Local dogs ‘digging’ Ikaika Ward’s Eagle Scout project

By Lisa Allen

Two years in the planning and making, the Duvall Dog Park was officially opened May 31st, as residents let their pets loose to frolic and play in the new facility located at the Dougherty Farmstead on Cherry Valley Road.

The completion of Ikaika Ward’s Eagle Scout project was celebrated on that sunny afternoon with a ceremony in which Ikaika thanked all his helpers who helped complete the project. Mayor Amy Ockerlander and the Scout leader participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Ikaika (which means ‘strong’ in Hawaiian) said his inspiration was his own dog, Hoku’ele, who, he noticed, had no place to play and run. Ikaika started as a Tiger Cub Scout from his home in Waimea, Hawaii. Since moving to Duvall in 2012, he continued with Duvall’s Scout Troop 745. In September of 2017, Ikaika approached the city seeking approval to construct a dog park. With design and permitting underway, as well as determining that the best location would be at the Dougherty Farmstead, his next task was to begin fundraising for the almost ½ acre park, which would include a gated and bricked paver entrance. He organized weekend work parties that included troop members and volunteers. Over 825 working hours went into the project.

Scouts Ikaika Ward, Ethan Grant and Nolan Jacob, with Ikaika’s dog-Hoku’ele, celebrate the opening of the Duvall Dog Park.

(Photo by Lisa Allen)

“History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.” — Winston S. Churchill

Duvall District 45 New Trucks  

By Lisa Allen

Duvall-King County Fire District 45 celebrated its 60th anniversary Sept. 21 with activities that included fire engine rides, kids’ activities and demonstrations. Above, community members take part in a re-creation of a "push-it" ceremony by "pushing" the district’s brand new fire truck into the engine bay. The ceremonial activity dates back to the time when horse-drawn fire wagons would return to the station after a fire. The horses couldn’t push the engine back into the bay, so after they were unhitched community members worked together to get the engine inside so that it could be facing outward and ready for the next call. (Photo by Lisa Allen)

Membership Spotlight ~ Tom Norenberg  

By Daniel Kreymer

Tom is by far one of the best story tellers of our time. You can find him in the mornings hanging around Country collections, drinking coffee and visiting with the crew and whomever stops in the store.

Born a native Washingtonian, Tom Norenburg’s parents moved to Duvall before his birthdate on September 3rd, 1946, where his mother took great interest in the Duvall Civic Club and later became a librarian. His father worked as a master painter and then a Duvall Builder with certifications as carpenter and electrician. He actually did some work at the Dougherty house. As a result, when he was young, Tom had a friendship with Joe and Leo Dougherty.

Tom also grew up in Duvall. He remembers the stories told to him by World War II merchants who lived up and down Main Street. He went to Cherry Valley Elementary until fifth grade when he transitioned to the newly built school. When he started the eighth grade, they had changed the name to Tolt High School which he attended for the rest of his high school career. All whilst working as a farmer back home.

After two years of Everett Community College, Tom met his wife Leslie, and married in 1959. He started working for a concrete company, Olympia Stone, in Redmond. Planning to work for only a couple of years, this career lasted 42 years until he retired. Afterwards, he worked as Town Councilmember in Duvall for two years. Tom is now a father to his two sons, Eric and Rob. Tom, a long-time member of our Duvall Community left us with some advice, “try to get involved in the community and don’t try to change things!”. (Photo by Country Roney)
Upcoming Events

March 26th  
7 pm—8:30 pm Monthly Board Meeting @ Dougherty Farmstead.

April 9th  
6 pm – 7:30 pm Genealogy: Beyond the Internet: Finding Family History Records that are not Online, with Claudia Breland @ Duvall Visitor Center

Sources beyond the Internet can solve the hardest family puzzle - in letters, photographs, microfilm, archives, libraries, and university collections. Professional genealogist Claudia Breland, author of Genealogy Offline, will demonstrate the types of records and where to find them, drawing on over 40 years of research experience.

April 23rd  
7 pm—8:30 pm Monthly Board Meeting @ Dougherty Farmstead. Docent Training

May 3rd  
Opening Sunday for Dougherty Farmstead Tours  
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Make this the year you stop by the Dougherty Farmstead to take a tour, listen to stories, and see how a typical farm family lived in the early 1900’s. The Duvall Historical Society will begin the 2020 Open House season starting this Sunday, May 2nd and continuing every Sunday from 1-4pm until September 27th.

There will be one exception as we will be participating in Duvall Days Sat., June 6 from 1-3 down at McCormick Park with demonstrations of old time crafts and closed Sunday June 7th.

May 16th  
Novelty Hill Cemetery Spring Cleaning & Community Picnic

May 25th  
10 am Memorial Day Ceremony @ Novelty Hill Cemetery

May 28th  
7 pm—8:30 pm Monthly Board Meeting @ Dougherty Farmstead.

May 30th  
Pruning Class at Dougherty Farmstead

Greg Giuliani, long time member of multiple fruit societies have offered to teach pruning of apple and pear trees at Dougherty Farmstead in Duvall. Take the terror out of pruning fruit trees with instruction that shows how to approach the task, and reduces the number of difficult decisions needed. Dougherty Farmstead is a restored historical farm (circa 1888) with some of the oldest standing structures in the Snoqualmie River Valley. Learn how and when to prune your fruit trees in the summer to maximize fruit production and quality.