

July 7, 2011 – Ridgefield Events

Did you spend the 4th in Ridgefield? Wasn't the parade great? In fact the whole day was wonderful – **thank you** to the many people who helped make it a success. I won't even try to list them as I know I can't name them all, but it's a true community effort and most appreciated by the entire town. Ridgefield is so special...

Did you see the **electric cars** in the parade? (Notice that you did not hear them or smell them)

Leif Ericson was one of the first people to help the world get over “range anxiety” of the Atlantic Ocean. Now Steve “Leaf” Erickson wants to help people get over “range anxiety” of the 100% electric car in his new Nissan Leaf. The car has a 100 mile range on a charge.

On Wednesday, June 29, 2011 the first “Blink” charging station in Ridgefield, WA was installed in the Erickson's garage. The next day the Nissan Leaf was delivered from Alan Webb Nissan in Vancouver which makes Steve the first owner of a mass produced electric vehicle (EV) in Ridgefield, WA.

Steve is a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and is very knowledgeable about retirement planning and the investment opportunities in the emerging electric automobile industry. To invest in your future today call: Steve Erickson at [360-992-7995](tel:360-992-7995).

Check out the patriotic **king-sized quilt** on display at First Independent. It's in antique reds, whites and blues, with an all-over quilting pattern. The reverse side is khaki color, and the quilting pattern really shows up there. The project is sponsored by the **Sons of the American Legion**, and the money raised will go to support our veterans and their families. The **raffle** will be July 31st and tickets cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can buy tickets at the bank, at Bob's Automotive, or from any American Legion member.

Cathlapotle Second Sunday series continues this Sunday, July 10 at the plankhouse, with a presentation by Jack Nisbet on "David Douglas Among the People of the Lower Columbia, 1925-1833." Information: Katie Harrison, 887-4106.

Vacation Bible School at Ridgefield Community **United Methodist Church** runs from July 11th-13th, 9:30 am to noon, for Preschoolers (3 years) through 6th Grade. There will be bible stories, songs, crafts, snack and games, with special gifts each day. Come and learn "all about Jesus!" Absolutely free!

Pre-register at: www.RidgefieldUMC.com, or come between 9:00-9:30 am on Monday. RCUMC is located at 1410 S. Hillhurst, one mile south of Pioneer street. [\(360\) 887-8312](tel:3608878312)

Shauna Baker sponsors the **Ridgefield Crafters Group** the first Thursday of every month from 5:45 to 8:30 pm. That's tonight for this month! It's open to all crafters. Cost is \$5 to help pay for the room at the Community Center. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Shauna provides beverages, plates, napkins and plasticware. Information: [503-896-6135](tel:5038966135) or kidsandshauna@msn.com.

Ridgefield Library hosts **The Stitchery Group**, a weekly knitting, spinning, crocheting, quilting and mending group on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 1 pm. They meet in the Community Center and everyone is welcome. Information: 887-8281.

The next **teen program** at the Ridgefield Library will be '**Mexican Fiesta**', tomorrow, July 8 at 2 pm.

Toddler story time at the library is Fridays through August 12 at 10:30 am, and **preschool story time** is Wednesdays through August 10 at 10:30 am.

The **Dragon Theater Puppets** will perform at the library on Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm.

These programs are free. Information: 887-8281.

Congratulations to 13-year-old **Jacob Burggraff** who captured his **fourth national taekwondo championship** last week, completing a sweep of the world class heavyweight division for black belt boys ages 12-13 at the USA Taekwondo Junior Olympics in San Jose, California. Jacob started in taekwondo at the age of five, and he won a silver medal as a first-year black belt in 2009. This is his first black belt national title.

Way to go Jacob!

Northwest Workouts will have **free zumba classes** tomorrow, Friday, July 8 with Heather Shoenborn. Zumba is from 9 -10 am – high intensity, fast paced, load of fun! Zumba Gold, from 10 – 10:30 am, is slower paced and geared to beginners and active, older adults. Stacy Hope welcomes new students – please arrive ten minutes early to fill out a waiver. Information: stacyhope@comcast.net or [425-941-8801](tel:425-941-8801).

Prospective **Spudder football players** have the chance to attend a **series of camps** teaching multi-directional skills, linear speed and explosive speed. The camps are offered by FlashPoint, a sport-focused business founded by Bill Victor six years ago, and run twice a week through August 11 at the high school. The cost is \$35 per week with a minimum of two weeks, which do not have to be consecutive. Information: 921-3329 or billy@theflashpoint.org.

We have a **fifth Word House** in Ridgefield! This one's in front of Bill and Susie Bishop's home on 4th, second house west of Pioneer. Check it out!

The Word House Project is a grass roots effort to promote local artists and writers. We are always looking for articles or artwork to put in the Word Houses. If you have a poem, story, picture, etc. that you would like to have displayed, contact the individual owners of the Word Houses: Alcove Art Gallery, 727-3088; Pioneer Street Café, 887-8001; Ridgefield Kayak, 727-4520; NW Wellness and Lily Wiggins, 904-6019 or 887-1114; and Bill and Susie Bishop, 727-3083.

We welcome offerings from kids as well as adults – the boxes are updated monthly, so there are plenty of chances to get your work on display.

I'll be at the **Art and Winery Fair at English Estates** this Saturday and Sunday, selling my original watercolor paintings, prints, note cards, my popular Circle Sayings and post-it notes. Hope you find time to come!

The winery is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy a lovely summer afternoon, checking out the artwork and maybe even buying something! There will be music all day, JoFoody will have food for sale and you can sample the wines. Best of all, there's no entry fee!

I will give away either a print or five note cards to a lucky winner each day. Be sure to visit my booth and fill out an entry form. You can enter both days if you wish. I will also give a **discount to readers of this newsletter** – just ask!

The winery is at 17806 SE 1st Street in Vancouver. Take 205 to exit 14, turn left (east). Turn left (north) on 164th and then right (east) on SE 1st. The winery is on the left. Hours on Saturday are 11 to 7 and Sunday noon to 6.

Update on the Erik Project. I have received two more checks, so the total collected for Oncology Youth Connections is **\$4870**. Thank you all for your contributions to this worthwhile group.

Sunday would have been Erik's 20th birthday – hug your kids in his honor and tell them how much you love them – even if you're upset with them – life can be so short.