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Tim Kezele is the 2005 KP Citizen of the Year

By Hugh McMillan, Irene Torres and
Danna Webster
KP News

When Tim Kezele received the plaque proclaiming him "Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year 2005" he said, "I'm speechless." And he was. Regaining his composure, Kezele thanked the Key Peninsula Lions Club, host of the 22nd annual staging of the event, and

the community of which he is so proud to contribute.

"I am really honored to receive this award," Kezele said. "Volunteerism is synonymous with the Key Peninsula. It's what we're all about.... I turn 50 this year. The Civic Center is 50. It's a good year."

On the day Kezele was born in
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A speechless Tim Kezele accepts the award for Citizen of the Year.

Photo by
Mindi LaRose

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KPFD gets new fire boat



By Lance McMillan
Special to KP News

In an arrangement concluded at the end of January, a Motor Life Boat (MLB) was transferred to Key Peninsula Fire District 16. This highly capable, 44-foot-long aluminum hulled craft will provide Key Peninsula fire-fighters with the ability to respond to emergencies on the water in south Puget Sound. The MLB was the property of the Washington State Department of National Resources and had been on extended loan to the Anderson Island Fire Department since 1999.

The opportunity to acquire the MLB arose when the Anderson Island Fire Department obtained a new fire boat and

The new fire boat was called to duty in February to help tow back to its anchorage a catamaran adrift in Von Geldern Cove.

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Photo by Hugh McMillan

Focus on the WASL:

PSD takes steps to improve test scores

By Danna Webster
KP News

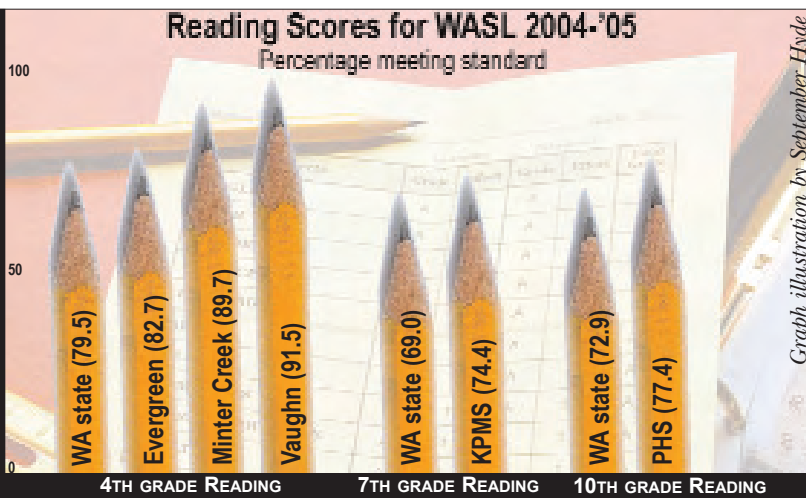
Editor's note: This is part one of a two part series on Washington Assessment of Student Learning.

- What's the WASL? (Circle the correct answer).
- An enemy
- An opportunity
- All of the above
- None of the above.

answers, true or false, multiple-choice. It is a test of student performance. The reading test may require comparison and contrast skills to examine complex paragraphs. In writing, students are evaluated on how they construct

The WASL is not a test of right and wrong

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The Key Center Library refurbishing project went, "Amazingly according to plan," said Rosina Vertz. In 10 days, more than 25,000 books in 403 boxes were moved out and back again.

Photo by
Chris Fitzgerald

A fresh look for the library

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

In mid-March, community branch supervising librarian Rosina Vertz, her staff, and a few volunteers filled and labeled 406 boxes with the entire contents of the Key Center Library.

The boxed books, videos, and CDs, along with chairs, stools, computers, and copier, were all neatly stacked in the adjacent community meeting room while painters and carpet layers updated the library's look. Vertz was surprised it took less time to pack than she anticipated.

She said the KC library has an excellent collection, and "rediscovered" several intriguing titles herself during the boxing process. She said she was amused to find a small mouse nest tucked against one outside wall at the back of a bottom bookshelf, and noted that no other indications of "residency" were present.

In the children's section, a hanging slotted wall unit with adjustable clear acrylic shelves has been installed for the display of books and small exhibits. In

this area, shelf space was also expanded to accommodate family videos. Other welcome changes include an increase in the number of talking books and large-print volumes.

The reference stacks have been moved to the corner near the computer stations. Computer users will find another terminal converted to Internet capability, and will soon enjoy adjustable "task chairs," which will replace the metal stools now used for seating.

No grand re-opening was scheduled. As managing branch librarian Lynne Zeiher said "We'll just be lucky to get it all back together." Zeiher supervises the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor and Steilacoom branches. She said a similar renovation had just been completed at Steilacoom, and in that case, the carpeting process was off-schedule for a few days. Patrons, not realizing the Key Center facility was temporarily closed for updating, met disappointment after driving to the library, expecting to borrow books. Now open for business again, this important community resource welcomes patrons during its normal hours.

Old post office may be demolished by summer

Purdy Spit Park sought by local parks district, responsibilities hinge on two requests

By Kristine Shultze
KP News

The Key Peninsula's local district is currently in the process of acquiring the Purdy Spit Park from Pierce County.

"The Peninsula area recently formed their own district — the Key Peninsula Metro Parks District," Skip Ferrucci, superintendent of parks for the county, said. "They created their own tax base to have and support the Spit and areas like it, and we think those areas are better served in local hands."

Scott Gallacher, director of the KP's park district, hopes the local district will be able to acquire the park next year, but at the moment the district is "proceeding carefully."

"We're still a small district and we're being careful about any additional liabilities, like the (old Wauna) post office," Gallacher said. "There's also some legal litigation with the

geoducks."

Before assuming responsibility for the spit, the metro district requested that Pierce County Parks demolish the building.

"It's a hazard," Ferrucci said, "and was lifted from the historical landmark register."

According to Ferrucci, demolition of the building may begin in late spring or summer.

"The bidding for contractors might take about a month and a half," Ferrucci said, adding that obtaining a permit will take the most time.

While metro district commissioners want to take care of the post office and the legal issues related to the geoducks before they take over the spit, both park districts are still working out the details of the deal.

"Conditions we'd attach are that the land remain for public and park use," Ferrucci said. "Other than that I'm not really sure. That will be worked out, but we haven't gotten that far yet."

Kristine Shultze is a Peninsula High School intern for KP News.



The old Wauna post office, deemed unsafe, is forecasted to be demolished late spring or early summer.

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Board considers county charter changes

By Rick Sorrels
Special to KP News

A Pierce County Charter Review Commission is in the process of considering changes to the county government. In 1980, the citizens of Pierce County voted to make Pierce a "Home Rule" County, allowing for the creation of a governing charter. The charter establishes the fundamental structure, power, and limitations of the county government, and it must be reviewed and amended once every 10 years.

Last November, 21 charter review commissioners were elected, three from each of the seven districts in Pierce County. They were sworn into office in January for a maximum of six months. By July they must finalize the wording of any amendments to the Charter that will appear on the November ballot.

The commissioners have identified 35 important issues they want to investigate, but they recognize that only a fraction of them will make it to the ballot. Citizens' input will have a major influence on which issues will be seen on the ballot in November, commissioners say.

The chair of the Charter Review Commission is Bertie Enslow. Although Enslow lives in Sumner, where her husband is the mayor, she has close ties to the Key Peninsula, where she escapes on weekends to her cabin on Vaughn Bay.

"The most important thing we need is more citizen participation and comment. We can't fix a problem if nobody tells us about it," says Enslow. "Now that I'm chair, my job is to make sure that we get the best amendments possible on the November ballot. If people want, they can contact me at bertieenslow@hotmail.com."

The three representatives for District 7 are Burt Talcott, Kelly Haughton and Michael Venuto.

Each representative shares their background, interest and concerns as commissioners:

Burt Talcott: Carpenter, attorney, U.S. Air Force pilot, and retired politician. He has lived in the city of Gig Harbor for over 18 years. He served 12 years on the County Council (3 terms), and 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives (7 terms). Talcott retired many years ago after a lifetime of public service. He campaigned for this office because "serious changes need

to be made in county government." His hot issues are "citizen involvement with respect given to their views"; elimination of government waste and inefficiency; changing charter review to six years instead of 10, "because we need to keep up with rapid technological and social changes"; changing to a more efficient biennial budget cycle; and changing county elections to odd years instead of even. He welcomes comment and suggestions from his constituents, at 851-7955.

Kelly Haughton: A financial wizard who has worked for the Russell Investment Group since 1982, he has lived on the Gig Harbor Peninsula since 1999. Member of the Economic Development Board for Pierce County; serves on the state Committee for Junior Achievement to promote financial literacy for grades K-12. He can even be found in the classroom educating the youth. His most important issues are "rank choice voting, eminent domain takings, making referendums and initiatives easier for the citizens, and government accountability." Haughton maintains the commission's blogsite (www.charterreview.blogspot.com), which he encourages citizens to read and make

comment on. He can be reached directly at khaughton@harbornet.com.

Michael Venuto: Lived on Fox Island from 1999-2002 and in University Place since 2002. Professor at TCC, teaches at both Gig Harbor and Tacoma campuses. Coached PAA teams; led Gig Harbor Soccer Club to state championship and Commissioner's Cup. Has history of community involvement on Fox Island and Gig Harbor Peninsulas. "I'm real big on open government and citizen involvement. The issues that I feel strongest about are electing the sheriff, nonpartisan elections, making it easier to get referendums on the ballot, more accountability for government, and protecting private property from eminent domain actions." He welcomes contact from citizens by email at mikev@wamail.net.

The chance for county citizens to influence the decisions of these commissioners is at their weekly meeting. Two issues being considered for the November ballot so far are: election of the sheriff and term limits for elected office. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Pierce Transit building located at 3720 96th St. SW in Lakewood.

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Editorial

WASL trends, WASL aims

There have been some remarkable accomplishments on the Key Peninsula that have to do with WASL testing. At every KP school, improved test scores are the trend. Such a trend would be the envy of the Mariners, Seahawks and Sonics. The three KP elementary schools built up their reading score average from 57 percent in 1997 to an 88 percent average in 2005. The KP middle school reading proficiency score was 45.7 percent in their first year of testing, and last year they scored 74.4 percent proficient.

How did they do it?

The old-fashion way — everyone involved worked hard and they earned it.

The next question is why are the schools WASL-ing our children?

The answer is based on the conviction that whatever students choose to do after high school (work or college), they must do it with the tools they acquired from their schooling. Our schools believe the ability to perform well on the WASL equips students with an equal opportunity across the nation for future success.

Our students' success relates to the national well-being.

"In the long run, the fate of this nation will be closely tied to the overall accomplishment of its citizens, in competition with the citizens of other nations," said Keith Stiles, past-president of the PSD Board of Directors.

What's good for the nation makes a good investment for taxpayers' dollars. When the trend for a commodity is on the rise, it pays good dividends.

Key Pen residents claim victory

Neighborhood group protects recreational beaches from commercial aquaculture

A Key Peninsula Shoreline neighborhood group was handed a major victory recently, when Seattle Shellfish withdrew their permit application. The action canceled the public hearing and the possibility of a major geoduck farming operation on the residential beaches of Carr Inlet.

"Most of these neighborhood legal battles take years," said Kirk Kirkland with Tahoma Audubon Society. "Too often they strain a group's bank account and it leaves neighbors drained and bitter. This fight was different. They earned their success."

Not everyone survived the fight without bitterness. Jim Gibbons of Seattle Shellfish sent a bitter letter to the county when he withdrew his permit. He criticized Save Our Shoreline! for hiring legal counsel, for their outreach to the neighbors and to the community.

Save Our Shoreline! hired Bob Mack, a prominent land use attorney. We researched the effects of similar aquaculture sites in Thurston County, then reached out to Tahoma Audubon Society and other environmental groups for help. "Audubon provided only a minimum of assistance," said Kirkland. "I was impressed on how quickly they learned to be effective activists, how they reached out and involved the community."

Early in our efforts, we saw that we

Save our Shoreline!

For more information go online to ["http://www.saveourshoreline.net"](http://www.saveourshoreline.net)

could stop a permit at our neighborhood site, then lose the battle on all the other shorelines around the county. That's why we got involved in the community planning process. We suggested policies that had environmental protections, directed aquaculture to beaches not used for recreation and away from ones that would lower the home values of residents.

The Community Planning process for the Key Peninsula began last year. The community effort allows local residents and business to set zoning regulations. Such zoning often separates housing and commercial operations.

A gravel mine or a junk yard can have adverse effects on residential property values. "Our beaches and residents are entitled to protection from commercial operations," said David Cornforth, a beach cabin owner. "Keeping non-compatible uses apart is a primary function of zoning."

Most of the residents along this stretch of coast line on Carr Inlet have modest beach cottages or summer cabins. "Many people inherited these places or worked very hard to have a piece of paradise," said Celeste Duff, who has land that has been in her family. "But when our neighbors felt threatened, we organized for a big fight."

The effort began in November 2004 when a neighbor called the county to

find out about the notice for a "clam farm." Twelve neighbors met with Jim Gibbons to learn more about the permit application. The shellfish company owner described geoducks as filter feeders and told neighbors how they cleaned the water.

The neighbors left the meeting with doubts about the effects of over a quarter million PVC pipes washing up on the beaches. They worried about how the clear water might be changed by harvesting with water jets. Another concern was reports of these nets trapping fish and birds, then you wonder, what about your kids?

I sent a letter to 70 neighbors. When over 40 people wrote letters to the county protesting the permit, I was encouraged to start Save Our Shoreline!" The response was amazing. This quickly grew to over a hundred people and we were able to hire one of the best land use attorneys.

After defeating this permit, Save Our Shoreline! plans to continue its efforts by maintaining a Website and working with other neighborhood groups who have geoduck permits to fight.

We've learned a lot about being effective. We hope to use our experiences and share our resources with others. We're not opposed to geoduck farming. We just feel they should be limited to areas where they won't lower property values, limit recreational uses of our beaches, or trap birds and wildlife.

Laurie Brauneis had worked with other shoreline residents to form Save Our Shoreline!

Letters to the Editor

KPMPD director thanks Key Peninsula Little League

On Saturday, March 18 over 90 Little League players and parents participated in the 2nd Annual Key Peninsula Little League Volunteer Day at Key Peninsula Sports Complex and Fairgrounds (Volunteer Park). Volunteers provided over 200 hours of community service to prepare Volunteer Park for Little League Opening Day on April 1. Volunteers picked up rocks, down tree limbs, and other debris, raked up leaves, installed fencing, and trimmed blackberries and other bushes. This effort proves what a strong community this is. The Key

Peninsula Metro Park District would like to extend a very big thank you to all those who helped.

For more information on programs or to become involved, contact the park district: at 253-884-9240, info@keypeninsulaparks.com or visit the parks Website at www.keypeninsulaparks.com

*Scott Gallacher
KPMPD Director*

Reader appreciates support

I would like to thank everyone for prayers and cards to me and my daughter Dinah and Zachary in the loss of her husband David Herring. Also, thank you for all the food that came in to us, flowers and for all the donations to KPVI and Key

Singers. Thanks, too, to everyone who came to Federal Way Church for services.

*Marguerite Bussard and family
Longbranch*

Reader disagrees with logging practices article

The article titled "Logging Practices..." that you chose to publish on your March issue is disturbing to say the least. A reader has to wonder if you people are even capable of seeing what you look at.

The parcel on South Vaughn Road that you carelessly describe as "stripped" has been replanted to Douglas-fir (one of the very few logged parcels on the Key Peninsula that has been replanted). It

was planted soon after logging so the fir is still holding its own in competition with the brush. The present owner hasn't made any effort to control the brush as yet, but may yet do so. Contrast this with two of my neighbors who never receive any criticism from people like you folks...

...Probably the most disturbing aspect of your article is the fact that people living on this peninsula seem to feel they have some vested right to their neighbor's property if that property consists of trees. They yell about logging per se without ever being capable of seeing or recognizing how well land is actually managed.

*Richer Koenig
Lakebay*

Key Pen officials sharpen local emergency preparedness

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

Emergency preparedness on the Key Peninsula is a topic much on the minds of many people, from individual residents to organizations attempting to mobilize the entire area through various education efforts aimed at both general and specific eventualities.

The Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEP-C) held an earthquake preparedness seminar March 1 at the Peninsula Light building in Purdy. This all-volunteer, non profit community group is a resource for helping households prepare for emergencies.

Based on the recent Hurricane Katrina experience, PEP-C's Dave Watson recommends every person on the peninsula should prepare for at least 14 days. This means a full two-week supply of water (at one gallon per day per person, minimum, just to avoid dehydration), food, medication, clothing, bedding, shelter, etc., for every person in the household. People who share their homes with companion animals, and people with livestock, should also have food and water reserves set aside to meet those needs.

Watson also cautioned people against relying on candles for light during emergencies, noting that during Hurricane Andrew three times as many people died from fires in their homes from the use of candles than died in the storm. Keep fresh batteries in the emergency kit and change them periodically.

In the event of an emergency, the local radio station, KGHP (89.9 FM), has been reliable for necessary information. During the 1996 ice storms that knocked out most community resources, the station never went off the air.

Barb Nelson, from the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (PC Net), conservatively recommends that every person have a bare minimum 72-hour emergency kit.

"We have to have a plan to survive," Nelson says, "a realistic response time before help arrives could easily be five to seven days." PC Net has been nationally recognized for its work in "all hazards" community preparedness.

Gretchen O'Connor, PC Net educator for unincorporated Pierce County, is available to conduct neighborhood group training similar to the Blockwatch program. "Having a plan is what it's all

about — and practicing," says Nelson. "Even if one person in a neighborhood group knows what to do, chances of recovery for that neighborhood are greater, because that person can direct the others."

Asked about Mt. Rainier by an audience participant, Nelson replied that it is the most monitored mountain in the world. All participants at the PEP-C event agreed that people prepared for a major earthquake and its potential to isolate a community are probably prepared for most disasters. Says PEP-C's Watson, "Remember 'YO-YO'...you're on your own."

The potential of a flu pandemic was only broadly discussed but the topic will be introduced later this year by a special subcommittee of the Key Peninsula Community Council's Human Services Committee.

The subcommittee, chaired by Dennis Taylor of Safe Streets, will create an ongoing plan to educate the public on this threat. Pierce County Community Health

Nurse Charron Plumer will make a presentation to the subcommittee in April.

The bird flu virus, not yet in the U.S., has "all the earmarks paralleling the flu pandemic of 1918, when 20 million people died worldwide after the virus jumped from birds to people," Taylor said. He stated that although "all of us suffer from flu, if it becomes a pandemic, even healthy people can die from the virus."

Plumer is in agreement with the concept of social distancing. This practice advises people to stay at several arm's lengths from each other during a flu outbreak; practicing preventive hygiene; and being adequately prepared to subsist independently for up to two weeks. In anticipating a potential viral pandemic, Plumer says that safety is "75 percent preparedness." It seems clear that educators and organizations concerned with preparedness and prevention are in agreement that the practice of self-sufficiency is key to health and safety, whether during illness or disaster. For more information about the subcommittee working on bird flu education on the Key Pen, call Taylor at 884-7899.



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Celebrate with shovels, gloves and smiles

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

April 22 offers multiple opportunities to recognize the beauty of the Key Peninsula in tangible ways that illustrate civic pride and good stewardship.

It was on April 22, 1970 that founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, created Earth Day, the first nationwide environmental protest to force this issue onto the national agenda. At the time, leaded gas was the norm. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or bad press. Air pollution was accepted as the price of prosperity. Earth Day 1970 saw 20 million Americans parading in the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of

wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts.

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from J. Sterling Morton, born April 22, 1832, who was a journalist and editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. He and his wife loved nature, and he used his position to share his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience. During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Arbor Day has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world.

Arbor Day festivities on the Key Peninsula and surrounding area include the planting of 1,000 western hemlock seedlings by students from all the schools in the Peninsula School District. These



Photo courtesy of GH/KP Arbor Day Foundation
Kenny Johnson, a Peninsula High School student who lives on the Key Peninsula, sells his bonsai plants at Arbor Day events each year.

“official” state trees are provided by the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Arbor Day Foundation. This group, consisting of four dedicated environmentalists, also sponsors district-wide student essay, photo, poster, and poetry contests, with prizes and awards to be presented at the April 22 Arbor Day celebration at the Gig Harbor Civic Center (City Hall), on Grandview St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A raffle, with proceeds to benefit the foundation, will run throughout the day.

Nancy Lind, a Key Peninsula resident, was the recipient of the Foundation's annual Good Stewardship award in 2005. She is tireless in her work to save wildlands and open spaces on the Key Peninsula and was key in saving Rocky Creek Conservation area. Call Carol Alex at 858-8797 or go to www.gigharbor.com for more information.

Scott Gallacher, KP Metro Parks, invites all citizens to celebrate National Parks Week on Arbor/Earth Day, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at either of two locations. A group will meet at the Rocky Creek Conservation area for trail clean-up, brush-cutting, and removal; and at the Purdy Spit for general clean-up. Gallacher says if enough community resources are available, the Home Park may also be included. “This is a great opportunity for people to come out and participate,” he said. National Parks Week clean-up is a major county-wide effort with nearly 2,000 other people working in their local parks at the same time.

For individuals or families, there's no need to pre-register — just show up and start working. Bring your work gloves and small tools if you have them — just be sure to label them. For more information, call Gallacher at 884-9240 or visit www.parksappreciationday.net.

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KP Community Council held a public forum on Timber Harvest March 23. KPCC Director Frank Shirley hosted a panel of experts. About three dozen participants questioned Adonais Clark, Pierce County Planning; Ben Cleveland, WDNR Forest Practices; and Key Peninsula logger, Tom Van Slyke, about cutting timber on Key Pen property. State and county office personnel were also present and many handouts were available. Citizens with concerns and questions about cutting operations were advised to call the Forest Practice coordinator offices at 360-802-7007. Callers will need parcel numbers and/or detailed description of the locations of the area in question. The goal of the office is to provide a timely response. *Photo by Danna Webster*

County creates shellfish program

By Chris Matter-Rinehart
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Pierce County Shellfish Partners is a new program created to promote protection of water quality and shellfish resources. Shellfish Partners is currently a joint effort between three local agencies: Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Water Programs Division, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Pierce Conservation District. Each of these organizations is responsible for different aspects of water quality and shellfish protection. The motto, "Changing the Tide," reflects the county's desire to gain agency and community support for long-

lasting improvements in water quality and shellfish health.

One goal of Shellfish Partners is to prevent shellfish bed closures due to poor water quality and ensure that all shellfish harvested in Pierce County are safe to eat. Environmental scientists consider shellfish to be an important "indicator species" because they are very sensitive to changes in water quality. When water is clean enough to keep shellfish beds open, this generally indicates that the water quality is healthy and safe.

In 2006 and beyond, Shellfish Partners plans to offer a variety of opportunities to learn more about local beaches, shellfish, water quality, and what community members can do to help protect water quality.

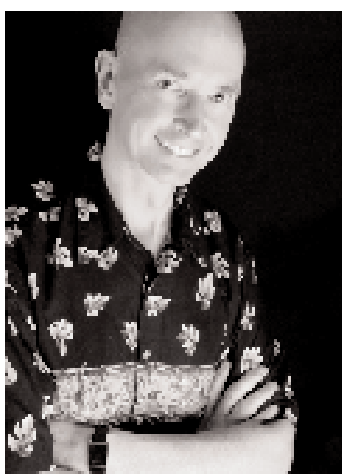
Water Quality and Septic System Workshop Wednesday, April 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Learn how you can protect water quality and shellfish beaches and save money at the same time by learning more about your septic system and how to keep it working properly. The

workshop will also address ways to effectively manage livestock and minimize stormwater runoff in order to prevent water pollution. The workshop will be at Peninsula Light Company at 13315 Goodnough Drive NW. Please contact Chris Matter-Rinehart at 253-798-4459 or cmatter@tpchd.org to register or for more information.

Purdy Spit Beach Walk Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Alan Rammer from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife will identify local marine life and offer lots of entertaining anecdotes. There will also be presentations on the health of Puget Sound and history of the area, shellfish safety, septic systems, and more. Plenty of refreshments will be served. Please contact Erin Ewald at 253-845-9770 or erine@piercecountycd.org for more information.

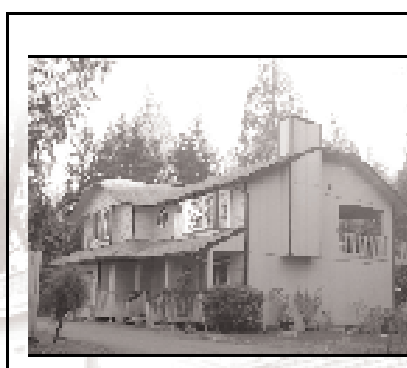
If you would like more information about Shellfish Partners or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Gloria Skinner at 253-798-4688 or gskinne@co.pierce.wa.us.

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A keystone building in Key Center

By Danna Webster
KP News

In the heart of beautiful downtown Key Center, there is a single-story, modern brick building on the corner across from the fire station. The building was built to house two of the most significant services in Key Center, a library and a health center. In 1981, the library moved into the north side of the building, merging book collections from the many community libraries on the peninsula. Adjacent to the library, the Key Peninsula Health Center (KPHC) moved in with part-time medical and counseling services.

A nonprofit center managed by a volunteer board, the building has evolved in its 25 years of existence from a medical clinic to a center for diverse tenants ranging from a lawyer to community groups. The health center has come a long way since it was founded, in 1972, in Longbranch.

Jeanne Brodsack, R.N., started the Health Center with two other volunteer registered nurses and donations of money and time from the community. Their health services originated from the parsonage basement of the Longbranch Community Church.

In an interview for KP News in April 2003, Jeanne Brodsack told reporter Colleen Slater, "My first patient was a cat." It was during the first official meeting of those interested in a medical clinic for the Key Peninsula when Mrs. Ferguson brought her cat, who wasn't feeling well. "So I treated it right there. My first clinic patient," Brodsack said.

The center was open two half-days a week and saw an average of 25 patients each month. Office fees were \$5 per visit and 25 cents for a bath. Donations from Pandora's Box, the forerunner of the



Photo by Hugh McMillan
John Jewell's bronze children frolic in front of the library and health center building.

present Angel Guild Thrift Shop, paid for 75 percent of the center's operating expenses.

"The clinic built itself," Brodsack told KP News reporter Slater, as she recalled the uncounted hours of those early volunteers. "It started with an idea ...and good fortune helped us grow."

Some of that good fortune came from many groups and churches on the KP. The Angel Guild was a mainstay; and the Gig Harbor Rotary provided funds for children whose parents could not pay. The Key Peninsula Lions Club and most of the community churches contributed to various projects at the Health Center, such as purchasing a cardiac defibrillator and training Fire District 16 firefighters in its use.

Another source of good fortune came in the form of grant monies that provided new equipment and practitioners from the Pierce County Health Department

and the KP Well Child Clinic. By 1977, the KPHC was open four days a week and seeing 175 patients a month. In that year, a medical student made his first visit, and would return, in 1981, to practice full-time on the Peninsula. That student was Dr. William F. Roes.

In the clinic's first 20 years, services expanded to include geriatric counseling, prenatal classes, visiting home nurses, and hospice care. Dr. Roes' practice became full time, six days a week. In 1983, Dr. Roes became the building administrator for all the services; and, by 1984, the center was totally reliant upon patient fees for operating revenues. At that time, there were seven employees, a full time physician, a full time family nurse practitioner; and nine other professionals representing six different community agencies.

In 1993, Dr. Roes completed building a new medical center behind the library and health center and moved his practice. The Pierce County Library System had no use for the vacated medical office and requested that KPHC manage the building providing useful community services.

The current tenants at the Key Peninsula

Health and Professional Center include an attorney, a mental health counselor, massage practitioners, and offices for Safe Streets, KP Community Council and KP Community Fair. Two spaces are currently available for rent in the building. The reception lobby for all tenants, clients and patients is quiet and maintains discretion and confidentiality.

The Health Center is a non-profit corporation run by a seven-member volunteer board. Bonnie Moira serves as liaison between the board and the building's tenants. Moira shared two ideas in discussion for the center's future. One would be as a clearing house for non-emergency services, a resource for help and information. Another is using the advantage of its central location to help in emergency situations, like an earthquake.

"We do have emergency capability: a generator and water and other supplies," Moira says. "We could be up and running for a short period."

The board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Health Center. Contact Bonnie Moira 884-2234 for details.



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The Friends of the Library presented Ed Hume

Ed Hume, noted international gardener, presented an informative and interesting program to over 50 people last month. The Friends of the Library sponsored his visit, but it was held in McColley Hall, in the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, as the library was undergoing remodeling.

Hume presented a slide show of various planting dos and don'ts, highlighting some of the topics in his new book available for purchase and autograph at the event.

Included in the program were fire and drought tolerant plants, fun items for kids to plant, fertilizer and pruning recommendations, and tips for a perfect lawn.

Hume also gave each attendee a packet of Chantenay carrot seeds, with a note to "Plant a Row for the Hungry."

Friends of the Library provided refreshments to complete an enjoyable evening with a down-to-earth garden expert.

— Colleen Slater

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professionals from Pierce County and students will also help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the maze of plans and select the most cost-effective one.

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(From KEZELE, Page 1)

Tacoma, his father bought a small summer cabin on the shores of Filucy Bay in Longbranch. Five years later, he purchased the family home on Von Geldern Cove. The terms were \$12 down and \$75 per month, for the \$35,000 home. The house was located on the French side of Home and the Kezele family enjoyed the influence of neighbors with names like Louis and Yvonne Gaarand; and Charlie Bornez (pronounced Bor-nay). Young Tim Kezele's first job was mowing the lawn for a neighbor living off Hoff Road. The job earned \$1.25, but knowing the neighbor and his house guests was the greatest reward. The neighbor was Jay Fox, noted publisher of early peninsula periodicals and civil rights activist. Another neighbor, John Blankenship, was a dust bowl refugee from Oklahoma. Dressed in bib-overalls and a straw hat, Blankenship raised fruit, berries and a garden on the corner above 8th and the KP Highway. "He did everything," Kezele remembers. "He lived off the land. He taught me to prune." Blankenship was a model of the self-sufficient spirit residing on the peninsula.

"From age 5 to 14, I spent the summers playing on the beach and running through the woods with my brother and friends. During that time I had the

Citizen of the Year dinner sold out

A fire-code capacity crowd of family, friends, nominees, and enthusiastic supporters filled the Key Peninsula Civic Center the night of March 11. A record number of 36 nominees were recognized for their volunteer contributions to life on the KP. Tim Kezele, a previous nominee, won the Citizen of the Year award, decided in a secret ballot by KP Lions Club members.

Keynote speaker Dave Ross, of KIRO Radio, and his wife Pat, arrived during dinner, having just returned from Pat's father's funeral in New York. Ross spoke

opportunity to meet many people who helped shape this community we live in. [I] noticed that the sense of community was a common bond, neighbors helping neighbors. My family attended many community events from Longbranch to Vaughn in those seven years."

After graduating from PHS, Kezele became a Washington State University Master Gardener and accumulated various certifications. Kezele worked at the University of Puget Sound for 12 years, and became the grounds supervisor. He

of the snippets of the Key Peninsula history he's heard, and noted he is impressed with our reputation. "It is this kind of effort without which the country doesn't operate," Ross said. "When neighbors help neighbors, it happens. ... and Americans are good people who care," he added. Quoting scripture, he noted there are three things that last: "faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love."

Janice and Hugh McMillan hosted the event, with assistance from the KP Lions. Ambrosia Catering from Bremerton produced a great meal, and Scout Troop 220 assisted with serving and cleanup.

— Irene Torres

recently started his own tree, shrub and property management business. He has lived in the Jackson Lake area for the past 21 years.

Kezele credits his years of experience with the KP Historical Society for gaining a better understanding of the area he calls home. He has been a charter member since 1972.

"I felt it was important to preserve history for future generations to learn from. Around 1992, I stepped up to become the president of the KP Historical Society. What an honor it was to take on that role for the community. A year later, I prompted the membership to start a museum for our community. Little did I know how much work that would be. With

help from others, the realization of the museum came to be in the spring of 1995. The doors opened to share the many stories that helped create the Key Peninsula community. Donations from many sources have built a collection of over 10,000 articles."

He has been president of the KP Historical Society for over 12 years and has made contributions to three publications on KP History.

In addition to his work for the historical society, Kezele was involved for a long time with KP Parks and served as board chairman; he served as grounds and maintenance chairman for the Longbranch Improvement Club, and, during his 21 years of membership on the KP Civic Center Board, he served as president, secretary, and building and grounds chairman. One of his most recent contributions to the KP community was the founding of the KP Livable Community Fair. The fair got off to a slow start with about 10 non-profits participating. In the third year, Dennis Taylor of Safe Streets teamed up with Kezele to produce the fair and the endeavor has grown into a successful annual event for the peninsula.

Being an active member in the community was a goal Kezele set at an early age. "You can watch it happen, make it happen, or wonder what happened. I chose to make it happen and I hope that I have instilled the same values in others to help keep this area known for the great community it is."



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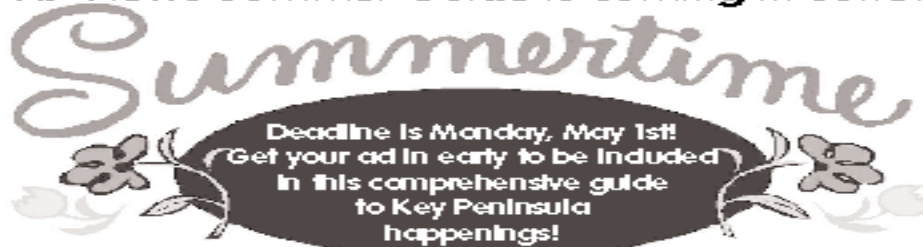
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Robb Haydon salutes during the Presentation of Colors. Haydon, a sophomore at PHS, is with the Boy Scouts of America. His position is Quartermaster and his rank is Life Scout.



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Above, Keynote speaker Dave Ross, KIRO radio personality.

Left, the dinner award ceremony at the Civic Center fed a sold-out crowd.

Below, MC Hugh McMillan, a KP Lion, works the crowd.



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A rat, a ball of yarn, and Mrs. Horne

How one teacher delights children to success

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

It's impossible not to smile when walking into Robin Horne's Title One reading lab classroom at Minter Creek Elementary School. During 11 years of teaching this federally-funded program here, she has invented dynamic ways to help children grow their self-esteem, confidence, and learning abilities — without prodding, nagging or piling on homework.

In her big, bright, cheerful modular universe out behind the main building, lucky students from kindergarten through grade five acquire additional reading skills, and a whole lot more. Nine kindergarteners ("The Lunch Bunch") who need extra support meet with Horne between morning and afternoon sessions to practice letters, sounds and stories.

"We keep the group small to meet the kids' needs," she says. Recently through Title One, she also began teaching math enrichment for fifth graders.

The school works hard to make Horne's class a special treat. Students "get to come to learning lab," where, among other activities, they take turns caring for classroom pets. Horne received permission from the



Robin Horne and her fourth grade reading group are reading about and discussing the Iditarod race in Alaska.

Photo by Mindi LaRose

She remembers one child, having a particularly tough day, who came in hoping 'Peaches looked forward to seeing me.'

school district to have the classroom animals, and believes they are a comfort for some of the kids who may not have pets at home. They also teach the children about kindness, tolerance, and respect.

In addition to colorful standard materials supporting the work of learning sounds, letters, reading words together in phrases and finally sentences, in this classroom Horne calls upon a tawny (pedigreed and registered) rat named Peaches to assist. She also depends upon two water frogs (Ricky and Lucy), and a 7-cent feeder goldfish called Slick, who's been around for 10 years now — thanks to many attentive children who fed him, fed him, fed him, and in so doing, fed their need-to-be-needed as well.

Peaches has often soothed an upset child, in ways only an animal can. Horne says many kids who come to her classroom need "rat therapy" — an unconditional friend "for a kid who maybe doesn't make friends easily." She remembers one child, having a particularly tough day, who came in hoping "Peaches looked forward to seeing me." Not quite ready to join the class, she sat in the corner whispering her heart to the attentive rodent in her arms. Within minutes, the child was ready to participate, having found a calm center with Peaches' help.

Every spring, Horne mounts a montage across one wall of her classroom at the beginning of the Iditarod. She teaches her students about this extraordinary race because through it she can incorporate reading, math, nature, animal care, and self-care.

"I believe in bringing the outside world into the classroom," she says.

When the race begins, her students inform the rest of the school. As other students become interested, they look to her reading lab students for information. "It becomes a status thing," she says; another self-esteem and confidence boost.

And then there is Horne's knitting club, open only at recess on her own time. With her two longtime parateachers, Linda Sutterfield and Wendy Webster, and occasional parent helpers, Horne welcomes all student knitters of colorful worsted-weight

"scarves" on homemade toilet paper and popsicle stick knitting tubes. Sometimes it's standing-room-only. And the kids who already know how to knit show the ones who don't.

"The expert knitters become that way because they've taught somebody something," she says. "It's an opportunity to use different thinking skills that make some kids shine."

Horne's club even captivates the boys. She thinks it might be the mechanics of knitting, but whatever it is, one drizzly afternoon she overheard a conversation among fourth-grade boys clustered at a table during recess knitting club. "Yeah," said one to the others, "I didn't even use my Xbox (video game equipment) last night. I just did my knitting."

Horne originally intended to teach physical education, for which she is also certified. She changed her focus, however, and taught special education in southern California for seven years before she and her husband moved to Washington 24 years ago. Once here, she was the administrator of a successful diaper service her husband ran for a dozen years. That was long enough for her to appreciate the cohesive support she experienced as a teacher. "You feel part of a big family at an elementary school," she says. "My principal, Steve Leitz, is continuously supportive of class activities, and so is the PTA."

Horne has no children; her 2-year-old Sheltie keeps her busy with dog agility classes. "Animals are a big part of my life," she says. She belongs to a knitting club. "I knit my socks," she says, raising her pants' leg to show the vibrant stripes. She spins wool (and demonstrates to students), belongs to two book clubs, and plays tennis. "I love to learn," she says, adding that she took German for fun, and eventually traveled to Germany several times.

Obviously a woman who has knit compassion for others into her lifework, she frets about her student yarn supply. Disappointing kids who come to knit is something she does not want to do. She can always use any color or quantity of worsted-weight yarn, and large gauge, short knitting needles for little fingers.

"We welcome donations," she says, adding that it's about more than knitting. "If we can make our kids experts — at explaining the Iditarod to others, knitting, or pet care — it's the whole self-esteem issue again. Kids learn better when they feel good about themselves."



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PHS "Once Upon a Mattress" Queen Aggravain with her son, Prince Dauntless (Queen played by sophomore Lyndsi LaRose, and Prince played by senior William Schauer).



Photo by Mindi LaRose

Below, at the overwhelmingly well attended dinner auction at Key Peninsula's YMCA Camp Seymour, Minter Creek Elementary School's 4th grade teacher Jeannie Sagle shows off a table created by her students with designer assistance from a parent. The table brought in \$425 for the PTA's many projects in support of the school.

Photo by Hugh McMillan



Above, Minter Creek Elementary School's PTA president Wendy Wojtanowicz, whose children, 2nd grader Allie and 4th grader Mackenzie, attend Minter, event co-chair Deanna Russell, mom of Minter students, 5th grader Scott and 2nd grader Ryan, fellow co-chair Monica Wulff, mom of 5th grader Chris, and co-chair Lisa Elliot whose 2nd grader Jessica and 5th grader Blake provide incentive for them to work so hard in support of the school, enjoy being recognized at St. Patrick's Day's auction at Key Peninsula's YMCA Camp Seymour. Photo by Hugh McMillan

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Science and aerospace not just a 'boy thing'

By Kristie Byrd
Special to KP News

As part of the NASA Explorer School experience, several middle school girls from Key Peninsula Middle School attended an extremely interesting and rewarding day at the Museum of Flight in Seattle in March.

It was 8:55 a.m. when the aerospace kids from KPMS arrived at the museum. At one of the sessions the students met Mark Boyle, a graphic designer. He spoke about many of the graphics he has designed. Among these are large graphics for planes including planes for Disney, Seaworld, and Alaska Airlines. In fact, he designed the famous salmon used on the Alaskan jets.

In order for this salmon design to become a reality, Boyle created a flat pattern of the salmon to wrap around the plane. Once the design was made and ready, 30 people were hired to work on it. After 24 days, the salmon was complete. When asked what was going through his mind when he first saw the plane, Boyle said he had a mixture of emotions.



L-R, KPMS students Kelsey Wilkinson and Rebecca Saar are constructing a robot with help from Rich Liensch, a mentor with the Museum of Flight.

Photo courtesy of Kari Wilkinson

"It was amazing but also scary. It cost half a million dollars to create so it had to be good," he said.

It didn't only have to be good, it had to be accurate. The design was of a King Salmon. The details had to be dead-on or it might have been mistaken for a different type of fish.

The second session was all about robots. Rich Liensch, the adult speaker,

talked about the word robot. Where did it come from? A play back in the 1920s had things in it that were called robotas. The name was translated into robot. He asked what type of robots we use in our everyday lives. Some students replied that cars and vacuum cleaners were robots. The simplest robot we use in our everyday life, however, is the alarm clock. You program it to do something at a certain time, and it does.

The students learned that robots are certainly part of the aerospace industry. For starters, they help assemble planes. In addition, students learned there are robotic planes. They are used in the military and also used for dangerous tasks that are too risky for people to do.

The robotics session was followed by lunch. As people were eating, they were introduced to three Russian cosmonauts. Not speaking fluent English, the three were accompanied by a translator. The first to speak was Nadezhda Kuzhelnaya, a pilot who once flew on the Sukhoi Design Bureau Aerobatic team. Her real

dream was to fly in space, so she became a cosmonaut.

In 2004, however, with no Russian space missions on the horizon, she resigned from the cosmonaut ranks. She now flies a Tupolev Tu-134 for Aeroflot. She told the students to never give up with their dreams. "Go on, you will succeed if you don't give up," she said.

Next to speak was Svetlana Protasouna, a naturally gifted pilot who petitioned the Russian president and the defense minister about flying combat jets for the air force. In her story, she explained that after a long struggle, she became the first woman to fly a MiG-29 fighter jet.

Lastly, the KPMS students heard cosmonaut Lidiya Zaitseua, who learned to fly during the late 1950s. As one of only two women selected to attend a flight test school in the '60s, she not only flew, but set records in the MiG-17 and supersonic MiG-21. When asked why she wanted to become an aviator, she replied that it was because of World War II. She said she dreamed of flying fighter jets. Well, her dreams became a reality because that is exactly what she did.

Clearly, the day was designed to show the girls in attendance what fellow females have done in science and aerospace. The three female Russian cosmonauts have proven that anything men can do, women can do equally as well. Spending four hours at the Museum of Flight, the KPMS girls realized that science and aerospace isn't just a boy thing. As cosmonaut Nadezhda Kuzhelnaya said, "You will succeed if you don't give up!"

Kristie Byrd is an eighth-grade student at KPMS and a member of the school's student paper, Eye of the Cougar.

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School Board confirms new superintendent

By Hugh McMillan
KP News

The Peninsula School District Board of Directors in March hired Terry Bouck as the new superintendent. Bouck currently is the Tacoma schools' assistant superintendent of middle schools, has been a local resident for 15 years and lives in the Wauna area of the Key Peninsula. Of his three children and two stepchildren, three have attended schools in the Peninsula School District and his youngest stepson, Kyle Anderson, will graduate from Peninsula High School this year. Bouck's wife, Kristy, is an elementary school teacher in the South Kitsap School District.

Among his many experiences in the education field, Bouck served as superintendent of the American International School in Lagos, Nigeria, as part of an exchange program with the Tacoma School District. He was principal of Jason Lee Middle School when the Dale Chihuly Glass Arts program was launched. During his tenure there, student enrollment that had been on the decline because of the school's poor reputation, made a marked turnaround and almost doubled.

Former state senator, now teacher at Jason Lee, Bill Smitherman and his wife, Karen, also a teacher in Tacoma schools, have long known and worked with Bouck, and according to Karen, know him to be a very hard-working, dedicated professional who gets things done.

Assistant Superintendent of Peninsula Schools Bob Connelly said, "I really haven't had a chance to get to know him yet but can say that I've heard nothing but good things about him. He is student-



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Newly appointed Peninsula School District Superintendent Terry Bouck fields questions from the audience at a public forum in the Commons of Goodman Middle School, March 22, shortly before the school board convened and voted him to replace outgoing Superintendent Jim Coolican.

centered and community oriented."

Bouck's secretary in Tacoma, Phyllis Mjorud, described him as "energetic, honest, a man of his word, trustworthy, and people oriented."

Before the School Board's confirmation, Bouck told the audience in the forum, "I'm a hard worker because I love what I do. If I get the job, I intend to be in the schools, the classrooms, with the teachers and parents. The paperwork will be handled after hours and on weekends. I want to be with the kids; that's where I belong."

Outgoing Superintendent Jim Coolican said, "You'll be very happy with Terry. He's strong, knowledgeable, committed to the students, and will be very involved with his community."

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School brief

PSD to replace diesel buses

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Peninsula School District a \$300,000 grant to replace eight school buses with cleaner-burning diesel-powered buses. In addition, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has contributed \$100,000 and the school district will provide \$400,000 in matching funds.



The EPA grant is part of the "Clean School Bus USA" program and will allow PSD to replace eight of its 1981-1991 model year school buses with 2007 model year buses that will meet the latest EPA diesel emission standards. With the new buses, the District expects a 98 percent reduction in particulate matter, a 97 percent reduction in nitrogen oxides and an 89 percent reduction in nonmethane hydrocarbons.

"Getting these old, smoky diesel engines off the road is one of the best things we can do for our kids' health and the environment," said Michael Bogert, EPA's regional administrator in Seattle.

In 1995, Peninsula School District had the oldest school bus fleet in the state. Since then, the district has been working to systematically replace four to six buses per year.

"This is just the shot in the arm we need to accomplish what we've been working on for the last 10 years," said Marcia Harris, PSD deputy superintendent. "The work that is funded by these grant dollars will be a great benefit not only to the school district, but also to the surrounding community."

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KP Livable Community Fair slated for May 13

The Key Peninsula Civic Center will be the site of things to see and people to meet on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The annual Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair, featuring non-profit organizations on the peninsula, will be set up in the gym.

On the lawn will be fuchsias and other plants for sale by the Lakebay Fuchsia Society. The KP Historical Museum will be open with a special display on World War II. Lunch will be available in the Whitmore Room.

Easter Egg Hunt at Civic Center April 15 at noon

The Key Peninsula Civic Center and Boy Scout Troop 220 will hold the annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 15. It will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center and begin precisely at noon. There will be thousands of stuffed Easter eggs, candy and specially stuffed eggs redeemable for special prizes. Children of all ages are invited to attend. The troop is looking for donations of plastic Easter eggs and baskets. If you have any to donate, please contact Scoutmaster Bill Macaras at 884-3133.

KPBA road clean-up

KP Business Association road clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 1. The group meets at Home Park at 8 a.m. If there are enough helpers, we will go to LuLu's for breakfast in an hour.

Seeing Horses from a Different Point of View

A lecture and demonstration series in Natural Horsemanship began in March, and will continue Tuesdays, April 4, April 25, May 20 and June 10. Cost is \$10 per person per event. Chuck Kraft will speak on psychology, horsehandling safety, ground manners, trailer loading, use of a round pen, desensitizing, and preparation for trail riding.

"The Nature of the Horse" series is scheduled at Purdy Elementary, 13815 62nd Ave. NW, Gig Harbor. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. and the lectures are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Library event features Elizabethan custom

April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Key Center library meeting room, the monthly Friends of the KC Library event features



Photo courtesy of Richard & Patricia Tiegs

Scouts Conrad Hanson, Aaron Hanson and Luke Vander Poel shake hands with Wally Cornman, Scout leader Bill Macaras and Cy Young at the KP Veterans' Institute's Patriotic Appreciation Night.

Veterans say 'thank you' to locals

By Colleen Slater
KP News

The Key Peninsula Veterans' Institute hosted its Annual Patriotic Appreciation Night program on the evening of Monday, March 20, at Community House in Home. The program was held to recognize and honor those businesses, groups, and individuals who regularly fly the American flag as a symbol of pride in their community and their nation.

Certificates for flying the American flag every day were given to Mitch and Brenda Kiser, Bill and Delrene Horwitz, Larry and Julie Miles, Tom and Shirley Cromie, Richard and Patricia Tiegs, Jean Christoffersen, Keith Stiles, Marguerite Bussard, Cy and Eileen Young, and Irene and Roxyanne Wooldridge.

a living history lecture and fashion show. Actress, historian and fashion history teacher Tames Alan combines Elizabethan history with appearances first as a lower middle-class woman, and then dressed in an authentic, 62-piece court costume, describing the lives of the two classes as she transforms before the audience's eyes.

Lions Club invites public to meet legislators

The Key Peninsula Lions Club invites the public to a free non-partisan public Legislative Report and open Q&A forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at the Key Peninsula branch of the Pierce County Library in Key Center.

Plaques to groups and businesses which demonstrate support for veterans were presented to Don Zimmerman, Lake Kathryn Pharmacy, and Bill Macaras and Scout Troop 220. Others, not present, received their certificates and plaques at a later date.

Key Singers sang two patriotic numbers, and Bill Horwitz presented a video, "Before You Go," as a tribute to World War II veterans. Cy Young and Wally Cornman are the last of the WWII vets that belong to KPVI.

While the Key Peninsula Veteran's Institute Appreciation Night is a special program, the organization meets regularly at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Community House, and veterans and their families are invited to join.

State Representative Derek Kilmer and possibly other legislators will present a report on the recently ended legislative session and accept questions from the floor. Space is limited.

KP Writers' Guild

Writers are invited to submit entries to the 2006 anthology, Voices from the Key. Deadline for submissions is May 1. Guidelines are available at Key Center Library or by contacting Danna Webster, 884-6455, dwebster@centurytel.net.

Bayshore Garden Club meeting April 7

Bayshore Garden Club will meet at 1

p.m. April 7 at the Longbranch Fire Station. The hostess will be Francine Miner. The theme will be "Drought Tolerant Perennials" by Jean Young; horticulture by Dorothy Rome; design by Liz Fore. All persons interested are welcome. Contact Sylvia Retherford for information at 884-2487.

KP Family Resource Center hosts speaker

The Key Peninsula Family Resource Center of Children's Home Society will be having its quarterly Advisory Committee/Community meeting on April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, in the Whitmore Room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. The agenda will focus on community services the KPFRFC staff provides, especially our Programs of Partnership. Our featured guest speaker will be Ms. Jacque Crisman, principal of Evergreen Elementary School. We look forward to having all interested people attend. For more information or to RSVP by April 21, please call 884-5433.

Fuchsia Society meets to pot plants

The next meeting of the Lakebay Fuchsia Society will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Key Center Library. We will each be potting a plant and getting tips on how to successfully grow a beautiful fuchsia. This promises to be a fun meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Seniors invite new members

The Key Peninsula Senior Society, which meets at noon every Thursday at the Key Peninsula Civic Center, extends an invitation to all seniors in the area to drop by and see what goes on. There is always a good assortment of delicious foods at the weekly lunches. When the dishes are cleared away, small groups form for assorted card games. Other games are available.

Secretary Rose Malmgren notes it's a great place to meet people, find out more about the area, have a good meal and make new friends. All seniors are welcome in the Senior Society. For information, call 884-5052.

Angel Guild news

The Angel Guild has been given a very generous grant, which will make it possible to renovate our sorting shed. We will be able to facilitate this work and are so appreciative of what this

donor has done for us.

The purpose of our group is to serve the peninsula and we want to share some of the things we do. In the month of February, Angel Guild made donations to the following groups: Communities in Schools, the Vaughn Elementary Reading Mentor Program and the Henderson Bay Scholarship Fund. Each month we give to the Civic Center for the WIC Nutrition Services and the Key Peninsula Services Emergency Fund.

We can always use more volunteers. We have had some fantastic people sign up to become "Angels." They come each week to volunteer. For more information, call our coordinator, Bonnie, at 884-5983.

Spring and Easter items are coming into the store. While you are out, please make a stop at Angel Guild, which is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

— By Betty Barkubein

Safe Streets changes meeting format

This month, Safe Streets will be changing the format of their meetings. Starting April 28, the meeting will be an open forum to meet staff from the Pierce County Sheriff and Washington State Department of Corrections. People in attendance will get an update on the

latest news from both departments. They will also be able to ask questions, express concerns or seek assistance on issues they may have. The open forum is for the general public. In May, our regular business meeting will be held. If you have any questions, call Dennis Taylor at 884-7899.

Lions Club Youth Exchange

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Civic Center news

It's that time of the year again. Earth Day! We will gather on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to clean up the surrounding grounds of the Civic Center. We need all the volunteers we

can get. Please bring your basic yard tools. Plan to pick up litter, whack weeds, prune, blow and rake leaves and many other fun jobs!

The Civic Center is a very busy place with classes and activities conducted every day of the week. This causes a lot of wear and tear on the old building. Maintenance is a continual chore. Some of the needs in the near future are: painting the exterior; resurfacing the parking lot; replacing the kick boards around the gym floor and enhancing our front entrance. As you can see, our work is cut out for us. To do all this we will need grants and volunteer help from our community. If you are interested in being involved with a historical old center that is essential to our community, please consider joining our board. Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. They last about an hour and a half. The 50-year anniversary of the Civic Center will be celebrated later this year with a western dance and BBQ!

Open gym every Sunday, with a fee of \$2 per person over age 16. Youth time: 6 to 7 p.m. Adults: 7 to 9 p.m.

KP Civic Center presents Spring Fashion Fantasy

Please join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Key Peninsula Civic

Center in Vaughn, for a luncheon tea and fashion show. "A Day of Spring Fashion Fantasy" invites you to be a participant in this event as a hostess. Here is how it works: Every hostess will create and set a table using their own China and crystal; and their own unique décor. The doors will open at 11 a.m. so everyone will have time to view the decked out tables that have been created. Participants will vote on their personal favorite.

Fashions from LL's Formal Occasion of Gig Harbor will be presented on a runway showcasing leisure wear, formal wear and beautiful bridal attire. A buffet lunch will be served. Dessert will be provided by Sweet Divas Catering in Port Orchard.

Tickets are \$15 and are available in Key Center and Gig Harbor at: Nails by Lynn Reaves, Sunnycrest Nursery, LL's Formal Occasions, and American Party Place (formerly Parties Plus).

All proceeds will benefit the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Please call Claudia for more information on this fun event at 884-3937.

90th birthday invitation

Jean Humphreys' family invites her friends to her 90th birthday celebration, at the Longbranch Church, Sunday, April 23, from 2-4 p.m.

— The Humphrey family

Volunteer spotlight: Mary Watson

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

Mary Watson is all about energy: get-up-and-go, let's-begin, I-don't-have-all-day-energy that has served the Friends of the Key Center Library since the early 1990s when she was president of the organization for two years. A board member since then, she previously wrote the newsletter, and revitalized the group after its longtime librarian-leader, Dory Meyers, retired a few years ago. The organization, she says, "is one way the library brings resources to the community."



WATSON

When Watson and husband, Bill Teresky, moved here 23 years ago, she headed for the library first, "a

Volunteers needed: Get Involved

Kim Lubin, counselor at **Key Peninsula Middle School**, is seeking adult volunteers to be mentors in the 6th grade reading and writing classroom at least one hour weekly, from 9 to 10 a.m. and/or noon to 1:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Rochelle Doan of Communities in Schools at 253-884-5733, rochellecisp@centurytel.net or Kim Lubin at 253-530-4233, lubink@peninsula.wednet.edu.

Key Peninsula Community Fair is looking for volunteers to help on the committees as well as on event day. The new fair date is July 21-23.

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grounds; and to serve on the committees. Contact: Pam Libstaff, p0resident at info@keyfair.com, or you may call the fair office at 253-844-4386 and leave a message.

Pierce County Public Works and Utilities – Water Programs Division is recruiting residents who live in Pierce County on the Kitsap Peninsula to serve as voting members on the East Kitsap Peninsula Salmon Habitat Restoration Committee.

The committee's purpose is to assist in the preservation and restoration of healthy salmon habitat throughout the portion of the Kitsap Peninsula that drains into Puget Sound.

For further information contact Kathleen Peters at (360) 337-4679 or via email at kpeters@co.kitsap.wa.us

offering choices without barriers of race, sex, age, or gender." She believes a well-used library is community in action,

and says she gets "a visceral thrill" seeing children, retired people, men in working clothes — anyone and everyone — participating.

Watson, committed to the ethics of choice, has been active since 1980 with Compassion and Choices (previously the Hemlock Society). A retired oncology nurse, she was the chairperson of the speakers' bureau for this statewide organization, supporting such end-of-life concerns as advanced directives and physician-aid issues. "My rock bottom belief is that everyone should have informed choices about different areas of their lives," she says.

She is a third generation 50-year member of the Unitarian Universalist Church. Reflective of her own values, she serves on the sabbatical team coordinating services and speakers while their minister is on leave, and compiles their newsletter.

Watson is a woman who believes in the power of knowledge and choice, and through volunteering, she shares those values with the community she calls home.

Birch Electric lights up the Key Pen

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

The owner of Birch Electric epitomizes the old adage, "Local kid makes good." Kevin Canavan is a Key Peninsula native, and his wife and business partner, Miranda, grew up in Port Townsend. Canavan's father, a retired electrician, provided a sound backdrop for his son to enter the field 22 years ago. Today Canavan holds a Washington state master electrician's license.

What began as young Canavan's first job working for other electrical companies and contractors evolved first into a fledgling husband and wife team consisting of an old Chevy pick-up (which they still have), a telephone, and a willingness to be available when needed by local citizens and businesses. Since that modest beginning in 1998, the Canavans have expanded the business to nine trucks employing 12 fulltime electricians year-round, all living on the Key Peninsula or in Gig Harbor. Canavan says that, collectively, he and his crews have over 200 years of residential, new construction and commercial electrical experience. "All of our electricians are top-notch," he says.

The company prides itself in a short response time, creative design work, and an honest work ethic. "Birch Electric was built on the Key Peninsula," he says. "It was built on honesty, and will always be a business that caters to the needs of this community." His wife, who now handles permitting, incoming phone calls, and in the early days also met with crews, adds that when their two daughters were toddlers, "they thought they had 12 more daddies." Intentionally run "family-style," Birch Electric provides benefits to employees, and offers a paid apprenticeship through the union.

The Canavans support local community outreach in tangible ways that make a difference. Every year for the last three years they have joined with their suppliers (CED and Rainier Lighting & Electric) to donate materials and labor for two Habitat



Photo by Chris Fitzgerald

KP native and Birch Electric owner Kevin Canavan, and wife Miranda, employ 12 fulltime electricians on the Key Peninsula and in Gig Harbor.

for Humanity houses on the peninsula. They contribute electrical services for the auction at Vaughn Elementary, where their girls attend, and provided the new lighting service for Volunteer Park several years ago. It is one thing for a small business owner to donate his own time and labor, but cognizant of this, when Canavan hasn't time to execute a donated project himself and uses a crew instead, he bills himself and pays his crew as on any other job.

Three years ago, Birch Electric expanded capacity with two field supervisors, Greg Hanson and Brian Nearland, who coordinate crews, troubleshoot, and assist new homeowners with pre-wiring, framing-stage lighting walk-throughs. Canavan meets with prospective customers to assess needs and provide estimates. It makes no difference to him whether the appointment he goes out on is to a homeowner requesting a new circuit breaker installation, or a commercial building developer shopping for an electrical contractor. Everyone is treated the same.

"I would not have been able to get where I am," he says, "without the people of the Key Peninsula supporting local businesses."

Canavan says the economy is good right now for craftsmen. He and his crews could "work seven days a week for as many hours as we can stay awake." Booking for a spring-time job is already one to two weeks out, and their summer job load is "slammed." Eighty percent of Birch Electric's business is existing and new residential construction, and local service calls. The other 20 percent are commercial projects, including the electrical systems for Blondie's. All calls are radio-dispatched, and they attempt to adhere to a one-hour callback. Canavan pays attention to the details. When Birch Electric needed sign work done, he used a local company. "We all need to support local businesses," he says. "That's what keeps our community."

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Staging, essentially is presenting a home at its very best (inside and out). The most important aspect is to portray good 'curb appeal' from the outside i.e.: make your home presentable on the outside so buyers will want to see the inside. Clear away clutter, clean the roof of moss, plant seasonal blooming flowers around from the door so the home appears welcoming.

Inside, if the home is vacant, a potted plant, or even artificial flowers strategically placed, a few items of furniture such as a dining table set with place settings and flowers, a side table in the living area with a lamp or piece of art work can make a home seem much more welcoming. In some cases, painting even a single wall a striking color and putting a table and artwork in place will make a difference.

If the seller is still occupying the home, the most important part of staging is to clear away clutter, remembering that the collections that are important to you may just be a distraction for a buyer. Personal pictures and any offensive artwork should be removed if possible, and a thorough cleaning done, especially removing any offensive odors. In most cases, the existing furnishing and decorating in the home will add to the salability (if pared down to simplicity). Remember that buyers need to see the 'bones' of a home - not the contents.

There are various stages of 'staging' from a complete redecorating (painting every wall inside and bringing in rented furnishings) to simple cleaning and clutter removed. Talking to your Realtor and following his or her recommendations will decide what is best for you and the quick sale of your home and what degree of 'staging' you need to do.

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Fairview Acres prepares for season

By Chris Fitzgerald
KP News

Birdsong welcomes springtime in the well-pruned orchard standing at attention beside straight rows of weed-free mounded beds awaiting planting; naked berry canes hug sturdy wood supports. The lavender looks a bit woolly and not too pleased with the weather. Beyond the front gardens and orchard, behind a long, low greenhouse and just below the barn, geese play tag against a green rolling backdrop of pasture where two cows graze.

Fairview Acres is a lifework in progress that began with a son's desire to participate in 4-H 13 years ago, when Coni and Ron Chaney moved to their 20-acre spread on the Key Peninsula. Young Creighton Chaney raised and showed sheep, angora and Nubian goats, and four types of angora rabbits. When his interests turned elsewhere, Coni, who had owned a sewing and needlework shop in California, became interested in using the luxurious angora (70 percent warmer than wool) of their various animals. She was invited by a new friend to attend a weaver's guild meeting, where she learned how to spin. Soon she was combining and dyeing the raw fiber. She discovered her versatility could be expanded by adding wool; it wasn't long before Moreno sheep joined the farm.

Today, Fairview Acres cares for French angora and French giant angora rabbits that molt their wool every three to four months, angora goats whose mohair coats are shorn twice yearly, and Moreno sheep, whose wool is sheared annually. Coni became so proficient at spinning, she began teaching the art, and now also sells spinning wheels. "It's very relaxing and therapeutic," she says, "and I love to teach." Every other Saturday, an open gathering of needle-workers and spinners meets at the



Photo courtesy of Fairview Acres

Bodycare products and gifts are made from the fields of lavender at Fairview Acres.

shop from noon until 1:30, learning from and teaching each other as they visit.

The Fairview Country Store is housed in what was once the garage, a bright, cheery 20 foot x 20 foot finished room. An entire wall of the shop is filled top to bottom, side to side, with a display of fine wool and angora yarns spun from the Chaney's own animals in both natural and acid-dyed colors, along with sample sweaters, socks, raw fiber ready for spinning, and "tools of the trade" — needles, books, etc.

Across from the yarn wall, a huge snifter of lavender buds from the garden sits on a counter. Coni began with a few lavender varieties for her own garden. They grew, she divided, they multiplied. Garden flowers and lavender delighted her senses, and she was frustrated at not finding the bodycare products she desired elsewhere, so she began experimenting. "I love to learn," Coni says. "I always want to be learning something new." In 2003, during a visit to California, she added soap making to her accomplishments; a line of lotions using lanolin and shea butter soon followed. Shoppers can select lavender bath salts, soaps, and lotions, along with other scented products created by the Chaney's from organic plants grown on-site. Under Ron's nurturing hands, their

Fairview Acres details

Store location is at 14513 24th St. KPS, Lakebay, WA 98349 or call 253-884-3107. Visit online at www.fairview-countrystore.com.

modest garden produced more than they could use, so Coni began making preserves in a local commercial kitchen. In the center of the shop this handsome assortment of jams, syrups and condiments await a shopper's pleasure.

Ron keeps the orchard, arbors, vegetable, herb, and flower gardens impeccably groomed, and the greenhouse filled with emerging seedlings that promise a fine assortment of flowering plants and herbs for customers later in the season. The purple and pink lavenders will be in bloom mid-summer, with bouquets and wands available now. Although not certified, the facility is organically operated. Their well-cared-for animals are the core of the venture, from providing raw fiber to enriching the compost created on-site that enables the Chaney's to enjoy an earth-friendly, holistic lifestyle they are

pleased to share with visitors.

In addition to the gardens and orchard, the farm grows many varieties of berries and grapes. Last year, Ron's fruit wines won blue ribbons at both the Mason and Kitsap county fairs. This year they will be featured at a new winery in Lakebay, Trillium Creek Winery, owned by Claude and Claudia Gahard. Produced from the 2005 harvest, about 50 cases of raspberry, boysenberry, blueberry, currant, strawberry, plum and mixed fruit wines have already been delivered to the new winery, where both the Gahards and Chaney's await the arrival of last-minute materials and opening day.

This summer is the second season that Fairview Country Store has been open. "There's something here that fits anyone's need," Coni says. The Chaney's are entrepreneurs committed to sharing the beauty and wholesome products of the Key Peninsula with visitors from other areas. Wednesday through Sunday year-round, they welcome guests to explore their country store, tour the gardens, view the animals, and enjoy the peace that comes with living the good life at Fairview Acres.

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KP man creates unique cues

By Irene Torres
KP News

Jim DuBois is a craftsman who uses unusual media like titanium, ivory, exotic woods and super glue. His craft is the meticulous building and repairing of pool cues. He enjoys the game of pool, and has placed in several tournaments. He says, "I love the heck out of this sport." He understands the mechanics of the game, the effects of moisture and soft rails, but says, "Lately, building cues has saturated my game. It takes a lot of time."

DuBois once had a promising baseball career, which ended abruptly with a motorcycle accident and three major operations. He umpired professionally with the Western Baseball Association and girls fast pitch, going to the state playoffs and nationals in Fort Dent, Tukwila. When he and his wife, Cindy, moved to the Key Peninsula, he gave up umpiring.

DuBois retired in February 2003 from Tacoma Plywood, Inc. after 31 years and unloading 13,000-15,000 semis and 4,000 to 5,000 railroad cars. He says he always had an interest in wood. For 16 years, he

practiced pool cue repair for his own use, and began building cues eight years ago, starting Pool Time Cue Repair in Lakebay. He is proud to tell of his cues being shipped to Switzerland, Atlanta, Texas and Michigan, but only spreads news of his business by word of mouth. He isn't on the Internet because, he says, "How busy do I want to be?"

There are six or seven builders in the state of Washington, like Mike McDermott, a pool professional and antique dealer, and Roger Pattit, from Seattle, who "will tell you, he won't show you," how to build a cue. DuBois' cues are crafted from purple heart, lace wood, bloodwood, western maple, quilted maple, spaultic alder, boagadi, cocobola and South African ebony. Some of the shafts are made from wood 200-250 years old, with 54 growth rings per inch — extremely compressed — which he reserves for specially designed sticks. He makes butterfly and layered pool cues, plain-jane and sneaky-pete cues. He wants to be known as "a guy that builds a decent stick." His prices for a new stick range from \$100 to \$2,000. "It takes almost a year to turn

down a shaft," he explains. He has built a custom inlaid stick with monogram for \$600. He has five original designs in his mind, designs which will be unique "humdinger collector's items someday," he predicts.

His shop out on South Head is neat, well-ventilated and organized. The ventilation is important because of the risk of cyanide poisoning from super glue fumes. He says such a business is difficult "out in the boon-docks," and he goes into town to "sniff out business" occasionally, returning with enough business to keep him busy for awhile. "There is nothing like bringing it (a cue) out here to put the professional touch on it," he says. He can steam out dents, clean and wax, replace ferrules, rewrap with Irish Linen or leather, and replace tips with elk hide, shark hide, cowhide, llama, water buffalo or laminate. "I use Sumo, Sniper, and Elkmaster, but H. Moori is the best you can get, it is cured one year underground in fertilized soil, and sells for \$40-50," he explains.

In his shop, DuBois has nine lathes, six metal and four wood. Three years ago, he studied with a mentor, Dennis Diekman in Michigan, "one of the best butterfly builders." Diekman had the first pool cue entered into display at the Smithsonian Institution. Under his tutelage, DuBois has learned tricks to reduce the time it takes to build a cue from 18 days to 30 hours; "using super glue has increased productivity tenfold," he says. Other tricks are gleaned from his subscription to Pool and Billiards magazine, featuring tables, halls, sticks, shooting stance, education, etc.

"People don't realize what all is involved" in cue maintenance, he says. For example, there are nine steps involved in cleaning a cue, a process that can be accomplished in about 10-15 minutes for which DuBois charges \$12. "It is difficult to explain all the



Photo by Mindi LaRose

Jim DuBois runs a taper on the shaft on the Atlas lathe, which he nicknamed the "Muscle Machine."

steps, and why it takes so much time" to do it right, he says. His personal preference for cue weight is 20 ounces. Some prefer a weight of 18 to 19 1/2, or 19 1/2 to 21 ounces. But he has made trick shot cues weighing 32 ounces.

There are places to learn the game, with trainers in Auburn, Kent, and Tacoma. He plays at Full Splice Billiards, a nonalcoholic hall in Tacoma, and at City Light Billiards in Tacoma. Having lost his wife in February 2004, DuBois says he needs closure and will downsize. "There is very little of my life I would change," he says. His home is on the market; but he plans to stay on the Key Peninsula.



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Community theater holds auditions for fall show

The Key Peninsula Community Theatre, an entity spearheaded by Longbranch's David Starkweather and supported by the Key Peninsula Civic Center, Longbranch Improvement Club and Two Waters Arts Alliance, is holding its first audition open to the public on Sunday, April 30, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the KP Civic Center. Key Peninsula Community Theatre's first production will be in October at Longbranch Improvement Club. The play will be announced following the auditions.

Starkweather wants the first show to have a large cast as it will represent the Key Peninsula as a whole. If there's enough interest and participation from the Peninsula towards the fall production then there will be serious negotiations for a permanent community theater.

The theater's mission is to connect the spirit of the community through the theater's experience. As the Key Peninsula grows, there will be even more of a need for cultural enhancement, the organizers say.

The April audition is open to everyone. Bring a prepared monologue to showcase your skills. Coming unprepared to auditions can be nerve racking, so be ready to read a monologue or scene.

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Home poet builds recognition for her work

By Jerry Libstaff
Special to KP News

Debra McElroy, a local real estate agent by trade, is an artist by nature. A poet since the age of 10, she is drawn to create moving, personal tomes that capture hearts.

In the 1960s, her family moved from Washington to California to be near her grandparents. McElroy's grandfather, an artist, converted an old gas station into his studio and store, Jenson's Metal Arts. He and his wife lived in a home he built.

McElroy's family occupied an antique, turn of the century, pink hotel next to the studio. This unique environment and the people of the area provided inspiration for several poems she has created.



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During the following years, the family migrated back to the Northwest and brought McElroy closer to her home.

Her work was published in a poetry journal, "A Walk in the Clouds," in the 1980s and although she gained some success, McElroy continued creating rather than entering the commercial side of the business. A prolific writer, she often writes poems in a series of three.

She says, "I write something that moves me, then I rework that poem to create an entirely different feeling. At that point I write a third poem in a completely different mode, to keep my thoughts fresh."

Though McElroy is a vibrant and strong writer of prose, poetry still lies at the heart of her creative desires. In 1998 she was introduced to a mentor, a poet from Evergreen Community College. The woman inspired and encouraged McElroy to take her work public and she presented her poems, live to an audience, for the first time.

The poems were well received. In 2000 her work was included in a "Chap Book"



Photo by Jerry Libstaff

Debra McElroy has been writing poetry since age 10.

produced by the Kent Canterbury Arts Festival. She read some of her poetry there and was later approached by the president of the poetry association and encouraged to publish on her own.

That year she also joined a group at Highline Community College in a program titled "Jump Start Your Poetry." She attended, off and on, for four years and developed strong associations with several poets.

In late 2002, McElroy and her husband purchased 10 acres in Home to provide space for another of her passions, horses.

McElroy has taught poetry in association with TWAA's Artists in Schools for two years. She developed a poetry program for Peninsula Writers' Association and is currently on the staff of the Watermark Writers Conference, where she will manage the poetry program at Alderbrook Resort this fall.

Last year her work was recognized by the head of Poets West, a group that promotes poetry events around the Northwest. McElroy was asked to read at The Frye Museum in Seattle and also presented her work at a Poetry Slam on the Key Peninsula, where she received a standing ovation. She shared both stages with nationally known, award-winning poets from across the country.

McElroy is scheduled to read in Woodinville next month.

Jerry Libstaff, a writer who lives in Vaughn, is president of Two Waters Arts Alliance.

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Foundation helps enhance classroom education through grants

Gig Harbor High School students in the learning resources class will soon have a new tool to help them enhance their literacy skills. Thanks to a grant from the Peninsula Schools Education Foundation, the students will use Dana AlphaSmarts laptops to improve their writing.

The AlphaSmarts are portable keyboard word processors that use infrared ports to transmit data to printers or to download it to a desktop computer. The Dana AlphaSmarts' capabilities are further enhanced through software that completes tasks such as translating handwriting into typed text, making diagrams and generating writing outlines, as well as reading words back to students.

"I needed to find a way to help students who need one-on-one instruction and don't have computers at home, to boost their reading, writing and keyboarding

"People are really dedicated to every child succeeding."

Caren Gloyd,
Resource English
and Math teacher



Gig Harbor High School junior Joe Hoffman, teacher's assistant for sixth period, and Resource English and Math teacher Caren Gloyd are learning about the capabilities of the new Dana AlphaSmarts laptops.

fluencies. The Danas were the best tools to accomplish that," says Caren Gloyd, Resource English and Math teacher at GHHS.

The laptops will help the students learn writing strategies, brainstorm, improve their spelling and editing skills.

The GHHS funding from the Peninsula Education Foundation was one of more than 20 granted by the independent nonprofit organization to Peninsula School District schools this year. The

grants, totaling more than \$18,000, were given to teachers for projects ranging from science experiments and social skills curriculum to musical instruments.

The foundation, governed by community volunteers, was created in 1995 with the mission to enhance education in the Peninsula School District.

"I am extraordinarily grateful that we have so much support in this community," Gloyd says. "People are really dedicated to every child succeeding."

April events

- 1** PHS "Once Upon a Mattress," 7:30 p.m.
- 10-14** Spring Break
- 20** School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. District Office

May events

- 6** PHS Campus Clean-Up!
- 11** School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Key Peninsula Middle School
- 15** Non-Student Day
- 25** School Board Study Session 6:30 p.m. District Office
- 26** No School — Possible Snow Make Up Day
- 29** No School — Memorial Day

Photo of the month



Vaughn Elementary third graders perform in "The Queen of Hearts and the Case of Missing Tarts" musical before an audience of family members.

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At a glance...

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From Pioneer Stock

Roy Danforth — from Wauna roots

By Colleen Slater
KP News

Roy Danforth, one of the last of his family to own property his great-grandfather purchased in 1907, has a proud and interesting heritage. Clarence Danforth of Wisconsin was among the first homesteaders in Beaver Valley, Neb., after serving in various companies during the Civil War. He was a broom maker, but went to a school to learn to repair shoes. In 1884, he headed for Washington Territory with wife Alice and four children — Frank, Carrie, Marshall, and George. They settled in the Spokane area, where he set up a shoe repair shop, which eventually turned into a general store. He was also the postmaster of Northridge, and became a state representative. "That was back in the days of horses and wagons," notes Roy Danforth, commenting on his great-grandfather traveling to Olympia for state business.

The family moved to the Fernhill area of Tacoma, where Danforth opened another shoe repair shop. In 1907, he purchased



Nettie Durant-Danforth, grandmother of Roy, sits in front of the cabin on Danforth Road, ca 1950.

Photo courtesy of Roy Danforth

660 acres in Wauna, which he surveyed with his son Marshall. They traveled to the property by boat from Tacoma.

Danforth was known as a man who always wore a white shirt, vest and tie, even while surveying, hunting or camping.

Son Marshall continued to survey in the area. He also cruised timber and raised honey bees. He built a cabin in 1929 off Danforth Road, where he flew a 5 ft by 9 ft "Old Glory" with 45 stars. Roy is the proud owner of that flag. Marshall

and wife, Nettie Danforth, raised their children in the cabin. Their son Coral ("Spike") built a larger home in front of it in 1949. Both homes are now private residences of non-family members. Nettie Danforth learned to make woven baskets, as well as other decorative handwork. Roy and wife Margo have lovely baskets and other pieces made by his grandmother Nettie.

Roy's father, "Spike" Danforth, was a lineman for Peninsula Light Co., and

was killed on the job when Roy was 12, and his sister Marilyn, 14. Roy joined the Navy after high school, and served for four years. In the '50s, military recruiters came to high schools to talk to seniors. They guaranteed schooling for those who signed up, and Roy asked for electrician training. He was one of the fortunate ones to get his first choice.

As a civilian again, he built his own home on his share of Danforth property. He did electrical work for Harbor Pump and Drilling a few years, then worked for himself, doing both home and commercial wiring. He eventually formed R & M Electric Company with friend Mike Niemann of Vaughn.

Roy enjoyed camping and fishing as a boy, and loved to shoot both his BB gun, and later his .22 rifle. He continues most of those pursuits as a recent retiree. Roy, still a Key Peninsula resident, no longer lives on Danforth Road. His last piece of acreage was given to his daughters, fifth generation descendants of Clarence, as they wanted to own some of the original Danforth land.

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Poet turns tragedy into inspiration

By Kristen Pierce
KP News

Dennis Baze, a 25-year-old resident of the Key Peninsula, has just published his first book, "I Found Myself."

Baze and his wife, Jessica, moved to Lake Holiday from Lakewood two and a half years ago to escape the hustle and bustle of city life. As with many other local artists, Baze finds the peace and tranquility of the Key Peninsula an inspiration for his writing.

There is a twinkle in his eye as he begins to share his journey from a young teen to a man in his early 20s. He talks about the relationship with his older half-brother Harry, a talented young man who was a musician and a writer. He and Dennis were very close, as they shared many interests. Dennis admired his brother's talents and looked up to him in many ways.

In 1994, when Dennis was 13, the brotherly bond came to an end with a tragic event. Harry fell victim to gang violence. He was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting in Tacoma. Although his brother's involvement with gangs lead to

Book signing

Dennis Baze's book "I Found Myself" may be purchased through www.bn.com or www.amazon.com. You can read some of his poems online at www.poetry.com.

Meet Baze at his book signing on April 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Key Center Library, as part of a special Tea and Poetry event sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Tea and refreshments will be served.

his untimely death, Baze managed to turn the tragedy into a positive lesson for his own life.

"After my brother passed away, I really found myself and began to pursue my writing," he said.

He was 16, in high school, and experimenting with writing. He took a creative writing class to see where it might lead him. At first he struggled with the art but stuck with it because he wanted to show his fellow classmates he could become a good writer. He also wanted to carry on the legacy of his

brother's dream as a writer.

Once, he recalls, a student made a remark about one of the poems Baze read aloud to the class. The student said it was a terrible poem. The poem was about the passing of Baze's brother. Instead of discouragement, it only led to a deeper passion for writing. Baze dabbled in short stories, screenplays, and poetry, and narrowed his writing down to primarily poems and song lyrics. He said the poetry was a good outlet for him to express his feelings and release stress at the end of the day.

Ten years later, Baze compiled his favorite poems and decided to publish a book. He had one rejection by a publishing company in Pennsylvania, but found better luck with Maryland-based Publish America. Once published, he became motivated to write another book, "This Is Why I Am Proud," which will be available by the end of 2006.

With more confidence in himself, Baze finds that his writing style has changed a bit. He takes more time to focus on his writing. He is more relaxed and can wait for creative ideas to come to him without

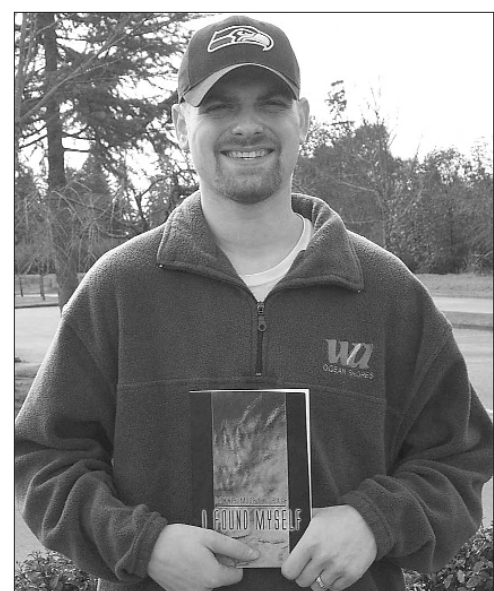


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Dennis Baze holds a copy of his book, "I Found Myself." He will hold a book signing at the library on April 8.

trying to push them along.

With a smirk, he admits, "I really enjoy getting positive feedback and acknowledgement for my writing. I also like to see people's reactions to my poetry."

Baze also has visions of owning a publishing company and a recording company to be able to help fellow artists in fulfilling their dreams.

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Key Peninsula sees rapid population growth

By Rick Sorrels
Special to KP News

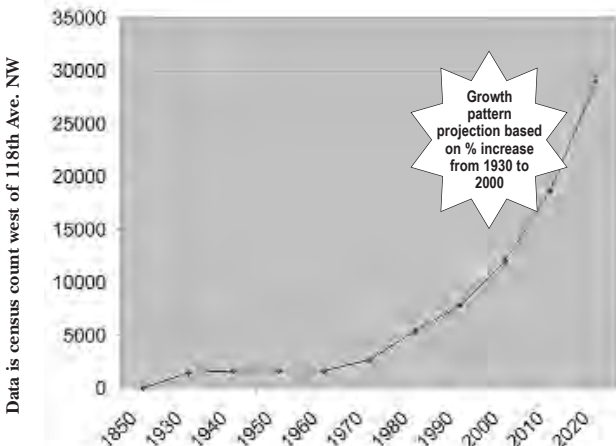
The Key Peninsula is currently experiencing a period of rapid population growth, according to Census and regional statistics. Rapid growth brings with it concerns for quality of life and retention of a rural atmosphere. This is one of the subjects facing the Key Peninsula Community Planning Board as it writes a comprehensive plan for the peninsula.

There were 15,883 persons living on the Key Peninsula, according to the U.S. Census for the year 2000. This is the total for the four census tracts located in Pierce County between the Burley Lagoon and Devil's Head.

In that year, there were 12,046 persons living on the Key Peninsula between 118th Ave and Devil's Head. This was a 55 percent increase over the 7,787 people living there in 1990. If that same growth rate were to continue, a population of 18,671 in 2010 and 28,940 in 2020 could be expected.

Population growth flattened between

Key Pen Population Trend



Population indices from 1930 to 2000 provided by Puget Sound Regional Council.

1940 and 1960, which might be attributed to men going off to war (WWII and Korea) and the decline of some older established communities such as Minter, Elgin, Clifton, and Glencove, historical communities that thrived in earlier years with schools, post offices, general stores, gas stations, ferry docks, lumber mills, and even railroads.

Joyce Tovey owns the Windermere Real Estate office in Key Center, which is the largest real estate brokerage on the Peninsula. According to Tovey, "In the early 1990s there was a big boost to real estate sales with out-of-staters purchasing existing homes. The market fell off a lot in the mid- and late-1990s. Since 2000, local residents (Western

Washingtonians) have been purchasing property, especially vacant land, at a volume that I've never seen before. There are new homes being constructed all over the Peninsula." According to Tovey, "The MLS [Multiple Listings Services] records for 2005 show 811 property sales on the Peninsula, 490 with houses and 321 sales of vacant land. East of 118th Avenue had 151 sales, between 118th and the Lutheran Church on Lackey Road saw 303 sales, and south of there were 357 sales. Vacant land sells as soon as it hits the market. There are currently only 22 parcels of vacant land still listed, most of which have problems which limit their potential sale. It is definitely a 'seller's market.'" The concern about rapid growth will impact the comprehensive plans currently being written by the community planning board. The board meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the KPMS library. The public is welcome to listen and comment on the direction of growth for the community.



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"There are dreamers and there are achievers. The difference between the two is action!" (author unknown)

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paragraphs for essays. In math, students must know which applications are correct to use; and in science, students are not asked for memorized classifications of plants and animals, but rather, they must demonstrate the application of the scientific method.

But the WASL is much more than a way to measure student performance. The standardized test, mandated by the state Legislature in 1998, is necessary for high school students to receive their diploma, starting with the class of 2008. For school districts, it is a measure of whether they meet federal mandates under the No Child Left Behind Act signed by President Bush in 2002.

In 2005, Peninsula School District (PSD) ranked No. 1 in Pierce County and achieved some of the highest scores in the state on the WASL. Reading scores in fourth, seventh and tenth grades were 82.9 percent proficient, compared to the state average of 73.8 percent.

PSD is dedicated to high performance scores on the WASL, according to Assistant Superintendent Bob Connelly. But, as Connelly focuses his attention on a chart showing 11.7 percent of fourth graders not proficient in reading, he says the district must now target the non-proficient students.

"From the school district's standpoint, we're very proud of teachers in the district and their work to provide students [the skills] to be successful on the WASL," Connelly says.

But the bar has been raised. "It's no longer the challenge to get most kids to standard," he says, "it is...to get all kids to standard."

Getting 80 percent of PSD students to standard was no easy task. It took nearly a decade of staff development, curriculum revision and acquiring support programs, Connelly says. In addition, there was public resistance to the WASL to overcome; while the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) applied pressure for proficiency.

One of the schools that felt the pressure was the middle school on the Key Peninsula. The school's scores were low in 1998. Reading scores in the building were only 45.7 percent proficient and math scores were at 19.7 percent.

Sharon Shaffer is the new principal at Key Peninsula Middle School. Behind her office door, a chart hangs on the wall. It shows the percent of students who passed the WASL each year for the past eight years of testing. On the chart, reading scores climb from 45.7 percent

to 74.4 percent and math scores climb from 19.7 percent to 50.3 percent from 1998 to 2005. When asked if the scores are indications that teachers teach to the test at KPMS, both Shaffer and Vice Principal Thom Worlund reply, "Yes, of course."

The WASL "is about what we teach at the school," says Shaffer. The scores are school scores. They are a "measure on how we are doing on standards," she says.

Shaffer and Worlund explain that the WASL is a test of student performance. Students are expected to know what is taught, to practice what they learn, and to perform at a passing level.

According to Shaffer and Worlund, standards' testing has brought a transformation to all public schools over the past 10 to 15 years. They compare their building's education program to a business model. The targets are clear and instruction is aligned to reach them. The WASL scores are about "how we serve the public — how we do business; and we do it much better than we used to," Shaffer says.

KPMS score improvements reflect a strong supportive structure composed of staff, volunteers, students and families. Shaffer especially appreciates the KP families. She has worked in three middle schools in the district and the "parents out here are incredible," she says.

The staff, volunteers and students are a team that has been well-supported by materials and resources from the district, according to Worlund. "And that's why I love working in this district," he says, "...huge support."

The chart on the wall is viewed as a work of art, a masterpiece illustrating the many support structures that served to build success on the WASL at KPMS. The school's success was even noted by state officials: Superintendent of Public School Terri Bergeson chose KPMS as one of three middle schools across the state in her "Student Success 2005 report" highlighting year 2005 WASL achievements.

"We know we are impacting a greater number of kids over time — no matter how they come to us," Shaffer says.

When the staff saw the scores on this chart, there were "actual tears in the eyes of some teachers," according to Worlund.

Worlund is convinced that teaching to the WASL prepares students for an "information-rich world where they have to make decisions and where they have to make choices."

The WASL meets the needs of today's students who must use their skills to



KPMS Principal Sharon Shaffer and Vice-Principal Thom Worlund with a chart of WASL scores over the years.

Photo by
Danna Webster

"understand and think — to be critical about the information they are going to be flooded with throughout their life," he believes.

"(The WASL has) such a good impact on kids and the region," says Worlund. "To have it go away would be the worst thing to happen in public education."

The PSD administration agrees. The WASL is seen as an opportunity for both students and the school district to take a regular checkup on where things may stand when the students venture out into competition with the citizens of

other nations.

Connelly says passing the WASL assures students they are "learning to be successful — to perform to standard with all kids across the nation — To be able to compete equally."

The WASL "equals the playing field," he says.

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was looking for a way to dispose of its old one. Capt. Hal Wolverton of KPFD learned of the availability, and an agreement on the MLB transfer was finalized in about two weeks' time, according to Division Chief Guy Allen. The main impediment to concluding the arrangement was convincing the District 16 Fire Commissioners. They wanted assurances that the boat was a good deal and that there would be no additional costs to taxpayers, Allen said.

The transfer process was actually free, but Allen acknowledges there are costs associated with operating the boat. He estimates the department needs to spend about \$13,000 to bring the boat up to specifications and for initial crew training in the first year of operations. It will take

about \$11,000 to keep it running in later years.

"We plan to train up to 10 pilots," said Allen, "and qualify most of our other firefighters as deckhands for the boat." Pilots will complete an extensive training program, including obtaining U.S. Coast Guard Power Squadron and Radar Navigation certifications. Once initial standup training is completed in May, the plan is to conduct regular refresher training on a quarterly basis.

The boat design is based on a proven U.S. Coast Guard aluminum hulled Utility Tug Boat (UTB) with self-righting features for operations in high surf conditions. It is a 20-ton craft with a beam of 13.5 feet and draft of 3.5 feet. It is equipped with two Detroit 6V53, 185 HP, marine diesel engines that are capable of driving the boat at speeds up

"We plan to train up to 10 pilots."

— Division Chief Guy Allen

to 14 knots. It carries a 250 gallon-per-minute firefighting and dewatering pumps and is configured for — but not currently fitted with — a remotely operated water cannon in the bow. With a crew of four, it can carry up to 21 people onboard.

Although the KP Fire District has two jet-ski craft used for emergency life-saving purposes, the MLB, FD-16's first large water-response craft, provides the local firefighters with greater waterborne response capability.

Even though the MLB isn't officially operational yet, it has already responded to an emergency call. On a

Saturday morning in February, KPFD received a call about a 21-foot catamaran that had come adrift from its mooring in Von Geldern Cove. It was threatening to strike the pilings of a house built out over the water. The MLB, with Capt. Wolverton at the helm and firefighters Tony Carr, Todd Vanscoyk, and Saul Wolverton assisting, was dispatched to tow the catamaran back to anchorage and reset its anchor.

The District plans to moor the MLB at the Longbranch Marina. In the event of an emergency call, a crew would likely respond from the Home Fire Station. Chief Allen estimates it will take between 12 to 15 minutes from receipt of a 911 call for the boat to get underway. "We're guessing that MLB will be used for about a half dozen calls a year," Allen said.

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Out & About



Above, Greg Calahan, owner of O'Callahans Pub & Grill, enjoying the crowd at the St. Patrick's Day party.

Left, Mercenary Mary (aka Mary Egan), Captain Mo-Mo (aka Karl Anderson) were taking a prisoner (aka Dale Loy) at O'Callahan's St. Patrick's party March 17. Photos by Danna Webster



Above, Sisters Kelsy and Emily Croxen admire Artist Adria Hanson's oil on canvas painting entitled "San Francisco Bay Girl."

Photo by Mindi LaRose

Sisters, Sarah, 8, and Leia Meaney, 12, get ready to enjoy the Key Peninsula Little League's annual fund-raising breakfast Saturday, March 25, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Sarah will play for Harvest Timber; Leia's team has yet to be determined but she plans to be with coach John Kopp. KPLL's opening day begins at 8:00 pm, Saturday, April 1 – and we're not fooling.

Photo by Hugh McMillan



Above, President Jerry Libstaff and the Two Waters Arts Alliance Board of Directors at last month's Spring Fling event. Photo by Mindi LaRose

Below, photographer Allan Zdarsky takes a few shots of the Windwalker 5- to 7-year-olds at the Key Peninsula Little League's annual fund-raising breakfast Saturday, March 25, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Photo by Hugh McMillan



Easter

Events on the Key Peninsula:

April 9

Palm Sunday

April 13

Maundy Thursday services

6 p.m. - Longbranch Community Church, service and supper; 6:30 p.m. - St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, Allyn

7 p.m. - Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

April 14

Good Friday services

7 p.m. - Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

- St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, Allyn

April 15

Boy Scouts' Easter Egg Hunt

Noon - KP Civic Center

7 p.m. - St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, Allyn, Easter Vigil

April 16

Easter Morning Services

Sunrise Services

7:30 a.m Historic Vaughn Bay Church at Vaughn Bay Cemetery

- Lakebay Community Church at Penrose Point on the beach

Worship Services

9 & 11 a.m. - Vaughn Community Church

10 a.m. - St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, Allyn

10:30 a.m. - Community Bible Fellowship, KPMS

- Historic Vaughn Bay Church, KP Civic Center, VFW Room Lakebay Community Church

11 a.m. - Grace Presbyterian Church, Easter Cantata; Miracle Ranch

- Key Peninsula Baptist Church, Easter Cantata and message; KP Civic Center

- Key Peninsula Lutheran Church

- Longbranch Community Church

