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Pioneer Days spreads Peninsula Goodwill

The August 4, 1990, Peninsula Pioneer Days Celebration offers a welcome alternative to the throngs of people cramming every square inch of Seattle and Tacoma for the Goodwill Games and venues.

Located on scenic Vaughn Bay, the Key Peninsula Civic Center has been home to Pioneer Days for nearly 20 years. Organized to commemorate our Northwest roots, Pioneer Days sees some of the most inventive parade floats and costumes in the Northwest.

The festivities begin at 10 am, with the annual Key Peninsula Business Association-sponsored parade, which originates in downtown Key Center then winds a mile down Highway 302 to the Key Peninsula Civic Center on picturesque Vaughn Bay. Opening ceremonies begin promptly at 11:30 am at the flag pole.

Pioneer Days boasts a new, larger animal arena, along with a permanent cement fishpond (40 ft x 12 ft) and the much gooier and improved Salatino Memorial Mud Pit for even more tug-of-war action by the Volunteer Fire Departments from Key Center, Gig Harbor, Allyn and Mason.

Children's arts and crafts will be on exhibit inside the Civic Center, and the Ohop Valley Pioneer Farm exhibit will be set up in the gymnasium. Five dozen hands-on activities from eight learning centers will highlight food, toys, clothing, tools, canoe building and Native American and pioneer skills and crafts. A magnificent exhibition of tools will be on

display.

The Pioneer Days Junior Olympics offers games for kids age 12 and under in the new, enlarged arena. See arena events schedule on page 2.

Animals of all sizes and colors will be exhibited and judged from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. From aardvarks to zebras, cats to rats, and mice to louses, all are welcome to come for the show. Everybody wins something for their efforts.

The peninsula's best horseshoe

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Parade route outlined

The Key Peninsula Business Association is again sponsoring the Pioneer Days Celebration Parade. This promises to be the biggest and best yet. (They say that every year, and every year it keeps getting better.)

The parade will begin at the Fire Station in Key Center promptly at 10 am. Grand Marshals Henry and Eleanor Stock will lead the entourage of floats, individuals, animals, bands and various modes of transportation through Key Center. It will pass directly in front of Walt's Food Center, Sunnycrest Nursery and Key Western Hardware where the floats and costumed marchers will turn north on Highway 302, passing National Auto Parts, Huckleberry Inn and Key Center

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Headliners at Pioneer Days outdoor Big Stage entertainment, the Tacoma Banjo Club will play from 5 pm to 6 pm on August 4 at the Civic Center, Vaughn. Founded in 1985 with a membership of six, the group has grown to 32, ranging in age from teenagers to octogenarians. The popular group plays all over the Northwest and has appeared on television. This entertainment is free!

Local Grand Marshalls lead the Parade

Vaughn residents Henry and Eleanor Stock will be at the head of the 1990 Pioneer Days parade. The role of Grand Marshall is a fitting tribute to the Stocks, who are pioneers in their own right. They were born in this area and have resided here most of their lives and have either initiated or taken part in many of the local organizations and activities. Henry was born at Victor, served with the SeaBees in the South Pacific and then turned to commercial fishing for many years. Fire District 16, the Lions Club, Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Against Crime, all have been recipients of his energy and commitment. He was promi-

nent on the Civic Center Board for many years, and in 1984 was chairman of Pioneer Days. Eleanor was born in Washtucan and served with the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army during WWII. She and Henry were married in 1946 and at one time she established a chiropractic office in Olympic Village. She is a long-time member of Vaughn Garden Club, has served on the Civic Center Board as secretary, worked on the staff of KP News in advertising, and is now active with Citizens Against Crime and a staunch supporter of Henry in all his endeavors. Henry's latest project has been the building of a permanent Pioneer Days fishpond (see related story on page 12).

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Kids Arts - Games - Watermelon

As in past years, kids arts and crafts will be on exhibit with judging provided for any and all categories. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants, with classifications being First, Second and Third place.

Entries should be on display in the Civic Center Gymnasium before 10 am Saturday. Ruth Dudley is chairman for the event, but no registration is necessary.

Entrants may pick up their entry and ribbon after 5 pm on Saturday.

Watermelon lovers love to eat

If you like watermelon, this contest is for you. Here's your chance to gorge on delicious, juicy, drippy, red, ripe watermelon.

A contest for younger eaters (12 and under) will be held right after the kids games in the new arena (about 12:30 pm). A second contest for ages 13 through adult will immediately follow the younger kids contest.

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A young Peninsula resident enters her goat at the animal judging arena.

Arena Events

12 Noon-1 pm Children's Games	3:00 pm	Flags/Horses
1 - 1:30 pm Watermelon Contest	3:30 pm	Dog Judging
1:30 pm Figure Eight/Horses	4:00 pm	All other Animals
2:00 pm Key Pole/Horses	4:30 pm	Animal Dress-up
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Security on the grounds will again be provided by Washington State Patrol Explorer Scouts under the direction of Trooper Jim Sammons, Washington State Patrol.

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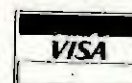
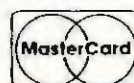
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Bring your best partner, or try someone new. Dick Messing, two-year defending champion, will be there to try to retain his title for a third straight year. Teams from Belfair, Allyn, Victor, Burley, Ollala, Rosedale, Wauna and Gig Harbor are challenged to bring anyone who might have a chance at unseating the champ.

This is a round-robin tournament which begins at 12 noon beside the Beer Garden, and is expected to draw more than the 9 teams that paired up last year. But, we always want more, so come on out and join the fun. Sign up behind the Beer Garden immediately following the opening ceremonies at 11:30 am on August 4, or call chairman Tim Kezele at 884-4538. There is a \$3.00 entry fee.

A perpetual plaque was installed last year on the wall of the Civic Center's Whitmore Room along with other memorabilia commemorating the winners of this test of skill. Firstplace winners will each receive a trophy and awards will be presented to the top three teams.

You need not be an expert to enter; all interested participants are welcome.



Boo! and hiss! "The Eight o'clock Kiss"

The Key Peninsula Players, a newly organized amateur theatrical group, will present their first play - a melodrama called "The Eight o'clock Kiss" - at 1: pm on the main stage on the Civic Center lawn at Pioneer Day, Saturday, August 4.

The 20-minute play was written, and is directed, by Ann Sanders of

Longbranch, and has all the ingredients necessary to make the audience boo and hiss the villain and cheer on the fair damsel and the hero. There is an orphanage (somewhere on Key Peninsula) and a prize of money and a kiss from the lovely Melody Meyers for the making of the most wooden toys for the orphan children. Mayor Baldwin Brown (Joe Aprile) conducts these proceedings, Felix Bailey is the villain (played by Lloyd Boyd), Miles Forthright is the hero (played by Jerry Benoit), and Melody Meyers (at present being played by Ann Sanders) is the heroine.

Zac Schramek is the announcer, and other supporting parts are played by Lee Stiles, Amy Adams, Andrea VanSlyke, Daryn McKeown, Sandra Diedrich, Leah Martin and Amber White. "Orphans" include Leah Aprile, Cristina and Kimberley Stanfill, and others.

Ann Sanders is part of the drama scene at Peninsula High School and has put together a very entertaining short melodrama, so be sure to be on hand at 1 o'clock on Pioneer Day to supply the background noises from the audience that are part of the fun of an old-fashioned melodrama.

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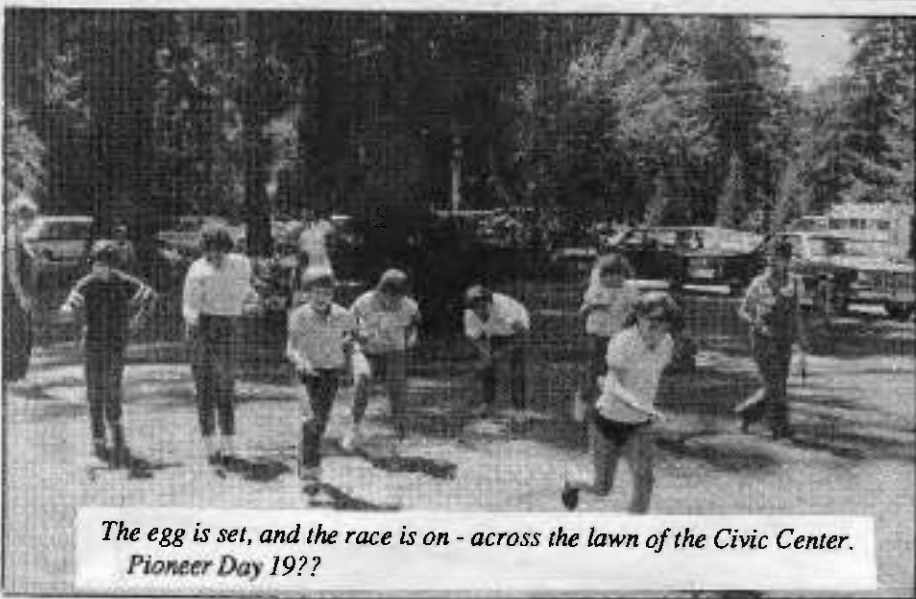
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Pioneer Day 19??

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Attention all kids ages 12 and under. On your mark... Get set ... WIN! Yes, everyone is a winner at the Pioneer Days Junior Olympics. Babies crawl, toddlers toddle and everyone else runs, throws, hops, skips or jumps their way to victory.

There are prizes for all plus a blue ribbon for each first place winner. Come

throw an egg at your best buddy or dive for candy in our haystack. See how far you can sail an airplane or just how **BIG** a bubble YOU can blow.

Grab your friends, your folks and your relatives and head right for the new, enlarged arena at 11:30 am sharp. Don't be late or you'll miss some of the fun!

Local business donates raffle prize

The Civic Center Association wishes to thank the generous donation from Dale and Tom VanSlyke, owners of Vaughn Bay Lumber, for their continued support of Civic Center activities.

Vaughn Bay Lumber has generously made available a truckload of logs which will be awarded as second prize in the Pioneer Days Raffle. That's between 4-5 cords of wood, which will be split, delivered and stacked anywhere within 20 miles of the Civic Center (a slight delivery fee will be charged outside the twenty-mile radius). This prize is worth from \$300 to \$400 depending on where you live. Thanks again, guys!

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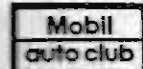
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Viking Ship, winner of the 1988 Pioneer Days Parade Sweepstakes, entered by The Sons of Norway, Bremerton.
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....more about the Parade

Tavern on the one-mile trek downhill to the Key Peninsula Civic Center, reaching the Center at 11:30 am.

Nestled in the tall firs at the end of picturesque Vaughn Bay, the Civic Center has been the site of nearly 20 Pioneer Days Celebrations. Last year over 50 entries snaked along the parade route, and this year looks like there might be even more.

The K.P. Business Assn's Betty Jopp is coordinating this year's parade. Betty has put in many hours organizing the event and her hard work is paying off with another memorable parade shaping up.

Don't be left out ... if you don't want to 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 when it comes to having a lot of good, clean fun.

Pioneer Days 1990 Raffle

First prize in the Pioneer Days Raffle is a trip for two to Puerto Valarta, Mexico. You'll enjoy one week of solid fun-in-the-sun complete with airfare and ground transportation to and from your beach-front hotel. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and may be purchased from Key Peninsula organizations, or all day August 4 during the Pioneer Days celebration on the Key Peninsula Civic Center grounds in Vaughn.

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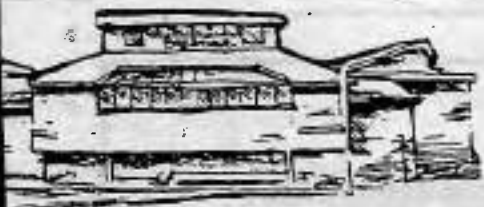
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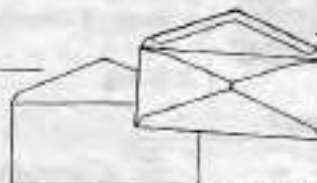
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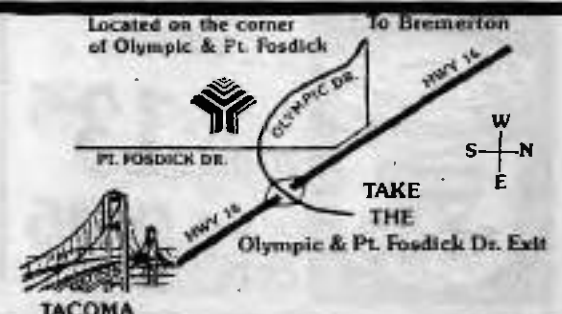
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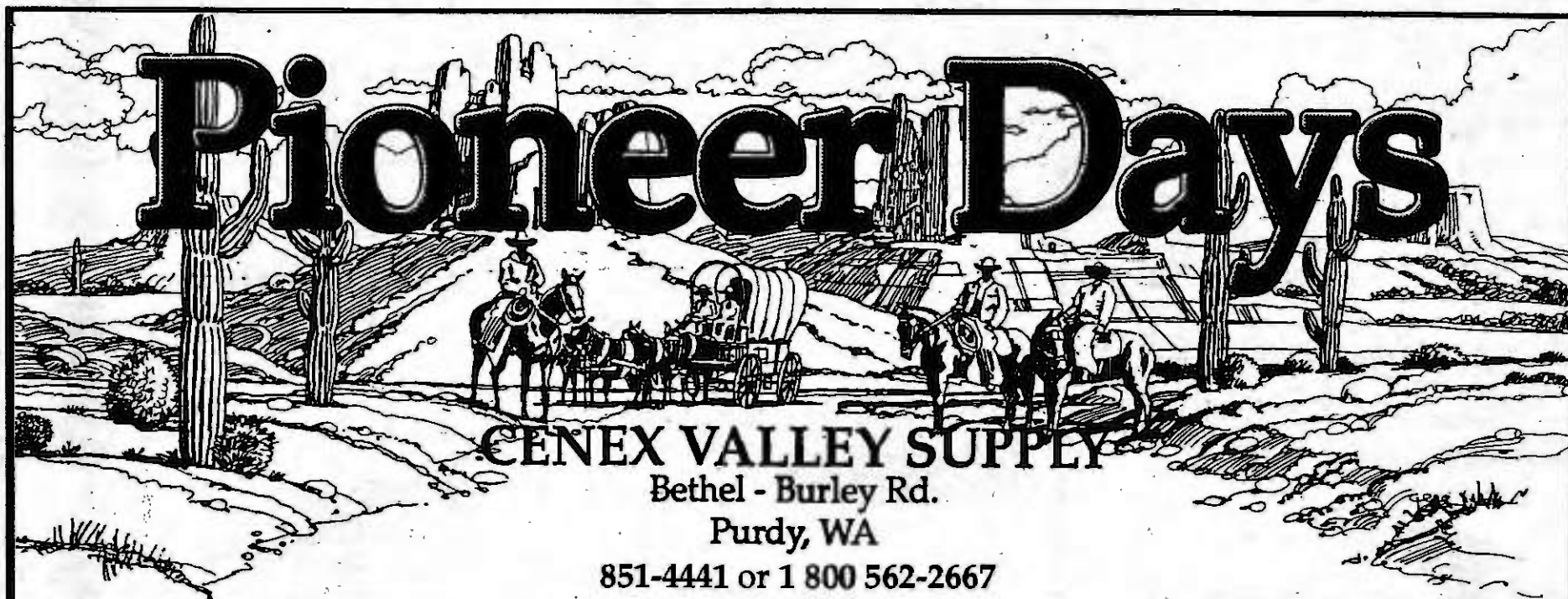
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5:30 pm (till midnight)	Your favorite "Beer Garden Singers" are back to entertain until midnight.
9:00 pm	Surprise visit from the latest Key Peninsula sensation, "The Whistling Navels."
9:15 pm	Dancing under the stars 'till midnight in the Open Air Beer Garden. Your favorite songs all night long.

Beer Garden singers are: Heidi Brandt; Rita Taghon; India Bodder; Judy Jarne; Brian McGeehe; Kristi Marvin; Nick "Elvis" Pearson; Dave Laurendeau; "Big Bob" Brown; Steve Roberts & Friends; Marie Ward; David Calhoun; "Fast Freddy;" Mike McCoy.

Third annual Beer Garden opens

Adults! Come one, come all to the fabulous "Summerfest" Open Air Beer Garden at Pioneer Days. To absolutely tantalize your thirsty taste buds, there will be draft beer, wine, wine coolers and soft drinks. In addition, this year you will also find fresh, hot popcorn to munch during your respite in the Beer Garden.

Open from noon to midnight, bingo will be featured most of the afternoon in the Beer Garden, and as evening comes, entertainment will be provided on the intimate "Summerfest" Open Air Stage. Entertainment by all the Beer Garden singers from last year (including another surprise visit from "The Whistling Navels") and much more is FREE for your enjoyment as part of the Pioneer Days Celebration.

The tennis courts at the south end of the grounds will undergo a magical transformation two days before the Celebration to become an authentic German-style Open Air Beer Garden. The garden will

be decorated with plants from Sunnycrest Nursery and illuminated that night with strings of lights, giving it an ethereal quality.

In keeping with the family fun atmosphere of Pioneer Days, NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE CIVIC CENTER GROUNDS. Consumption of beer and wine will be allowed in the Beer Garden only, and then strictly monitored and contained. Security will be on hand during all hours of the celebration to insure the tranquility of the event from start to finish.

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

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1:30 pm	Clam Island Band
2:00 pm	To be announced
2:20 pm	Dan's Music (Dan Baldwin)
2:30 pm	Karate demonstration
3:00 pm	Old Time Fiddlers
4:00 pm	To be announced
4:25 pm	Individual Singers
4:30 pm	Mary Salciccio from Expressions Music, Purdy
5:00 pm	Tacoma Banjo Club
6:00 pm	Entertainment moves to the Beer Garden

Steve the Magician (as seen on TV) will be performing 3-4 times at various locations throughout the day - a great show for kids of all ages.



Gary Giuntoli from BoMac Gravel, Henry Stock and Lorrie Jopp pour concrete for the new Pioneer Days fishpond.

Eleven hours FREE entertainment

The giant stage in front of the Civic Center and the more intimate stage in the "Summerfest" Open Air Beer Garden, become the centers of Peninsula area entertainment starting at noon on Saturday, August 4. Bands, singers, karate demonstrations - all will be offered FREE to those attending the Pioneer Days Celebration.

The same committee that brought the "Great Pretenders" to the Key Peninsula dance circuit has scoured the countryside and auditioned a large number of acts. From those auditions have been selected

the very best entertainers who have agreed to donate their time to this wonderful cause. Several are housewives who could have had careers on the stage. You may know them ... but you may not know 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 were still one or two slots available. If you have a talent that needs showcasing, call Jerry at 884-3228 ASAP. Entertainers may audition from any community.

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throwing contest gets underway at noon beside the tennis courts. Horseshoe competitors from all areas are welcome to come and unseat the perennial champs from the Longbranch area.

The tennis courts will again be transformed into the "Summerfest" Open Air Beer Garden, complete with action-packed bingo in the afternoon and stage entertainment in the evening until midnight. The tiny lights strung over the top of the tennis courts magically transfigure the beer garden at night into an intimate area where one can enjoy entertainment, the company and joviality of others, or quietly stargaze overhead.

As a special entertainment treat, the Tacoma Banjo Band will be appearing from 5 pm to 6 pm on the main stage in front of the Civic Center. That notable

group, "The Whistling Navels," will return for a surprise performance in the Beer Garden. Last year they appeared (as if by magic) at 9 pm and were forced into encores twice. Evening seating is limited in the Beer Garden, so plan accordingly. (See entertainment schedules on the back page.)

Whether you like the best food, the best games, the best animals, the best area entertainers, the best tug-of-war over mud, the best fish pond, the best odds in a raffle, the best parade, the best games and animal shows, the best kids' arts and crafts exhibits, the best pioneer farms exhibits, the best food, the best horseshoe throwing contest or the best Open Air Beer Garden ... there is something for everyone. The 1990 Pioneer Days Celebration is a must attend event.

Volunteerism is alive!

by Mike Salatino

Several years ago, Henry Stock recruited volunteer labor and help and built a fishpond on Key Peninsula's Civic Center grounds. Over the years it has become a favorite highlight of the youth of the peninsula at the annual Pioneer Days celebration.

This year Henry decided it was time to improve the pond and make it permanent. With his usual arm twisting and ear bending Henry convinced BoMac Gravel to donate the cement and Lorrie Jopp of Jopp Construction to do the construction. Mike Freeman designed, painted and donated the beautiful sign which now hangs by the fishpond. Of course, that was the easy part. There had to be excavating, clean up, general labor and, certainly, many supervisors.

A list of material donors, money donors and volunteer workers includes the following:

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It is with great pride that we can say no public money or Civic Center funds were used to facilitate this project. Volunteerism lives!

Pioneer Day Pins

Drop by Puget Sound Bank, the Country Mouse, Blundell's Chowder House, D.J.'s Mini Mart or Sunnycrest Nursery to get your Pioneer Day pin. A decision was made this year to go with a more permanent piece of jewelry that could be worn at any time. The cloisonne pin, designed by Pat Blundell, is a map of the Key Peninsula with the theme of "a natural beauty."



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