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Ole Ormbrek on the steps of the first home he built
on the 1883 Orbrek homestead in Juanita.

Homestead was east of the Juanita Woodinville Road and
north of NE 140th Street.

Ormbrek/Jones Collection

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

GLENN LANDGUTH

We had our booth at Kirkland's Summerfest 2016 on Saturday, August 13. As planned we opened the staffing positions up to the membership, instead of just using Board members. I was able to actually call 50 members living in Kirkland and either talk or leave a message. As a result of these calls we had 8 non-board members who agreed to take 2-hour shifts at the booth.

People helping at Summerfest were: Dave Sherbrooke, Vic Newhard, Loita Hawkinson, Linda Jatton, Dorothy Daily, Karen Schickling, Victor Bahna, Huma Ali, Nancy Bock, Bonnie McLeod, Mary Cote, Gus Simpson, and me, Glenn Landguth.

On August 24 we received a donation of items once belonging to the French family in Kirkland. They were donated by Dave Davis, grandson of Harry French, and included a dining room table and 6 chairs, a sewing machine, a tool chest, photographs, and some smaller items. We will be using the table as a conference table at the Resource Center. Many items are currently on display at the Resource Center.

The paver saga continues. Here is the latest update. The engraver was having some problems with the engraving process, and needed to revise some text to fit on a large paver. They were also having a problem with "bleed-through" of grout on another paver due to the porous nature of the sandstone. I agreed to have them turn the paver over and try again on the other side. I am expecting to hear from them soon to find out how that has worked out. I still have some backup paver stone that can be used if needed.

The effort to save the Trueblood house is also continuing. I was able to witness and take video of most of the moving of the Trueblood house to a temporary location on 1st Street on August 17. While it is being stored at this

temporary location, there is still a chance that someone can be found to purchase the house with preservation as a goal.

The move was originally scheduled for 11 AM, but actually started at 10 AM, so I missed the first part of the move. I can share the video with anyone who is interested.

While I was taking video I was approached by a former KHS board member. I shared that there were positions open on the board if she was interested. She said that she had once been very active on the board, but quit because of the "politics" and dysfunctional situation regarding the board members at the time. She said that from what she has heard lately, it is still that way.

I was not able to get clarification regarding the current board. I am aware that there have been times in the past when the board has gone through difficult times. And I am concerned that anyone is bad-mouthing the current board.

As KHS president I try to conduct meetings in an orderly manner, giving everyone an opportunity to express themselves and air their opinions. We resolve questions by majority vote. No one is allowed to dominate a meeting, and I encourage everyone to show respect for each other.

That is how boards are supposed to work, and I thought that for the most part this one was working well.

Even so, we have had two people resign from this board for reasons other than health or other personal situations. One did not care for some of my decisions, and one resigned without giving any reason. I regret it whenever a person feels compelled to resign because they are unhappy about something. But I accept that not everyone is going to be happy all of the time, and depending on individual tolerances sometimes resignation is unavoidable. *Continued on page.5*

KHS Monthly Program

7:00 p.m.

Heritage Hall

203 Market Street

September 28, 2016

It is Ice Cream Social Time

While you enjoy your blackberries and ice cream, Daniel Leen will tell us about his new book: *Ramblin' Boy: The Letters of Steve Hoyt.*

October 26, 2016

Spooky Halloween fun will be provided by the Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound.

Mostly fun but sometimes bone chilling... just for Halloween.

September 24, 2016

2016 LW Golden Grads is on September 24, 2016 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Class of 1963 will be your hosts.

Bring your yearbooks, photos and memories to the LW High School

KHS receives 100% commission from the sales of Bob Neir's *A City Comes of Age* and Steve Lamson's *The Power of a Dream.*

What is new.....

Olaf (called Ole) and Anna Ormbrek took a Juanita homestead in 1883. Before the 1888 founding of Kirkland, Juanita had its ties with Bothell and Woodinville. The Ormbrek history had been lost to Kirkland until their descendent Anna Ormbrek Jones called KHS asking if we were interested in the family history.

KHS now has a fine collection of pioneer era Ormbrek history. Some will be used on History Month plaques. The Ormbrek family is lucky so many of them treasured their photographs and have family putting the history together so it will never be lost to future descendents. KHS thanks them for being generous with their information and photos.

And what can we say about Dave and Tasha Davis, grandson and granddaughter-in-law of Harry and Rosa French. KHS now has more original prints of the French family and some of Seattle's early pioneers. Somehow, the furniture continues to fit. As with former French items, everything is in *Antiques Road Show* condition. Nothing has gotten damp or been mishandled. This collection is proof that storing in a dark, dry and cool place is preservation at its finest. We must again thank **4Culture** for our fine archive which is climate controlled.



Dave & Tasha Davis

Hornets vs Kangagoos

by Loita Hawkinson

Ray Lincoln was going to write an article about the naming of the Kangs. Interest was renewed when the Kirkland Reporter ran the story earlier this year. At that time, the Reporter had called KHS and gotten what I had heard over the years. Following the story, more information has been shared. Ray researched the newspaper and the Golden Grads Newsletters for details. He finally threw in the towel. Too many conflicting memories.

And so it goes with history. Memories fade, details get blurred, etc. Little primary source material exists regarding the name change from the Hornets to the Kangaroos. Most name change history has been passed down from word of mouth.

The most frequent story is that the students were doing a “play on words” with the name Hornet. One story has it that Bothell had the most fun and Kirkland students played back with a variation of the name Bothell. That did it...no more Hornets.

Joanne Forbes Deligan had siblings attending school during that time and she is our most promising historian on this matter. She reported the “play on words”. According to Joanne, the students did not want to lose their Hornet mascot so picked the least likely mascot to represent them. We know this was in 1934 from both the newspaper sports pages and the yearbooks.

Ray did find a front page article in the *East Side Journal* that reported that the students voted for the name Kangaroo. This seems very unlikely but that is our “primary source”.

One day, the truth will be learned. It will not be in the published word but in the minutes of the Kirkland School Board, a diary or a note in one of the yearbooks.

The lack of any published history is proof that the students were being punished. And the history lesson is: kids have always been kids. The difference today is that with Social Media, they can not get away with anything and the adults can no longer protect them.

Not that the 1934 Kirkland High School students wanted protection. From most accounts, they wanted the name of Hornets.

King Football on Eastside Throne!
Hornets Start Practice with Pigskin

Published September 20, 1934
East Side Journal

Kangaroos Defeat Hornets; New Team Has Everything in a Pouch

The Hornets went down to defeat—not in a game, but in a name—for the student body of the Kirkland high school vetted down the name of Hornets for their fighting football team this year.

The new name to be adopted in the school yells is “Kangaroo”, for that is what the student body decided upon, perhaps, as someone explained, for the long-legged center of the basketball team.

Altho, the encyclopedia says a kangaroo is a rat-like animal with large hind feet that enables it to defend itself from opponents by means of quick flight, the Kirkland Kangaroos

promise to put up better battles than a whole nest of Hornets.

“Just corner a Kangaroo,” said Coach Van Devanter in commenting on the adopted name, “and watch him kick, spit and bite. If you think there’s no fight in a Kangaroo, just come around to some of our big games.”

The name Hornets was adopted for the team about six years ago when the average weight of the entire team was only 140 pounds. Since then players have seemed to stretch out, so the name had to be changed to fit the players.

As far as can be learned, no other team has adopted the name of Kangaroo and with the alliteration of Kirkland Kangaroos it should help the cheer leaders immensely.

At any rate, the Kirkland Kangaroos will have a chance to prove how much fight they have when they face Foster in the first Snoqualmie valley conference on Friday, October 19.



Published September 27, 1934
East Side Journal

1912 Kirkland High School graduate, Dick Everest, owned the *East Side Journal* and was editor. Dick had certainly put his spin on the Hornet/Kangaroo debate.

Everest Park and Everest Neighborhood are named in his honor.

Thank you Ray Lincoln for the hours spent researching this story. Ray found the articles which I had never seen.

President's letter, continued from page 2

We currently have one opening on the board, and expect to soon have another opening. Anyone interested in observing the board in action prior to considering holding a position on the board is welcome to attend meetings. Board meetings are open unless we are discussing a sensitive personnel matter. I would ask that anyone with specific concerns about anything regarding the board please bring their concerns directly to me and we can discuss those concerns. At least then I can be made aware of situations that I might otherwise not be aware of and can try to do my best to resolve issues.

A lot of people are volunteering tirelessly to preserve and share Kirkland's heritage. It saddens me greatly that anyone would not respect and appreciate the things that these people are doing for KHS. A little encouragement goes a long way. That's all for now. Thanks, Glenn



Gus Simpson



Bonnie McLeod

a Click from Click's Market



Dave Sherbrooke

Dave's mother was a Farrar (Burke & Farrar)



**Linda Johnson Jatton
Dorothy Brennan Daily**

Historic Trueblood Home



Karen
Lebrun
Schickling

Karen's mother
was a Molch.



Historically named the Trueblood home, it was the family home of the Gardner's and Creger's for over 9 decades. We now know that the home was built by Dr. W.D. Buchanan in 1890 and served as Kirkland's first hospital. Dr. Buchanan was not the first east side doctor, but he was the first doctor to practice in the new town of Kirkland. Dr. D.T. and Dr. L.L. Richards were still practicing in Houghton.

Dr. and Mrs. Trueblood were the step-father and mother of Albert B. Newell, Kirkland's mayor at the time they lived in Kirkland. The Newell's had children Cole and Polly. They married Cecile Ferry and Dick Everest who all have history dating back to the founding of Kirkland.

Thanks to Tom Hitzroth, KHS has an obituary from a man who was mortally injured during the construction of the steel mill. He was taken to Dr. Buchanan's where he died the next day. So the home has seen tragedy. And we have heard that it was vacant for some years between owners and the neighbor kids then thought it was spooky.

So this is an historic home. Kirkland's first hospital with a Kirkland pedigree. It would be such a shame to lose this home. It is charming. It has been cared for. It has been loved.

We must all thank the Nickel Bros., Moving Company for stepping in and moving the home to a safe location until a buyer can be found.



Nancy
Landguth
Bock



Victor Bahna, Huma Ali
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2016 Summerfest photos by
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** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

* Kirkland Natives or deep roots serving on the KHS Board.

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425 587-3398



**Ole Ormbrek working on his “modern” farm in Juanita.
Look at the size of the log on the horse drawn wagon.**

Ormbrek/Jones Collection

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