

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Guest columnists will contribute bi-monthly columns over the next year for a total of 6 columns. Guest columnists must have Internet access, live on the Key Peninsula, and be able to meet deadlines. Previous experience is not required, and this position is unpaid.

Those who meet this criteria and wish to be considered for the position of guest columnist should submit the following: a one-paragraph biography or background summary, a one-paragraph proposal outlining your column ideas and potential topics, and at least two proposed columns 500 to 600 words or less.

Submissions must be electronic, and emailed to news@keypennews.com

Any questions should also be addressed to the above E-mail address.

Finalists will be selected by a panel of readers. Deadline for submission is Oct. 15, and three columnists will be selected and announced in the December edition.

COMMUNITY WORKS

Submit calendar items to news@keypennews.com • Deadline 15th of the month

Sept. 5-Lyme group meets

Lyme Support Group Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month 3-5 p.m. at the Key Center Public Library. The group focuses on support, advocacy and education for those whose lives are affected by Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections. Anna, 253-307-4637 or midnightdawn@gmail.com

Sept. 9-Kindermusik class begins

Kindermusik for children 5-7 years old will be offered on Wednesdays through Oct. 28 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Park Concession Building. A new country will be visited each lesson and the children will learn to say hello in five languages from Germany, Japan, Africa, England and Mexico. The class of 5 to 12 students will listen to and play native instruments, enjoy movement, dance and creating music and drumming during the journey "Around the World." Class fee of \$120/eight weeks includes take-home materials. Parents are encouraged to attend the last 10-15 minutes of each class.

Chanda Morris, 253-906-3002

Sept. 9- KPC meeting changed

The KP Community Council meets in VFW Room at the KP-Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Discussion of downtown Key Center intersection.

Sept. 11-Skate night

Friday Night Skate, a longstanding tradition for Key Peninsula elementary and middle school youth, begins Sept. 11 and runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. In addition to skating, activities include air hockey, foosball and video games, contests and more. The kitchen will also be open serving burgers, pizza, fries, candy, sodas and other treats. Special theme nights are offered throughout the year. Entrance is \$5. All proceeds benefit the Key Peninsula Civic Center. 884-3456, or kpciviccenter@centurytel.net

Sept. 12-Home Park celebration

Home Park's first anniversary party will be celebrated from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Home Park. Bring your appetites; food and entertainment will be provided. Chad, 884-9220

Sept. 12-Foster parents meet

Foster Parents on the Key Peninsula are invited to a potluck BBQ at the Baldwin's home. This is an opportunity to meet foster parents, both private agencies and State, and get to know each other in order to support each other with child care and other needs. Call to RSVP and for directions: Cinda Baldwin 884-0882 or cinda-baldwin@centurytel.net

Sept. 14-Learn to preserve

Barbara Rowland will present a fall food preservation class from 6-8 p.m. at the Volunteer Park Concession Building. Five to 20 participants over 14 years old will explore how to make jams & jellies, water-bath canning, pressure canning, pickling, and dehydrating. Samples to taste and take-home recipes are included in the \$12 fee. 884-9220

Sept. 17-Community forum

The Mustard Seed Project's Third Thursday Community Forum resumes with an informative session on Elderhealth Northwest, an innovative and comprehensive senior living program in Seattle. Steve Emmer, MSW, will be the guest speaker from 10 a.m.-noon at the Key Center Library. Participate in a lively community dialogue and discover new information on senior living options. Raffle tickets for an incredible reversible quilt will be on sale. 884-9814 or ediemorgan@themustardseedproject.org

Sept. 17 – Opera preview

Join Norm Hollingshead's free preview of the Seattle Opera's October produc-

tion of Verdi's "La Traviata", a tale of masked revelry, family strife, blighted love, and selfless sacrifice. The preview is at 7 p.m. at the Key Center Library. Plan to attend a discounted October performance in Seattle with a group of Friends of the Key Center Library. Donations for the KP Food Bank are encouraged. 884-2242

Sept. 18-POW/MIA recognition

The Key Peninsula Veterans Institute will host a senior luncheon and a Missing Man Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at the Key Peninsula Community Services. Pfc. Bergdahl is an American soldier in Afghanistan who is listed as a Prisoner of War. All items at the luncheon represent a different aspect of the POWs and MIAs and a reminder that we are at war. Let us remember, lest we forget.

Sept 19 - Key to worship

A spirit-filled free Christian musical collaboration will be performed in harmony with area churches, including a presentation by the 'Red Barn' at the Longbranch Improvement Club from noon - 4 p.m. Gary Viers, 253-414-5123 or gviers@earthlink.net

Sept. 20-KPC election

The Key Peninsula Community Council will hold its annual election on Sunday at the KP Farmers Market (O'Callahan's) from noon to 4 p.m.

Sept. 26-Indoor soccer begins

Key Pen Parks is offering an Indoor Soccer program designed for guys and gals ages 4-10. This program gives youth the chance to learn and improve their skills and fundamentals of soccer using scaled-down equipment, specialized drills and games to ensure success for all kids. Adult involvement is encouraged during sessions. The sessions begin on Saturday, Sept. 26 and run through Saturday, Nov. 14 and are held at the Key Peninsula

Middle School gym. Cost is \$49/child; there will be 10-25 children per age group. Register with Chad, 884-9220

Sept. 26-Help public lands

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy. In 2008, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants planted over 1.6 million trees. Bring gloves, clippers, loppers, shears and a lunch and join the 16th annual National Public Lands Day from 10 a.m.-noon at Maple Hollow (4000 Van Beek Road KPN, Lakebay) or Rocky Creek Conservation Area (Crews Road KPN at 150th Avenue, Gig Harbor). Chad, 884-9220

Sept. 27-Adult co-ed kickball

An adult co-ed kickball league, following basic softball/kickball rules, will begin on Sunday, Sept. 27 and run through Nov. 15. The season includes a practice game, eight regular double-header season and a single elimination tournament. Games will be between noon-3 p.m. at Volunteer Park. Cost is \$180 per team and includes game ball. Four to eight teams are needed for the league. A managers' meeting will be held on Sept. 22 at the park office at 7 p.m. Chad, 884-9240

Tuesdays-TOPS #1325

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

Wednesdays- Walks scheduled

Key Peninsula Parks sponsors Wednesday Walkers each week from 10-11:30 a.m. at different spots on a rotating schedule. Adults 18 and over (dogs must be on a leash) are welcome to meet on Sept. 2 at Maple Hollow (48th St/Van Beek Rd in Lakebay) for a difficult walk.

OFF THE KEY

Sept. 12- Poetry workshop

The Friends of the Peninsula Library sponsor "Beating Your Own Best Time: A Poetry Workshop with Models and Suggestions for Writing Better Poems" by award-winning poet Tom Crawford from noon to 6 p.m. at the Peninsula Library. Sign-ups start early to allow time for the presenter to read participant's poetry and provide personal notes to each person before his free workshop.

Crawford has published five collections of poems, including his most recent book, titled "Wu Wei." He has taught in universities throughout the western U.S. and in Asia. Glen,

884-6382 or glen@harvest-timber.com

Sept. 12 & 13- Pirates visit

Port Orchard's fourth murder

mystery weekend features pirates and pirate wanna-be's. All of the activities and events take place along Bay St. in downtown and at the Marina Waterfront Park.. The B.O.O.M. Pirates will be featured and are sponsored by the Concert by the Bay Committee. Visitors can enjoy or participate in a Pirate Landlubber Dinghy Derby Race on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Rules for the race and entry forms can be found at www.portorchard.com.

The two day event also features a Pirate Costume Contest (for adults, kids and pets), a 2-day Vendor Marketfaire, the Farmers Market, a Pirate Ball, a pancake breakfast, the children's move "The Goonies", Pirate story time for 3-5 year olds at the library, a children's bouncer, fight-a-pirate lessons and miniature boat races. See details at www.portorchard.com

Sept. 13-Kopachuck celebration

To celebrate the efforts of the citizens in the saving of Kopachuck and Joemma State Parks, POP (Preserve our Park) is sponsoring a Family Day at Kopachuck between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Families will enjoy the live folk music of Flannel Asparagus, participate in guided trail hikes, face painting for the kids, and food concessions which will support POP. POP is also sponsoring a huge, hand-crafted Thank You Tree on which everyone can sign their thanks to the Governor and Legislature. Go online to www.pop.kreha.org or email kopachuckpop@yahoo.com

Sept. 18-Oct. 4- Play presented

Paradise Theatre presents "And then there were None" by Agatha Christie, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-22. 851-7529

AUGUST PUBLIC MEETINGS

- KP Metro Parks, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Park Annex
- Fire District 16, Sept. 8 & 22, 3 p.m. at Key Center Fire Station
- Key Peninsula Community Council, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. at Key Peninsula Civic Center's VFW room
- Peninsula School District Board, Sept. 24, regular meeting, 6 p.m. at district office, 14105 62nd Ave NW, Gig Harbor

KP Farm Tour Board. For information or to volunteer, call 884-1205 or 884-3456 or kpciviccenter@centurytel.net.

Oct. 7-Visit Mt. Rainier

Key Pen Parks is sponsoring a day trip, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., to Paradise Lodge at Mount Rainier National Park. Fantastic views, flowering meadows and trails are all available from the lodge. The group of 5 to 7 people will meet at Volunteer Park parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$35/person plus money for lunch at one of the lodge's restaurants. For reservations, call Chad, 884-9240.

Oct. 15- Candidate forum

The Key Peninsula Business Association will sponsor a Candidates' Forum, for the positions of Key Peninsula Park Commissioner and Fire District No.16 Commissioner, from 7-9 p.m. in the Whitmore Room of the KP Civic Center. Interested people are welcome to hear the candidates and ask questions.

Now-Vendors needed

Key Peninsula Civic Center invites artists and crafters of all kinds to participate in the 2nd Annual Winter Warm-Up Craft Fair and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Nov. 14. Vendors who offer handmade and one-of-a-kind local crafts and creations, and live in the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor area, may sell their wares at the event. No second-hand products or re-sales. This event sold out in 2009, so vendors are encouraged to sign-up early. For more information, call 884-3456 or www.kpciviccenter.org.

Sept. 9 is an easy walk at Volunteer Park. On Sept. 16 an easy/moderate walk will be at Penrose State Park. Rocky Creek (SR 302/150th Ave) will be an easy/moderate walk on Sept. 23. The walk on Sept. 30 will be at Maple Hollow. Chad, 884-9240 or www.keypenparks.com

Thursdays-Toastmasters meet

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

Thursdays- Senior Society meets

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

Saturdays-Writers meet

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

Sundays - KP Farmers Market

The Farmers' Market is open 12-4 p.m. in O'Callahan's parking lot. All of the

farmers at the market grow on the KP, making the produce the freshest available. Herron Hill Dairy is now available. Learn about HarvestFEST on Sept. 6, Tahoma Food Policy Coalition Sept. 13, and ask questions of Master Gardeners on Sept. 20. To find out what's fresh at the market this week, or to sign up for the newsletter, visit www.kpfarmersmarket.org.

Oct. 1- Parent/child group

A parent/infant/toddler group will meet for 90 minutes at the KP Lutheran Church from 9:30-11 a.m. for an eight week session. Get involved with your child, ages 0-30 months, using sensory, movement, music and activities designed to enhance brain connections. Discussions on research based parenting topics are facilitated by a parent educator. Fee is \$82.94 and scholarships are available. Register by calling 253-680-7500 or online at www.bates.ctc.edu/homefamily.

Oct. 3- Soccer challenge

Boys and girls 14 and under (with proof of birth date) may test their soccer abilities in a free positive competition behind the gym at the KP Middle School from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The event will occur

rain or shine. Each participant gets one throw-in, one kick for distance, one dribbling trial, and two goal shots.

Kids enrolled in the indoor soccer program or drop-ins are welcome. Chad, 884-9240

Oct. 3-Cornucopia returns

The Cornucopia Dinner and Dance will be from 5-10 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. For the second year, this event will include a delicious dinner featuring locally produced foods prepared by Chef Oliver Coldeen, followed by dancing to the music of Little Bill and the Blue Notes, the Northwest's favorite blues band. A silent auction will offer intriguing items for bid and a complimentary glass of wine courtesy of Trillium Creek Winery will be provided. The Cornucopia Dinner and Dance is the perfect way to end the day after the HarvestFEST Farm Tour. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$35 and one must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are available at the KP Civic Center, Sunnycrest Nursery, the Mustard Seed Project office in Key Center and Trillium Creek Winery in Home. If available, tickets will also be sold at the door. All proceeds of this cooperative fundraising event benefit the KP Civic Center, the Mustard Seed Project and the

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NOW IS THE TIME TO

The upcoming election is the time to unseat one of the Fire Commissioners who has caused much upheaval and disharmony the past 5 years throughout Fire District 16.

Community leaders from the Purdy Bridge to the dock at Longbranch attended Fire District 16 commissioner meetings 2 years ago where each and every one of them stood and spoke to ask Jim Bosch to resign. Mr. Bosch then stated that if the citizens wanted him gone, they could vote him out, though the minutes taken at those meetings by Secretary Christina Bosch do not reflect any of these exchanges.

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOTE JIM BOSCH OUT!!!

NOW IS THE TIME TO STOP JIM BOSCH'S METHODS:

STOP dealing with the citizens and other commissioners with coercion, veiled threats and intimidation.

STOP sanitizing, rewriting or omitting details from the minutes of the meetings to favorably sanction the actions of Jim Bosch.

STOP incurring unnecessary or exorbitant travel expenses to discredit other commissioners' report.

STOP jumping up to shout down any and all who try to raise legitimate objections or concerns about the operation of Fire District 16.

STOP concealing hidden agendas and insure open and productive meetings.

STOP showing disdain and contempt time and again for the needs of the community in favor of promoting the careers of family members.

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JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who still insists that the facts surrounding the firing of the previous Fire Chief be kept secret from the citizens who carried the financial burden.

JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who interferes and does not allow the present Fire Chief to run his fire department.

JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who believes that 350 pound firefighters are fit.

JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who has never met a word of fact that he could not twist and distort.

JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who is the most abrasive and offensive man when dealing with anyone.

JIM BOSCH- The commissioner who does not understand that his job is to act in the citizens’ interest to oversee fire department operations, not run them like a tin dictator.

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Paid for by concerned citizen Mike Salatino. P.O.Box 640, Wauna, WA 98395

Dear Residents of the Key Peninsula;

Key Pen Parks would like to invite you to a series of public meetings on the development of a Master Plan for Volunteer Park. The purpose of the master plan is to gather the community's input on future improvements to Volunteer Park, as well as other park properties under the control of Key Pen Parks.

Key Pen Parks has contracted with Bruce Dees & Associates, a landscape architect firm specializing in park design. Bruce Dees & Associates will develop drawings, cost estimates, a development plan and other recommendations, incorporating the public comments and Key Pen Park's planning needs.

The public meetings will be on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Key Center Fire Station on the following dates:

- September 24, 2009
- October 22, 2009
- November 19, 2009

On behalf of Key Pen Park's commissioners and staff, we would like to thank you in advance for helping plan for this important and vital community asset for generations to come.

Regards,

Scott Gallacher, Executive Director
Key Pen Parks

SKILLS, DRILLS, & FUNDAMENTALS OF INDOOR SOCCER

Key Pen Parks is offering an Indoor Soccer program designed just for younger children. This program gives youth the chance to learn and improve their skills and fundamentals of soccer. Scaled down equipment, specialized drills and games will be used to ensure success for all kids. Adult involvement is encouraged during sessions.



Ages: 4-9
Location: Key Peninsula Middle School Gym
Day/Date: Saturdays, 9/26-11/14
Sess #1 9:00-9:50am (ages 8-9)
Sess #2 10:00-10:50am (ages 6-7)
Sess #3 11:00-11:50am (age 5)
Sess #4 12:00-12:50pm (age 4)
Fee: \$49
Min/Max: 10/25 per age group

HOME PARK ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Come and join us for Home Park's 1 year anniversary! Bring your appetite and we will bring the food and entertainment.

Date: Saturday, September 12
Location: Home Park
Time: 11am - 2pm

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SOCCER CHALLENGE 2009 SPONSORED BY WRPA ATHLETIC & FITNESS SECTION

This event is a fun opportunity for boys and girls 14 and under to get a chance to test their soccer abilities and get all the benefits of positive competition. Each participant will receive one THROW-IN, one KICK FOR DISTANCE, one DRIBBLING trial, and two GOAL SHOT as part of the competition. Event will run rain or shine. Need to provide valid verification of date of birth.

Date: Saturday, October 3
Time: At regular scheduled soccer times
Ages: 14 and under
Fee: FREE!!!
Note: Event will be held behind gym of KPMS on field. Drop-ins welcomed from 9-2

KINDERMUSIK YOUNG CHILD: AROUND THE WORLD

Get your passports and begin weekly journeys with old and new friends as we take imaginary trips Around the World with Kindermusik. Say hello in five languages when you visit a new country each lesson: Germany, Japan, Africa, England, and Mexico. Listen to and play the native instruments. Enjoy dances, games, foods and crafts characteristic of each country. Movement, dance, and creating music through instruments and drumming are at the heart of our journey "Around the World." Class fee includes take home materials. Parents are encouraged to attend the last 10-15 minutes of class. For more information call Chanda Morris at 253-906-3002

Ages: 5-7
Location: Volunteer Park Concession Building
Day/Date: Wednesdays, 9/9-10/28
Time: 4:30-5:30pm
Fee: \$120 (8 week program)
Min/Max: 5/12

Wednesday Walkers for adults 18 and over Cost: FREE!!!

Enjoy a series of rotating walks around the Key Peninsula with the staff at Key Pen Parks. Come and enjoy good conversation, make new friends and get fit one step at a time! First walk will begin on April 15th at Rocky Creek from 10 - 11:30 am. Refer to our website for rotating walk schedules.

FALL FOOD PRESERVATION

Come learn how to save the flavors of summer for winter enjoyment. This class will explore making jams & jellies, water bath canning, pressure canning, pickling, and dehydrating. There will be samples to taste and recipes to take with you!

Instructor: Barbara Rowland
Ages: 14+
Location: Volunteer Park Concession Building
Day/Date: Monday, 9/14
Time: 6-8PM
Fee: \$12
Min/Max: 5/20



NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2008, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants and planted over 1.6 million trees. Join us for the 16th annual National Public Lands Day!

Locations: Maple Hollow (4000 Van Beek Rd KP N, Lakebay)
Rocky Creek Conservation Area (Crews Rd KP N at 150th Ave, Gig Harbor)
Day/Date: Saturday, September 26
Time: 10-12pm at each site
Note: Bring gloves, clippers, loppers, shears... and a sack lunch!

NEW!! 2009 ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL LEAGUE

Remember how fun kickball was in gym? Here's your chance to relive your glory years! The season will consist of a practice game, 8 game regular double header season, and a single elimination league tournament.

Date/Days: Sundays, 9/27-11/15
Location: Volunteer Park
Time: 12-3
Fee: \$180
Min/Max: 4/8 Teams
Note: One game ball will be provided to each team
Meeting: Mangers meeting will be held on September 22nd at 7pm in the Park Office.

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August 2009

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and school board, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to those returning and those new to the Peninsula School District. With the challenges, opportunities, and unforeseen events that take place each year, this will prove to be an exciting year for all of us. Much has been done by many, so we are able to welcome our students back with open arms, enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence.

As all of us know, the 2008-2009 school year offered up challenges which required that critical decisions be made. Our "perfect storm" was the economy and financial uncertainty that brought to all of us; together with our declining enrollment at the elementary level. The confluence of bad news from the federal, state, and local economic engines for our district, regrettably, forced us to make some very difficult decisions that will impact some programs across the district. Together, we will work to mitigate the impact of these decisions which were caused by the federal financial collapse, state economic turmoil, and resulting state reductions in educational funding.

I am confident that we will move forward on the road to recovery as we all work together in bridging the troubled economic waters through resourcefulness, fiscal restraint, creativity, communication, and collaborative leadership. Parents and community members have always remained positive, supportive, and understanding of our district during difficult times. We know that we can count on this support and partnership in the future.

Great communication keeps our schools running smoothly. We encourage parents to refer to the following link psd401.net/communication to get pertinent information on budget updates, Wednesday Collaboration, community drug and alcohol forums, swine flu, inclement weather, and SafeSchools LifeLine. This site will be updated, as needed, on a regular basis. Another great resource for parents to refer to is our Master Calendar psd401.net/mastercalendar with access to individual school calendars which are updated on a regular basis. Help us to stay connected by providing your email address to your school office.

Finally, parents are pivotal to the overall success of our students and I want all parents to be informed about and welcomed at our schools and district office. I encourage you to contact staff, ask about programs, take advantage of opportunities to become involved and visit our schools often. We are going to have a busy, but great year. Please contact me if you have questions or need information on district initiatives and keep in contact with our schools through district/school websites, personal contact, emails, newsletters and local newspapers.

Sincerely,

Terry Nelsen Bouck
Superintendent
253-530-1002



September Events

- 2 First day of school—regular start
- 7 No School—Labor Day observed
- 9 Collaboration Time begins/late start on most Wednesdays
- 10 School Board regular meeting 6 p.m. at District Office

SafeSchools LifeLine

As a student, parent or community member you have the power to keep our schools safe. Administrators rely on you to be their eyes and ears—letting them know when a member of our schools or a district building is in danger. Be a life saver and help stop school crises before they happen. When you call 1-866-LIVE-TIP you will be asked to enter the district code: 162. The SafeSchools LifeLine is completely anonymous.

Peninsula School District Open House Schedule

Evergreen Elementary
Sept. 17, 6-7 p.m.

Minter Elementary
Sept. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Vaughn Elementary
Sept. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Key Peninsula Middle
Sept. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

Henderson Bay High
Sept. 29, 6:30-8 p.m.

Peninsula High
Oct. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

School Directory Information

EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY
530-1300

1820 Key Peninsula Hwy., KPS
Lakebay, WA 98349
Crisman, Jacque – Principal

MINTER CREEK ELEMENTARY
530-4300

12617 – 118th Avenue NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98329
Leitz, Steve – Principal

VAUGHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
530-4700

17521 Hall Road, KPN
Vaughn, WA 98394
Benoit, Mike – Principal

KEY PENINSULA MIDDLE SCHOOL
530-4200

5510 Key Peninsula Hwy., KPN
Lakebay, WA 98349
Goebel, Jeri – Principal
Rivera, Kristi – Asst. Principal

HENDERSON BAY HIGH SCHOOL
530-1700

8402 Skansie Avenue
Gig Harbor, WA 98332
Gregory, Dan – Principal

PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL
530-4400

14105 Purdy Drive NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332
Winter, Tim – Principal
Goodwin, David – Assistant Principal
McNeish, Melissa – Asst. Principal

Fielding dreams:

Key Pen Parks mark year of new programs

By Ted Olinger, KP News

It's 102 degrees in the skate area of Volunteer Park, but Chad Harvell is not sweating. He's brought a large awning and a barrel of cold water to the last day of summer skateboard camp, where two-dozen elementary school students are busy gliding, grinding and screaming over every ramp, pipe and rail in sight. The weeklong day camp was just one of the programs Harvell managed this year as the newly minted Recreation Coordinator for Key Pen Parks.

Over the past year, the Key Pen Parks Department has held classes or camps for half a dozen youth sports, including basketball, tennis, cheer leading, British soccer, and skateboarding, as well as throwing a teen dance and running

adult co-ed softball games and walking tours of park properties. "Sign ups were slow for some of the new things," Harvell said, "but they filled up by word of mouth. Next year we may do two weeks for some of the youth camps."

Chad Harvell grew up in Montesano and graduated from Eastern Washington University in 2007. "When I learned that parks and recreation was a career and a lifestyle, I knew that's where I wanted to be. I love seeing kids so gung ho about something they've never tried before." Last year, he earned a Certified Youth Sports Administrator Credential from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, an organization dedicated to training recreation professionals how to create high quality youth sports programs with a positive approach to skill building and good sportsmanship.

Harvell has been busy this year putting that training to work to meet the mandate of his job to "redesign and reinvigorate" the Key Pen Parks recreation program. The end of summer brought Cinema Under the Stars, the park's traditional outdoor movie nights, but included games for the audience or live entertainment, like the martial arts demonstration before Kung Fu Panda. Autumn will be ushered in with a youth soccer challenge, an eight week kinder music class, fall food preservation and holiday food sampler classes for 14-year-olds and above, and Halloween activities such as fireside stories and s'mores.

When one of the skateboarder's parents asks Harvell about arranging some shade and sprinklers for her softball game that night, she is pleased to hear not only that the field has already been watered, but the game postponed due to heat. Harvell is also quick to remind her about the new adult co-ed kick ball league he's forming for fall, when softball ends.

"Simple rules, no ump, single elimination tournament, and you get T-shirts." When asked what else he's got planned, Harvell says, "The sky's the limit."



Photo by Ted Olinger, KP News

Summer recreation camps were quite popular at Volunteer Park this year. Key Pen Parks offered camps for many youth sports, including a skateboarding camp.

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school,” said Coach Laird. “The idea is when they get to high school ball, they will have a strong foundation and the high school can work on high level concepts.”

The PYF has 15 teams divided into five divisions by age. The Key Pen fields one team per division, starting with the Mighty Mites followed by Pee Wee, Bantam, Junior and Cruiser. Gig Harbor has twice that. There are 380 football players, plus 50 cheerleaders in the parallel PYF cheer program. Each team practices at least three times a week, not including optional specialist clinics. That’s not all they teach.

“We really stress sportsmanship and fair play,” said PYF League Commissioner Craig Wickstrom. “Unlike other sports, where one great athlete can carry a team, in football it takes every player working in unison to execute a play. We focus on developing every player on the team. Every player gets a minimum of eight plays every game regardless of their talent. This is outside our league rule in which there are no minimum play requirements.”

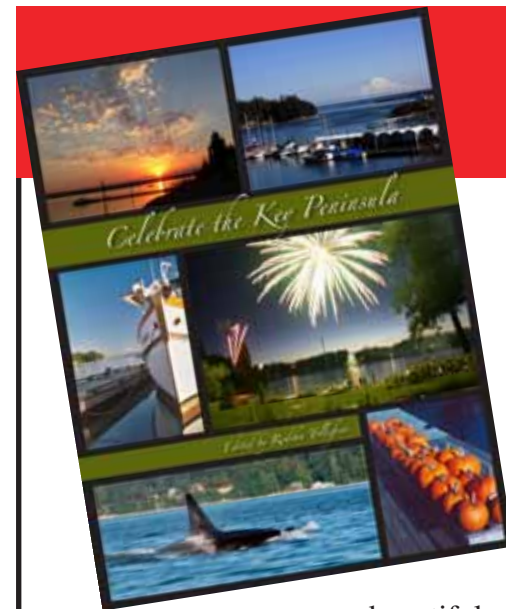
The PYF also recognizes outstanding players with the PYF Spirit Award. “This award is not for the top athlete but rather the athlete that demonstrates through his

This year’s freshman Seahawks will be playing their counterparts on the Gig Harbor Tides in the annual Guppy Bowl Sept. 3 at the Gig Harbor High School lower grass field. Kick off is 3:30 p.m. Regular PYF games are played every week through October (See www.peninsulayoutfootball.com). The season ends with the Seattle Seahawks Jamboree at Qwest Field on Oct. 25, attended by the entire PYF league and Seattle Seahawks players and cheerleaders.

actions both on and off the field the characteristics of teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and lives his life in a way that sets a high standard,” said Wickstrom.

The program is significant for Key Peninsula players because it gives them the chance to meet kids off the Key who will eventually attend PHS with them.

“You definitely see the difference,” said Coach Laird, who spent the last two years as an assistant coach for the PHS Seahawks before moving to PYF this season. “These kids come in as freshmen, but they’ve already been playing together two, three years. They know the plays; they know the expectations. They stand out,” he said, smiling.



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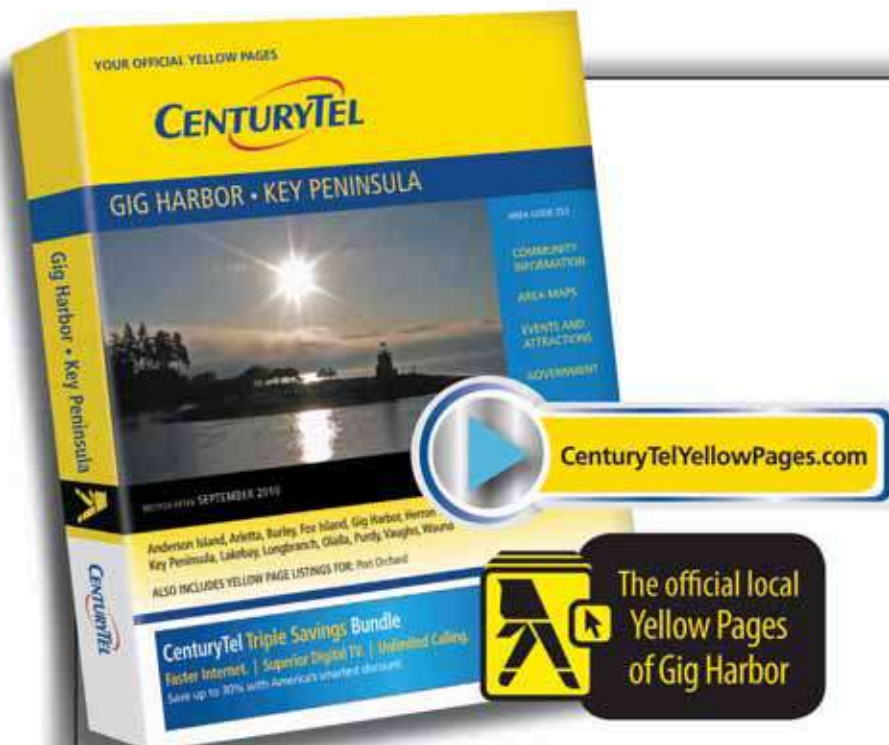
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Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News

A Conestoga wagon driven by Chuck Kraft precedes a group of horse riders during the Crazy Key Parade that kicked off the Summer Family Fun Day at the civic center.

Fascinated by a very large prize show rooster, 18 month old Corbin Cohoe is watched over by 4th grade Vaughn student friends Alivia Keenan and Olivia Ramirez.

Photo by Hugh McMillan, KP News



Sharon Hicks puts the finishing touches on the mural she painted for the civic center office. Hicks, who said she has no formal training, said she wanted to include key points of interest on the Key Peninsula in the mural. She spent about 75 hours painting the two large wood boards, and said it was a labor of love. It was finished and hung in August.

Photo by Marsha Hart, KP News



Photo courtesy of Peggy Dunbar

Big saws were part of the show during the Old Timers Day at the Longbranch Improvement Club.



Jennifer Miller and Julie Boardman whomp up a seemingly endless supply of great hamburgers for hungry Fun Day participants.
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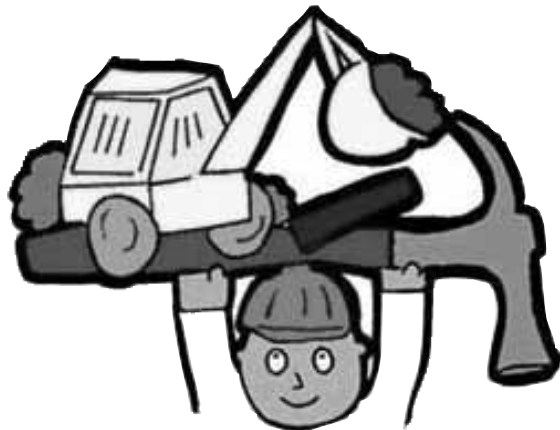
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Fitness Center

The infamous Key Center Fire Station remodel is nearly complete. The remodel/repair of the Key center Fire Station included replacement of a leaking roof, moving the public meeting room, opening up an area for fitness equipment and moving a few walls for better utilization of our space. The project has moved along in several phases with the final project, a small addition off the back side, waiting on permits.

The public meeting room is open and many of our community groups are using the facility



regularly. The fitness center part of the remodel is open now with our shift personnel meeting daily for group workouts. The completion of the fitness area helps us to meet our policy requirements of providing opportunities for our volunteer and career personnel to maintain their fitness levels. Our policy follows the national ‘fit for duty’ model established by the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the International Fire Chiefs (IFC). And all of our members are tested annually.

Like any project of this type, labor is a large part of the cost. We are fortunate to be able to use a program that allows us to hire our volunteer members on a part time basis. It’s also a great opportunity for our volunteers in these economic times, and the community they give back to. We also had career firefighters and along with several community members donating labor (thank you). Just under \$200 thousand was allocated to the project including \$50,000 for the new roof. Total cost to date for the fitness center is at \$39,000 including costs of the furnace, flooring, plumbing fixtures and labor.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Paul Bosch

Paul first joined the department as a volunteer in 1982. He was volunteer resident out of the Key Center until he was hired in 1986. He was one of the districts first paramedics. He is now our Training Officer and has been filling in the missing Medical Services Officer role also.



Calendar of Events

*Our new meeting room is available for public use.
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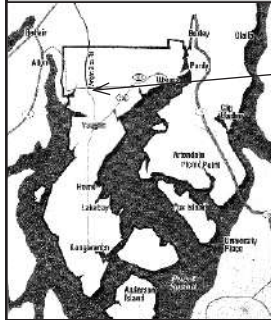
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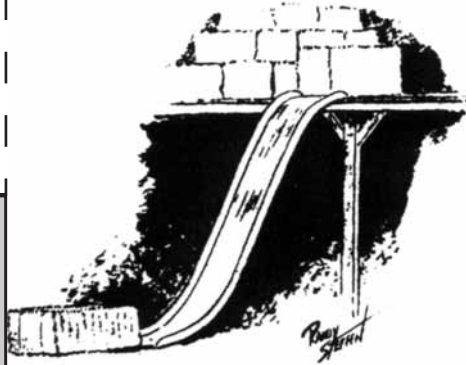
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the future of the community.

"We will have community meetings on future plans for Volunteer Park and the rest of the Parks District and we will be approving a new budget," Anglemyer said. "The result of those deliberations will affect this and future generations on the Key Peninsula."

Key Pen Parks has contracted with Bruce Dees & Associates, a landscape and architect firm that specializes in park design. The company will develop a design, provide cost estimates, a development plan and other recommendations, based on the ideas gathered from the public meetings, Gallacher said.

"By planning Volunteer Park we start to plan the other parks," he said.

Recreational activities and ideas are expected from the community, and some of those will be better suited at another park, he said.

"If you don't have a plan, you plan to fail," he said.

The plan is to leave a lot of the 360 Horseshoe Lake property natural, but part of the deal with the Department of

Natural Resources stipulated that some of the timber on that property be logged in order for DNR to get revenue from the sale of the timber, Gallacher said.

Trust lands are managed by DNR and earn income to fund schools, universities, capitol buildings and other state institutions, and fund local services in many counties. The Trust Land Transfer program provides a way to dispose of underperforming lands, while still generating funds.

A series of public meetings have been scheduled to get ideas and input on future improvements at Volunteer Park, and others that are part of Key Pen Parks.

An important part of the future also rests on the parks commissioner elections in November, Anglemyer said.

"I have strong feelings on who they (commissioners) should be, and I would like the public to have equally strong feelings," he said. "These meetings and the elections are your chance to volunteer your time in a way that will decide the character of the Key Peninsula for your children and beyond."



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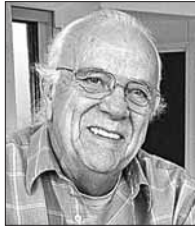
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KP man writes, publishes cookbook for men

By Marsha Hart, KP News

This one is definitely sexist. On the first page, it reads: "You won't find this book on Oprah's Book List. If you are a woman, close this book now!" It is sexist for a reason, and according to author Sam Dodge, the book is created solely for men.



DODGE

It all started with some blanket E-mails he sent to friends while he was working on a project a couple of years ago. His writings had nothing to do with cooking, but his friends said the exchanges were so funny he should continue writing.

So Dodge, who lives in Home, dabbled with writing this and that, and then an idea

came to him. He began writing, he said, and it flowed out as if someone else were writing it.

The Panty Dropper Cookbook is Dodge's self-published book and is available online for \$14.95.

"It's about how to invite a woman for a date, treat her with respect and make a great evening," Dodge said. "It's written for guys in guy-speak."

With the purchase of the book comes access to online videos, which give step-by-step instruction of how to prepare each recipe.

Chef Andy Simard, whom Dodge chose because he "got it," developed the recipes that are featured in the book, and in the online instructional videos.

"Most guys wouldn't watch a cooking show," he said. "These recipes and videos

are designed for men. We're monkey see monkey do people. Chef Andy so understood exactly what would work for guys."

The 80-page cookbook features 11 recipes with professional photographs taken by Dodge of each prepared meal. The first 47 pages include advice on such subjects as how to ask for the date, the importance of staying sober, and tools to have for cooking, such as a non-stick frying pan.

His wife Helen, who is an artist, partnered each page of advice with her nude illustrations.

"Helen helped me put it in an order and her artwork gave it a lot of class," he said.

Because most women would be turned off to see such a book sitting on the kitchen counter during a first date, Dodge said he designed the spine so the title is not showing when the book is stacked on a

shelf, or upright.

Reviews were mixed when he rented a booth to sell the book at the Tacoma Mall during Christmas season last year. He said those who bought the book came back to either buy another one or to say it was the best gift they ever bought. Others who didn't buy it either didn't like the cover or the idea of the book, he said.

"We went to the mall to get a clear idea of the demographic," he said.

What they found was women were buying it as a gift for the men in their lives.

Dodge printed 4,000 copies.

"I think it will do well, and I think it will help with the intimidation factor we get over the fear of rejection," he said. "It's great advice for young guys."

For information about the book visit www.thepantdroppercookbook.com

OBITUARIES

Pete Borchers

For over 50 years folks have seen him driving up and down the Key Peninsula in an "old red Ford", a red and white wrecker, or the last few years barreling down the road at 25 mph in a white Toyota pickup. Many know him from the original Pete's Towing. A big man in blue

overalls, most just know him as Pete. On Aug. 6, 2009, my dad, Pete Borchers, passed away.

In my heart I know my father is now with our Father in heaven. Pete leaves here on Earth a sister, a brother, many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandkids, sons, daughters, friends and me, his baby.

One request Dad made multiple times was when he left this earth he didn't want any ceremony. I feel bound to honor this wish so there will be no funeral or memorial service in compliance with his instructions.

He had many friends here that he valued deeply. My thanks to those who offered their time, help, friendship and concern to my dad over the years. God's blessings to you all. - Cindy (Borchers) Polley.

Peter Alan Ludwig

Peter Ludwig, 57, passed away August 18, 2009 in Lakebay. For the past 16 years, he has lived in Lakebay and been an active part of Community Bible Fellowship.

Peter loved his wife, children and

grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his wife Chanetta; his daughters, Rebecca Deem & Jennifer Myers; his sons: Patrick, Daniel, Nathaniel, Jeffrey and Andrew Ludwig; his grandchildren, Jordan and Jeremiah; and his mother, Rose Ludwig. Family members also include his sisters: Diana Davidson, Donna Lightfoot and Sylvia Thompson.

Memorial Services were held Aug. 24 at Community Bible Fellowship in Gig Harbor. Please read an extended obituary and leave online condolences at www.havenrest.com.

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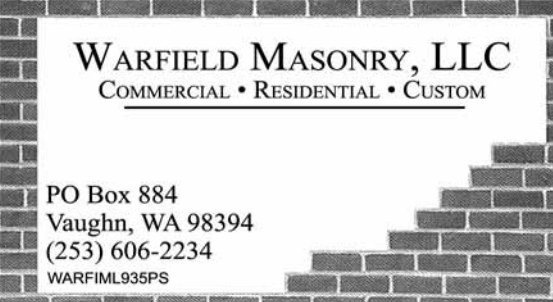
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