# *Hoquiam Farmers Market News - Father's Day Edition*

**Local News**

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Peonies have arrived at the Hoquiam Farmers Market, just in time for graduation Party bouquets! And that’s just the beginning of how we can help you prepare for launching your graduate into the world.

Yesterday I saw the first hatched Robin’s egg of the year. Naturally that led my thoughts to a comparison of how our human fledglings are hatched, nurtured, fed, and loved right up until that fateful day when it is time to leave the nest. Nostalgia always overwhelms me at this time of year. Every high school or college graduate that we have watched evolve from a hatchling to young adult makes me teary-eyed with pride.

After I delicately dab the corner of my eyes, common sense returns and I begin thinking about presents and food for the parties! Knowing that the parents of the graduates are by now frequently frazzled by the final festivities, I suggest a trip to the Farmers Market. Nancy will be baking pies and pastries all week long, and she will be delighted to take your order for a favorite type of pie, thereby saving you many hours of frustration. How about fresh rolls and bread for the party meal? The weather is finally changing from what felt like the everlasting season of monsoons to the sunny June weather that we have longed to see. Which means that you can safely barbeque without an umbrella! Anthony delivered a fresh batch of my personal favorite sausage this week, his craisin sausage. The sweet/tart surprise of the craisin is a perfect balance with the meat and spices, and is the ideal food to BBQ! I do believe that more Razor Clam sausage was also delivered to the market.

A new and wonderful food arrived at the market last week-Greenbank Cheese! This exceptionally fine flavored cheese comes to us from Whidbey Island. We are featuring their Jalapeno Jack and their Goatmilk Cheddar.

Let me think now- we have farm fresh eggs, superb cheese, and fantastic sausage- sounds like the makings for a dinner omelet! Steam up some of our fresh asparagus, possible saute some fresh Kale to add to the omelet, and you will have created an exquisite gourmet dinner in no time at all.

A piece of pie for dessert and you will be a new person. Certainly a happier and well fed person, but also someone who has made good menu decisions. Which leads to improved health, which leads to more vitality, which leads to all sorts of wonderful activities! Ah, life is good.

Now, for the presents. Remember, Father’s Day is just around the corner, so you may want to

do some shopping for that special day also. If you find yourself overwhelmed by the possible gift ideas at the market- here is a fantastic new option for your gift giving dilemmas- we now offer Gift Cards! Let me tell you, we are proud of this! It’s kind of like graduating; when a store gets gift cards with their very own name emblazoned on the front, anything seems possible. I had surreptitiously ordered these gems and had just arranged the counter display when Deidra walked in. The look on her face was priceless! The gift cards are good for purchases in either the Market or Deidra’s Deli, and she was completely taken by surprise to see her name on the card. Think about it- we’re all accustomed to having a credit card for Visa, and having Deidra’s Deli on that piece of plastic was the perfect revenge!

But, it’s back to earth for us. Literally, since the weather is finally giving us a chance to plant the garden! The City of Hoquiam still has spaces available in the Community Garden. They have already dug and fertilized the soil, which makes the $10.00 for each space a true bargain. This is an organic garden, no pesticides allowed, a policy which we at the Market fully support. If you’ve always wanted to try your hand at nurturing a garden, call Tracy Wood at 532-5700, extension 240.

Lynn Ogren handed me a sign this week, knowing that the words would appeal to me. The City of Bremerton put this out, and it is so worthy of becoming a lifetime motto;

Clean. Paint. Garden. Mow. Smile. Talk. Invest. Believe!!!

Barbara Bennett Parsons at the Hoquiam Farmers Market 1958 Riverside

open Wednesday thru Sunday, and Deidra’s Deli is open every single day