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On the Job

Michelle Moyer has joined Kitsap Bank as operations manager of its Poulsbo branch. She's been in the industry for four years, most recently as a personal banker for Bank of America.

Cathy Shaffer has been promoted to branch manager at Peoples Bank's Poulsbo Office at 21505 Market Place NW.

Shaffer has 26 years of experience in financial services, 12 of which have been in bank management. As branch manager, she is responsible for directing branch operations and business development in Poulsbo. Shaffer is active in the Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce, the chamber's Ambassador program, and she is a member of Glass Odyssey, the local Corvette club.

Calif. Company Gets Contract for Carrier Pier

BREMERTON

The Navy has awarded Nova Group/Tutor-Saliba, a joint venture from Napa, Calif., a \$39 million contract to replace a maintenance pier for nuclear aircraft carriers at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton.

The work includes labor, materials and equipment to demolish Pier Bravo and build a new ship repair wharf. Another \$84.9 million is expected to be paid over the next two fiscal years, making the total amount of the contract \$122.9 million.

The work is expected to be completed by April 2011.

Insurance Agency Adds to Offerings

PORT ORCHARD

Independent insurance agency Alfred Interwest Insurance, 1014 Bay St., Suite 10, in Port Orchard, has added Pemco

Insurance to the line of companies it represents. In addition to offering family coverage with home, auto, watercraft, RV and life insurance, Alfred Interwest Insurance also provides commercial insurance, particularly for small business and contractors.

In addition to owner Kim Punt, there are three agents serving customers from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and evenings or weekends by appointment.

Mixtur Opens Office on Bainbridge Island

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

The strategic marketing firm Mixtur Interactive Inc. has opened an office at 900 Winslow Way East on

Latest Kitsap Sun headlines:

- Troopers: Poulsbo Man Was Intoxicated When He Hit Power Pole
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Most recent staff blog posts:

- Barnacle-free hulls would be a dream come true
- Another Title for One-Girl Track Team
- Pasco Soccer Coach Steps Down
- Just Wondering ...
- VIDEO: A Salute to CK's Foreign Exchange Students
- Kitsaps in the Pros: Updates on Hammel, Bloomquist, Cunningham, Linden, Ellison and Vettors
- Congratulations to Central Kitsap Has the Weather Been Weird Enough For You?
- Fan of Friday Night Lights?
- Bremerton Breakfast Blues
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Local Information Resource

 Find restaurant health

Bainbridge Island to further expand its regional presence.

The new office, staffed by a team of marketing, creative and technology professionals with a combined 55 years of experience, will offer virtual marketing team support as well as project-based research, planning and execution services.

Mixtur also announced that for the second year in a row, the Poulsbo Farmers Market has been selected as the recipient of its annual local works program, which provides pro bono marketing support to a local nonprofit focused on sustainable food systems or technology tools and training for kids.

Information about the 2009 local works application process will be available in the third quarter on Mixtur's Web site at www.mixtur.com.

For information visit www.mixtur.com or e-mail clientservices@mixtur.com.

@SUBHEAD 16pt:Comcast Employees Focus on Food Line

BREMERTON

Comcast employees, friends, family members and nonprofit volunteers worked to improve the Bremerton Food Line as part of its seventh annual company-wide day of service May 3. It was one of the largest single-day corporate volunteer efforts in the United States.

Approximately 45 volunteers painted both the interior and exterior of the food bank building, repaired hallways and shelves and worked on several landscaping projects.

"It was wonderful; Comcast volunteers have transformed the inside and out of our building," said Monica Bernhard, executive director of Bremerton Food Line.

Volunteers in Bremerton joined 2,175 other Comcast employees, their families and friends at 15 different sites across Washington state, donating more than 17,000 hours of service. Nationwide, Comcast employees donated 300,000 volunteer hours of service at nearly 500 community projects, bringing the total service hours to just over 1 million for all seven Comcast Cares Days.

Attorney Launches Blog to Help Victims of Fraud

PORT ORCHARD

After encountering several mortgage fraud victims whose financial situations left them unable to afford legal counsel, Richard Seward, founder and president of Law Offices of Richard D. Seward, has launched a public service blog to help victims of mortgage fraud understand their rights.

The blog, called Foreclosure Victims Hotline, can be found at <http://richardseward.blogspot.com/2008/04/foreclosure-victims-hotline.html>.

Seward hopes to provide emotional healing through the sharing process as well as prevent others from being victimized. He hopes to bring scrutiny upon perpetrators and facilitate restitution for victims.

"I was contacted by a woman whose family was facing foreclosure and had received blatantly deceptive guidance from their mortgage broker," Seward said. "It saddened me and opened my eyes to the fact that many people need help right now but might not be able to afford it. I decided that a blog platform would be the perfect way to help educate them about their

options."

Seward said that he cannot use his blog site to dispense legal advice, but he can use it to empower others to make informed choices.

Undersea Warfare Center Hands Out Command Awards

KEYPORT

More than 700 of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center's 1,400 employees were nominated for individual or group recognition during the command's 15th annual awards ceremony. Thirty-two took home individual honors:

Quality Award — Clell Bailey, auditor

Excellence in Management — Monte Carlson, Hawthorne, Nev., site manager

Technical Achievement — Ron Battles, engineering technician

Commander's Award for Excellence — Jeff Marsh, team lead

Excellence in Innovation — Quentin Vaira, engineer

Excellence in Team/Project Leadership — Carol Evonick, contracting officer

Diversity Award — Vicki Gambrell, mechanical engineer, and Glen Payette, electronics technician

Community Service Awards — Robert Jennings, information technology specialist; and Jerry Reed,



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Hawthorne, Nev., site

Award for Customer Services — Elisabeth Bankhead, customer business manager

Excellence in Support Services — Mark Salwei, electronics engineer

Safety Awareness — Tim Hale, chief engineer

First Line Supervisor — Dorothy Kerwick, section head

For collaborating with other warfare centers and technical achievement:

Warfare Centers Business Process Alignment — Dave Shafer, comptroller; Paul Fukuhara, deputy department head

Warfare Centers Partnership — Michael Newberry, customer advocate; Robert Taylor, division head; Steve Osburn, deputy department head

Warfare Centers Obsolescence Management — James DeCamp, branch head; John Tilton, electronics engineer; Kim Bennis, electronics engineer; Charles McQuillan, electronics engineer; Pat Skelly, deputy department head

NUWC Technical Director Award for Excellence — Douglas Ray, mechanical engineer

NUWC Collaboration Award — Jeffery Stoch, mechanical engineer; Jeff Ericson, division head; John Cacioppo, logistics management specialist; Robert Hopkins, electrical engineer; James Bleich, electronics engineer

NUWC EEO & Diversity Award — Laurie Musick, equipment specialist; Frances Shaw, division head; Jodi Johnston, deputy technical operations manager; Joy Butler, management analyst

Career Fair Targets Veterans

TACOMA

The Recruit Military Career Fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center.

More than 300 veterans are expected to attend the event that's intended to help recently returning troops, and other veterans and service members find jobs. Veterans will be able to interview with national, regional and local employers.

This event is being produced in cooperation with President Bush's National Hire Veterans Committee, the American Legion and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network.

Calendar

May 15

What: Realty Station and Kitsap Federal Credit Union are sponsoring a class to help prospective real estate investors take advantage of opportunities in today's market. This class will introduce several different ways to invest in real estate, investment strategy, and different mortgage and loan options available. Credit, eligibility and negotiating also will be discussed. Instructors will be Jennifer Wiberg of Kitsap Federal Credit Union and Marlene Scheffer and Janice Beam of Realty Station, real estate professionals experienced in investing and investment loans.

When: 6 to 7 p.m.

Where: Training Center at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Reservations: Required; call Marlene at (360) 689-6836.

May 15

What: Olympic Business Exchange, a chapter of Business Network International will meet with Zach Mann of Home Computer Repair making a 10-minute presentation about computer maintenance and troubleshooting.

When: 7: 30 a.m.

Where: Silverdale Beach Hotel, 3037 NW Bucklin Hill Road

For More Information: Contact Dagmar Lacy at (360) 876-0706, at dlacy@olynorthwest.com or visit www.olympicbusinessexchange.com.

May 17

What: The Kitsap Housing Coalition, in conjunction with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission and the Bremerton Housing Authority, is offering a free, first-time home buyer class. The

five-hour course is designed to educate prospective buyers on the home-buying process, available assistance programs, credit repair, planning and budgeting, how to choose a real estate agent and negotiating. It's required for many available first time home-buyer and down-payment assistance programs. The certificate issued is good for two years.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Westpark Community Center, 76 Russell Road in Bremerton.

Cost: Free.

Reservations: Required. Call Ann E. Garner at (360) 792-8506 or e-mail her at agarner@bremertonhousing.org.

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What: Windermere Real Estate Port Orchard and Windermere Mortgage Services Series is hosting a regular home buyer's class.

When: 10 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of each month.

Reservations: Call (360) 876-9600 a day in advance.

May 21

What: A free seminar, "An Evening with the Experts," is planned to provide the public with information about various real estate subjects. Guest speakers will be building inspector Scott DeSchryver of Lighthouse Home Inspection; mortgage lender Cherie Kestie of Windermere Mortgage Services; and home-staging professional Nonnie Ranstrom of As You Like It Design. This is the first of a series of panels of experts planned.

When: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Where: Windermere Real Estate office, 9939 Mickelberry Road in Silverdale.

Reservations: Recommended; call (360) 692-6102.

May 22

What: The state of Washington is launching its 2008 Small Business Roundtable series to learn about challenges faced by small businesses and discuss solutions. Participating agencies include the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance, Washington State Department of Revenue, Department of Labor and Industries, Employment Security Department, Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises. The roundtables are intended for businessowners and managers of companies with fewer than 20 employees, businesses owned by minority groups, and startups and sole proprietorships looking to expand. Feedback and suggestions gathered at the roundtables will be reported to Gov. Christine Gregoire and used to develop recommendations for action.

When: 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Where: Bremerton, Location not yet announced.

Reservations: Required; visit www.governor.wa.gov/roundtables/register.asp.

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