

CLARK COUNTY AT WORK



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Ready to bend: David Spencer, designer-tube bender with Gas n' Glass Neon of Ridgefield, uses a blow hose to maintain air pressure in a glass tube to keep it from collapsing. He then uses a cannon fire to heat sections of tubing to a molten state so he can bend them. Spencer lives in Portland. Gas n' Glass Neon produces neon signs for national sales.

Gas n' Glass Neon

Address: Ridgefield

Phone: 360-573-3669

Established in Clark County: 1988

Owner: Roger Schurman

Employees: Four

What the business does: Gas n' Glass Neon designs and builds neon signs for windows and interiors, specializing in quantities for point-of-purchase product representation.

Who are your customers? Many Northwest microbreweries, McMenamins, Tire Factory, Stihl Chain Saws, many local businesses and nationally for Papa Murphy's Pizza.

Why is the business in Clark County? While we work with businesses throughout the Northwest, this is where I grew up and choose to live and work.

Do you expect the business to grow? Why? During our 12 years in business, we have developed a successful blend of providing quantities for large companies and single signs for local businesses.

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DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION? Send nominations for Clark County at Work to business editor, The Columbian, P.O. Box 180, Vancouver WA 98666 or send e-mail to craig.brown@columbian.com



Ready to glow: Roger Schurman, owner of Gas n' Glass Neon, tests a neon sign during the final steps of the construction process.