



A member of the Tulip Tribes, Chelsea Craig, is searching for documents about the tribe's history, assisted by volunteers Janice Hemingway and Dick Hall. *Credit: KUOW Photo/Deborah Wang*

Pacific Region Archives in Seattle to Close

The archives contain artifacts and records directly linked to our local history.

JOSEPH PENTHEROUDAKIS, KP NEWS

The community of Northwest archivists, historians, genealogists and writers as well as many ordinary citizens were shocked at the announcement in January that the National Archives facility in Seattle, containing records from the Pacific and Alaska regions, had been selected for closure and eventual sale. The 56,000 cubic feet of archives would be consolidated into the National Archives center in Riverside, California, while federal records would be relocated to Kansas City, Missouri.

The facility, operated by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), was one of 12 “underutilized high-value” assets nationwide selected by the Public Buildings Reform Board for closure and sale mandated by the 2016 Federal Assets Sale Transfer Act (FASTA).

FASTA requires the OMB to approve or reject the full slate of recommendations; the agency is not allowed to reject the sale of individual properties on the list.

According to the reform board report, the 1973 Seattle building has a deferred maintenance backlog of \$2.5 million. The report adds that “NARA has indicated its willingness and desire to consolidate operations at more modern facilities.”

NARA has requested to be allowed to stay at the Seattle facility for an additional three years following the sale.

The Seattle facility is located in U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal's district; according to Jayapal, her office received notice of the closure in November and offered to help with public outreach, but the board did not follow up.

The archives contain original documents,

photographs and maps from Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho as well as microfilm records representing a direct link to over 150 years of history in the Pacific Northwest.

Although NARA has been digitizing its archives, to date only a small portion of the enormous volume of material has been scanned and made available online.

Among the original files and microfilm records at the Seattle archives are documents relating to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States, and transcripts and decisions by U.S. District Courts, such as the 1974 Boldt decision that reaffirmed the rights of Indian tribes to fish at their accustomed places as guaranteed by treaties; documents from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Documents relating to native tribes and their interactions with the federal government are a particularly significant part of the archives. Records from the Office of Indian Affairs, Indian Agent reports, correspondence between Indian agents and superintendents and commissioners, reservation and allotment records, censuses and marriage records are available at the archives and have been used in legal proceedings as well as in tribal affairs for decades.

The early days on the Key Peninsula and neighboring areas are also represented in the archives. Articles on the early settlers on Herron Island published in the Key Peninsula News have relied on records available at the Seattle facility.

Local writer Greg Spadoni has also drawn on the archives. “Stories I wrote on logging railroads in Rosedale and Minter include information from Admiralty Court

and McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary,” he said. “Those records are not available anywhere else than the National Archives in Seattle.”

Organizations and institutions were quick to react to news of the closure. Stephanie Lile, director of the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor, said that the museum signed a letter to the OMB by the Heritage League of Pierce County urging reconsideration of the decision. “While I understand that archive buildings have to meet rigorous safety standards to protect the archives, to relocate the entire PNW collection to a distant location will have serious implications for researchers throughout the Northwest,” she said. “Most researchers are independent scholars or volunteers working with a modest or non-existent budget. As a result, having to make the trek to a distant state will pose an even greater barrier to accessing the primary documents so critical to in-depth scholarship.”

Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman released a statement Jan. 27 offering her assistance in the effort to keep the archives in the Northwest. “My staff and I are ready and willing to work with our congressional delegation, National Archives, and the historical records community to

discuss alternative solutions to the closure of this facility for the continued regional access and storage of these important documents,” she said.

Jennifer Kilmer, director of the Washington State History Museum, underscored the importance of offering access to original documents in a statement released Jan. 31: “As history professionals whose mission and practice it is to collect, preserve, and interpret historical artifacts, objects, documents, photographs and ephemera, we know firsthand the research value that lies in the authentic article,” she said. “That is something that cannot be replicated in a digital facsimile.”

The Northwest congressional delegation signed a letter to the OMB requesting that the decision be reconsidered and the public be included in the process. The Muckleshoot Tribal Council is also working with its U.S. congressional delegation to look for a way to block the sale.

In a letter to the OMB and the PBRB dated Feb. 25, Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson requested that the agencies reconsider their decision in light of the harm it would cause to the community. Ferguson also claimed that the manner the decision was reached violated FASTA and several other statutes.

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ANNE NESBIT, SPECIAL TO KP NEWS

The one thing about the fire service that is a constant is that you never know from day to day what will present. The COVID-19 outbreak has proved that point. The KP Fire District has seen all facets of the current situation, but more good than bad.

Despite the additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county or the possibility of being overloaded with information, and the anxiety that might be present, people in our community are still coming together to support one another.

People are lending a hand through individual acts and large-

scale efforts. The community is feeding children who depend on the schools to eat, teachers are building unity in virtual classrooms, and individuals are supporting the remaining open businesses in any way they can. Some people are using music to bridge the distance the outbreak has imposed. Anything to bring happiness, smiles, and to make connections is essential during this time.

As the district public information officer, it's exciting for me to see our community rally around being prepared and taking care of one another. The district has participated right alongside you. As such, I want to update the community with some information from the district.

COVID-19 TESTING

Testing continues to be a challenge for many, including our first responders. The district is working daily to secure testing capabilities for our personnel to minimize any impact on our staffing configurations, and to prevent the potential spread to their families. We are also working with the Tacoma-Pierce County Public Health Department to assist with community testing here on the Key Peninsula. We take our health and safety as seriously as we take yours, and are committed to finding the appropriate testing solution.

As of mid-April, the rate of testing in Pierce County continues to climb while positive test results appear to be leveling off. The number of infected people on the Key Peninsula remains in the single digits for now, including a single fatality.

That individual tested negative for the virus when admitted to a Tacoma facility on an unrelated health matter and was somehow exposed at that facility, according to TPCHD, before succumbing to the disease there.

TEMPORARY CONTINUED CARE CENTERS

A temporary care center for people who have tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19 and are unable to quarantine at home opened April 8 in Tacoma at the Holiday Inn on South 84th and Hosmer streets.

The district has learned that one of the sites considered for a care center on the Key Peninsula was not viable and is no longer being planned. We understand that TPCHD is looking at Gig Harbor for an additional location if needed.

DELAYED TAX COLLECTIONS

The district has planned and continues to prepare for what the impacts will be from deferred revenue. Staff will continue to work on collecting the data needed to analyze the situation and then

work with the KP fire commissioners on any adjustments that may be required in the current budget.

It goes without saying that our new status quo feels a bit uncertain. Almost every part of our daily routine here at the district is disrupted. Nonetheless, our community remains strong, your fire district remains prepared to serve, and it is times like these that remind me that every day we share moments where we can all be part of something incredible.

Anne Nesbit is the Key Peninsula Fire Prevention and Public Information Officer at KPFD 16, and a volunteer battalion chief. She can be reached at 253-884-2222.

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Ed Gabrielson's 1925 Model T in front of Lyman Freeborn's Vaughn store. Photo courtesy Key Peninsula Historical Museum

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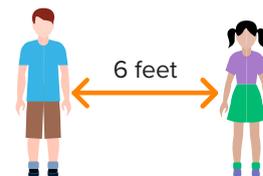


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WHITMARSH FROM PAGE 11

While coronavirus claims the news cycles, I know other issues haven't disappeared. Racism, addiction, abuse, poverty, loneliness, cancer and other sicknesses still exist. It is important to continue to work toward healing and support for all who suffer, no matter the cause.

I know I owe a debt of gratitude to health care workers, educators, grocery store clerks and all who put their health on the line for my sake.

I know that our world has endured difficult times before, and when people came together, dug deep, and worked hard, they emerged stronger and made the world better. I walk in hope that this will not be what destroys us but will, instead, be our finest hour.

Award-winning columnist Dan Whitmarsh is pastor at Lakebay Community Church.

OBITUARIES



Scott Allen Gallacher

Scott Allen Gallacher died unexpectedly April 30. He was 49 years old.

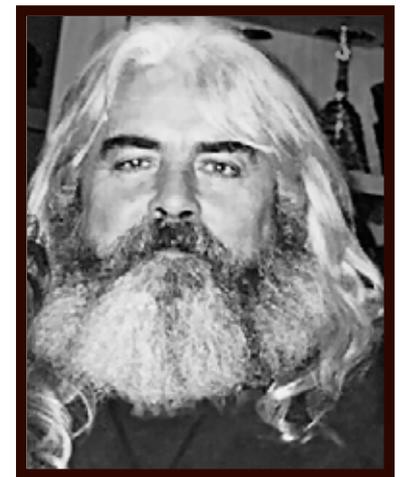
He was born in Portland, Oregon, Aug. 10, 1970 to James and Carolyn Gallacher. He graduated from Mariner High School in 1989. He received an A.A. degree from Everett Community College in 1991 and went on to receive dual B.A. degrees in business administration and recreation and leisure studies from Washington State University in 1993. He married his wife, Kirsten, in 1996 and moved with his young family to the Key Peninsula in 2005.

Scott spent his early career working for the Mukilteo YMCA, Redmond Boys and Girls Club, City of Everett and City of Marysville. For the last 15 years, he was the executive director of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (Key Pen Parks). Scott loved his community and worked tirelessly to build a system of parks that everyone could enjoy. He was a member

of the National Recreation Park Association, Washington Recreation Park Association and the Key Peninsula Business Association. He also served many years as a volunteer coach with KP Little League, a volunteer soccer coach with Harbor Soccer, an umpire with USSSA and a referee for the City of Redmond.

Scott loved the outdoors and cherished his annual summer vacations at Lake Tahoe with his family. He enjoyed playing softball, golf and card games such as gin and jack's back. Scott spent many hours on home improvement and yard projects, and although he wasn't very speedy, he was quite handy. He would do anything for his family and friends, but his children were his top priority. He worked tirelessly in order to provide a great life for them. He was selfless, determined and one who got things done. Scott was devoted to his friends and would never pass up an opportunity to get together. He was always the life of the party. His family will give Scott one last chance to be the "life of the party" at a Celebration of Life later this summer (date pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

Scott is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Kirsten; his daughter, Haylie (18); his son, Caden (16); his father, Jim, and stepmother, Cyndy; and his sister, Kari.



James Bernard Jensen

James Bernard Jensen, also known as "Jim," "Gym," "Big Daddy," "The Sheriff," "Daddio" and a slew of other names, died at his home on the hill in Lakebay, where he most certainly was at peace, April 24.

Jim was born in Tacoma Feb. 20, 1945 to Lars and Vera Jensen and was baptized into the Catholic Church. He attended Saint Patrick's Catholic School, Mason Junior High, and graduated from Stadium High. He often shared his fondness of getting smacked on the knuckles by a ruler.

Along with the mother of his children, Delores, he moved from Tacoma to the Key Peninsula in the early 1980s in hopes of creating an independent and solitary life-

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Henry Dahl at Coulter Creek: Photo courtesy Key Peninsula Historical Museum



TWAA volunteers assemble kits to keep kids engaged this summer. Photo: Ryan Fischbauch, KP News

Two Waters Arts Alliance Provides Art to Young and Old

Kids hungry for arts and crafts find everything to make art projects at home.

KRISA BRUEMMER, KP NEWS

When Gov. Jay Inslee mandated school closures, Two Waters Arts Alliance started brainstorming ways to help local kids and families. In May, TWAA launched a collaboration with Food Backpacks 4 Kids, providing fun and easy Creativity Kits alongside student meal pick-ups.

“The number one goal of the organization when it was founded was to help kids learn better through art,” TWAA President Delia McGinnis said. “So, my board got together and we said, ‘What can we do to at least provide arts education for the kids?’”

Sharla Schuller, TWAA Elementary Arts Coordinator and Evergreen Elementary after-hours art program teacher, came up with the idea to distribute art projects in partnership with FB4K.

“I really missed the kids and I missed doing those projects, so I was looking around for things we could do in our community,” Schuller said.

The first Creativity Kits contained 2-inch

terra cotta pots, an oblong rock, green and white paint, cut sponges for painting, googly eyes and instructions for how to paint a cactus. Other kits have included a paper weaving project and a dream-catcher kit with bangle bracelets, yarn, instructions and the history behind dream-catchers.

“The parents have really loved it,” McGinnis said.

“We would love to see the finished projects,” Schuller said, who also handles TWAA’s social media and marketing. “We’d love to see photos.”

Volunteers put together the art kits in an assembly line while following social distancing guidelines.

“They’re small lunch bags, but it’s 100 bags. It’s nice to be at the Mustard Seed (Project) to put them together because we can spread out,” said McGinnis.

“We’re considering bumping up to 150 because I think there are additional people we can give kits to. There are different bus routes at Evergreen and we might be able to send out to the kids that can’t come to the actual school,” Schuller said.

TWAA has also created a resource page on their website with educational art projects, including highlighted weekly projects that can be done with supplies most families have around the house.

“I am really blessed and grateful to have such an amazing board who have really stepped up to do this, but we need more volunteers to help us,” McGinnis said. “I just really want to get as many kids involved and get stuff out to as many kids as possible. We’re trying to think outside the box and we’re dabbling in many things.”

Two Waters Art Coordinator for Key Peninsula Middle School, Stephanie Flintoff, recently started working with her art students via Zoom.

“We’re going to start doing art together via the internet,” Flintoff said. “I really started missing the kids in the art class and what they bring to me personally, because it’s a time when I get to be artistic and experiment with colors or whatever we’re doing in class, and it’s just fun.”

Flintoff’s group, which plans to continue meeting virtually through the summer, is currently working on designs for decorative banners that will be printed on vinyl and hung in Key Center.

“Our focus is more on the kids in our community, but we also want to have

art programs for adults,” Schuller said. “We’re hoping to reach out and do more with that as time goes on.”

The organization has been throwing around the idea of having local artists create pieces of art on plywood depicting scenes of life on the KP to display around town, an idea inspired by murals painted on boarded up buildings in Seattle.

“We’ve got a couple of artists who said they might be interested in doing that, but we need more,” McGinnis said. “I have a lot of friends who are artists but some of them just feel so uninspired during all of this. We’re not having the Art Walk this year and things are kind of tough.”

McGinnis, who grew up in a small town in Minnesota and has lived in Texas, Missouri, North Dakota, Germany and several other places, said she feels fortunate to be living on the Key Peninsula now more than ever.

“This is the best community I have ever lived in. I just think it’s wonderful,” she said. “We take care of one another here. All the resources and the people, it’s amazing. Yes, everybody’s concerned and they want to take care of their own and stuff, but they also reach out a hand to help everybody else.”

For more information, visit twowaters.org.

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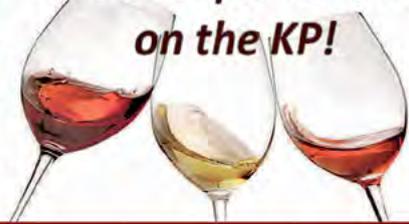


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KP Council Hosted First Online Candidate Forum

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STAFF REPORT

Ten candidates for six local public offices ranging from the Washington State House of Representatives to Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer participated in a 90-minute candidate forum online hosted by the Key Peninsula Community Council Oct. 13.

The town hall-style meeting is traditionally conducted before standing room only crowds in the Whitmore Room at the KP Civic Center in Vaughn to give the community a chance to ask questions of elected officials and candidates running to replace them. But due to the pandemic, Lisa Larson, the council office manager, suggested an online forum.

“I started preparing for this months ago,” Larson said. She had watched a county-wide virtual town hall meeting over the summer that was fraught with technical and security issues, and didn’t want that to happen here. “I attended webinars and studied Zoom security for weeks to prepare,” she said.

The event was moderated by Gina Cabiddu, program manager of the Children’s Home Society of Washington-Key Peninsula Resource Center, with assistance from timekeeper Stefanie Warren of the KP Civic Center.

Participants included candidates for the two positions of 26th Legislative District representative, incumbents Rep. Michelle Caldier and Rep. Jesse Young and their respective challengers Joy Stanford and Carrie Hesch; incumbent Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier and challenger Larry Seaquist; candidates for Pierce County Sheriff Cyndie Fajardo and Ed Troyer; Congressman Derek Kilmer, whose opponent, Elizabeth Kreiselmaier, did not respond to an invitation to attend; and Assessor-Treasurer Mike Lonergan, who is running unopposed for a third term.

The candidates fielded about a dozen questions taken from approximately 40 submitted to the organizers in advance. They ranged from the impact of the pandemic-driven recession on property taxes to what office-holders would do about rising property crime on the KP, climate change and perennial traffic issues.

Over 200 hundred people registered to watch the Oct. 13 forum live, but a violent

storm that day knocked out power to much of the KP and only about 70 people logged on. The event was also broadcast by KGHP FM while the online video was recorded by Cynthia Stewart of the Tacoma-Pierce County League of Women Voters. The KP Community Council has a link to the presentation on its website, and Larson encouraged the community to watch it.

“We did it for the community and it will be accessible to them for three months,” she said.

The power outage also forced the organizers to relocate from the Key Center office an hour before the event to the KP Civic Center, which has a generator so that it can act as an emergency shelter.

The forum was sponsored by the KP Community Council, the KP Business Association, the KP Civic Center Association and the KP News.

A link to a recording of the forum is at www.kpcouncil.org. ■



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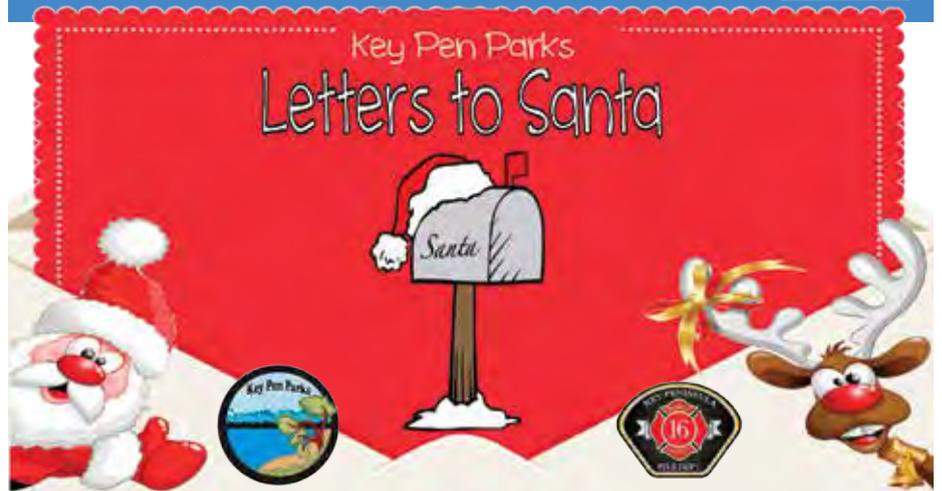
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Broadband Survey Illuminates Digital Divide on Key Peninsula

The KPC's survey highlights problems and draws new partners to find solutions.

CALEB GALBREATH, KP NEWS

The Key Peninsula Community Council recently completed a detailed analysis of its broadband survey from October 2020.

KPC Broadband Committee Chair Mark Cockerill said the survey was intended to provide more details into broadband issues on the KP in order to create a targeted and effective response. These details are important to identifying stakeholders in the community and service providers.

"This was an important first step to addressing the digital divide on the Key Peninsula," Cockerill said. "We have a diagnosis. Now we can begin finding solutions."

This diagnosis confirms what most KP residents already know: The KP has a broadband problem. More than half of survey participants reported internet download speeds of

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less than 11Mbps. The Federal Communications Commission defines the minimum standard for broadband as 25Mbps. Only 10% of survey participants reported speeds of 21Mbps or higher.

This 25Mbps standard was set by the FCC in 2015 and was criticized even then by FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel for not setting the goal high enough. In the five years since the last change, such criticism has become increasingly common.

"KP internet speeds are bad enough if you're the only person using the internet, but the survey shows that's rarely the case," Cockerill said.

Just over 50% of survey participants share their internet connection with four or more people in a given household. With that many people and likely even more devices connected to the internet, those receiving

11Mbps or less at point of service might struggle to browse websites, let alone stream videos, upload content or use video conferencing.

Cockerill said the grimmest facet of these results was the volume of people who reported using their internet at home for school. The survey showed 73% of participants across the KP, and as high as 86% in some areas, use home internet for schoolwork.

"It's one thing when slow internet interferes with your Netflix habit," Cockerill said. "But it's just not acceptable when it interferes with a child's education."

The COVID-19 pandemic has largely put to rest the notion that high-speed broad-

band is a luxury. Hugh Taylor, a Pierce County senior legislative analyst, said watching as classrooms transition to

online learning made it even more clear how important internet accessibility is.

"I think most people agree on just how important broadband is to our daily lives," Taylor said.

The Pierce County Broadband Connectivity and Access Evaluation from April 2019 refers to broadband as the "fourth utility." While personal internet use, such as for social media or entertainment does make up a large proportion of user activity, most people are also using it for business — everything from telecommuting for work to making doctor appointments to buying groceries.

Pierce County still has no plans to enter the broadband business but officials voiced commitment to finding ways to facilitate the expansion and improvement of broadband, especially in underserved areas like



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