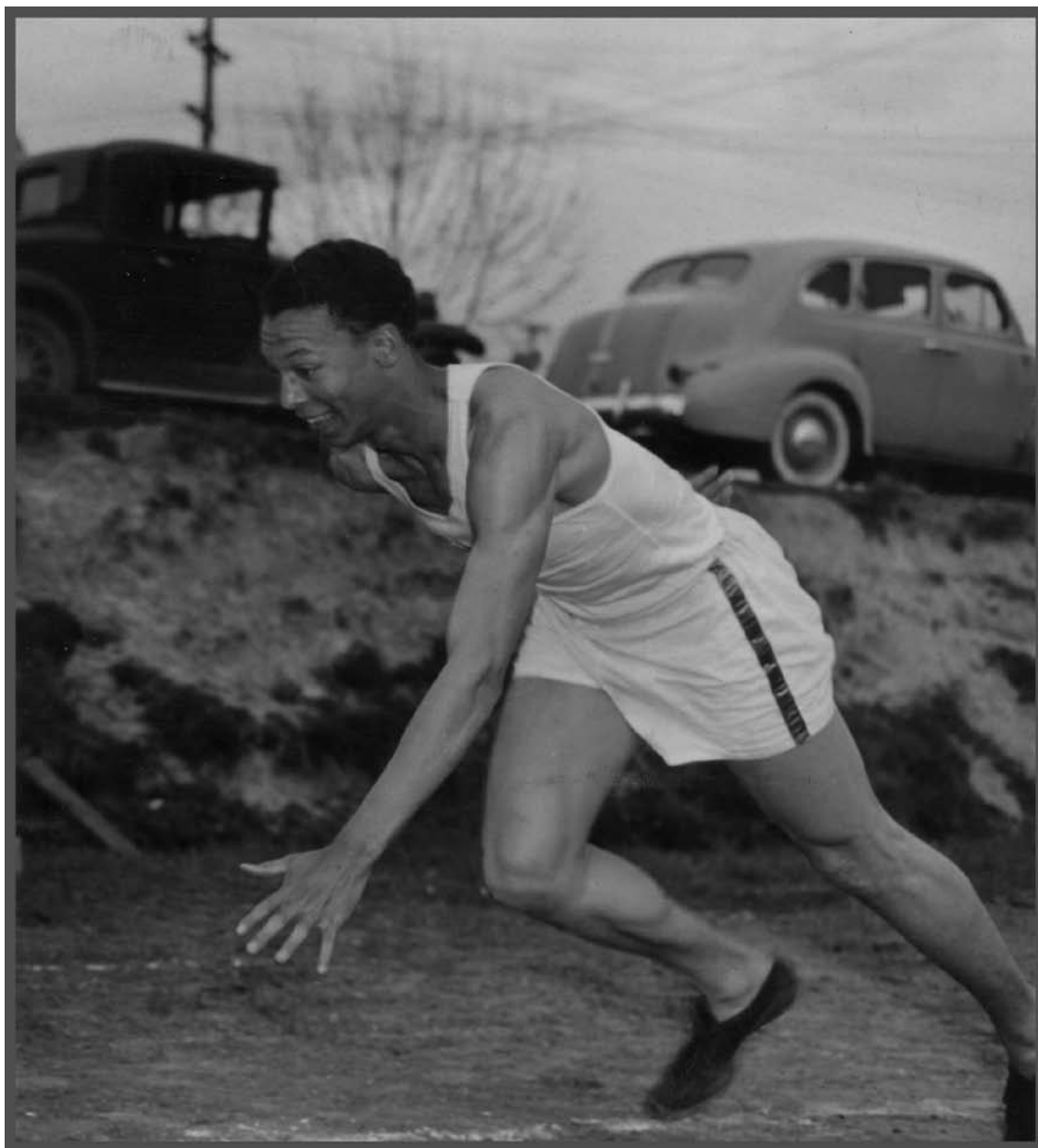


BLACKBERRY PRESERVES

The Journal of the

KIRKLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY



Luther Davis, Lake Washington High School Track Star. Luther graduated in 1950. His 100 meter race record was broken in 1965. His 200 Meter race record still stands in 2022. Luther attended LWHS when the campus was still on Market Street. He was president of the LWHS Boy's Club.

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From the President

Frank Rosin

With the Virus still with us and hospitals full of the new strain it is hard to determine what our meeting and other activities will be for 2022.

We presently are open the regular hours on Monday from 10:00 to 12:00 and Wednesday from 2:00 to 5:00. Under the State and City Guidelines we are all using masks both for Kirkland Heritage Members and Visitors.

The Cemetery Committee has met and approved 24 markers to be placed in the Kirkland Cemetery that were Kirkland Pioneers or Notable Folks in Kirkland History that for one reason or another have never been marked. Some of them were the last member of the family with no one to see to it that a marker was in place. Others were from the Great Depression and there were no funds for a marker. We simply don't know the reason a marker was not put in place for some.

There are many more unmarked in Kirkland and research is ongoing for the Cemetery Committee to be placing in the future. This is one of the things Kirkland Heritage does. A fund was set up for just this purpose. A large amount of this fund is from left over moneys from the Paver Project. No more Pavers are being made. Many of the pavers were made in the memory of family members no longer with us. This is a similar intent for this.

There were some State of Washington changes this last year in the way Non-Profit Organizations have their by-laws stated. Our Board of Directors will be going over those and have any necessary recommended changes proposed at a Membership Meeting when it is possible and how to have a Meeting with the Virus Guidelines still in place.

Things are not all Virus related. Some nice things have happened. Three pieces of Peter Kirk Dinnerware were donated to Kirkland

Heritage. Two of them are already on display with other Peter Kirk items in the big display area. The third piece was broken in shipment and is being repaired so it can go on display also.

We will have a Board Meeting in the early part of February and the Annual Membership Meeting, however that can be done. This is a day by day thing. Nothing is scheduled for 2022 yet until we know more about how things can be done under State, City, and even National Guidelines for this coming rest of the year.

Bob Gerrish and I spent one of the snow days folding the Membership Notice for 2022 renewals ready and then put in the mail. We didn't put one in the mail for those that have already renewed for 2022 in case you are wondering why you didn't get one.

Let us all hope 2022 will be a turnaround year and become 'normal' again.

2022 Kirkland Cemetery Tour

Matt McCauley will guide his popular Kirkland Cemetery Tour on May 21, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Covid forced Matt to cancel the tour in 2020 and 2021. Now that masking and social distancing is a way of life, the tour is back on schedule.

This year's tour will feature some of the Civil War Veterans that rest in our historic cemetery. So mark your calendars and hope for some great weather.



A little drizzle did not bother the large gathering at Bothell's Cemetery Tour last October.

In the mail Bridge Anyone

Laurel Ewing would like to find a bridge group who plays in person. Since Covid, her bridge partners have all started to play on-line. Laurel wants the old fashioned sit at a table and play. If you have suggestions or ideas, call 425-827-3446 and leave a message.



Dear Kirkland Heritage Society,
Wow!

What a wonderful, wonderful job you did in restoring the chandelier back to its glory. It looks like you have a halo to shine onto you lovely people to help preserve our American History.

Thank You and God Bless.

Laura May Mosing



To Frank Rosin,
Regarding the name of the local district and high school in the *Sept/Oct Blackberry Preserves*, I noted your comment "My personal first choice was to keep this as Kirkland High School no matter what the overall school district was called."

I totally 100 percent agree. The name never should have been changed. It gives the school a geographical identity. The name change was totally ill advised.

Keep up the good work with KHS.

Bruce Bennett
LW (should be Kirkland) 1960



Hi KHS,

My thanks to whomever wrote my article on my memories of the Dear Yabuki Family. Only one mistake. The sons were not in France. I know because one of my Marine Uncles saw one of them during some extreme fight in or around the Philippines. I am still trying to get a copy of the tape of my uncle Robert Evetts. Marjorie Schultz might remember him as he graduated

close to that year. On the tape Bob does mention the unit both Yabuki's were in out of Hawaii.

How I love getting your Blackberry Preserves. It's one of my few contacts from "home".

Judy Thommasen



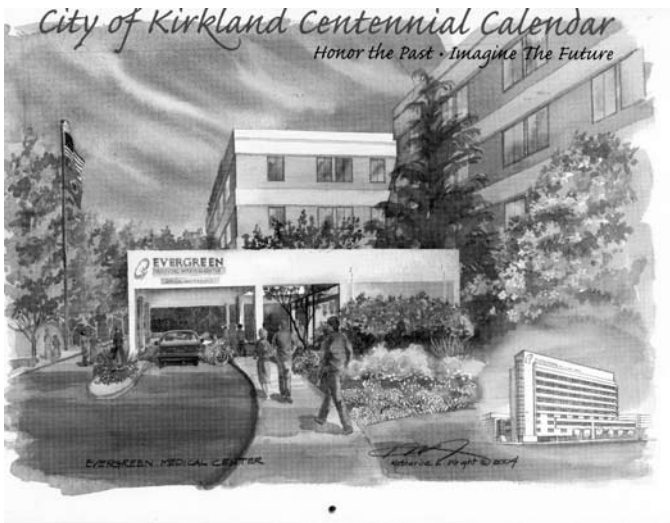
Peter and Mary Kirk descendent, Sandy Middleton at our local Booktree book store during her book signing.



Nathan and Connor paid another visit over the holidays and got some extra issues of *Blackberry Preserves* to share with family.



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*.



Something old is current again.

In 2005 the City of Kirkland issued a Centennial Calendar featuring 12 color sketches by Katherine L. Wright. In 2006 the City gave the surplus calendars to KHS.

The Centennial 2005 calendar can be used for the years 2022, 2033, 2039, 2050, 2061, 2067, 2078, 2089, 2095, and 2101. These calendars are again current for this year.

If you would like one, stop by the museum. The 12 sketches are all of historic Kirkland and suitable for framing.



While working at the museum, Victor Bahna showed visitors how to use the stereoscope viewer. All of the slides are of Kirkland.



Marjorie Schultz (class of 42) posed with her photo from the Nov/Dec 2021 issue of Blackberry Preserves.



Life Members:

Richard and Lisa Altig, Maureen Baskin, Laura Bradley-Pierucci, Bob and Valerie Burmester, David and Tasha Davis, Steve Lamson, Ray & Clare Lincoln, Matt McCauley, Laura May Mosing, Jim & Cathy Neir, Richard and Kathy Nelson, Timothy & Mary Ord, Michael and Cathy Radcliff, Larry Springer/Penny Sweet, Sandi Stone, Laura Westlund.

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KHS Monthly Programs Heritage Hall 203 Market Street

Programs will now return as soon as they can be scheduled. We will continue to follow the current City & State guidelines.



Photo from *On the Ways*
July 29, 1942 (see page 6)



25 Grave Stones have been ordered

The Cemetery Committee chaired by Matt McCauley has approved 25 grave stones for Kirkland citizens who have been in unmarked graves. All 25 stones have been ordered and will be delivered to Jason Filan, Kirkland Parks Dept.

From there, it will be up to the Parks Department to find the time to set the stones.

Funding for the stones came from donations collected at previous Kirkland Cemetery Tours, the balance of the Paver Project and from individual donors: Matt McCauley, Larry Miller, Frank Rosin, Tim Warner, Dave & Carol Hoag, Brian Westcott, Grant Barry, the Ryseff Family, Loita Hawkinson.

The Cemetery Fund still has a balance so more markers will be ordered in the future.

Kirkland Heritage Society office
and museum is now open

Monday from 10 to noon
Wednesday from 2 to 5



Programs

Karen would like suggestions for future programs:

Karen Schickling @ 425-273-6299 or
kschic1965@gmail.com.



Opps

In the last two issues of BP, Wayne Jatton and been called Wayne Johnson. He married a Johnson but kept his family name. Sorry Wayne.



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On the Ways

by Frank Rosín

On the Ways was a US Government Publication (Newsletter) done for the Lake Washington Shipyards (LWS) during WW2 times from March 1, 1942 until at least October 26, 1945 with about 390 weekly issues. We have 375 of them at Kirkland Heritage in our Archives and scanned on a CD that can be purchased from us. There is a wealth of information on going news and critical information at LWS, the four housing projects being built, traffic and gasoline rationing to preserve rubber tires for to and from work, and the exemption of Military Draft Status of critical workers at LWS.

It is not 'Waves' but 'Ways'. A boat when moving through the water is said to have 'way on' or be 'under way'. A 'Ways' is the track a ship is built on, then greased with the ship moving down into the water at launching time.

LWS was contracted to build 25 Seaplane Tenders during WW2. Those were ships a little smaller than Destroyers for South Pacific duty during the war. Even though they were #2 after Flattops for destruction by the enemy every single one built at LWS came back after the war. Other ships were also repaired, some severely damaged.

There were a thousand plus employed at LWS during the War on around the clock seven days a week shifts to get this wartime critical work done on US ships and even a Russian Ship one time. This was a big time thing for Kirkland that brought folks from all over the USA to work in this wartime effort.

We converted our family's Paint Factory space to Apartments for critical workers. Lt.

Commander Quenton Payne and his wife, Virginia, was the commanding officer for the Navy personal stationed in Kirkland and Captain John Clemmer was a pilot of one of the P-38 planes stationed at Sand Point were in two of our apartments. The other apartments were used by the LWS Doctor and several people from Amarillo, Texas that came to work at LWS.

Our second building that was intended for our retail paint outlet and for related to paint, wallpaper was rented to LWS for the 'Security Clinic' for LWS workers. This became 'Group Health' in Bellevue after the War.

Besides the Leschi and the Lincoln, both ferries were on the Madison Park to Kirkland together. The Navy at Sand Point ran a boat of their own forth and back for Navy and other folks working at Sand Point to Kirkland. For about a year the Lincoln after unloading cars in Kirkland made a trip to LWS for the passengers from Seattle.

This was all a big thing for Kirkland. There was a large influx of folks from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, the Dakotas, and Eastern Washington for the needed workers at LWS and associated fabricators.

Puget Power that supplied Kirkland with electricity couldn't keep up with the demand at LWS. It was the only West Coast shipyard that did electric welding rather than rivets for steel work. Seattle Electric ran some wires across the lake to help with the electric load for LWS. This photo on page 5 is from July 29, 1942 released by the USN showing LWS at night.

Courtesy of Don Schmidt we have some of the glass insulators used underwater on that electric cable here at KHS on display in our WW2 exhibits.

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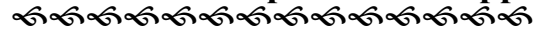
** During WWI, the Hello Girls were ladies who served as telephone operators. For KHS, these sweet ladies call and remind you of the next meeting or event.

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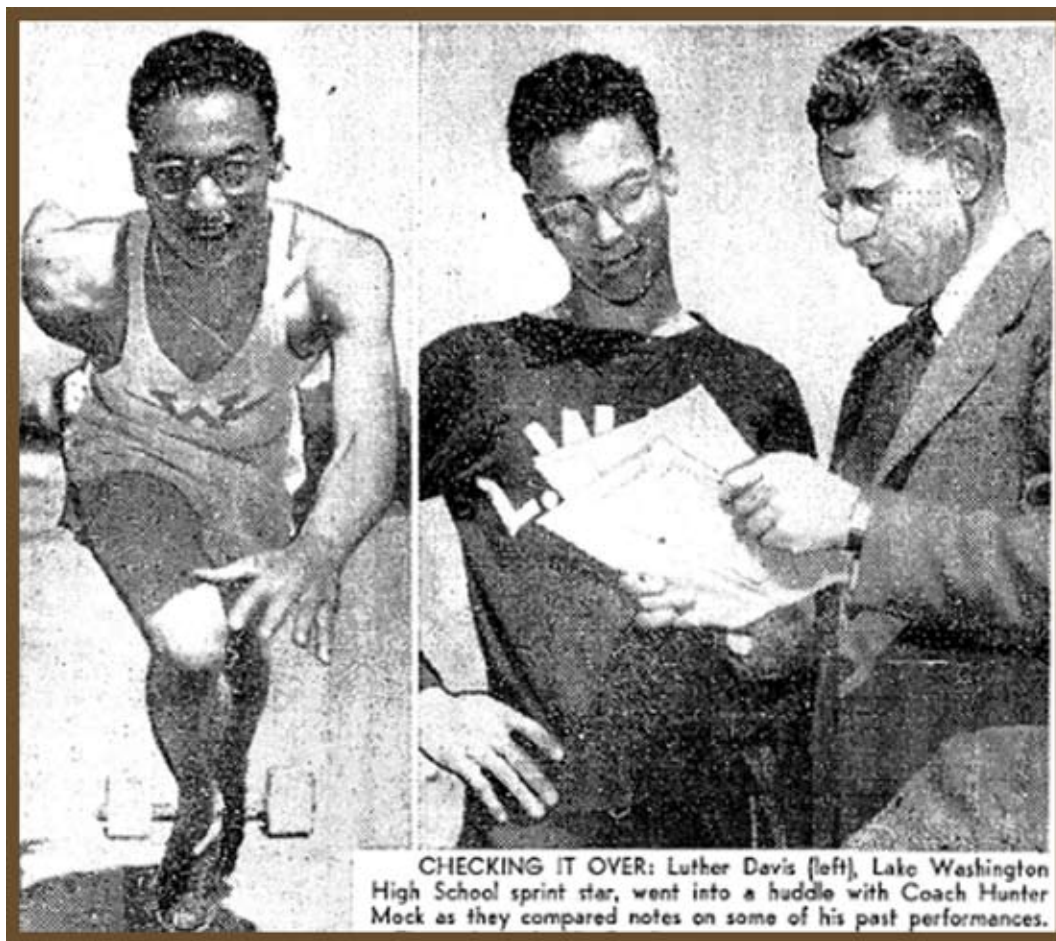
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