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Centennial Celebration



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DisneyWorld visits Key Peninsula

Look out! Someone you know is going to Orlando, Florida this year and they don't even know it yet! The Pioneer Days Raffle is better than ever. Win a trip to sunny Orlando and sensational Disney-World... all you need is a \$1 Pioneer Days Raffle ticket to win the first prize vacation for two!

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Twelve hours free entertainment

The giant stage in front of the Civic Center and the more intimate Beer Garden stage become the centers of Peninsula area entertainment starting at noon on Saturday, August 5. Bands, singers, Karate demonstrations, all will be offered FREE to those attending the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration.

The same committee that brought the "Great Pretenders" to the Key Peninsula dance scene, has scoured the countryside and auditioned a large number of acts. From those auditions have been culled the very best entertainers who would donate their time to this wonderful cause. One of them is an opera singer from the East who loves to let his hair down and sing popular songs. He's great! Several are housewives who could have had careers on stage, and one has a novelty act and works in a Peninsula area bar. You may know them... but you haven't heard how talented they are until you see them in person at Pioneer Days.

Jerry Benoit is coordinating this ambitious undertaking and as of press time there are still one or two slots available. If you have a talent that needs showcasing, call Jerry at 884-3228 ASAP. Entertainers from any community may audition.

Saturday parade starts the fun...

Celebrity Grand Marshall Aggie Whitmore will lead the parade signaling the official start to the annual Pioneer Days Celebration. The entourage of floats, individuals, animals, bands and various modes of transportation will leave K-J Feed Store at exactly 10 am and proceed north through Key Center, then west on State Highway 302, finishing up at the Key Peninsula Civic Center around 11:30 am. Last year over 50 entries snaked through the parade route and this year it looks as though there might be even more.

At press time the parade was shaping up nicely with an honor guard from the

local VFW Post, the Farragut Brass (a band from Bremerton), mountain men, Sunnycrest Farm float, an entry from Peninsula Light Company, a 1953 Chevy pickup (a winner last year), a float from the Angel Guild, a 100 year-old steam donkey, 30 pioneer children, an entry from the Telephone Company, a float from Camp Easter Seal, members of the cast of the "Wizard of Oz," and much, much more. Last year there persisted a rumor of something called the Vaughn Bay Marching Band, but they did NOT make an appearance. Only the day of the parade will tell whether such an animal will materialize this year.

The Key Peninsula Business Association is coordinating this year's parade under the expert guidance of Shirley Frame. Shirley stepped in last year on a moment's notice to take over for the coordinator and ran one of the best parades ever. She has put in numerous hours organizing this year's event, and it appears her hard work is paying off in the form of another memorable parade.

Don't be left out of this year's parade... if you can't be in it, at least come and cheer on those who are. They are the brave and intrepid souls who let nothing stand in their way of having a lot of good, clean fun.

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Something fishy going on

One of the most popular attractions for everyone during Pioneer Days is the fishpond. This includes "youngsters" of all ages and "oldsters" who stand back and watch, dreaming of days gone by.

The pond is a real hole in the ground, filled with hundreds of gallons of water and surrounded by a three-foot fence. A pump in the center of the pond supplies oxygen. The entire idea was dreamed up in 1984 by an ex-commercial fisherman named Henry Stock.

The pond will be stocked with hundreds of fish, 9 inches or longer, trucked in from Nisqually. They will be "lured" with corn, eggs and marshmallows. Poles with hooks and lines will be furnished and Duane Otten and his crew will supervise the fishermen.

Fishing promises to be good and, hopefully, there will be fish for dinner on a lot of tables on August 5.

Flipping shoes easier than throwing horse

The names of you and your partner could be added to the winner's plaque for our annual Pioneer Day Horseshoe Tournament. Sign-up at 12:30 pm following the opening ceremonies on August 5. Bring your best partner or try someone new. Sign-up will be held in the area just behind the authentic Beer Garden (tennis courts).

This is a round-robin tournament which is expected to draw more than the 12 teams which paired last year, but we always want more so come on out and join in the fun which gets underway at 1:30 pm.

A perpetual plaque was installed last year on the wall of the Civic Center Whitmore Room along with other memorabilia, commemorating the winners of this test of skill. First place winners will each receive a trophy, second- through fourth-place will receive ribbons.

You need not be an expert to enter, all interested participants are welcome. The more shoes we throw, the better the tournament becomes.

Wimps and Pansies clash during Pioneer Days

Two of the Peninsula's greatest teams will see which can manhandle the other during the Centennial "Tug-o-War." Fire District 16's Rick Olson will captain the 10-man team from the Key Peninsula, dubbed the "Pansies." Steve Nixon (no relation to Dick) is captain of the Gig Harbor District 5 team, calling themselves the "Wimps."

This first ever Tug-o-War will take place in the grassy field next to the Key Peninsula Civic Center over a not-so-grassy mud pit. Each team will have 10

members, whose sole job is to pull the other team into the mud.

Official dress for these firefighting "gargantuans" will be Fire District T-shirts, jeans, red suspenders and their fireman's helmet. It's guaranteed to put the fire of competition into everyone's eyes.

If you have a team of 10, offer a challenge to another group and you may use the Tug-o-War area to settle your differences. Set it up ahead of time with Ann Larson, 884-3562.

Fun run ready for sun

The first Pioneer Days Run is all set for race day, August 5. The start and finish for both the 10K and two mile runs are directly in front of the Civic Center. Both races will start at 8:30 am followed by 50 and 100 yard dashes for children at 9:45, then awards and random prize drawings at 10 am.

Plaques will be awarded to the first male and female, and ribbons will be awarded to the top five in each of the nine divisions in both races.

All proceeds from the races will be used to benefit the Peninsula High School Cross Country team, the Track and Field teams and the Scholarship Fund.

Parade route outlined

Beginning early Saturday morning, August 5, parade entrants will begin gathering at the K-J Feed Store, just south of Key Center. Starting promptly at 10 am, the parade will leave K-J Feed and go north along the highway to Key Center, west on Highway 302 to the head of Vaughn Bay, then south on S. Vaughn to the Civic Center.

The parade should end about 11:20 am, and the opening ceremonies will start at 11:30 am on the giant stage in front of the Civic Center.

Clavinova loves music, man!

Oh, so you're like me and don't know a clavinova from a left overblatz. Well, a Yamaha clavinova is an electric piano that can be amplified for a band or played acoustically.

Our thanks to Key Peninsula resident Hank Clinton (Clinton's Music House on Tacoma Avenue in Tacoma) for loaning us an 88-key regulation keyboard clavinova for our entertainment segments.

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The tennis courts at the south end of the grounds will undergo a magical transformation two days before the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration and will become an authentic Beer Garden. The

Garden will be decorated with plants from Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center and the Garden Shoppe at Lake Kathryn, and will be illuminated that night with strings of lights.

A bingo game will be available for all inside the Garden until 4 pm. Then FREE entertainment will be provided from 4 to 12 pm on the Beer Garden stage for those who are 21 years of age and older.

In keeping with the New Family Fun Pioneer Days, NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE CIVIC CENTER GROUNDS other than in the designated Beer Garden. Consumption of beer will be allowed in only that one place and then will be strictly monitored. Security Police will be on hand during all hours of the celebration to ensure the tranquility of the event from start to finish.

Budweiser of Bremerton is a co-sponsor of Pioneer Days with the Civic Center Association, and plenty of ice-cold Bud for thirsty attendees wishing to cut through the afternoon heat and hot August night is guaranteed.

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Pioneer Farm visits Pioneer Days

The traveling Centennial project from the Ohop Valley at the foot of Mount Rainier will visit the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration on August 5 in Vaughn. Five dozen hands-on activities from eight learning centers will create a total environment inside the gymnasium highlighting toys, clothing, tools, salmon life-cycle and legends, canoe building, Native American and pioneer skills and crafts, and a magnificent exhibition of working tools that helped with the daily chores way back when.

This show features artifacts, replicas and learning centers to provide each person with the ability to experience history through their own five senses. During the past year, this exhibit has been enjoyed by 162 schools throughout the state, and compares the life styles of the pioneers and Native Americans who lived side-by-side in Pierce County 100 years ago.

All ages may experience this exhibit FREE, thanks to the Civic Center Association and a generous grant from the Angel Guild. You may help make apple cider on an authentic Cider Press, children can dress in pioneer or Indian wardrobe while learning to churn butter or weave a cattail mat. You may have a new appreciation for modern appliances after using a scrub board or Sadd iron. Opportunities will abound to make arrowheads, weave, spud a log or use a Buck saw.

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The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association (KPCCA) was started more than 30 years ago for the express purpose of looking after the Civic Center, formerly Vaughn-Union High School.

With expenses mounting and taxes soaring the Association created the Key Peninsula Park District, establishing an entity that could raise money through property taxes to support the Civic Center. The Park District bought the Center for \$1 and the Association pledged to continue to manage the facility and its programs for the residents of the Key Peninsula.

The Association has kept that pledge. Through good times and bad it has had a single purpose ... the preservation of a community facility for all people, regardless of their ability to pay.

To keep the doors open and the programs maintained takes a minimum of \$50,000 each year. The Civic Center Association contributes much of that expense.

Pioneer Days has been one means of raising needed funds for Civic Center activities, which include two sessions of roller skating for youth of the community on Friday nights, Bingo on Wednesday nights, Reno nights, spaghetti dinners, dances, auctions, Mother's Day Brunch, Arts and Crafts shows and more.

The members of the Civic Center Association thank you for your support of Pioneer Days and all the other activities that help the Civic Center continue to serve the community. Executive Board members are Dale Loy, President; Dave Freeman, Vice president; Ann Larson, Treasurer; Leatha Camp, Secretary; Vicki Henschel, Past president, and two at-large members, Dan Busz and Rick Oldenburg.

Board of Director members representing Key Peninsula areas include Joe and Megan Aprile (Lakebay), Jerry Benoit (Lake Minterwood), Pauline Finn (Palmer Lake), Chris Holts (Minter Creek), Bill and Terese Jackson (Minter Creek), Richard and Lynn Jacobsen (Lake of the Woods), Tim Kezele (Jackson Lake), Claudia Loy (Key Center), Cindy Marshall (Lake Holiday), Shirley Olson (Key Center), Valerie Ord (Lake Minterwood), Howard Reynolds (Horseshoe Lake), Mike Salatino (Wauna), Medric Schwenka (Dist.#16 Firefighters Assn.) Frank Thompson (Glen Cove), Barbara Trotter (Lake Holiday), Jim Updike (Lake of the Woods), Rhys Wood (Palmer Lake), Stephanie Zampini (Longbranch), and representatives from the VFW, Lions Club and Twilite Dance Club.

If you'd like to get more involved in your community, contact Dale Loy or any member of the Association listed above for information on the KPCCA. Volunteers make our community a better place in which to live.

Explorers provide security

Security on the Civic Center grounds will again be provided by Washington State Patrol Explorer Scouts under the direction of their Advisor, Trooper Jim Sammons.

The Washington State Patrol Law Enforcement Explorer Program was set up through the Boy Scouts of America. It is a voluntary career awareness program, providing young adults with insights into the objectives of the Patrol and encouraging them in their career aspirations.

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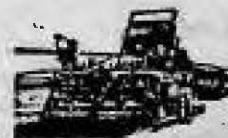
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Company L of the 7th U.S. Cavalry Memorial Regiment will be encamped on the Civic Center grounds at Vaughn on August 5, taking part in the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration. Photo courtesy of Company L.

U.S. Cavalry Regiment takes part in Pioneer Days

Company L, 7th U.S. Cavalry Memorial Regiment, will be encamped on the Civic Center grounds on August 5, taking part in the Pioneer Days Centennial Celebration. The company was formed in 1986 as a member of the National Indian Wars Association, Inc., and strict authenticity is maintained in its demonstrations and presentations to the public. The NIWA is a "living history" organization and members who join as re-enactors are expected to be prepared to live their roles as realistically as possible. Women are encouraged to participate as laundresses and soldiers' wives, and children are welcome when in period attire.

The regiment is representative of the 1872-1876 period ... "Custer's Cavalry" ... and is composed of four companies which take part in parades, encampments and monthly mounted drills to both educate the public and maintain the equestrian skills of the troopers.

Company L is looking for men who are serious Indian Wars Era buffs and who are willing to make a large investment in time and money to relive the life of the cavalymen of the American Frontier. If YOU are interested, Pioneer Days is your opportunity to learn more about the Regiment and its activities.

Games - Games - Kids - Games - Games

Beginning at noon on August 5, kids aged 1-12 will have the opportunity to win prizes and ribbons in all sorts of fun and games until 3 pm.

The Puget Sound Bank Arena will echo with shouts of mirth as onlookers watch the baby crawl, toddler trot, egg toss, paper airplane throw, parent-toddler run, hay drive and more.


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Giant Stage program

FREE entertainment will be found on the giant stage in front of the Civic Center from noon to 7 pm:

12:15 pm	Karate demonstration Dale Heidal and students
1:00 pm	Farragut Brass (Back by demand!) Wonderful band from Bremerton
2:00 pm	Razzmatazz (award winning!) Peninsula High vocal ensemble
3:00 pm	Old-time Fiddlers (the best!)
4:00 pm	Mary Saliccia (fine songwriter) Owners of Expressions Music, Purdy
4:30 pm	Judging of "Costume Dress-up" and "Beard-Growing" contests.
5:00 pm	To be announced
6:00 pm	Pioneer Days Raffle drawing - Civic Center Board members.

Also appearing ... Judy Hjarne, Dallas, Mr. "T" Brian, and Dave Calhoun
(ballads and folk songs)

Thank you, Pioneer Days' movers and shakers

Many hours of work went into this year's Pioneer Days Celebration and there are literally a hundred people to thank. But it couldn't have happened at all if it were not for the generosity of some special people.

First, THANK YOU to the Key Peninsula NEWS, co-sponsor of the entire event. The dedication and hard work of Karen Laatz, Megan Aprile, Pauline Finn and the staff is very much appreciated.

Next, THANK YOU to Puget Sound National Bank for sponsoring the Game/Animal Arena. And THANK YOU to Budweiser Beer of Bremerton for their co-sponsorship. You both gave us a shot in the arm when we needed it. You are GREAT!

Special THANK YOU's to Tom and Dale VanSlyke of Vaughn Bay Lumber Company for donating a truckload of logs for our Pioneer Days raffle (we think the world of our friends), and a HUGE THANK YOU to Hank Clinton, Clinton's Music, for the use of the Yamaha clavichord on our stage.

Our biggest thank you's go to the people who put in the hundreds of hours necessary to make this celebration a success. Thank you to the following chairpersons who stepped forward to lead their groups:

Event Chairman	Dale Loy
Booth Rental	Terese Jackson
Beer Tent	Howard Reynolds
Clean-up	Cindy Marshall
Electrical	Dan Busz
Entertainment	Jerry Benoit
Fish Pond	Henry Stock
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Kids Games	Ann Larson
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Fun Run	Jim Latteri

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association is voluntarily staffed by members of the community who are concerned with the quality of life enjoyed by all on the Key Peninsula. We would like to thank you for your interest. Your participation helps us provide for this community, and will assist in keeping the Civic Center open and our many community programs in top shape.

Beer Garden Stage

Beginning at 4 pm, FREE entertainment will be presented in the Beer Garden. Many varied types of entertainment, and lots of opportunities for fun. One performer is an opera star who loves to "let his hair down" and sing popular songs ... magnifico! Some of those you'll see in the Garden are:

Nick Pearson
"Tall" Paul Sterling
Mickey Nelson
Kathy Herolds
Joline Swanson (surprise
comedy act)

There's more, so plan to spend Saturday night under the stars with your "significant other" at the Pioneer Days Authentic Beer Garden. The entertainment is FREE, all you need is your GOOD HUMOR! (It is rumored a Country Western band may do a set or two ... you won't know unless you show!)

Puget Sound Bank Arena

The "Puget Sound Bank Arena" is located at the end of the grass play field beside the Civic Center. Bleacher seating for 300 will be found beside the arena. Kids games and animal shows will be conducted at the following times:

Games

12 noon Kids games by age. Listen for the correct age brackets and join in the fun.

Animal Judging

3:00 pm	Horses and ponies
3:30 pm	Mixed animals (slugs, snakes, rabbits, turtles etc.)
4:00 pm	Farm animals (all kinds)
4:30 pm	Animal tricks
5:00 pm	Cats (NO tigers, NO lions)
5:00 pm	Dogs
6:30 pm	Birds
7:00 pm	Animal Dress-up contest
7:30 pm	Mixed animals (slugs, snakes, rabbits, turtles etc.)

Salatino Memorial Mud Pit

4:00 pm The World's dirtiest Tug-o-War! Key Peninsula's Fire District #16 (the PANSIES) take on Gig Harbor's Fire District #5 (the WIMPS)

4:30 pm Open Class Mud Wrestling. If you're bent on slugging in the MUD then this is for YOU! (Bring change of clothes.)

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