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This wonderful photo is part of the newspaper collection. So far it has not turned up in a Kirkland paper. Can anyone give details? It was taken at Central School with the American Legion behind.

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Chuck Morgan/City of Kirkland Collection

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**LYNETTE FRIBERG WEBER**

Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner so you know what that means... **EVENTS!**

KHS will once again have a booth at **Uncorked**, Kirkland's three day summer festival; Friday, July 17, 2:00-9:00, Saturday, July 18, 10:00-9:00 and Sunday, July 19, 10:00-6:00. Stop by and say "hey", have a cold Sarsaparilla, or better yet, sign up to be a KHS booth representative for a few hours. Call Dale Hawkinson at 425-827-1950 to represent KHS.

The annual **Heritage Celebration**, held at Juanita Elementary, will be on Thursday, May 28, 6:30-8:30 in the evening. Visit the KHS display to learn more about the charming history of Juanita.

KHS will also have a booth at the **Friday Night Market** on Juanita Beach, June 29, 3:00-7:00. This will be a special evening as the City of Kirkland will be presenting the Juanita Beach Park Master Plan before the ground breaking in the following weeks.

And last, but not least, Kirkland's famous **Fourth of July Parade!** KHS will be set up on the lawn in front of Heritage Hall on Market Street. Be sure to stop by for this festive occasion! If you own a snazzy olde time car you would like to drive in the KHS line up of parade cars, please contact me at 425-890-9058.

**Have a historic summer!**



**Welcome New Members**

Ron & Shannon Cats, Frank Cornwall, Betty Fields, Joyce Fowler, Paul E. Jensen, Julie Koler, Janeen Ryseff, Milt Sessions, Bob Shane, Alice & Vern Stoops, Mary Ziuzin.

**Max Taylor,  
by Sally Bechtel**



**Max Taylor**, longtime resident and entrepreneur on the Eastside, passed away recently.

Max was born October 19, 1926 in Wichita, Kansas. He ventured out West, in his twenties, aboard an Indian Motorcycle where he started a gas station business, "The Flying A" in Bellevue. He brought a fun flavor to the tables of the many he served at Frosty's Restaurant in Juanita as well as at his previous restaurants, Maxie's Broiler in Bellevue. Family diners like these are rare anymore; where you could always find a friendly face, a full meal deal and usually a fun story to be had.

Max was a very giving man and a lot of us are indebted to him for all of his love and kindness throughout the years. He will be greatly missed. Max is survived by his three sons; Mike (Gail), Curt (Judy), and Chris (Lori), five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A Remembrance Celebration will be held on Saturday May 23rd from 5-8 at the North Kirkland Community Center, 12421 103rd Ave. NE, Kirkland, Wa. 98034. All are invited to attend.



**Lynette Friberg Weber**  
**National Trust for Historic Preservation**  
**This Place Matters**

As a friend of the National Trust, I know you care deeply about saving the places where great moments from our history took place.

But I'm guessing you care just as deeply, if not more, about the places where important moments of our everyday lives have taken place. The place where your grandparents were married and the hotel where they spent their honeymoon. The train depot where community members shipped out for their tours in the armed services and the rows of bungalows that define a neighborhood's character. The drive-in movie theater you frequented as a child or a community landmark that serves up local history to elementary school students.

Too often, these places can be lost in a heartbeat -- sometimes even before we realize they will be missed. That's why we launched our This Place Matters campaign, to help people call attention to special places in their community before they are endangered. Because we all know the best way to save a place is to make sure it is valued in the community.

So celebrate a place you love, sound an alarm about a place that is threatened, or just start a conversation about a place that matters.

**Visit This Place Matters:**  
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This Place Matters is a campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, sponsored by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, and is an online program to showcase the diverse places that matter to all of us. People from across the country are honoring their favorite places and making a call to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to all of us.

Show us the places that matter to you today:

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**\* View the Map:**  
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Thank you again for your support in helping us protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to you.

**National Trust for Historic Preservation**  
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**Washington, DC 20036**  
**202-588-6000 / 800-315-6847**



**Gary Lanksbury**

**1932-2009**

**My email buddy. I will miss his insight and wisdom. Loita**

**Gary, May 1, 1939. He led the parade.**

## Remembering Gwen McLaughlin



**Joyce, Marilyn and Wally share some treasured memories.**

My first meeting with Gwen McLaughlin was in my high school days at Lake Washington (1950-1951). My boyfriend, now husband, played football for Bill McLaughlin, Gwen's husband, and that is when I met his charming wife and also met Pink Smith who was Gwen's good friend and wife of basketball coach Otto Smith. I recently talked to Pink and she told me that Gwen would call and invite her and Otto to come over and play bridge the night before every game to keep Bill's mind off the stress of the upcoming football game.

Gwen was head of Adult Education classes held in the old Navy barracks (now Peter Kirk baseball field) where I took sewing classes from her.

I had many wonderful visits when she moved back to Kirkland from Port Ludlow. Marilyn Johnson and I enjoyed a great visit with her shortly before her passing. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. She had a big smile for everyone.

I'd like to say thank-you to the McLaughlin family for supplying the photos.

**Joyce Fowler**

Gwen and I became acquainted when she was teaching sewing and tailoring at the Vocational Tech in Kirkland, (her husband Bill had been a teacher of mine at the high school in 1954). I enrolled in her sewing class and we became friends. She was very knowledgeable in her craft and made sewing fun. With her friendly, cheerful manner she made you feel important and special.

I belonged to a young mother's pre-school group that held monthly meetings. There was usually a guest speaker. One evening the guest was a woman who spoke on fashion and fashion personality types. She listed

several types such as petite, Patrician, e.g. Queen Elizabeth), town and country and etc. Gwen was described as the town and country style as she favored the sporty look and leaned toward all shades of brown and green and tweeds. Throughout her life she remained a classy, fashionable lady. Quite often she told me of driving to Tacoma to have lunch with some of her friends she had known since kindergarten. She loved to read, in fact she was reading a 900 page novel shortly before she died.

Gwen never seemed to be old—maybe because she was always interested in life. I feel privileged to have known her.

**Marilyn Johnson**

Gwen was a unique and talented person in many ways. Her keen sense of humor allowed her not to sweat the small stuff and to put life into perspective. She always seemed to be larger than her situation and obstacles in her path just seemed to disappear. She used to laugh about going over the original Tacoma Narrows Bridge, "galloping gertie", with college friends from the University of Puget Sound, the night before the bridge blew down. UPS is where she met husband Bill McLaughlin, multi sports star and subsequently coach extraordinaire. What a team they were, encouraging young adults in the classroom where Gwen taught sewing and Bill taught American Government in addition to coaching.

Gwen and Bill made life-long friends of many students and assisted them in many ways even after high school. In addition to Cle Gunsul who lived with them for several years, I lived with Gwen, Bill, Jock and Jan for one and half years while attending the U of W after serving in the U.S. Army in the 1950's.

My wife, Judy, and I always felt very much a part of that happy family. While I lived there, Gwen not only washed my clothes, she darned my socks.

Over the years we saw them often. In recent years we have had many enjoyable evenings dining out with Gwen and gathering at family affairs. We are going to miss her happy face around here.

**Wally Alder**

**Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

**May 27**

**Photo I.D. Night!**

Once a year favorite!

Help with identifying the growing photo collections of historic Kirkland people, places & things!

**June 24**

**Joshua Montgomery Sears,  
Kirkland's absentee founder.**

Mr. Sears did much more than build the Sears bank building on Market. Join us for a new look into the Sears Family presented by Loita Hawkinson, KHS Archives & Collection manager.



**March & April Meeting  
Participants**

Sally Jo Bechtel, Bob Burke, Sue Carter, Tony Cresci\*, Dorothy Daily, Joanne Forbes Deligan, Marjorie L. Denton, Marjorie J. Denton, Merrily Dicks, Stephen Elliot\*, Sandra & Dick Ekins, Joyce Fowler, Ardythe Green, Loita & Dale Hawkinson, Bev Hoerlein, Linda & Wayne Jaton, Jean Jayne, Paul Jensen\*, Marilyn Johnson, Judy Lang, Barbara Loomis, Suzi Luke, Anita Maxwell, Russ McClintick, Larry Miller, Bob Neir, Kathy & Rich Nelson, Karen Ferguson Newbom\*, Vic Newhard, Frank Rosin, Dee Saunders, Milt Sessions, Sterling Sessions, Pat & Dick Shinstrom, Cathy Smith, Vern & Alice Stoops, Sandy & Clarence Stone, Inge Theisen, Carol Trapp, Heather Trescases\*, Irene Vlitos-Rowe, Janeen Ryseff\*, Eileen Warren, Steve Williams\*, Lynette Weber, Mary Ringheim Ziuzin\*,

\* Guests & First Timers

We had quite the crowd in April and not everyone signed in! If your name does not appear on this list – our sincere apologies.



**Gwen McLaughlin  
1920 - 2009**

**Bill McLaughlin  
1918 - 1995**



**Gwen with 7 of her 8 Gr Grandchildren**



**OPEN OPEN OPEN**

**Kirkland Heritage Resource Center** is open Wednesdays from 2 to 5. It is our goal to be open one morning and one weekend in addition to Wednesday afternoon. We will continue to open by appointment. Volunteers are needed with computer skills, research knowledge and a love for Kirkland.



**Sterling, Milton and Dick**  
Before the Kirkland Slide Show in April

## THANK YOU TO:

**Glenn Landguth** for copies of his medium format negatives of Kirkland in 1955. While attending Kirkland Junior High, Glenn was taking a photography class and took photos of Kirkland. Glenn put them on a CD and emailed the history for each photo. They make a great collection and it was easy for the collections committee.

**Andrew Meyers** of Bothell collects coal mining history. He was thinning out his collection and happened upon an 1889 Kirkland Coal report. This document includes a letter requesting that the Kirkland area be tested for coal. The report recommended that the steel mill buy the coke it needed for steel production. A high grade of coke from clean coal is needed to make Bessemer Steel. Our area's coal was not suitable. This three part 120 year old document was drawn up when the Moss Bay Iron and Steel Works was to be south of Central Way and not on Rose Hill.

**Ellen Carnwath** donated a hand pump, Star Barrel butter churn and a large wood harness vise several years ago. They had belonged to Tom and Anne Raine of Finn Hill. Ellen's father was a friend and neighbor of the Raine family. These three items were staples of every rural family but few have survived. They are now researched, photographed and on display.

**Irene Vlitos Rowe** for a cookbook that was originally published in 1909 for the Washington Suffrage Movement. It was reprinted for the Alaskan Yukon Pacific Exposition Centennial. Kirkland women were very active in the Suffrage Movement and seven local ladies had recipes and one was manager of the Bulletin, their publication. This historic book is shelved in the KHS kitchen with the other historic Kirkland cookbooks.

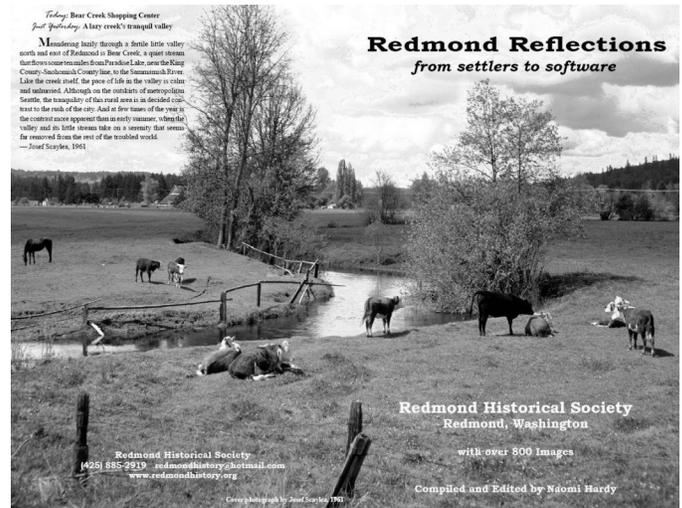
**Chuck Morgan** for two boxes of vintage newspapers. Among them was a copy of the first paper published in 1889 when Market Street was just opening for business and an original 1905 first edition of the **Kirkland Press** after Kirkland was incorporated. The papers are now photographed and will be on the website one of these first days.

**Anita Maxwell** for framed photo of Captain Gilbert. And again to Anita for volunteering to be the programs chair.

Dale & Loita bought a large deep collections frame at a garage sale only to discover it would not fit in their car. **Dave and Betty Roberts** came to the rescue and took the frame down to the hall. It is now filled with the 1982 Kirkland Little League mementos.

**Bothell Historical Museum** for 2 photos: a 1960's view of Juanita Drive and the Viking Ship from the AYP. The Viking Ship was built in Bothell. It sailed from Kirkland to the Fair Grounds in Seattle on August 30, 1909. KHS is looking feverishly for a local link to the 1909 Seattle Fair.

**Dave and Patty Tucker** for a comfy antique desk chair.



Our neighbors at the **Redmond Historical Society** spent four years putting together **"Redmond Reflections"** -- more than 800 photos on 100 pages that tell Redmond's story. It includes a name index to look up acquaintances and family -- even some in Kirkland! Visit their website at: **info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org** or call **(425) 885-2919**.



**Old Fashioned Entertainment**  
Radio Dramas by **Imagination Theater** will be recorded live at the **Kirkland Performance Center** on June 8, 2009 at 7:30. Cost is \$10 per seat. Watch our own **Frank Rosin** add sound effects.

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Glenn Landguth Collection

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## U-Save, U-Serve station in Kirkland in 1955.

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