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Candidates Address Local Concerns to Overflow Crowd

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

Candidates running for county, state and national offices answered questions from a standing room only crowd in the Whitmore Room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center Oct. 9. The audience of some 130 or more spilled out into the hallway and parking lot, with spectators leaning in through open windows.

Key Peninsula Community Council President Chuck West moderated, posing written questions collected from the audience by members of the KP Youth Council. Below are excerpts from the candidates:

- Douglas Dightman (R) running for the 6th Congressional District seat held by U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer (D). A representative for Kilmer read a statement in his absence but took no questions.
- Marty McClendon (R) and Emily Randall (D), running for state senator, Legislative District 26;
- Connie FitzPatrick (D) and State Rep. Jesse Young (R), running for state representative, Legislative District 26, Position 1;
- State Rep. Michelle Caldier (R) and Joy Stanford (D), running for state representative, Legislative District 26, Position 2;
- Peninsula School Board Member David Olson (R) and Pierce County Council Member Derek Young (D), running for Pierce County Council Member, District 7; and
- Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist (R) and Assistant State Attorney General Mary Robnett (NP), running for Pierce County prosecuting attorney

Pierce County has predicted that the population of the Key Peninsula is expected to nearly double in the next 20 to 25 years. What steps will you take to secure funding to complete studies and move forward with improving the State Route 302 corridor?

Derek Young: Pierce County neither expects nor wants to double the popula-

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The Burley Lagoon project, which includes new transmission lines and one taller tower that replaced the four 1926 towers, is an improvement for the PenLight system. The work was coordinated between Tacoma Power, its contractors and PenLight operations crews. The results will provide a much more resilient power supply for PenLight members on the Key Peninsula, especially in the event of big wind or ice storms and will withstand greater seismic shock if we have a big earthquake. *Photo: Jim Bellamy*

Seahawks Stop the Tides 21-10 in 40th Annual Fish Bowl

TED OLINGER, KP NEWS

The Peninsula High School Seahawks moved the needle a notch Oct. 19 when they beat their hometown rivals the Gig Harbor Tides 21-10 in the 40th Annual Fish Bowl at Roy Anderson Field for their third consecutive Fish Bowl victory. The record now stands at 21 wins for the Tides and 19 for the Seahawks since the first Fish Bowl was played in 1979.

It was a cold and foggy night. Distant figures jogged in and out of the mist blanketing the gridiron before kickoff, illuminated by the flashing lights of busy food trucks selling to an invisible mass of fans. Long gone is the classic Gig Harbor salmon bake that once preceded the game and suggested its name to then Peninsula teacher Marc Ross. But for the occasional blasts

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Splash Pad at Gateway Park Possible for Summer 2020

LISA BRYAN, KP NEWS

Key Pen Parks scored an impressive 10th place position with a grant proposal to develop a Splash Pad at Gateway Park. A total of 91 park agencies applied under the competitive grant program managed by the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The final ranking, made official Oct. 17, all but ensures Key Pen Parks will move forward with its nearly \$1 million proposal to develop a 3,300 square foot splash pad as part of their Phase 3 master development plan.

The grant was approved under the RCO's Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and will provide up to \$497,800 of state capital funds to complete the splash pad, which will be adjacent to the playground, pavilion and restrooms already in use at the 72-acre Gateway Park in Wauna. It will also be the only aquatic facility in the area where persons with disabilities can get into or play in the

water unassisted on an accessible surface.

"If everything goes according to plan, we could be turning dirt about this time next year for a splash pad, provided the state capital budget is approved by Legislators on time," said Scott Gallagher, executive director of Key Pen Parks. "We cannot move dirt until we have a signed agreement with the Recreation and Conservation Office."

Gallagher expects the official grant agreements to go out for signatures by the end of July 2019. The agreements will be presented to the Key Pen Parks Board of Commissioners in August or September. He said that once the signed agreements are received by the RCO, an official Notice to Proceed should follow.

"We are already at the 60 percent design phase and will be at 100 percent design by the time these funds become available," Gallagher said. "We will be ready with our permits in hand and ready to go out to bid."

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Here's What I Think About That

LISA BRYAN, EDITOR, KP NEWS

"Only on the KP."

As a newcomer to the Key Peninsula myself, back in 2002, that phrase piqued my interest. People seemed to use it in different ways. What did they mean? Spoken in cynical tones accompanied with eye rolls, the responses were agreement and expressions of disgust. It made me wonder what our real estate agent neglected to tell us about this place, as if there was a dark secret everyone knew but us. On the flip side, when delivered with enthusiasm, "Only on the KP" was answered with affirmative nods, smiles and fist bumps.

At face value, there are many things that exist on the Key Peninsula that still don't add up; after attending the Washington

Newspaper Publishers Association annual convention in Yakima last month, it dawned on me that the KP News is actually one of those. Think about it: A monthly newspaper is a contradiction in terms.

We stood out at the convention as the only monthly newspaper and as the only newspaper with nonprofit ownership and largely dependent upon our readers' voluntary financial contributions. The journalists and publishers we met take their responsibility and duty with the seriousness it deserves. Our commitment to journalism is the same, and the KP News was acknowledged by the WNPA with some important awards for our work (you can read about



them below). It's not news that we live in the digital era; nor is it news that the benefits and ease of communication technology delivers some unintended consequences as well. The science of behavioral economics, specifically what compels us

to make choices, is well understood. Humans are stunningly easy to manipulate when you know which buttons to press. We live in a time when spreading propaganda and blatant untruths are both easy to

create and to spread. These things flourish on social media in very insidious ways

that continue to tear at the fabric of our society and our democracy, which is why we believe so strongly in the need for independent local news.

Part of our mission is to promote civic engagement and we strongly encourage you to join us by voting in the Nov. 6 election. Voting matters. With Veterans Day Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving just around the corner, we hope you spend your holidays discovering the interests and passions we share.

Last month, we came to you with our annual request for financial support and your response was both swift and strong. You can't imagine how wonderful that makes us feel, to know that you value and support the work we do in our community every bit as much as we value you.

"Only on the KP." Thank you. We love you too.

KP News Writers Win WNPA 'Best 2018 Newspaper' Statewide Awards

STAFF REPORT

Staff writers and columnists of the Key Peninsula News won top prizes at the annual Washington Newspaper Publishers Association convention Oct. 12 in Yakima.

Executive Editor Lisa Bryan won first place in the short news category for her reporting on Lakebay Marina ("Proposed Dock Expansion at Lakebay Marina Faces Local Opposition," KP News, November 2017). Carolyn Wiley won second place in the humor category for her occasional column, "Devil's Head Diary." Dan Whitmarsh won third place in the general interest category for his long-running quarterly column, "Writing by Faith."

Founded in 1887, the WNPA represents approximately 100 community newspapers

across the state dedicated to and advocating for local news and "a high standard of publication quality and community leadership," according to its mission statement. The WNPA presents awards in several categories at its annual convention for work published the previous year.

There were over 1,000 entries from 84 newspapers in the categories where the KP News won awards. "We were the only nonprofit newspaper at the convention and the only monthly," Bryan said. "Ours is the only newspaper that uses volunteer staff writers and photographers."

Wiley also attended the awards presentation. "It was quite eye-opening for me; (WNPA) goes to a lot of effort to recognize the importance of community papers," she said. "It's also fun to be the second

funniest columnist in Washington."

The KP News was founded as the monthly newsletter of the Key Peninsula Civic Center in 1974. The paper was shut down in 2002 after struggles with content and finances, but re-emerged in 2003 with new management and a new mission to operate as an editorially and financially independent publication under the nonprofit umbrella of the KP Civic Center Association.

"We never dreamt of winning any awards—our mission was to stay solvent," said Bill Trandum, a civic center board member instrumental in reviving the KP News. "Now, 15 years later, the KP News is an institution, recognized journalistically by professionals, and a worthy survivor."

Longtime local community leader Jud

Morris said, "The KP News is such a great treasure to the community, it is really heartwarming to see the paper acknowledged by the profession for its quality and its mission." Morris is president of the KP Business Association and Greater Gig Harbor Foundation and Pierce County community director for Children's Home Society of Washington.

"We have a lot to be proud of, and I think these awards are just an indicator of the quality everyone has come to expect," said KP News Board President and regular contributor Sara Thompson. "I hope this is just the beginning of a whole new era."

"These awards are also testimony to a great editorial team," Bryan said. "I can't wait for next year as we have some fantastic new work to submit."



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Peninsula High senior Braeden Potter dodges a tackle at Fishbowl 40. Photo: Ed Taylor, KP News

FISH BOWL FROM PAGE 1

of tubas and drums competing with a thousand screaming teenagers, one could have forgotten a football game was about to begin.

More than a game, the fevered festival that is Fish Bowl has become an annual reunion where hope and potential mingle with age and experience; where students and teachers, alumni and administrators all roam the stadium as one. Sporting green and blue body paint or graying hair and balding domes, clad in torn jeans and Mardi Gras beads or aging letterman jackets and sensible shoes, the thronging devotees are made equal by the gravity of the contest before them and the promise of glory it offers or rekindles.

The Seahawks were the early favorites under the helm of Head Coach Ross Filkins in his 24th year at Peninsula and fourth as athletic director. Peninsula went into Fish Bowl 4-1 in the 3A South Sound Conference and 5-2 overall. At sixth place in the SSC, the Tides (2-3 and 3-4) came to Fish Bowl facing a must-win to get to the postseason. They beat the last place Shelton Highclimbers 50-14 the week before, while the Seahawks lost a first place slot to the Yelm Tornados 42-21.

But the Seahawks seemed to forget they were supposed to win Fish Bowl after Peninsula senior Braeden Potter (RB/OLB) ran a spectacular 98 yards for their first touchdown on their first play just minutes into the first quarter.

Neither team was able to complete another drive until the second quarter, when GH recovered a Seahawk fumble, setting up an 11-yard rushing touchdown by GH senior Ryan King (WR/FS). After tying up the score, GH senior Logan Kinney

(K/P) kicked a 45-yard field goal, making the score at halftime 10-7, Tides.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that Peninsula struck back, when sophomore Sean Skladany (RB/DL), rushed 9 yards for his first touchdown as a Seahawk.

Minutes later, Peninsula sophomore Chase Coalson (WR/S), who already had one intercept in the first quarter, recovered a costly GH fumble at the Seahawks' 18-yard line.

Peninsula senior Burke Griffin (QB/DB) followed that up with the second huge run of the game, a 93-yard rushing touchdown that made the score 21-10 after the extra point.

The Tides could not recover, turning the ball over on downs, and the Seahawks kept control of the game and their shot at the playoffs.

See you next year.

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We have openings for volunteer staff writers, photographers, editors, graphic artists and general organizers.

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Last month we kicked off our year-end fund drive with an appeal from the editor, a special green envelope and new categories of giving. The response was simply fantastic.

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Key Pen Parks Board Meeting for November will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13 in observance of Veterans Day.

For the latest news see www.keypenparks.com or Facebook page



Spectators stood outside to hear candidates through open windows of the Whitmore Room for a chance to learn more about the people running for elected office. Forum moderator, Chuck West, president of the KP Community Council used timers to keep moving (down) the line.

Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

CANDIDATES FROM PAGE 1

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Jesse Young: I am the only representative on the entire Olympic Peninsula from here to the coast that serves on (the) transportation (committee) and I am going to suggest that if you want traffic taken care of out here you're going to want to put me back in because I will be in leadership on transportation next session.

Olson: We would have to build a new bridge...or perhaps extend 144th that comes down from the high school, straight through the power line (easement). A lot of people on the Key Peninsula that I talk to just want to be left alone; they like it the way it is. But we know that bridge is dangerous. We need to get it fixed.

Stanford: Folks want something done, but I think we need to wait for that report and take that analysis and...bring everybody to the table. You need to hear those recommendations, hear those solutions, ideas, and work together.

Caldier: When I first got to Olympia, the Pierce County lobbyist said, "You should be voting for the gas tax." I looked at her list (of projects), and there was nothing (west of the Narrows Bridge) but a little bit of funding for congestion relief in Gig Harbor. I said "What about the Purdy Spit?" and she said, "What's the Purdy Spit?" This is part of the reason why we have not received what we are supposed to be getting—because of the history of the Key Peninsula not being adequately represented.

FitzPatrick: I believe that we need to wait

one of the solutions for fixing access to the Key Peninsula (is) to go through Pine Street; that is the most economical, it is the most environmentally friendly and the one that would also...preserve your rural lifestyle. You'll tie into the project that's already funded for the Belfair bypass on the south end of Highway 3 and then you put a tie-in along 118th that comes down to the Key Peninsula.

Randall: What we need are investments in traffic solutions that don't dramatically change the landscape here. One of the problems is our community isn't getting its fair share. We're seeing huge investments in King County projects...while our projects are unfunded. I also look forward to increasing our ability to invest in infrastructure by closing out of date corporate tax loopholes and creating jobs here at home for all of us.

McClendon: This is one of the major concerns for congestion relief in the entire district. Now it's been studied multiple times and we're waiting on more studies? No, the complete process was done several years

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ago, providing several plan options for a new bridge. I would go back and make sure which one of those works best and advocate and make sure we get the money.

Dightman: We're not going to solve problems like this in Washington, D.C. I'm going to try to cut our taxes as much as we humanly can so that we have money to take care of these problems here in Washington state.

What are you proposing to do about the opioid crisis?

Dightman: One of the things that we can do on a national level is build a border wall. I know we like to think of a border wall as all about immigration, but the reality is that it would make it more difficult to get drugs across the border, and then we have an opportunity to actually protect our citizens better. The next thing is we need to recognize that it's an addiction and it's a health problem, and we don't want to go ahead and facilitate the health problem.

McClendon: One of the ways we don't make it worse is we don't allow it. In Seattle (they want) safe injections sites. That's not the way. Part of the way is enforcing the law, giving our prosecutors and our law enforcement the tools necessary to keep the community clean but also at the same time giving care (to) those that need help and want help to get off drugs.

Randall: Our opioid epidemic is part of our health care crisis. We have half a million Washingtonians without any health coverage and most folks who do have coverage don't have coverage that includes substance abuse. We need to make sure that everyone has access to the health care they need and deserve, and we need to start with prevention and wraparound services that provide support.

Jesse Young: The first thing you need to do is stand up to big pharma. You need to stand up to big bureaucracy. Big bureaucracies like Pierce County, or Seattle and King County that have an urban-centric focus for delivering health care solutions lobby us down in Olympia and they lobby solutions that make it impossible for rural communities to get access to the funds the state allocates for solving these problems.

FitzPatrick: We need to make sure that we are providing for preventive care services and make opioids a last resort before surgery, trying to facilitate physical therapists and chiropractic care that could prevent so many people from...becoming addicted to opioids and harder drugs. I also believe

that self-medicating is an issue for folks suffering from mental illnesses...we need to make sure that we are adequately and fully funding mental health care throughout Washington state.

Caldier: As a nursing home dentist, I will tell you that when I extracted people's teeth, it hurt and I would prescribe opioids. We have to make sure we're protecting people, getting them out of pain but also curbing the amount of opioid use. I proposed two bills this year: one was to have graded dosage packages and the other was to fix our prescriptive monitoring program so that doctors could easily report it, and I'm proud to say that both of those were wrapped into the large omnibus bill that Governor Inslee put forward.

Stanford: I'd like to see better integration of the behavioral substance abuse and physical health care systems. Everything is interconnected. You have folks who are suffering from opioid addiction and they're homeless. We've got to solve one to get to the other.

Lindquist: I think we need to approach this with a combination of compassion and accountability. By compassion I mean get services to those in need. If someone is going to persist in criminal activity, like burglary, they've got to be held accountable. We do need to stand up to big pharma and that's why I went to the county council and asked for that green light to file that lawsuit against big pharma. We're looking for two things: injunctive relief, which means putting an end to their deceptive marketing practices, and financial relief. We want money for Pierce County to combat the opioid crisis.

Robnett: The opioid crisis is a complicated issue and there's not going to be any simple solution. I'm happy to say my current boss, Bob Ferguson, the state attorney general, I think was the first to file a lawsuit against big pharma on behalf of the state. The prosecutor has a piece of this problem but it's not just a crime problem; it's a public health problem and it's going to take a multifaceted approach to solve it. The revolving door of people being busted for little amounts of opioids going to short-term incarceration, being released, still addicted, untreated, homeless, jobless, helpless, is really an expensive proposition for taxpayers and it's just not working.

Olson: As a school board member, we've added additional behavioral health specialists to the district to target some of our middle schoolers and high school kids to try and identify them when they're younger, trying to get them not focused toward opioids. A lot of the opioids are coming

from their parents' medicine cabinets. When they can't get prescription drugs, they turn to harder drugs. We need to do more to crack down on China and places like that bringing those other hard drugs into our country.

Derek Young: When I first got to the Pierce County Council, (I convened) the opioid task force; we brought together law enforcement and service providers, experts in the field...to come up with a series of recommendations. They fall into three basic categories: prevention and education; medically assisted treatment; and, finally, delivering the right services at the right time. There are legitimate (uses) for opioids; the problem is the pharmaceutical companies went further than that to make more money. They lied to the American people...and that's why I supported the lawsuit to get money back in our community to fix the mess they made.

Are you willing to support a constitutional amendment removing the supermajority requirement for passing school bonds?

Derek Young: We'll need a constitutional amendment started in the Legislature and I think it's critical. It's important that we respect democracy and respect the will of the majority and we need to get that amendment on the ballot for voters ultimately to decide.

Olson: Most members of the school board currently believe in keeping it above a simple majority because it's such a large amount of money. I think the way it is working; we just need to get more people educated on why we need to support our schools.

Lindquist: I actively supported the school bond out here, which is not something you'd normally think a prosecutor would be doing. I would support striking the supermajority.

Stanford: Would I support changing that 60 percent? Absolutely. I'm willing to talk about where we can find the middle there, somewhere between 50 and 55. Our schools need help now.

Caldier: I sit on the (Legislature) education committee and every year this proposal comes forward...and every year there has been a Democratic majority in the House and you'd think that typically they would be supportive...however, every year the chair refuses to even allow it to come up for a vote because the Democrats don't

have the votes on their side.

What I am working on now is to increase the honesty and truthfulness when it comes to the campaign for and against the bond. I also think we need to decrease the cost of school construction. Right now, it's \$500 per square foot and that is way too expensive.

FitzPatrick: I am for changing the 60 percent supermajority requirement. We have seen schools falling into such disrepair that I cannot imagine what a solid, quality education that is for children. We have one of the most regressive tax codes in the country. We need to create equity and take back revenue and funnel it toward education and other programs that need our attention.

Jesse Young: I do not support lowering the threshold to 50 percent. That 60 percent not only protects low income and fixed income property owners from being taxed out of their house—it also protects rural communities. I am working with school board members right now as a fiscal conservative to help get it past that 60 percent threshold because I believe we can get a good bond passed if I lend my name to it and that is a community solution that we all desperately need.

Randall: I went to South Kitsap High School. When I was a senior we had 38 students in my English class and we did not have enough desks. One of my early civic engagements was to organize a sit-in in our principal's office until we got the desks we needed. I shouldn't have had to do that. We had three failed levies in a row and it was some years after that they lowered the supermajority requirement for levies to simple majority so that we could pass levies in districts like ours. We need to lower the supermajority requirement for school bonds so that every student can learn in a safe classroom that has room for them.

McClendon: I don't support lowering the threshold, however I do support lowering the cost of school construction. One of those things would be...charging sales tax on all school construction as a way of lowering the price of doing projects. (Next) is accountability; finding more money at the state level...I want to fix those budgets, incentivize them to save money and tie that money to school construction projects.

Dightman: I don't support abandoning the supermajority because I think that these are very complex issues. We have to be very careful about allowing people who don't have all the information that's necessary to make the choices for us. Finally, I'll just say as a representative in Congress in D.C., I think that we need to get away from deciding how to teach people.

Polly Robinson TRUE NORTH



The Long Gray and Gold Line

It's November and that means Veterans Day. We have a long and proud history in my family of military service dating back to pre-Revolutionary War days.

I have a photo of my paternal granddad, in his U.S. Army uniform and seated at a desk, his hands folded in front of him. On his left ring finger is a ring. The photo is black and white, but I know the ring is gold, with two large eagles, wings spread wide, supporting a large, flat, onyx stone, its engraving worn smooth with age. Hanging on the wall over his shoulder is a photo of his father, my great-granddad, dressed in his World War I "doughboy" uniform. His trousers are tucked into boots, his shirt pressed, creases sharp, and on his left hand he wears the same ring my granddad is wearing.

The ring in both photos was considered a "legacy" West Point ring and had four sets of initials and dates on it, representing three generations of West Point graduates dating from 1879 to 1935 (my great-great-granddad, my great-granddad and his two sons, my granddad and my grand-uncle). The ring, worn occasionally by my birthfather, was stolen during a burglary in the 1990s.

Not too long ago I went down the rabbit hole known as ancestry.com. While building my family tree I ran across an article linked to my great-granddad's name. Amazingly, the lost West Point ring was featured and, nearly 25 years after it was stolen, I found it. According to the write-up, someone pawned our ring and it surfaced through the Ring Recovery Program begun in 1999.

The program's mission is to retrieve rings from pawnshops, eBay or secondhand stores and return them to their original owners or descendants if they can be found. If not, they go back to West Point. Each year since 2002, West Point has held an annual "Class Ring Memorial" ring melt ceremony, a time when alumni and/or their families donate a ring to melt with others to become new class rings. Apparently, my legacy ring became a part of what is known as the "long gray and gold line," in homage to West Point's corps of graduates, the Long Gray Line.

Since that first ring melt ceremony in 2002, 441 rings have been added to the metal used in the rings for graduating classes. The academy's information page states

that the infusion of old gold with new is "symbolic of the strength and continuity of the Long Gray Line and the people who've paved the way" for new graduates.

I am proud of our tradition of service and, while sad that I do not have that legacy ring in my possession, am honored that some part of my family's legacy was passed on to the class of 2005.

Polly Robinson teaches communication studies at Tacoma Community College. She lives in Home.

Ted Olinger ANOTHER LAST WORD



The Destiny of Nations

Armistice Day was observed in the United States to mark the end of World War I until 1954, when President Eisenhower signed a proclamation declaring it would henceforth be known as Veterans Day, "in order that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars."

My grandfather, Raymond F. Olinger, was on a battlefield in France on what would become Armistice Day, serving as a second lieutenant in the 805th Pioneer Infantry.

The 805th's published regimental history describes shipping out to France: "It was a wonderful night, Aug. 29, 1918, when we departed Camp Funston (Kansas) on our way to take part in shaping the destiny of nations."

The 805th was a segregated supply regiment of black enlisted men and white officers, often assigned to manual labor, assisting engineers at the front, and recovering the dead from battlefields. They also fought, and saw 39 days of action in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive—the largest military engagement in U.S. history—where 25,000 Americans died and 90,000 were wounded.

The regimental history puts it this way: "Nov. 4 found us in a little town called Charpenry that the Germans had wiped off the map. We were here Nov. 11, when the armistice was signed. It was a wonderful night."

My father, Raymond H. Olinger, didn't even know his father had been in the war until one day in the 1930s when a black Pullman porter stopped them on a train and said, "Hello, Lieutenant Olinger."

Grandmother had burned Grandfather's Army trunk with all of his uniforms, letters and souvenirs.

My dad joined the Army in 1945 after graduating from high school at the top of his class of 20 in Buxton County, Kansas,

when he was 17. He was in boot camp in North Dakota training for the invasion of Japan when Hiroshima was bombed.

Ray deployed as a military police officer and was billeted in the former Third Imperial Guard Regiment barracks in Tokyo. His unit was meant to monitor and control the local population but spent the bulk of its time enforcing Douglas MacArthur's first general orders: that allied personnel were not to accost civilians and were forbidden to eat any of their scarce food.

My dad grew up on a southeast Kansas farm in the Great Depression and, though he didn't know it, poor. By the age of 9 he knew how to work in the fields and at school, how to ride and shoot, how to trap and skin rabbits, and how to roll his own cornhusk cigarettes.

He was appalled by the behavior of some of his fellow GIs toward the starving population in Japan. The only violence he experienced was at the hands of AWOL soldiers, one of whom opened fire on his jeep with an M1 carbine in downtown Tokyo.

Ray discharged his own weapon in action only once, while serving guard duty on a train to Sasebo transporting Korean men conscripted by the Imperial Army for hard labor during the war. They were to be repatriated by force since many did not want to return to their homeland, reputed to be in worse condition than Japan. The guards were stationed on the train carriage roofs for the journey through the night with orders to shoot anyone who attempted to escape, and many did when the train slowed or stopped. My dad and his fellow guards, 18- and 19-year-olds all, dutifully fired their rifles—into the air—having agreed that no one deserved to be shot in the back for refusing to go home.

He was later promoted to sergeant, climbed Mount Fuji, and dined with the daughter of Admiral Yamamoto, the man behind the attacks on Pearl Harbor and Midway. After returning to the States, he went to college on the GI bill and was on his way to law school when the Korean War broke out and he was recalled to active duty.

His unit, the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Cavalry—the storied Rocking Horse Regiment formed in 1866—was overrun and annihilated by Chinese forces in the Battle of Unsan in 1950.

My dad had left the brigade by then to be trained as an officer. He remained in the

reserves until the end of the Vietnam War.

My dad died of lung cancer in 2003 and in those last days told me that serving in the military had been the greatest adventure of his life, but: "I was awfully put out when I had to go back."

It seems a quaint notion, on this 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, to be "awfully put out," when so many service members now take on multiple deployments to fight our longest war.

In his Veterans Day proclamation, Eisenhower acknowledged that we had engaged in two great wars since the war to end all wars in 1918 and, echoing another president anxious for our destiny, said "let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace, so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

Ted Olinger lives in Vaughn.

Colleen Slater REMINISCENCE



Vaughn WWII Veteran Goes the Distance

Wally Cornman, a proud veteran of World War II, continues his service to veterans and the local community. Cornman was born in Naches, east of the Cascades, in 1925; the family, which included five boys and a stepsister, moved to Gig Harbor in 1936. Now the oldest, Wally has two brothers and the sister left.

Cornman recalled diving in Everett at age 17 and meeting a recruiter who said, "Finish your diving, then come see me." The young Cornman knew divers were a top priority for the Navy. He said he had a problem in Everett once on a deep dive, after the failure of the compressor that provided his air, and he had to be pulled up quickly. He suffered the bends and his left eye was permanently damaged in that incident.

He served in the Navy on a destroyer escort in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946.

Once, in the destroyer boiler room, Cornman was thrown against a steam valve, breaking all his ribs on that side. After a recent X-ray, the doctor commented that the rib damage was still visible.

When asked about the best times he had in the Navy, he said, "Leave!"

Out of the Navy, he married and had a son and daughter. He remarried later; he

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and Sally had a daughter, and Sally's two children completed the family. Cornman had a purse seiner in Alaska for several years and fished in Little Roller Bay. In 1955, he purchased the Joe Bigley home in Vaughn where he still lives.

"We were involved in a lot of things, but didn't have much money. We contributed to the civic center when it was started, and helped put on the new roof."

Cornman and Sally made the front page of KP News in August 1995, pictured as the grand marshals of the Pioneer Days Parade, a much loved one-day community fair and celebration that began with a parade from Key Center to the civic center. Sally died in 1998.

"I've always been active in the community," Cornman said. He has lifetime memberships in the VFW, and was Post Commander. He's a member of the Key Peninsula Veterans, although he doesn't attend meetings often. Cornman was the official flag-raiser every year for a long time when the logging show was held at Longbranch Improvement Club. He helps veterans get into the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard and often visits there. Cornman went on a veterans' Honor Trip to Washington, D.C., and received a patriotic "Quilt of Valor."

With some help he dug the holes to install the 309 original concrete sleeves for the flags at Vaughn Bay Cemetery.

"Harm Van Slyke had seven trolling poles in his garage, and gave them to me for flag-poles," Cornman said. "I put up the poles at Vaughn Bay Cemetery, the German Cemetery, Lakebay Cemetery, Volunteer Park and the Civic Center. I did have help. Pen Light helped put up the ones at Vaughn Cemetery and at the civic center."

"When I reached a certain age, I decided I was involved in too many things, so stepped back from some," he said. He noted membership in the American Legion, Moose, Elks and Eagles, with 40 years of membership in the latter. He often takes his lady friend dancing at the Eagles, where he was recently told they were the best dancers there.

He admits to taking one medical pill each day. "I've had cataracts removed from both eyes and wear hearing aids. I'll be 93 pretty soon, and I'm still driving!"

His doctor told him not to use a lawn mower, a weed whacker or climb ladders after his recent cataract surgeries, so he's pleased he climbed ladders while he still could.

Cornman is a good example of one of our few remaining World War II veterans.

Colleen Slater is a long-time Vaughn resident and contributor to the Key Peninsula News.

Rachel V. Berry
KP DAY TRIPPER



A Viking We Will Go

If you've lived in the area for any length of time, you've probably heard that Poulsbo is affectionately known as "Little Norway." Located on the northern end of the Kitsap Peninsula, this picturesque village on Liberty Bay was founded by Norwegian Jorgen Eliason. With the Olympic Mountains to the west and its navigable waterways, Scandinavians were attracted to the region because of the many similarities to the homeland they left behind. In fact, Norwegian was the primary language spoken in the area until World War II.

Poulsbo is a delightful destination for a day trip, offering numerous opportunities for entertainment, dining and shopping. In no particular order, here are a few suggestions:

A perfect stop this time of year is at Poulsbo's Fish Park (288 NW Lindvig Way). Not only does it have a nice walking trail, but it's one of the best places to watch migrating salmon. In fact, if you can visit on Saturday, November 3 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Kitsap County Extension of Washington State University is offering a salmon viewing day with educational exhibits, guided tours and other activities. It's a handicapped-accessible event and good for the entire family.

Norwegians are known for their pastries, and a visit to Poulsbo isn't complete without a stop at the family-run Sluy's Bakery (18924 Front Street NE). While the bakery has novelties such as glazed donut boys and massive apple fritters, it also offers traditional breads such as Norwegian Black Bread and holiday offerings including Julekake and stollen.

The SEA Discovery Center (18743 Front Street NE) has exhibits featuring local marine life, educational movies and an art room for creating a souvenir. Operated by Western Washington University, it is slowly going through a much-needed upgrade and is a good place to introduce children to the wonders of the Salish Sea. Admission is free (donations accepted) and the facility is open Thursday through Sunday. (note: the museum will be closed on most Sundays this fall for maintenance, so call ahead for current hours: (360) 598-4460).

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CIVIC CENTER

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HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association thanks the KP community who helped make our recent fundraiser such an amazing event. A gala of this magnitude requires hundreds of hours of work from dozens of selfless volunteers and it wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our friends and neighbors.

In addition to countless hours of donated labor, we received an incredible number of goods and services donations - making for a very tempting selection of auction items. The evening was a great success, and it's all thanks to the wonderful spirit of giving at the heart of our local community!

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with a shrine to licorice candy is Poulsbo's Marina Market (18882 Front Street NE). The Licorice Shrine is located on a shelf topping over 500 varieties of licorice from places around the globe, including Finland and Sweden. Every type of hard and soft licorice, from filled candies to un-licorices such as Red Vines can be found in one spot. You can also find over 1,000 craft beers, of which 15 have licorice as an ingredient.

The Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park (18809 Anderson Parkway) is Poulsbo's iconic place for a casual stroll, a picnic or a bathroom break (public restrooms are in the stone house). It's the home of the seasonal Poulsbo Farmers Market on Saturdays.

The Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge (18891 Front Street) is a great place to try your hand at a Norwegian craft, folk dancing and much more. Many of the events are open to the public. On most Wednesdays, you can sample a traditional Norwegian lunch from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. with homemade soup, open-faced sandwiches, pickled herring, lefse, krumkake and more. It's \$12 and it comes with a gorgeous view.

Finally, if brewpubs are your thing, you have several choices in Poulsbo. The Slippery Pig (18801 Front Street NE) is a sustainable brewer, sourcing most of its ingredients locally. Valholl Brewing (18970 3rd Avenue NE) is Viking-themed and has a child-friendly tasting room. Rainy Daze Brewing (650 NW Bovela Lane Number 3) offers Goat Boater IPA, the 2017 Peaks and Pints Winner of Best IPA. And these are just three of the many establishments in the area, so make a day of it!

This sadly marks the end to Rachel Berry's local travel column for KP News. We wish her well as her life adventures continue far from the Key Peninsula. Happy trails to you Rachel.



Volunteer Debi Ady (left) with Cathy Jo Clawson at the Friends of the Library book sale Sept. 29 where hundreds of donated books were sold to support the Key Center branch of the Pierce County Library System. Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News

Friends of Key Center Library Lend Support to Prop. 1

LISA BRYAN, KP NEWS

After operating for 12 years since its last restoration levy in 2006, the Pierce County Rural Library District is asking voters on the Nov. 6 ballot to restore the entire 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation they are entitled to collect from property taxes. It is not a new tax.

Property owners in unincorporated Pierce County paid 47.7 cents per \$1,000 in 2017, a tax rate that fell to just below 43 cents per \$1,000 in 2018.

"When you think about all the money spent to add to the quality of your life, the library is one of the real gems out here," Ann Campy said. As current president of the Friends of the Key Center Library, Campy said her entire board strongly supports Proposition 1.

The Friends of the Key Center Library raises funds and organizes free, fun and informative programs to help the library fill special needs, according to their mission statement.

Campy said that people who don't use the library regularly may not be aware of all the benefits of a fully funded library in Key Center.

"For most small communities, especially on the Key Peninsula, our library is

central to who we are, what we do, and how we form our community," she said. "Libraries are the center of everything."

The costs to operate and maintain libraries and the services they offer have risen by an average of 4 to 7 percent annually, according to the district. The population within the district has risen by 16 percent since 2006.

A 2001 Washington state voter-approved initiative capped year-to-year growth of property taxes for all taxing districts including libraries, causing annual variations in the tax rate. Proposition 1 asks voters to approve lifting that statutory 1 percent cap to permit collection of the 50 cent tax rate for the next six years and stabilize the library funding needed to maintain current library services. Approximately 94 percent of the funding for the library system comes from property taxes in unincorporated Pierce County.

"Today our libraries are all about the individual's success," Pierce County Library Executive Director Georgia Lomax said. "How do we help them with whatever is important to them at this time in their life? As our technology has changed, what our people do has evolved.

"So much information is available right on your smartphone, but how do you build your skills so you can get a job that pays more than poverty level?" she said. "How do you transition to a civilian job after being a soldier? How do we help you with your tech skills? How do we help you with your people skills? How do we help parents with their kids, so their brains develop before they go to school, so they can be ready to succeed and be great students at school and become great citizens in the future?"

"Librarians are there to help you access a world of ideas," Campy said. Recounting her own son's experience, she said, "He was extremely shy growing up and the library was his safe place. Those librarians, people like Dory Myers, were so kind and supportive to him back then." Now 45, her son is a college professor.

"After Dory, we had Rosina Vertz who was so wonderful and now Corrine Weatherly is our supervising librarian in Key Center," Campy said. "Corrine is doing great things and is already making a difference here too."

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"You never think that you can have an opportunity to make a career in baking," Micah Dahl said. "People talk about careers in medicine or teaching, but baking is what we really want to do." *Photo: Lisa Bryan, KP News*

Sunny New Forecast for 3 Clouds Bakery

SARA THOMPSON KP NEWS

Micah and Emily Dahl became the proud new owners of 3 Clouds Bakery in August. Although they plan to take it slow, they have big dreams for their small bakery. Located in the same building as Ravensara Espresso just off the intersection of SR302 and 118th Street NW, the independent bakery has been in business since 2009.

The couple became interested in taking over the wholesale 3 Clouds Bakery following the death of its founder Joe Rudolf in May 2017. Jody Stark, Rudolf's wife, worked to keep 3 Clouds running with the help of family and friends. But, she said, "I am a cook, not a baker. Emily and Micah really had a desire to continue Joe's vision and they also wanted to create something of their own. I was happy to sell the bakery to them."

Emily had come to know Rudolf well over the last decade—she began working as a barista at Ravensara as a teenager in 2004—and admired his craft.

"We bake with Joey in mind every day," Emily said. "His love and passion for food as well as giving back to the community was strong, and we strive to keep that continuing."

"He was a master baker and had done so much," Micah said. "He wrote a cookbook; we have his copy and use it now. It's like having a mentor with us, getting to know him better through his work."

The couple works seven days a week. They arrive at 4:30 each morning, gather their thoughts with a bite to eat and a cup of coffee, and then it's nonstop action until noon. First, they get the bread dough rising for the small baguettes baked for sandwiches. Then they make the scones using Rudolf's recipe for blueberry scones, a signature item which, they say, is like no other. Muffins are next, with a selection of standards along with seasonal. They have cookies—oatmeal, snickerdoodles, gluten-free peanut butter, with the addition of a molasses cookie in the fall—as well as a bacon biscuit, cheddar crackers



and more. By 5:30 the oven is full, by 6 the scones are coming out, and by noon their work is done for the day.

"We live the work until we get home," Micah said, "but once we are home, it's 100 percent family." From noon on, their 18-month-old son Isaac is their main focus.

Emily and Micah have known each other since they were children, with a love of music and food coming through family. Micah's dad, Peter Dahl, a bass player and Emily's mom, Mary Alice Salciccia, a pianist (she owns Expressions Music) played music together. Both were drawn to baking through their mothers.

The two grew up on the Key Peninsula, attending different elementary and middle schools but graduating from Peninsula High. Their true connection developed when they attended Tacoma Community College.

As they have mastered the business and worked on some of their own recipes, the Dahls have begun to think about how to expand, though they want to take slow steps. Micah has a sourdough starter he wants to use and has been mastering a pizza dough. They have begun to work with Gnosh food truck. They plan to reach out to businesses that might carry their goods and hope to go to local farmers' markets next year. Their ultimate dream is to have a larger place where they can serve customers and sell baked items from their counter.

Micah said that the shared location with Ravensara can be confusing, but noted that the businesses really are separate. "We are a wholesale bakery," he said, "and right now we have one main customer—Ravensara."

For now the couple plans to stay where they are and continue offering individual orders for 3 Clouds Bakery customers with 24-hour notice; their business number is 253-853-3349. They welcome feedback and suggestions.

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Key Pen Buy Nothing Group Sprouts Into Three

ALICE KINERK, KP NEWS

Buy Nothing is an international organization operating through Facebook, where members exchange, give and receive items freely. Soon after it was created in 2013, the local Key Peninsula chapter of Buy Nothing had a membership of about 200. Five years later that number has swelled to 1,500.

This fall, with more folks signing up every day, the group administrators made the decision to “sprout” or split the original group into three new groups. Key Peninsula residents hoping to give away or receive free items through the popular Facebook group are now directed to the southern, central, or northern Key Peninsula Buy Nothing group, depending on where they live.

The first Buy Nothing formed in Bainbridge Island after a resident was inspired by the gift economy she witnessed during a visit to a remote Himalayan village.

The organization prioritizes building neighborly relationships through giving and thus encourages local administrators to sprout into multiple groups once member-

ship numbers reach four digits. “It’s really about recognizing the abundance in the community and how we can help our neighbors. When a group grows beyond a thousand it gets hard to maintain that community feeling. It becomes just about the stuff,” Hannah Petersen, administrator for the Buy Nothing Key Peninsula South group said.

As part of this community-building effort, common social media acronyms such as ISO (short for “I seek out”) are discouraged as impersonal. Folks posting requests for items are instead asked to be specific about what they need it for, and include “please” and “thank you.” After the giveaway, photos and stories showing the item in use are encouraged.

Nearly anything can be given and received through Buy Nothing. On a recent day, local giveaways included women’s shoes, a toy train set, area rugs, papier-mâché heart decorations, computer speakers, a bag of grass seed and coupons for infant formula.

Erin Taylor, of Foxglove Farm in Longbranch, was new to posting in Buy Nothing, but within a week had given away a leaf blower, a yoga mat, an electric heater, as well as various pieces of farm equipment she had come across while cleaning out her shed.

Food items are also OK to give. Petersen once found herself with extra frosting after finishing a cake. She posted it on a whim,

thinking it was unlikely anyone would take it. Someone did.

Lori Aliment found herself with a large unwanted jar of jelly beans three-quarters full. “I took a picture and within 24 hours a community member who was hosting a child’s birthday party arrived to pick them up,” Aliment said.

Local administrator Susan Ricketts has been a longtime presence on local Buy Nothing pages and has given away items both large and small. “I had cleaned out my sock drawer, so I had a grocery bag full of odd socks. I was halfway to the garbage can and suddenly thought ‘I wonder if someone can use these?’ I came back in the house and posted them. I had two responses within a few minutes. One friend who refinishes furniture uses them for staining, another teaches elementary school and uses them for whiteboard erasers,” Ricketts said.

Recent local requested items include a shed, a pellet stove, a kitten, a space heater and someone to help install a fence. Themed days, such as Wishful Wednesday or Fat-Chance Friday encourage folks to ask for things they could use, no matter how unlikely receiving it may be.

“We have so much. If we just stop and take a moment to talk to each other we’ll realize just how much we have as a community,” Petersen said.



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Logging on the Key Peninsula Continues: An Update

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

Logging on the Key Peninsula, an integral part of its history, is also a part of the present. High lumber prices, combined with the fact that timber from federal and state forestland cannot be sold on the export market, make trees on the KP valuable. The KP News reviewed Forest Practice Applications (FPAs) submitted to the state to understand logging practices in the community.

In the first 10 months of 2018, nearly 50 FPAs were submitted to the state to log close to 480 acres on the Key Peninsula. The number of acres to be logged ranged from 1.2 to 40 per application. A few applications were for selective logging, but at least 90 percent were for even-age logging (clearcutting) and included a statement that there was no intent to convert the land to nonforestry use within three years. According to the Pierce County assessor treasurer, there are 38,090 acres and 11,906 parcels on the Key Peninsula.

Most FPAs were for parcels less than 10 acres in size, submitted by loggers for the landowner. Most of those applications were for clearcutting, though a few were for selective logging. Some landowners, particularly with parcels of 20 acres or more, worked

with consultants. Others, with experience in forestry, oversaw the logging themselves and plan to actively manage the land in the years to come. Finally, some FPAs were designed to make way for development.

About one-third of all FPA applications came from Cedarland Forest Resources. In most cases Cedarland was both the owner and applicant and nearly all of the applications were to clearcut while reserving a portion of the parcel for a single-family residence, a plan that, on review of all the 2018 FPAs, is almost unique to the company. The parcels are purchased, logged and then placed on the market to potential homebuilders.

Joe Staley of NorthWind Forest Consultants said that most individuals he works with choose to log for the income—for such things as medical expenses, college funds or retirement. Some landowners do want help with managing the forestland after it is logged.

“My philosophy is that I am a tree lover,” Staley said. “I understand people have to have houses, but it doesn’t have to be out in the middle of nowhere. I think we have to be selective. If you say you are going to log and replant and manage, then do that. Do what you say you are going to do. I

hate conversion of land from forestry to development.”

Ron Schillinger is a logger and forester who grew up on the Key Peninsula. “Our family has been tree growers, timberland owners, sawmill operators and owners and loggers here on the Key Peninsula since 1887,” he said. “My mother and father were both born and raised here.”

Schillinger knew logging was dangerous work, but he loved trees and so when he went to Washington State University he majored in forestry. He worked as a forester for King County, for Weyerhaeuser and in Grays Harbor County at Montesano. He has been managing his family’s 45 acres on the KP for the last two decades.

“Our family has had a passion for growing trees,” he said. “Trees are a crop. You harvest, plant and go on with life,” he said.

This year Schillinger logged 14 acres; the trees were mature, and part of managing forestland means cutting them down. And though he knows that in 20 years it will no longer look bare, he said clearcutting was still hard to see. He contracted directly with a logger and plans to nurture the forest with a diversity of trees.

According to Kevin Zobrist, Washington State University Extension Forestry associate professor, the best way to assure the outcome is to hire an independent forester.


“The forester works solely for the landowner, and is responsible for getting the landowner the best deal possible,” he said. “The forester will take care of the permits, inventory the timber, market the timber for the best price, work with the logger, draw up a contract that protects the landowner’s liability, and ensure compliance with that contract, including cleanup (slash disposal) and reforestation.”

Dick Hopkins, a consulting forester, said, “I can look and tell by the destruction caused during logging and by what the reforestation looks like later who did some of the logging. A skillfully logged site will have three sturdy wildlife trees per acre and two healthy leafy green trees per acre, as required by law. Logging slash will be cleaned up within the first 100 feet from a public road, and logging slash in general will be piled or hazard-abated. Roads will be ditched; skid trails are water-barred; culverts are clean and free flowing. The site may not look like a park, but it certainly does not look like a hurricane came through.”

The WSU Extension has a list of foresters available at: forestry.wsu.edu/consulting-directory. A list of loggers who have been accredited through the Master Logger Program offered by the Washington Contract Logger Association is available at loggers.com/master-logger-program.

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NOVEMBER 14**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**

6:30-8:30 p.m. Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson will debrief us on the election. Dessert at 6:30 p.m. 4312 KP Hwy SW, Longbranch. licweb.org, 253-884-6022

NOVEMBER 15**THINKING THURSDAY**

10-11 a.m. Medicare: Original versus Advantage Plan. Differences between Original Medicare (Parts A & B) and Advantage Plan (HMO, PP0, SNP, PFFS) options for 2019. Presented by Sandy Ruffo of the WA State Office of the Insurance Commissioner at The Mustard Seed Project, 9016 154th NW, Key Center (former Roadhouse Restaurant). To register: 253-884-9814 or info@themustardseedproject.org, www.themustardseedproject.org

NOVEMBER 26**RELATIVES RAISING KIDS SUPPORT**

Grandparents and relatives raising children meet the fourth Monday each month at Evergreen Elementary from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Potluck dinner and child care provided. Call Lori at CHSW at 253-884-5433 or 253-391-0144.

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NOVEMBER 3**PIER INTO THE NIGHT LIVE DIVE**

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NOVEMBER 15**WHAT OUR TEACHERS NEVER TOLD US
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NOVEMBER 17**STEELHEAD BLUEGRASS BAND**

Potluck 6 p.m. Concert 7 p.m. Olalla Community Club, 12970 Olalla Valley Road SE. Music ranges from sweet love songs to the hard drive and excitement of traditional and contemporary bluegrass. Suggested donation: \$20. www.olallahouse.org

NOVEMBER 24-25**PHS WINTERFEST**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Admission \$5. This juried Arts and Crafts Show raises funds for Peninsula High School clubs, athletics, assembly speakers and Associated Student Body. 14105 Purdy Dr NW; Gig Harbor 98332; phswinterfest@gmail.com, 253-858-8674

WEEKDAYS**SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES**

The S.A.I.L. senior exercise class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. at KP Community Services in Lakebay. Register with Marilyn Perks at 253-884-4440.

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS**PLAY TO LEARN**

10-11:30 a.m. November 2, 5, 12, 16, 26 and 30. Free program for children (ages 6 and under) and adults to play together! Individual play, fun group activities, songs, and a whole group circle time. Drop-in program, please join us. Michelle 253-530-1097 or harrisonm@psd401.net

TUESDAYS**STORYTIMES**

Preschoolers discover books, learn nursery rhymes, sing songs, play with blocks and do arts and crafts at the Key Center Library at 11 a.m. 253-548-3309

LOVING HEARTS

Join Loving Hearts to knit or crochet for charity. First Tuesday of the month: 11-1 p.m.; all other Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. WayPoint Church, 12719 134th Ave. NW. Yarn donations are needed and very much appreciated. Virginia at 253-884-9619 or lovingheartsonkp@gmail.com

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is an affordable wellness education organization; visitors attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge and without obligation. Weigh-in from 8:35-9:25 a.m. at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Road NW. marcgrubb1990@yahoo.com

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

6-7:30 p.m. at Key Center Library. Copies of the book "Getting Grief Right" by Patrick O'Malley will be available for \$15. Facilitator: Suzanne Hickel, suehickel@gmail.com, 253-565-1200

TUESDAYS**KEY SINGERS REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals for KP choral group through Dec. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. at KP Lutheran Church. All singers welcome. Membership \$10 per year. Colleen Slater, cas4936@centurytel.net.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME**

Weekly except during school breaks. No program on Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving). The Children's Home Society of Washington/KP Family Resource Center offers a preschool/toddler indoor park program 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the KP Civic Center gym. Caregivers stay with child. Drop-ins welcome; stay as long as you wish. A \$1/child donation is suggested. 253-884-5433

SENIOR TAI CHI

Senior tai chi class, 10:15-11:15 a.m. at KP Community Services in Lakebay. If you are not already in the class, you must sign up in advance for the next class. 253-884-4440

TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS**KP HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN**

The Key Peninsula Historical Society museum at the civic center is open Tuesdays and Saturdays 1-4 p.m. The current exhibit is Tales of Logging the Key Peninsula through Nov. 27. Free admission. 253-888-3246. www.keypeninsulamuseum.org

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LAKEBAY WRITERS

A writers workshop for people who love stories. Share yours; hear others. 1-4 p.m. at Key Center Library. Loren Aikins, 253-884-2785

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WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**SENIOR MEALS**

Nutritious meals for ages 60+ are served at noon at KP Community Services; \$2 donation is requested. Guests (ages 50-59) of senior attendees are requested to donate \$2.50. Key Pen Comm. Services, 17015 9th St. Court SW, Home, 253-884-4440

THURSDAYS**TOASTMASTERS**

Have fun improving your public speaking ability and leadership skills at Wright-Bliss fire station, 12310 Wright Bliss Rd NW, 8-9 a.m. Guests are welcome to come and observe with no obligation to speak. keypeninsulatoastmasters@gmail.com

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The KP Senior Society meets at 11 a.m. for a potluck, games and fellowship in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center. All are welcome. 253-884-4981

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FRIDAYS**SENIOR TAI CHI**

Senior tai chi drop-in class, 8:45-9:45 a.m. at KP Community Services in Lakebay. 253-884-4440

TRIPLE P PARENTING CLASSES

Children's Home Society of Washington partners with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to sign up families for Triple P Parenting classes and provide assistance with basic food and health insurance applications. Representative available at Key Peninsula Community Office, Suite D, KC Corral Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 253-432-4948 or 253-884-5433

KP YOUTH COUNCIL

2:30-5 p.m. at the Key Center fire station. Keypercouncil@gmail.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Nov. 1, Survivors of Suicide, 5:30-7 p.m. Boys and Girls Club, Gig Harbor. Bob Anderson at 253-753-3013 or bobtanderson@me.com

Nov. 1, 26th Legislative District Democrats, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting. Public invited. Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Road, Port Orchard. 26thdemocrats@gmail.com

Nov. 1, Lakebay Fuchsia Society, 7-8:30 p.m. KP Civic Center, Whitmore Room. Holiday Plant Décor. Our speaker is Debbie from Sunnycrest Nursery. 253-225-3027

Nov. 3, Writers Guild, 10 a.m., Community Council office, Suite D, at the Key Center Corral. 253-884-6455

Nov. 3 & 17, Lakebay Depression and Bipolar Support Group, 11:15 a.m., KP Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Road NW. Kimberly, 253-753-4270 or dbsalakebay@gmail.com

Nov. 5 & 19, KP Veterans group, 7 p.m., KP Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Rd NW. Veterans, military service members and families with children 16 and older are welcome. 253-225-5130

Nov. 6, KP Historical Society, 11 a.m. in the museum at KP Civic Center. 253-888-3246

Nov. 6, Key Peninsula Business Association at Blend, 6 p.m. Light snacks provided. www.kpba.org, www.kpba.org/about, 253-303-1980

Nov. 7 & 21, KP Lions Club, 6 p.m., Key Center fire station. 253-853-2721

Nov. 8, Ashes support group for Fire District 16, 10:30 a.m., Key Center fire station. 253-884-3771

Nov. 8, Peninsula School District Board, 6 p.m., district office in Purdy. 253-530-1000

Nov. 8, KP Civic Center Assn. board, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center. www.kpciviccenter.org, kpciviccenter@centurytel.net, 253-884-3456

Nov. 12, KP Parks Commission, 7:30 p.m., Volunteer Park office. 253-884-9240

Nov. 13 & 27, KP Fire Commission, 5-7 p.m., Key Center fire station. www.keypeninsulafire.org or 253-884-2222

Nov. 14, Bayshore Garden Club, 10 a.m., Longbranch fire station. Wendy, 253-332-4883

Nov. 14, Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition, 10 a.m., Gig Harbor Fire District Headquarters, 10222 Bujacich Road NW, Gig Harbor. www.PEP-C.org, curtescott45@gmail.com, 253-380-7240

Nov. 14, KP Community Council, 7 p.m., Key Center fire station. 253-432-4948

Nov. 15, Key Peninsula Emergency Preparation, 7 p.m., Whitmore Room, KP Civic Center. 253-686-7904 or gablehousep@aol.com (Put E Prep in the subject line)

Nov. 17, Key Peninsula Caregivers Support Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon at The Mustard Seed Project, 9016 154th NW, Key Center. Please call Debra Jamerson before attending. 360-621-1110

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Nov. 19, KP Democrats, 7 p.m., Home fire station, johnpatkelly@aol.com

Nov. 21, KP Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m., KP Civic Center. Reviews applications for proposed developments and makes recommendations to Pierce County. www.kpcouncil.org, keypercouncil@gmail.com, 253-432-4948

Nov. 26, KP Farm Council planning meeting, 6 p.m., KP Community Council office. 9013 Key Peninsula Hwy N Ste D, Key Center, 253-432-4948 or email keycouncil@gmail.com; visit www.kpfarmtour.com

Multiple dates, KP Sportsmen's Club board meets first Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; general meeting and potluck on second Thursdays at 6 p.m.; bingo \$1/card and potluck on fourth Fridays at 6 p.m.; Ladies Bunco last Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bring snacks and \$5 to play. Sportsmen's Clubhouse, 5305 Jackson Lake Road NW, 253-884-6764



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Suicide Prevention Coalition: Making a Difference

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

Kevin Hines, a suicide survivor and suicide prevention activist, will make a presentation at Peninsula High School Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Gig Harbor Key Peninsula Suicide Prevention Coalition. He will speak to students at Gig Harbor and Peninsula High Schools earlier in the day, before the evening event.

Hines survived a jump off the Golden Gate Bridge when he was 19. He is a world-renowned mental health advocate, motivational speaker and author and was the subject of a full-length documentary film, "Suicide: The Ripple Effect," that focuses on the impact of suicide and the positive effects of inspiration and hope that come from prevention and advocacy work.

A grant from the Pierce County Council is covering the costs.

Bob Anderson, who facilitates the coalition, said the group was formed nearly seven years ago in response to a series of youth suicides. Students asked the Peninsula School District to take action, he said, and the district, feeling that suicide risk should be addressed at a community level rather than simply in the schools, hired Sue Eastgard, a nationally recognized leader in suicide prevention, to establish and facilitate the coalition for its first two years.

The group includes educators, parents, mental health professionals, social service providers, first responders and youth. Although the initial focus was on youth, Anderson said they have realized that it is a bigger issue. "The highest suicide rate is in people who look like me," he said. "Older men."

The coalition meets twice a month at the Gig Harbor Boys and Girls Club, at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday and at 2:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (a time that allows students to participate). There are about 100 names on the mailing list, with 12 to 15 attending regularly.

The group has worked with the Wash-

ington State Department of Transportation to approve signs on the Narrows Bridge with phone numbers to call or text for anyone contemplating suicide.

"There were 190 calls in 2016 about possible suicide attempts on the bridge, and at least eight deaths occurred between 2013 and 2017," Anderson said. "And there is good evidence that having signs makes a difference." Pierce County will produce and install the signs. The coalition then plans to work on getting fences installed.

"The coalition is a group of doers," said member Anne Nesbit. "You can feel the momentum of barriers coming down. More and more on the KP, people are asking me to talk about mental health." Nesbit is a Prevention Specialist and Volunteer Battalion Chief with the Key Peninsula Fire District.

The coalition can provide speakers to present its 30 to 45 minute "Talk Saves Lives" for local groups. The coalition also offers a three-hour training session to prepare individuals to identify those at risk for suicide and to assist them in getting help.

Suicide survivor support groups meet at the Boys and Girls Club, Gig Harbor High and Henderson Bay. Nesbit will be talking to Key Peninsula Middle School students about mental health issues as part of the department's public education program.



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EVERGREEN TUES & THURS AM

- 8:50 Evergreen Elementary School
- 8:59 Palmer Lake public access 24th St SW
- 9:00 Palmer Lake 21st St SW @ 193rd Ave
- 9:05 KPCS Senior Center & Food Bank
- 9:06 Home Gas Station @ KP Hwy N
- 9:10 67th Ave Ct NW @ KP Hwy N
- 9:14 Food Market in Key Center
- 9:15 KP Hwy N @ Minterwood Dr NW
- 9:21 Lake Kathryn Village SR 302 & 92nd Ave NW
- 9:26 Purdy Park & Ride

EVERGREEN WEDNESDAY AM

- 9:50 Evergreen Elementary School
- 9:54 Palmer Lake public access 24th St SW
- 9:55 Palmer Lake 21st St SW @ 193rd Ave
- 10:00 KPCS Senior Center & Food Bank
- 10:01 Home Gas Station @ KP Hwy N
- 10:05 67th Ave Ct NW @ KP Hwy N
- 10:09 Food Market in Key Center
- 10:10 KP Hwy N @ Minterwood Dr NW
- 10:16 Lake Kathryn Village SR 302 & 92nd Ave NW
- 10:21 Purdy Park & Ride

VAUGHN TUES & THURS AM

- 8:50 Vaughn Elementary School
- 8:59 Wright Bliss Road @ Olson Dr NW
- 9:00 Wright Bliss Road @ 104th St Ct NW
- 9:05 Wright Bliss Road @ SR 302/4-Corners
- 9:06 SR 302 @150th Ave/Lake Holiday bus shed
- 9:10 SR302 @ 140th Ave/Lake of the Woods
- 9:14 SR 302 @ Charbonneau Construction
- 9:15 SR 302 @ 92nd Ave NW/Lake Kathryn Village
- 9:21 Purdy Park & Ride

VAUGHN WEDNESDAY AM

- 9:50 Vaughn Elementary School
- 9:51 Wright Bliss Road @ Olson Dr NW
- 9:52 Wright Bliss Road @ 104th St Ct NW
- 9:54 Wright Bliss Road @ SR 302/4-Corners
- 9:57 SR 302 @150th Ave/Lake Holiday bus shed
- 9:59 SR302 @ 140th Ave/Lake of the Woods
- 10:01 SR 302 @ Charbonneau Construction
- 10:04 SR 302 @ 92nd Ave NW/Lake Kathryn Village
- 10:09 Purdy Park & Ride

TUESDAY & THURSDAY MIDDAY

- 10:33 Peninsula High School
- 10:35 Purdy Park & Ride
- 10:38 Cost Less Pharmacy @ Lake Kathryn Village
- 10:48 SR 302 @ Windermere Realty, near 118th Ave
- 10:50 SR 302 @ 140th Ave/Lake of the Woods
- 10:51 SR 302 @150th Ave/Lake Holiday bus shed
- 10:54 Wright Bliss Road @ SR 302/4-Corners
- 10:56 Wright Bliss Road @ 104th St Ct NW
- 10:58 Wright Bliss Road @ Olson Dr NW
- 11:00 Food Market @ Key Center
- 11:06 KP Hwy N @ 167th Ave Ct NW
- 11:09 Home Gas Station @ KP Hwy N
- 11:12 KPCS Senior Center & Food Bank
- 11:18 Palmer Lake public access 24th St SW
- 11:19 Palmer Lake 21st St SW @ 193rd Ave
- 11:25 Evergreen Elementary School

TUES, WED & THURS PM

- 4:43 Peninsula High School
- 4:45 Purdy Park & Ride
- 4:51 Cost Less Pharmacy @ Lake Kathryn Village
- 4:54 SR 302 @ Windermere Realty, near 118th Ave
- 4:58 SR 302 @150th Ave/Lake Holiday bus shed
- 5:00 Wright Bliss Road @ SR 302/4-Corners
- 5:02 Wright Bliss Road @ 104th St Ct NW
- 5:03 Wright Bliss Road @ Olson Dr NW
- 5:06 Food Market in Key Center
- 5:06 KP Hwy N @ 84th St NW/Red Barn
- 5:10 KP Hwy N @ 167th Ave Ct NW
- 5:14 Home Gas Station @ KP Hwy N
- 5:14 KPCS Senior Center & Food Bank
- 5:19 Palmer Lake public access 24th St SW
- 5:20 Palmer Lake 21st St SW @ 193rd Ave
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Local Figaro's Wins Award

MATTHEW DEAN, KP NEWS

Figaro's Pizza co-owners Don and Ann Stolz and Greg and Cassie Hessler were selected for the company's Franchisee of the Year award in October. The Oregon-based Figaro's Pizza chain, with over 30 locations clustered in the Pacific Northwest, cites Key Center Figaro's Pizza franchise for being hard-working team players with a positive, can-do spirit, excellent customer interactions, sales and focused contributions to community efforts.

When Stolz Northwest constructed the new Food Market complex in Key Center, the group decided a pizzeria would fit nicely in the new building. Figaro's was chosen for its selection of menu offerings and the company's smaller size. The Key Center Figaro's opened in August 2013.

"We're not just the fifty-thousandth store that's gone in for this big corporate chain," said Greg Hessler, Stolz Northwest's director of franchise operations. "It feels a lot more homey." Hessler was elected to the Figaro's National Advisory Board in 2015 representing the area's franchise owners.

According to Hessler business was a little slow at first but has grown consistently as Figaro's has become more integrated with the area. "You get involved with one group, then somebody in that group knows about this other group that has a need...it is that sense of getting more and more involved in the community."

Over the past five years, Hessler said the Key Center Figaro's has also had the chance to get to know individual customers better, which Hessler said has a big impact in a small community. Simple things like remembering names and usual orders have helped to make customers feel more at home. "People respond to that," he said.

Although the KP can be easy to navigate for longterm residents, the geography and infrastructure can make pizza delivery a challenge. Something as simple as following customer directions can be difficult when residents are more familiar with landmarks than official road designations.

"You may not even know street names, you just know it's your fifth turn after this big rock next to the Apple Sign," said Hessler. "It gets challenging. In the winter it's even more so."

Additional issues were raised this summer when

Pierce County restructured Key Peninsula's address system. The team at Figaro's had to update many of their saved directions and deal with new inconsistencies in computer-based navigation. Although Hessler says the transition was difficult, he was grateful to Figaro's customers for their assistance.

"The community jumped on board and helped us update all of our accounts, and were very patient during all the hiccups we had in trying to get those deliveries out."

Hessler is also proud of his restaurant's community outreach. Earlier this year, the Key Center Figaro's partnered with Camp Seymour to fundraise for fifth-graders to attend an outdoor education camp. The restaurant also donated pizza to a group of first-graders at Evergreen Elementary School who surpassed their academic goals.

"It's fun to get more involved with the school district, with the individual schools, and we're looking for more opportunities to do that," said Hessler. Figaro's also works through the company's charity arm, HELP (Helping Education through Love and Pizza). HELP is funded by a percentage of franchise sales, and awards grants to schools near Figaro's locations. Hessler hopes to use some of these funds to support classroom improvements at Vaughn Elementary and sponsor field trips for KP students.

Hessler is pleased by Figaro's continued success, and hopes to find new ways to improve service and give back to the Key Peninsula. "The big thing that we're looking to do is to continue to be a part of this community, to be helpful in a way that's not just filling bellies, but if there really are needs that are being missed, we want to know about it. We want to know if there's something we can do as a partner to help improve this community."



Ron Berger, Figaro's CEO and Greg Hessler, owner/operator Lakebay Figaro's Pizza. Photo courtesy Figaro's Pizza.



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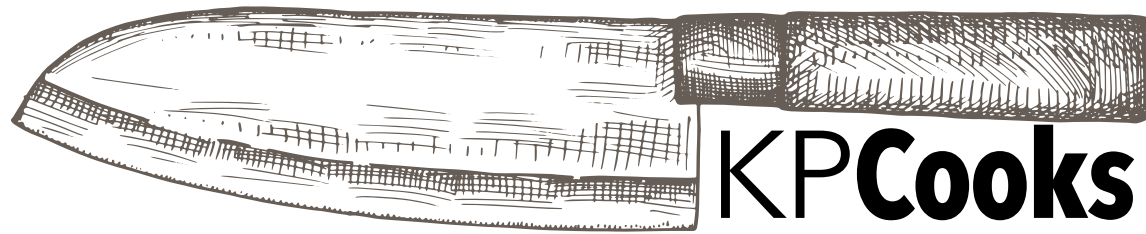
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Oyster Stuffing, A Classic Coast to Coast

BROOK HURST STEPHENS

Along with family and friends, Thanksgiving dinner invites history, tradition and a blending of cultures to the table. Across the nation, it's often regional cooking with local ingredients that defines the menu. What better way to combine a quest to eat local with historical cooking than to consider something well-known on the Key Peninsula, fresh oysters prepared in a dish that goes back over 300 years: oyster stuffing.

It's true that seafood was abundant in New England in 1621, making it highly likely that when the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians ate together there were oysters on the table, along with mussels, clams and even lobster. However the earliest cookbook, "The Accomplishd Cook" (sic) wasn't published until later, in 1660 in London. In that well-respected cookbook, the author Robert Mays did indeed include a recipe for a stuffing using oysters.

There are countless variations of stuffing. Some families add sausage to their stuffing, and maybe apples too. Other just keep it simple, relying on the juices of the turkey for flavor. Plenty of people, my husband included, can't imagine stuffing made with anything other than cornbread—while others don't care what bread is used as long as chestnuts have a starring role. Some recipes call for no bread at all, opting for rice or soda cracker crumbs instead.

And so it goes for oyster stuffing; there are many variations. One thing curious cooks have discussed and tested is whether you need to shuck fresh oysters or if you can use oysters packed in a jar with their own liquid. The general consensus: It doesn't make one bit of difference. It always turns out the same: delicious.

For wordsmiths and the culinary-minded, is it stuffing or dressing? While the words "stuffing" and "dressing"



Creole-inspired dressing with salty oysters, smoky ham and fresh herbs. *Photo: Michelle Ferrand* are often used interchangeably when referring to a Thanksgiving side dish there is a difference. According to most dictionaries, stuffing is "a mixture used to stuff another food, traditionally poultry, before cooking"—dressing is cooked in a pan outside of the turkey cavity.

My mother never stuffed the turkey. She always made two dressings, both virtually the same except one contained raisins, which almost everyone in the family loved, and a smaller pan without raisins, for my dad.

Living on Key Peninsula, one thing is sure—I'll be baking oyster dressing alongside our turkey this year and you can bet I will honor my husband's Texas roots by making it with cornbread. One can substitute cornbread cubes for bread cubes in equal parts or a mixture of both but keep in mind cornbread is heavier

than regular bread. Commercial cornbread is usually too sweet for most tastes so a basic recipe is preferable. Regardless of which you choose, make sure it's cut into cubes and a little bit stale. Ideally, it's baked a day or two ahead, cut into cubes and left to air dry—lightly covered with a tea towel to prevent nibblers of all shapes and sizes.

The 1920s Oyster Stuffing recipe here is from Michelle Ferrand of Cup of Zest, a delightful food blog featuring vintage recipes. She said she "adapted the recipe from a New Orleans favorite, the 'Pica-yune Creole Cookbook' and goes on to say "it's packed with briny oysters, smoky ham and bright herbs."

Whether you make this recipe or have a family favorite of your own, drop us a line at editor@keypennews.org. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

1920s Oyster Stuffing

Prep time: 45 minutes, total time: 1 hour 30 minutes, yield: 16 servings

INGREDIENTS

½ cup unsalted butter

2 cups finely chopped onion

5 cloves garlic, minced

2 dozen oysters, liquor reserved

12 cups stale bread cut into ½-inch pieces (2 loaves of French bread)

1½ pounds smoked ham hock, meat torn into pieces

1 cup low sodium chicken broth

1¼ cup finely chopped parsley

1½ tbsp. finely chopped sage

1½ tbsp. thyme

1 tbsp. black pepper

Juice and zest from half lemon

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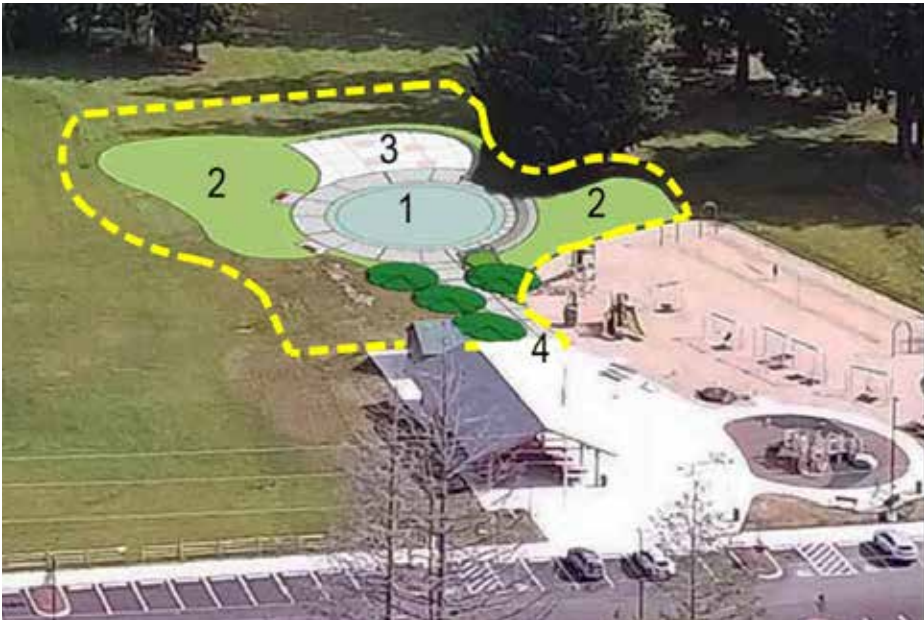
Preheat oven to 350 degrees and butter a 9 x 14 inch baking dish.

Melt butter in a medium pan over medium-high heat. Add chopped onions and garlic. Cook until translucent, about four minutes.

Place oysters in a medium bowl. Using kitchen shears, cut oysters into bite-sized chunks. You can cut them in the bowl so any liquid from cutting the oysters is not lost.

Combine bread, cooked onions and garlic, ham, oysters and their liquor, and remaining ingredients into a large bowl. Using your hands, mix well. Transfer to baking dish.

Bake until cooked through and top has browned, about 45 minutes.



New 3,300 sq.ft. splash area (1) with adjacent grass sunning lawns (2) and paved picnic court (3) will be first accessible waterplay area in the area. *Graphic courtesy: Key Pen Parks*

SPLASH PAD from page 1

“Our thought process is to try to have the construction move forward in late fall or winter of 2019 in order to open the splash pad for late spring or early summer of 2020,” Gallagher said. “Our challenge now is timing.”

Key Pen Parks is already coming to the table with \$374,000 from its existing capital budget for the splash pad project. Also secured is a commitment of \$65,800 from Pierce County Council Member Derek Young’s office—from monies collected in real estate excise taxes that can only be used to fund capital improvement projects. Included in the grant application to the RCO was approximately \$3,000 in donated labor from volunteer groups such as the Boy Scout Troup No. 222 to help with plantings.

“This is where the Key Pen Parks Foundation together with the public can help raise funds to close the \$50,000 gap in cash donations needed to meet the matching funds required under the RCO grant agreement,” said Gallagher.

A splash pad was one of the key program needs identified by the community while

developing the master plan for Gateway Park in 2015, according to the application. Key Pen Parks noted in their grant request that health and wellness benefits are already being realized since the construction of Gateway Park Phase 1 in 2017. The park is used almost continuously by young families and even crowded on weekends. Adding the spray park will continue to increase the health and well-being of the community as more recreation opportunities are provided.

“People have asked me how a splash pad could possibly cost a million dollars,” said Dianna Home, a member of the park foundation board. “I assure them much of the money is for the cost of labor, materials and work you’ll never be able to see from the top of the splash pad when it’s all finished,” she said.

“Our community is so excited; they can hardly wait for that splash pad to open,” Home said. “There such enthusiasm and generosity in this amazing community, we’re up to the challenge.”

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Pierce County Shoreline Master Plan Finalized

SARA THOMPSON, KP NEWS

The Pierce County Council finalized the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Oct. 2, a decade after the planning process began. With over 100 pages of text and nearly 60 pages of maps, this was the first update since its original adoption in 1975, and incorporated input from meetings with hundreds of citizens, organizations and businesses.

The council approved several amendments required by the Washington State Department of Ecology they did not agree with because they did not want to delay implementing the new regulations.

Mike Kruger, Pierce County Council senior legislative analyst, said the new SMP incorporates knowledge about shoreline processes that were not understood four decades ago when the first plan was written. The council felt that the benefit of finalizing the plan outweighed the detriment of further delay and plans to seek legislative solutions to some issues.

Following initial council approval in March 2015, Ecology stepped in to complete the process. It provided an additional public comment period and reviewed the plan to assure it complied with state statutes. Ecology and the council then negotiated to resolve differences. That process took three years.

Kruger said that Ecology identified hundreds of issues and that the majority of them were resolved. In a final letter to the council, Ecology identified several required changes and a number of recommended changes. The council addressed those changes at its Oct. 2 meeting.

There were two main areas of contention regarding the required changes: prohibition of dumping dredged material in the Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve near Anderson Island and prohibitions on aquaculture.

The initial county plan prohibited dumping of dredged material at a site near Anderson Island. Ecology stated that maintaining the site was of statewide interest because of its location and prior work that had been done to make it a safe site

for dumping. The Department of Natural Resources had identified eight locations allowing open water dredge recycling, and this was one of them.

When the Nisqually Reach permit expired, the county adopted a moratorium to prevent the state from reapplying for the permit. The county agreed to lift the moratorium and allow DNR to reapply for a license to use the site. But the council plans to go to the Legislature to amend state law, either allowing local government to regulate or to clearly putting that power in the hands of the state. "The county doesn't want to be in the position of rubber stamping a policy its citizens don't like," Kruger said.

The original county plan also prohibited all aquaculture in certain areas, such as estuaries within 300 feet of the mouth of freshwater streams, adjacent to residential neighborhoods in Horsehead Bay, Wollochet Bay and Lay Inlet and adjacent to Raft Island.

Ecology required elimination of most of those prohibitions, although they did allow prohibition of salmon net pens as recommended by the council. The council agreed to eliminate the shellfish prohibitions required as by Ecology, but, as with dredging, they plan to pursue state legislation that will allow the county to have more discretion—to prohibit aquaculture if, for example, it impacts shoreline use, introduces nonnative species, does damage to the shoreline or is proposed in areas of concentrated population.

Kruger said there are many prohibitions on shoreline landowners regarding such things as maintaining a buffer or what they can plant, but that they may then be required to allow industrial shellfish farming on the beach. "It is inconsistent," he said.

The council approved all of the required changes and most of the recommended ones at its meeting Oct. 2. After final review, Ecology issued an approval letter, with the SMP going into effect two weeks later.

The SMP will undergo periodic review but will not need another full update until 2027.

To view the SMP, go to <https://www.pierce-countywa.gov/956/Shoreline-Plan>.

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Longbranch Foundation Creates New Landmark

LISA BRYAN, KP NEWS

The Longbranch Foundation completed its first major community project with the dedication of a new sign located along the Key Peninsula Highway on the northeast end of the Longbranch Improvement Club property. Community members gathered at 11 a.m. Sept. 29 to hear speeches from local leaders and celebrate this landmark achievement with a glass of sparkling cider.

Designed by world-renowned architect and longtime Longbranch resident Jim Olson, the new sign simply reads: Longbranch Est. 1891.

In her opening speech, Longbranch Foundation President Barb Floyd said, “We are gathered here to dedicate this community sign; to make a toast and thank all those who have been involved.” The project began in the summer of 2016 when Delia McGinnis, Barbara and Clark Van Bogart drove past the old sign and said to each other, ‘Let’s fix up the old Longbranch sign.’

After contacting the property owner and doing some investigation, “We concluded we couldn’t just fix it and would need to build anew,” Floyd said.

There was some initial concern that the old sign was historic, but thorough research proved otherwise.

“We moved forward and got these main characters involved,” said Floyd pointing to two men, “Jim Olson to design this beautiful sign and landscape for us; and Mark Ambler who built it. They are the real stars of this show.”

By the end of 2016, they had a design from Olson. They had an estimate from Ambler. They had 14 donors pledge money to the project. They then approached the LIC to ask about locating the sign on its property. The board agreed and the membership approved the design. “Mark

collected the cedar from a log donated by Brook and Kim Stephens of Faraway and it was milled courtesy of Joe Neal of Wood Wise, in Port Orchard,” said Van Bogart. “Then we went to Pierce County Jan. 5, 2017, to get a permit for the sign and they said, ‘No way.’”

“We sought the help of Pierce County Council Member Derek Young. Young put us together with his assistant John Jolibois and one and a half years later, July 10, we received the permit to erect the sign.”

Clark Van Bogart, LIC president, spoke at the dedication ceremony following Floyd.

“This was a project completed when community members—some who have lived here for 20 or 30 years and others who have only lived here a few months—LIC members and nonmembers alike, came together. It was not a project of the LIC. We had a wide range of donors who contributed a little over \$6,000, so we still have money left in the coffers to install landscape lighting and maybe irrigation next year,” Van Bogart said.

“I’d like to thank all the volunteers and donors who worked to make this happen, it’s quite remarkable. It brings us back to the words of the LIC founders, ‘for the betterment of the community.’ It says a lot about the people who live here, who love living here, who enjoy this community and want to make it a little better. I think we’ve done that with this sign and by having all the community working on this project together. You are to be congratulated.”

With all glasses raised, Floyd offered “an extra special thanks to Jim Olson, Mark Ambler”—and she also expressed gratitude to the Van Bogarts, “who both have really pulled this thing together and worked especially hard to help make it happen.” Floyd said. “We couldn’t have done this without any of them; and with that, cheers.”

Just south of 40th Ave. on Key Peninsula Highway, the new Longbranch sign. *Photo: Rich Hildabl*



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President of the KP Civic Center, Tim Kezele, is reportedly walking on air over the success of its signature Flavors of Fall fundraiser, this year with the theme "Hollywood Nights."

"The enthusiasm of the night was incredible; you could feel it in the room and see it in peoples' faces," he said. "We exceeded our fundraising goals for the night. The event raised over \$42,000 to help continue the efforts of tireless board members and volunteers who work so hard to maintain the building in a fashion to be proud of."

"It was especially heart-warming to see the next generation of younger adults who stepped up in true KP style by coordinating a spectacular evening."



TOP Lights. Camera. Action. The KP Civic Center stage was set for "Hollywood Nights." *Photo: Kathy Bauer* **INSET** *Photo: Elton Busby, Superfusion Creations Photography*
BOTTOM LEFT Stan Moffett of Lakebay loaned his fully restored 1937 F37 Oldsmobile 4-door Touring Sedan. *Photo: Elton Busby* **MIDDLE RIGHT** Paparazzi captures Indrya' and Clark. **LOWER RIGHT** Ted Ralston and Joanna Gormley of Vaughn *Photos: Lisa Bryan, KP News*

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