

The original structure of the Shelburne Hotel, a site featured in Stevens' new book.

## Stevens hopes to inspire curiosity about local history **The Ghostly**

Author shares peninsula

ghost tales with young readers

#### BY ZOE BUCHLI

With a collection of nearly a dozen ghost stories, author Sydney Stevens has a new book for younger readers looking to explore the history of Pacific County.

Stevens, an Oysterville, Washington, resident, will debut "The Ghostly Tales of the Long Beach Peninsula," a new collection of short stories, this month. The book will give young readers a chance to immerse themselves in the haunted history of the southwest Washington state coast.

The book is an adaptation of Stevens' "Ghost Stories of Long Beach Peninsula," a comprehensive ghost history of the peninsula penned for adult readers. "This is a wonderful way to advance interest in history," Stevens said of the new version.

Throughout the book, readers investigate 10 short mysteries. These include a tragedy at Sprague's Hole, a site between Ocean Park and Nahcotta where three young boys

#### 'The Ghostly Tales of the Long Beach Peninsula'

Arcadia Children's Books – \$12.99.

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