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## WHAT KIND OF FOOL(S) AM I???

As the weather changes from winter to spring(?), the unusual becomes the usual, i.e., mail boxes are knocked over, stop signs are pushed down, boys begin to act more attentive toward girls, girls start planning events for June and other activities make young people change their normal (?) behavior!

On Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28 at the Sports Center, a person(s) came through the park in a truck, knocking down several gates, fences, backstops and tearing up the grass with "figure 8's" resulting in approximately \$4,000 worth of damage!

Then on Friday, April 3, person(s) broke into the Civic Center through the backdoor. Broke open the freezer and took several items of food. The loss was estimated at about \$100!

These incidences indicate the immaturity, foolishness and irresponsible behavior of a few people, who hurt themselves more than they hurt other individuals who use these facilities.

In order to try to locate the individual(s) responsible for these crimes, the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Board is offering a \$100 REWARD for information leading to a conviction of these crimes.

You may contact any of the following members: Walt Smith, Bob Schottland, Oskar Schock, Don Mills, Rod Johnson, Mike Harrison or Marian Wagner.

All information will be kept in strict confidence.

## WHEN IS THE NEW LIBRARY GOING TO OPEN?

The projected opening of the new Key Center branch of Pierce County Library is in early June, although no date has been set. The library at the present location will necessarily be closed for a few days during the moving process.

The dedication ceremonies for the new facility has been set for July 26.



## RABIES CLINIC

A rabies immunization clinic will be held at the Key Center Fire Station on Saturday, May 9, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Dr. David Kirby, Veterinarian will conduct the immunization program.

Although not common, rabies remains a threat to animal and human life. One case in the West Olympia area, five miles from Longbranch, had its weird turn. A rabid bat flew down a chimney. A cat, trying to catch the bat, was bitten and afterward developed the disease. The cat then bit the woman resident who also developed the disease. Fortunately her life was saved by prompt but very painful treatment.

When bringing pets to the clinic, please have dogs on a leash and cats in a ventilated box. The cost of treatment is \$4.00 per animal.

Proceeds of the clinic are being donated to the South Key Peninsula Ambulance fund and to the Key Peninsula Senior Society.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of used books, records and magazines are needed for the Friends of Key Peninsula Library's used book sale set for 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 23, 1981, at Walt's parking lot, Key Center.

Also sold will be rummage, plants and homemade foods. All proceeds will be used in support of Key Peninsula Library service.

Donors may deposit items for the sale at the library in the Vaughn Civic Center through May 22.

## BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 16th, Fire District #16 is sponsoring a blood drive at the Key Center Fire Station from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Call 884-2620 for an appointment or come to the Fire Station. The blood will be available for local residents when needed.

## SHOPPING AND CLINIC VAN

The Key Peninsula Senior Society is running a six passenger shopping and clinic van to Key Center on Wednesday afternoons. The van will pick up senior and handicapped passengers at all main Peninsula points between noon and 1:00 PM and deliver them to the K.P. Fire Station and Clinic by about 1:30 PM. The return trip will leave Key Center at 3:00 PM.

In order to furnish basic service to the most passengers, the van will carry only those who make reservations by calling the Vaughn Community Action Agency/Senior office by Tuesday. Special arrangement can be made for those who must be picked up at their home because of inability to meet the van at the main stops.

The van is driven by volunteer licenced Senior drivers and there is no charge for the trip, however, donations for van operation are welcome.

## GIG HARBOR GALLOP

The second annual running of the Gig Harbor Gallop will be held May 2, 1981 at the Gig Harbor Fire Station starting at 9:00 AM.

Sponsored by the Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club for the benefit of the Peninsula Historical Society, the event this year will feature both a two mile and a six mile run.

Special emphasis is being put on the two mile run this year, according to Kiwanis President, Bill Barnes. "We would like to see all local running families come out and do this run together," Barnes said. The two mile starts at 9:00 AM.

The six mile, which starts at 10:00 AM, is a tough hilly grind, geared to give seasoned runners a head start on the popular Sound to Narrows Run which will be only four weeks away, according to run chairman Bruce Wendle.

Medals will be given to division winners with "T" shirts for adults, and ribbons for all finishers.

Jack Bujacich, Gig Harbor County Commissioner, will be starting the event, as well as presenting the Trophy to the winner of the annual event.

Registration table will be open at 8:00 AM for both events.



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## YOUR PREZ SEZ:

A special welcome this month to people who have moved to the Key Peninsula in the past year or so and who have not had an opportunity to see the Center or to participate in any of the events here. We have families and retired persons whose lives have been changed by their participation and by the friends they make here -- you can find persons with similar interests and broaden your horizons; there are opportunities for volunteer service and times for just plain fun. We do urge all of you to look at the calendar and find an activity in which you are interested and get into the spirit of our Peninsula by trying out new things and sharpening old skills. If you wish to have information on any of the activities which do not have a person mentioned, call me at 884-3606 and I will put you in touch with the right people.

This month also I want to give a special thanks to some people who work hard and get none of the spotlight. Our entire Newsletter staff deserves a big hand. This month we bid farewell to Pat Greetham, a co-editor, who has served faithfully for several years. We will miss you, Pat!

In this regard, we would like to find someone who can take her place and help us out. We need someone who can do layout and spend 2 or 3 days a month with a total of 6-10 hours. If you know of someone, let me know at once so we can get our staff completed and keep our paper going. Special thanks also this month to the rest of the staff for putting out the paper.

---Marion Wagner

The Key Peninsula Newsletter is published monthly by the Key Peninsula Civic Center as a community service and Board project. It is staffed by volunteers and solicits news of general interest to the community.

### NEW SKATING SCHEDULE

**ATTENTION PARENTS;** The first skating session is new. It is 3rd grade and under. They can stay the next session FREE.

SESSION	FEE W/SKATES	WO/SKATES
6:00-7:00	\$1.00	\$1.50
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9:30-11:30	1.25	1.75

1st Session - 3rd Grade and under  
2nd Session - 6th Grade and under  
3rd Session - 7th Grade and up

### KEY PENINSULA LIBRARY HOURS

MON. & THURS.: 1-5 p.m. - 6-9 p.m.

TUES.: 1-5 p.m.

SATURDAY: 1-12 noon - 1-4 p.m.

### ATTENTION: SKATERS

We appreciate all the patrons who come skating Friday nights and do hope you are enjoying yourself here.

We would just ask you parents who bring skaters not to bring them before their skating time begins and leave them alone.

Of course we do prefer parents to come with the younger children if at all possible--you'll enjoy skating, too. It's great exercise!

Again a reminder-- please do not bring children to skate and leave them unattended before their scheduled time.

--THANKS

### TO THE EDITOR:

On April 16, 1981 an article appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune which was headlined "Lakebay post office in need of new home and a new name, too, maybe, though it's at Home now with its old one."

As residents of Lakebay, we don't think the post office needs a new name and would like to point out the following facts:

Lakebay post office was founded on November 13, 1882 and has been in continuous operation ever since. Therefore, in a year and a half it will be 100 years old, and Lakebay residents are looking forward to its centennial celebration.

During the time that the Lakebay post office was in operation, located in Lakebay, another post office was established in Home. This was on January 10, 1900. After only two years, the Home post office was closed April 30, 1902 as a result of alleged "anarchist activities" by some Home residents involving the United States mail.

A few years ago, under postmaster Middlesworth, it was deemed expedient to physically relocate the Lakebay post office to its present location by the Home bridge with the stipulation that the name Lakebay be kept.

We understand that the post office needs enlarging. However, we believe that the historical name of Lakebay should be retained and that a suitable and acceptable site for a larger post office could be found in Lakebay along the Gig Harbor Longbranch highway.

Annabelle V. Evans  
Virginia B. Seavy

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All residents of the Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District and some of the closer communities receive the Newsletter FREE!. It is not necessary for anyone to subscribe to the Newsletter, but donations are always welcome.





By VALDA BYUNG

**LAND-USE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Key Peninsula Land-use Committee (KeyPluc) convened last March 29 in the VFW room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. A progress report was given by three separate subcommittees. One committee is formulating a community educational program to specifically address problems and concerns residents might have concerning both present and future

land-use regulations.

The second committee is involved with the transference of information on soil diversity, water table, and current land-use pattern onto a large map. It is hoped that through this process we might all become more fully acquainted with how the physical realities of the Key Peninsula will relate to future population growth and land use.

The third committee is drafting a questionnaire to be individually delivered during the early summer to every resident and land-owner living within the boundary South and West of the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Land-Use Plan. It is hoped that everyone will spend a few minutes and fill out the questionnaire which will be picked up within one week after delivery. It is only through knowing what the majority feeling is that we as residents can work with the County in achieving the kind of future growth policy the residents want. There persists a strong feeling within KeyPluc that it is much better to try to foster community concern, participation and awareness now, rather than be a part of a situation in the future whereby residents are poorly informed and far too late in responding to land-use policies that they may not want to see implemented.

As has been stated before, all residents are welcome and urged to come and participate in the KeyPluc meetings which are held the last Wednesday of every month in the VFW room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The Minutes of all the meetings are available for public viewing at the Vaughn Library.

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**VAUGHN GARDEN CLUB**

Sixteen members of the Vaughn Garden Club met on April 16th at the home of Helen Drake, with Alice Zilmer acting as co-hostess. Lois Ashley of Vaughn is a new member.

Last month the club sent an inquiry to the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board questioning the practice of roadside spraying and the taxation for the control of Tansy Ragwort. Material has been received and will be discussed at a future meeting.

In place of a May meeting, a tour of a private rhododendron garden in Tacoma has been planned for the first or second week in May. Since the exact date has not been chosen, members should check the Peninsula Gateway for the correct day. The telephone committee will also call with information.

Cars will meet at the Civic Center to pool rides, leaving there at 10:45 AM, meeting again at Collins Grocery for those living in that direction. Cars must leave Collins at 11:00 AM.

Following the tour, members will meet at 1:00 PM at a Gig Harbor restaurant for lunch. Guests are welcome.

Two boys coming home from Sunday school were discussing the lesson. "Do you believe all that about the devil?" one asked.

"Naw," said the other. "Don't let them kid you. It's just like Santa Claus—it's your old man."

Spring seems, at last, to be on its way. As soon as your soil crumbles nicely all of the early things can be planted. Radishes, lettuce, potatoes, even the small seedlings of cabbage and cauliflower can take the cold nights. For the flower garden it is perennial time. Plant new ones, divide all crowded clumps and separate or take tip cuttings of your chrysanthemums.

If you are afraid to wait in your purchase of the tempting seedlings now in every nursery and market, buy the varieties and colors you want but set them in a protected spot for a couple of weeks until your soil warms up. Mid-May is usually the best time to set them out. It also is the time to plant corn, melons, cucumbers, dahlias, all those heat loving things that are good eating and give color to our gardens.

Did you know that we have a large commercial gardening enterprise in our area? If you turn left at Minter Creek and go to County Line Road another hundred feet to your left is a huge collection of green houses where Mike and Lindsey Jackson of Home raise thousands of annuals, house plants and vegetable plants. Their business is largely wholesale but they now have a retail sale area and are planning an "Open House" on Saturday, April 25 when the whole area will be open to the public. With Sam's "Sahura" nursery at Key Center, and the "Native Gardens" near Cramer Road, we are locally well provided with the materials for beautifying our property and filling our pantries.

**ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS**

Dog owners living around the Civic Center are respectfully asked by the custodian and Civic Center Board not to let your dogs use the Civic Center grounds as a "bathroom" There are many functions held here and it makes it much nicer not to have to watch your step constantly. So please teach your dog to go elsewhere.

-- THANKS



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## CAMP EASTER SEAL GETS NEW RIDING AREA

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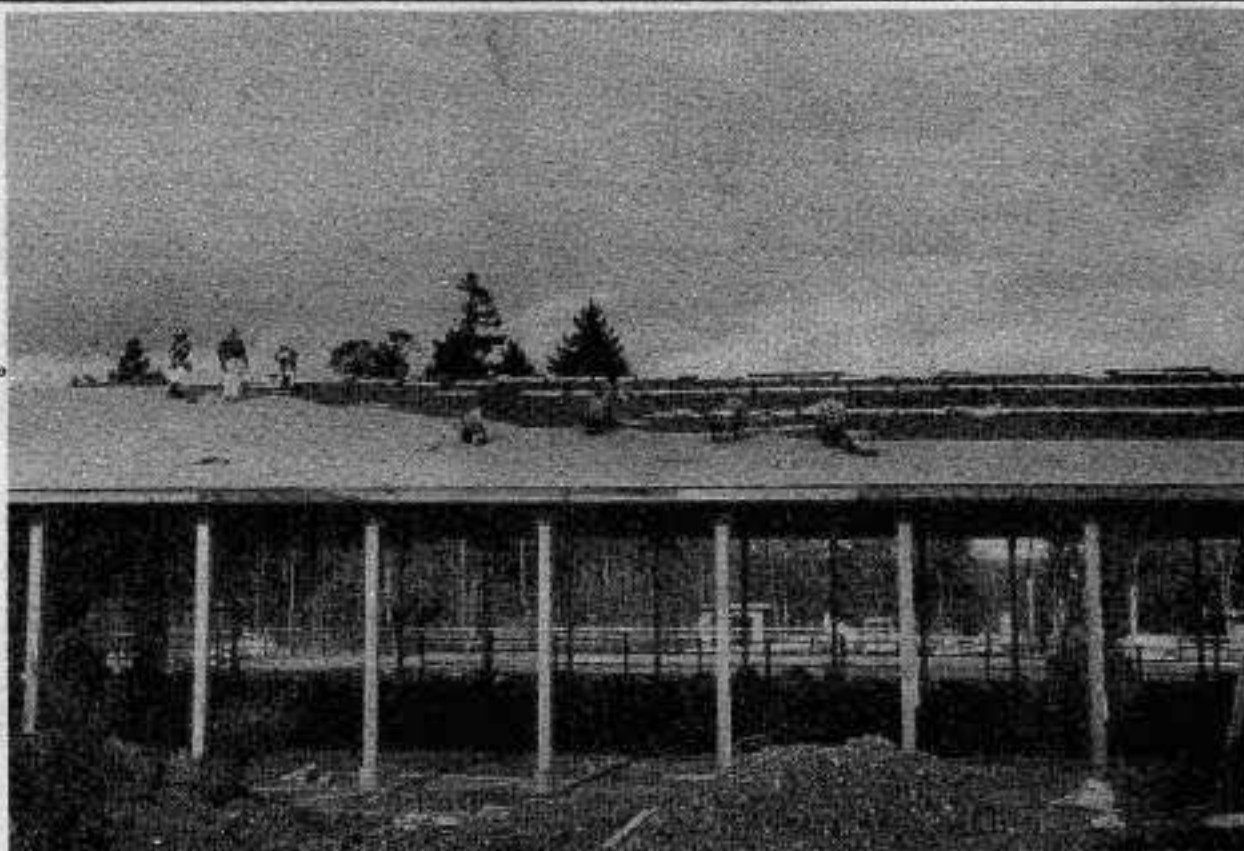
Seventeen apprentices from the Roofers Union in Tacoma installed 150 squares of roofing to the arena on March 7. The arena, 80 feet wide by 160 feet long is due to be completed in May and will accommodate approximately 550 campers throughout the summer.

Camp Easter Seal West, located on the south side of Vaughn Bay on the Long Beach Peninsula, offers a complete camping program for all ages, spring and summer sessions. Camp activities include horseback riding, swimming, fishing, archery and arts and crafts. Camp Easter Seal also offers a unique spring family camping program with sessions beginning April 3 and continuing through May 17.

## PENN-ANTS #609 COOTIETTES

In spite of weather forecasting snow, ice and rain, 14 Penn-Ants #609 attended the convention in Ellensburg. We received many awards: Hospital, Community Service, Membership and W.S.-1981-1982 Grand of Washington officers, installed are Penn-Ants Hazel Fenton, Opal Ingram, Daisy-Mae Harfst, Judy Wilson, Nat Knox, Erma Kelly, Pearl Roberts, Coretta Van Antwerp, Jane Van Slyke and Thelma Cadle. The highlight of the convention was a visit of the Supreme Gray back Patricia Sparks of California. She filled in on the entertainment with a Hawaiian interpretation of "Lovely Hula Bands". We enjoyed the convention and were fortunate to get home before the pass was closed.

April 19th The Penn-Ants went to Rocky Bay Health Center. Nat Knox was an Easter Bunny. We gave baskets with eggs and served ice



cream and fruit juice. Those who are diabetic received bananas and apples. Judy Wilson, her sister Midge, Daisy Mae Harfst (our new Chief Grayback), Coretta Van Antwerp, Cora Lee Harriman, Irene McVicker, and Thelma Cadle helped serve.

May 21st the Penn-Ants #609 will celebrate being Cootiettes for 25 years. We will have a banquet at the Belfair Cafe. Attitude adjustment will start at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

Our May calendar will include a work party (date unknown at present) to finish gifts for Mother's Day at Cottesmore Nursing Home.

The Bremerton Naval Hospital visit will be May 26th. We will serve fruit and punch.

## SPRING FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

The Civic Center will present a Spring Fashion Show and Salad luncheon on May 8th at 12:00. Fashions will be modeled from the Beach Basket, McBeckland's of Gig Harbor, You Babes Shop and Lester's Sporting Goods. Entertainment will be provided by Michael Strange of Longbranch. Tickets must be purchased before May 5th; for further information, call Shirley Olson- 884-2481; Millie Niemann- 884-3495, Mary Siedleman- 884-2448; or Vicki Henschel- 884-3642.

Ticket donations are \$3.00. Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon with your friends.

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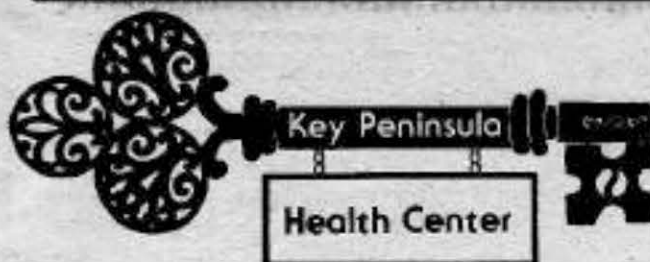
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Numerous activities are being planned for every age group. Included in the events will be Carnival Rides, concession stands for cotton candy, snow cones, pop corn, pronto pups and soft drinks, Game concessions of novelties and souvenirs and a Flea Market.

Anyone interested in a table for the Flea Market MUST make a reservation at the Key Center Drug or Fire Side Shop as there is a limited number of tables available.

The Flea Market will be held only on Saturday and Sunday.

A unique "Car Demolition" will be held in front of Sakura Nursery. A charge of 50c will be made for using the sledge hammer.

Free balloons will be given away and drawings for special door prizes from each of the shops in the KC Corral and other Key Center merchants will be made on Sunday.

Western clothes will be worn by all the merchants for this event and everyone attending is encouraged to wear jeans and plaid shirts for the day. Watch the next issue of the Newsletter for further details!

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB DANCE

The Longbranch Improvement Club will be holding its first dance of the summer May 23rd. This annual Memorial Day Weekend dance will be open to Improvement Club members and their guests, with music provided by the Chapparells.

Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m. and ends at 1:30. For further information about attending as a guest, or for ticket information, contact Key Center Realty, 884-3327, Longbranch Mercantile, 884-3721, or Carl or Pat Robinson, 884-2372.

All members are urged to get their tickets early. This dance is always an early sellout.

A standard first aid class is being offered at Key Peninsula Health Center on Saturday, May 16, 1981. Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Instruction will be by Red Cross personnel. Standard First Aid Certificates will be awarded to class participants. Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes First Aid Handbook). Call 884-2757 to sign up.

COUNTY BLOOD BANK BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1981 at the Health Center. Key Peninsula blood credit is at 0 level. Please call 884-2757 if you can give.

HEARING VAN from Mary Bridge Speech and Hearing Center will be at the Health Center May 28th and 29th. Call 884-2757 for appointments.

WELLNESS CLINIC FOR SENIORS will be held May 12th. General health screening exams are offered. Call 884-2757 for an appointment.

Marty Babcock and Rony Royce are two nurse Practitioners from New York who finished their clinical practicum at Key Peninsula Health Center. Thank You!

Dr. William Roes is at the Health Center every Wednesday afternoon. Call 884-2757 for an appointment.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert B. Davidson, a life-long resident of Vaughn, died March 23, 1981. He was 90 years old. Mr. Davidson was born on the Lackey Road in the home where he lived throughout his life.

He was one of the founders of the Vaughn Community Church and an active member. He was also on the Vaughn School Board for many years. He was a logger and veteran of World War I.

His wife, Bertha, from the Vaughn pioneer Gabrielson family, who died in recent years wrote and published a short history of Vaughn which can be found at the Key Peninsula Library.

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This May letter was planned to speak about solar energy, but we were scooped by the April 1 Gateway. Hope you have that fine 24 page section titled "Energy: Watts Up". If not, try and find one. It is informative, and could be useful to many of us.

Now is a good time to relearn some of the simpler ways of life. Inflation is turning us into a nation of rich paupers. We are not only being overcharged, we are being blatantly robbed for some essential needs.

Everyone has noticed how the sun will heat a closed car, even in winter. That is a good example of free solar heat. With insulation, heat storage and controls, similar collectors can reduce our consumption of power. It is being done and there are responsible dealers selling proven systems.

Remember when you pumped up a tire and the pump and hose got hot? That was a crude example of a heat pump. When you compressed the air, it's heat was forced into a smaller space. The temperature was increased accordingly. Heat pumps are expensive to install, but cut the use of electricity needed for heating dramatically. There are special heat pumps that reduce the cost of water heating by about 50%.

Underground housing may sound like a cave or dungeon. Not so. Many fine homes are now being built, using the earth to conserve heat. 70% or more of heating costs are saved. The homes are quiet, cool in summer, practically fireproof, and maintenance is less than a regular home. They are especially adapted to hillside sites.

Of course we can insulate and reduce air infiltration. In some cases, the heated areas of our homes could be smaller. How much room do we really need?

Our atmosphere is an inexhaustible, non-polluting, low cost source of heat and power. We can save money by learning how to use it.

### PENINSULA SOCIAL CLUB

The Peninsula Social Club will hold their next meeting on May 19th at the Longbranch Church. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. with a meeting following.

### LAKEBAY POST OFFICE

Home is a quiet little town, halfway down the peninsula. Not much in the way of a business district. There's the grocery-feed store, the gas station, and of course the Lakebay Post Office.

This oddity is accepted as just another facet of the sometimes colorful history of the Peninsula area. Home was a settlement formed originally by three families: the Odellis, Allens, and Veritys. Their ideas were considered a wee bit controversial by the United States Government. Some of the literature that was sent through the original Home Post Office put forth the idea that maybe everyone would be better off without a government. Right after income tax season that idea might find a few followers today.

Well, the U.S. Postal Service did not feel it wise to have an outlet identified with such a group, so the Home Post Office was closed after only brief service. Home residents had to travel to Lakebay to get mail.

Not too many years ago, the Lakebay Post Office was moved over the Home bridge as a convenience measure, but the name Lakebay was retained. Now, this small facility is outgrowing its building due to area growth. A new building has been proposed, to be situated within a quarter mile of the present site. The exact spot has not yet been chosen.

Some of the residents of the area are circulating a petition to change the name to the Home Post Office. Others are just as firm in their wishes to retain the Lakebay name. Hopefully, the controversy over the name will not be of as much importance as continued good postal service.

-PAT HUNTER

### EVERGREEN TO HAVE TEACHING PRINCIPAL

In the Fall, Evergreen Elementary School will welcome Dave Watson as its new teaching principal. John Robinson, Evergreen's current principal, will be moving to the new Key Peninsula Middle School, taking the sixth grade with him. This leaves Evergreen with one less grade than it has now. This makes it possible for a principal to teach half a day as well as perform duties as principal. It also saves the district approximately \$14,000 per year.

Watson at this time is teaching sixth grade at Discovery Elementary School. He has been a teacher for 11 years and in the Peninsula School District as an elementary school teacher since 1971.

Watson believes in firm but fair discipline for the students. He also believes that students should be made aware of the consequences of their actions. He wants an open communication between staff, students, and parents. He puts an emphasis on studying the basics such as reading, language, arts, and mathematics, while still rounding out students education with social studies, science, music, art and physical education.

Watson is looking forward to his principalship at Evergreen. He plans to begin by studying the school-area community and conferring with the staff at Evergreen. He will officially assume his duties in August.

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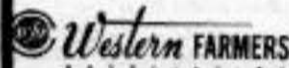


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The Peninsula-Bay Artisans are presenting the Spring Fine Arts and Crafts Show on Sunday, May 17th at the Civic Center in Vaughn from 12 noon until 7 p.m. There will be a variety of art forms on display by local artists at that time.

Linda Ellsworth of Home will show oil paintings, tole painting and glazed clay figurines. She has taken art courses at Everett and Tacoma Community Colleges, Clover Park and the New School of Visual Arts. She has painted portraits in Laguna Beach and Disneyland, Hawaii and Seattle, but now enjoys doing her clay figurines most of all.

Wayne Shields of Wauna has developed unique horse designs in stained glass. With these he attends horse shows and fairs, showing how they can be used as show trophies. He also does personalized etching on glass. For this he can use sand-blasting, acid or tracing for novel designs. It sometimes becomes a family affair with his wife and daughter adding candleholders or small windows in stained glass.

John Evans of Lakebay produces totems and woodcarvings with Indian motifs from Douglas fir and cedar from his own property. He sees in the Northwest Indian art a balance of the abstract and realistic designs. The stylized Indian designs which he

has studied represent a true art form of our local area rather than just random figures.

Carol Mikelsen of Lakebay specializes in animal sketches. She feels that each picture is more "alive" when the focus is on an animal. She experiments with abstract animals, colors and designs, also, as she pursues her hobby.

Neal and Valerie Boger of Vaughn are a very artistic husband/wife team, each using a different medium of art for expression. Neal does oil, acrylic and pastel scenes as well as stained glass pictures. Valerie sketches, does water colors and fascinating clay sculptures of animals and people. She will sculpt household pets or animals from photos. The couple, with their son, has lived in Vaughn for two years and have spent much time renovating their home.

Velma Sprague of Home is a newcomer to the art field, having taken up oil painting only four years ago. She has participated in several classes and most enjoys painting scenery or animals. Her daughter, Suzy Sprague is entering an elaborate 3 dimensional stitchery pictures of scenery and flowers.

Kathy Best of Lake Holiday deals with a variety of subjects as she paints in acrylics on wood or canvas. She has been instrumental in organizing the Peninsula-Bay Artisans group last year and this art show as an outlet for the artists of our area.

The show has a limited number of spaces and is open to all Fine Artists and Craftsmen, on first come first served basis. For more information and an application please write the Peninsula-Bay Artisans, P.O. Box 358, Vaughn, Wa. 98394.

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Also needed are volunteers for the K.P. Senior Society. Some of these are: Activities plan and director for Thursday meetings, including crafts, and entertainment: entertainer including pianist with "big and sing-a-long repertoire, specialists such as magicians, comics, dancers, etc. and Senior van drivers for occasional trips in Tacoma.

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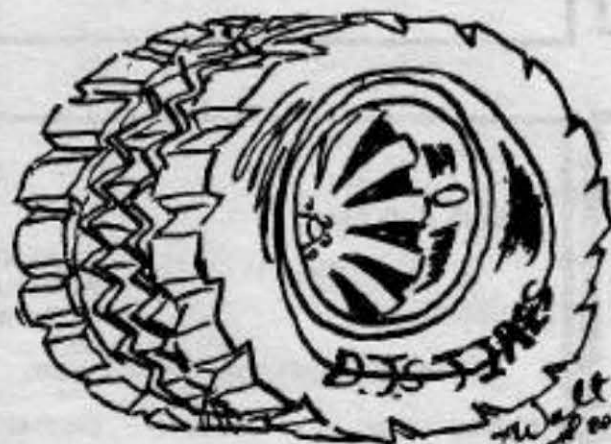
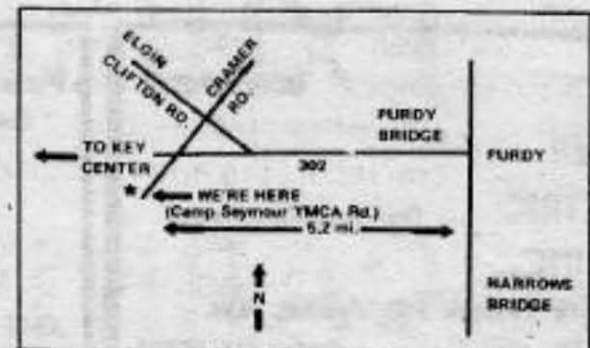
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# Peninsula Profiles



## RUTH LITTLE

Ruth Little is a name many people recognize in these parts. Some people associate her with the Newsletter as one of our contributing writers. Others associate her with their own past, as one of their grade school teachers or perhaps piano teacher. Still others may think of Ruth Little as an activist in human affairs - one who is interested in the quality of life around us.

However those who know her think of her, she leaves a lasting impression on anyone she meets. Her life has been a busy and productive one contributing much of value to the Peninsula area since World War II.

But prior to her arrival as a teacher at Vaughn Elementary school in 1945, Ruth had given her talents and skills elsewhere, too.

At the age of twenty months, she worked with her father in the fields on their farm near Spokane. Actually born in Iowa in 1898, she moved with her family in 1899 to Spokane where the Putnam's settled down. Ruth grew up there, with a younger sister, Artis. She went to Cheney State Normal School and earned a teaching certificate at the young age of 18. From then on she taught in a number of places, beginning in the small town of Winthrop, Washington. There she also had the experience of playing piano for the Saturday night dances. Life was easy then. Ruth lived in a teacherage for free, worked at the grocery store for her food, earned money at teaching as well as playing in the dance band Saturday

nights. She ended up saving every school paycheck she received that year.

In 1921 Ruth went back to the Midwest to study piano and music at Northwestern University and the American Conservatory of Music. She earned her degree in music in 1921. In 1922 she took a position as supervisor of music in the Hammond, Indiana Schools. It was here that she met and married Joseph W. Little, a teacher in Hammond, while putting on a big musical show. Ruth continued to teach until her son Putnam was born in 1933. But she didn't quit altogether, for it was at this time that she achieved some fame through her group piano lessons. She was extremely successful with these lessons, giving performances at Kimball Hall in Chicago.

Joe and Ruth remained in Hammond until 1944 when Joe's stint as Red Cross Field Director was completed. They decided to come back to Washington at that time. They settled in Gig Harbor and were both snatched up to teach when news got out they were qualified teachers.

One of Ruth's most interesting years was spent in Port Orchard in 1944. Needing teachers desperately, Ruth was told that if she taught in the government projects for the Naval Shipyard, she and her family could live there free. The Littles accepted the offer, but got more than they bargained for. The people living there in 1944 were from all walks of life with varying moral and ethical codes. Joe, with his Red Cross training spent much time doctoring the residents.

Ruth, Joe and Putnam moved back to the Peninsula in 1945. She immediately got a job teaching at Vaughn School. She continued teaching until 1963, retiring after teaching in every elementary school

in the district. Many people, therefore, will remember her. But how could they forget the teacher who gave commands to the class by playing a certain tune of the piano - such as "Lullaby" when she wanted them quiet? Nowadays she laments the small amount of vocal music in the elementary grades and wishes there were a great deal more.

Today she keeps busy writing, reading (she is a prolific and sophisticated reader), with Garden Club and playing bridge. She also makes all her own soap from lye and animal fat. Every visitor that comes to call gets their choice of one bar of soap.

Ruth believes in making whatever foods she can from scratch. She doesn't trust store-bought, ready-made foods. She spends a lot of time baking breads especially.

Although 82, Ruth has kept a vital interest in her community and world. She is concerned with keeping our area beautiful and ecologically sound. Ruth is responsible for restoring some of the natural flora along South Vaughn Road.

Ruth has a youthful appearance and mind. Perhaps having five grandchildren and two great grandchildren helps or maybe reading the "New Yorker" magazine and Saturday Review keeps her mind agile. But it was probably there to begin with - a vitality and zest for life that hasn't lagged.

-by Jeanne Sagle



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**ORTHOPEDIC GUILD**

Officers for the coming season will be elected at the May 14th meeting of the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild to be held in the Bremerton home of Mrs. Stuart Arns. Reports on the smorgasbord will be given.

Our members wish to thank everyone who made this benefit for Mary Bridge Children's Health Center a success.

Mrs. Howard Selby and Mrs. W.M. Donavon will be co-hostesses for the noon luncheon meeting.

**RUTH CIRCLE SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON**

Plan to come to the Annual Salad Luncheon on May 13th at noon. Mrs. Mary Joy Entwistle will give a musical program.

**NUTRITION**

The April Luncheons were cancelled as Mrs. Annie Engelsen, the coordinator, was elected to head the 1981 RSVP Advisory Council and had to attend special meetings.

We are having a luncheon on May 19th, at noon, plan to come. The menu is sweet and sour Turkey patties, salad and quick bread. Call 884-3716.

**BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB**

The meeting will be May 15th at 1:00 PM. The program will be given by Valda Yound on "Superstitions and Folklore of Herbs". Hostesses are Helen Tracy and Edith Pinder.

**LONGBRANCH CEMETERY TO HOLD WORK DAY**

A workparty to clean up the Cemetery will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th. Those interested in helping, bring your garden tools and mowers. Potluck, with coffee furnished, will be at the Longbranch Church. Following the work day, there will be a business meeting on the Cemetery.

**PENINSULA SOCIAL CLUB POTLUCK DINNER**

The Peninsula Social Club will have a potluck at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday May 12, at the Longbranch Church Annex.

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## Peninsula Country School Events for May

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|-------|---|------------|--|
| 1     | - Softball - GHHS at PHS<br>JV Softball - PHS at GHHS<br>Track - PHS at Enumclaw<br>Track - GHHS at Wash.   | 12         | - Father-Daughter banquet - PHS at Sherwood Inn - 7:00<br>Track - Goodman vs. Pioneer (Sprinker)<br>Baseball - 8th gr. PHS at Goodman<br>Spring Concert - Vaughn Elem. - gr. K-3<br>Baseball - PHS at Fr. Pierce<br>JV Baseball - Bainb. at PHS<br>Softball - PHS at Fr. Pierce<br>Baseball - Fife at GHHS<br>Softball - Fife at GHHS<br>JV Baseball - GHHS at Fife<br>JV Softball - Olympic at GHHS<br>Softball - Pioneer vs. Goodman (City Park) |
| 2     | - Baseball - PHS tournament at Brem.<br>JV Soccer - PHS at Bellarmine<br>Track - Shelton Invitational - Boys<br>Track - Sammamish Invitational - Girls<br>Seamont League band contest   | 14         | - Track - Bainb. at Goodman<br>Track - 8th gr. PHS at Snoqualmie<br>Baseball - Pioneer at Goodman<br>Baseball - 8th gr. PHS at Dieringer<br>Softball - Goodman at PHS  |
| 4     | - Softball - Dieringer at Goodman (City Park)<br>Softball - 8th gr. PHS at Life Center<br>JV Softball - PHS at Curtis<br>JV Baseball - N. Mason at GHHS<br>JV Softball - Mt. Tahoma at GHHS<br>Softball - Mt. Tahoma at GHHS<br>Tennis - GHHS at N. Mason   | 14, 15, 16 | - Tennis league at Wash. High School   |
| 5     | - Soccer - P. Angeles at PHS<br>JV Soccer - P. Angeles at PHS<br>Tennis - PHS at Fr. Pierce<br>Tennis - Wash. at GHHS<br>Soccer - GHHS at Olympic<br>Track - GHHS at Fr. Pierce<br>Softball - 8th gr. PHS at Tahoma<br>Baseball - 8th gr. PHS at Tahoma<br>Baseball - Snoqualmie at Goodman   | 15         | - Track - Sub-District at TCC<br>Softball - Foss at GHHS   |
| 6     | - JV Softball - Sumner at PHS<br>Baseball - PHS at Fife<br>JV Baseball - Fife at PHS<br>Softball - PHS at Fife<br>Softball - Yelm at Goodman (City Park)<br>Softball - 8th gr. Charles Wright at PHS<br>Baseball - GHHS at Enum.<br>Softball - GHHS at Enum.<br>JV Baseball - Enum. at GHHS<br>JV Softball - Enum. at GHHS                  | 15 & 16    | - GHHS - PHS Spring musical (PHS)  |
| 7     | - Seamount League Choir Festival<br>Tennis - GHHS at Fife<br>Soccer - GHHS at C. Kitsap<br>Soccer - Olympic at PHS<br>JV Soccer - Enum. at PHS<br>Tennis - PHS at Enum.<br>Track - 8th gr. Pioneer vs. PHS (Goodman)<br>Track - Goodman at Surprise Lake<br>Baseball - 8th gr. Pioneer vs. PHS (Goodman)<br>Baseball - Goodman at Dieringer | 17         | - League tennis<br>PHS Decca Hawaii prize<br>Softball - 8th gr. PHS at Dieringer<br>Softball - Ch. Wright at Goodman (City Park)<br>Track - N. Kitsap at Goodman<br>Track - 8th gr. PHS at Bainb.  |
| 8     | - Baseball - Enum. at PHS<br>JV Baseball - PHS at Enum.<br>Softball - Enum. at PHS<br>JV Softball - PHS at Enum.<br>Track - Seamount relays at Mt. Si<br>Baseball - GHHS at Wash.<br>Softball - GHHS at Wash.<br>Softball - Tahoma vs. Goodman (City Park)  | 19         | - Softball - Juanita at GHHS<br>Softball - 8th gr. PHS at Pioneer<br>Baseball - 8th gr. PHS at Pioneer (Peterson #2)<br>Spring concert - gr. 4-6 Vaughn  |
| 8 & 9 | - Best in NW - Choir festival - Univ. of Portland   | 20         | - Cheerleading Father/Daughter banquet - GHHS - Shoreline, 8:30<br>Softball - Goodman at Dieringer<br>Softball - 8th gr. Life Center at PHS<br>Parents mtg. - Goodman library, 10:00   |
| 11    | - Baseball - Enum. at PHS<br>JV Softball - Oly. at PHS<br>Soccer - Bainb. at PHS<br>Track - Seeding mtg.<br>Softball - C. Kitsap at GHHS  | 21         | - Baseball - Goodman at PHS<br>Track - Goodman vs. PHS (Goodman)   |
|       |   | 21, 22, 23 | - Spring Musical - PHS (Art show before musical)   |
|       |   | 22         | - Track - District   |
|       |   | 22 & 23    | - Tennis - District  |
|       |   | 25         | - Memorial Day - No School   |
|       |   | 26         | - Band Awards Banquet at GHHS<br>Baseball - Goodman at Pioneer (Peterson #2)   |
|       |   | 27         | - Track - Divisional meet at Goodman   |
|       |   | 28         | - "Almost Anything Goes" contest - PHS, GHHS & Goodman<br>Jazz concert - GHHS  |
|       |   | 29         | - Drill team auditions - PHS   |
|       |   | 29 & 30    | - Track - State at Highline<br>Tennis - State at Wenatchee   |
|       |   | 30         | - Senior Ball - PHS  |
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## of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>To Our 1981 Graduates : SUCCESS</b>					<b>1</b> Girl Scouts 3:00 Sky Rm Grange 6:30 GR SKATING 6-9:00 9:30-11:30 Gym	<b>2</b> TEENAGE DANCE
<b>3</b> Lutheran Church 9:30 AM GR	<b>4</b> Square Dancing 7:00 Gym	<b>5</b> Brownies 3:00 Sky Rm Karate 6:00 Gym Scouts 7:00 SR Bridge 7:30 GR	<b>6</b> GAME NIGHT 7:30 Gym	<b>7</b> Senior Society Potluck 12 noon - GR Karate 6:00 Gym Parkboard 7:30 Office Volleyball 7:45 Gym	<b>8</b> Fashion Show 12 noon Girl Scouts 3:00 Sky Rm Lake Minterwood 7:30 VFW SKATING 6-9:00 9:30-11:30 Gym	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Lutheran Church 9:30 AM GR q	<b>11</b> Square Dancing 7:00 Gym V.F.W. 7:30 VFW VFW Aux. 7:30 GR	<b>12</b> Brownies 3:00 Sky Rm Karate 6:00 Gym Scouts 7:00 SR Bridge 7:30 GR K.P.C.C. Ex. Board Office 7:30	<b>13</b> GAME NIGHT 7:30 Gym	<b>14</b> Senior Society Potluck 12 noon - GR Karate 6:00 Gym KPCC Board 7:30 GR Volleyball 7:45 Gym	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 3:00 Sky Rm Grange 6:30 GR SKATING 6-9:00 9:30-11:30 Gym	<b>16</b> Skirts-N-Flirts Square Dance Club 8:00 Gym
<b>17</b> Lutheran Church 9:30 AM GR Peninsula Artisons Art Show 12 noon - 7:00 PM	<b>18</b> Square Dancing 7:00 Gym Peninsula-Bay Artisons 7:30 GR	<b>19</b> Brownies 3:00 Sky Rm Karate 6:00 Gym Scouts 7:00 SR Bridge 7:30 GR	<b>20</b> GAME NIGHT 7:30 Gym	<b>21</b> Senior Society Potluck 12 noon - GR Karate 6:00 Gym Volleyball 7:45 Gym	<b>22</b> Girl Scouts 3:00 Sky Rm Dance Review 3:30 SKATING 6-9:00 9:30-11:30 Gym	<b>23</b> Joy Ozier Dance Review 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
<b>24</b> Lutheran Church 9:30 AM - GR <b>31</b> Lutheran Church 9:30 AM - GR	<b>25</b> Square Dancing 7:00 Gym K.P.A.A. 7:30 office	<b>26</b> Brownies 3:00 Sky Rm Karate 6:00 Gym Scouts 7:00 SR Bridge 7:30 GR	<b>27</b> GAME NIGHT 7:30 Gym Land-use committee 7:30 p.m. VFW Room	<b>28</b> Senior Society Potluck 12 noon - GR Karate 6:00 Gym Volleyball 7:45 Gym	<b>29</b> Girl Scouts 3:00 Sky Rm SKATING 6-9:00 9:30-11:30 Gym	<b>30</b> Joy Ozier Dance Review 10AM-5 PM Twilight Dance Dance Club 9:00 PM