



on a Personal*note*

Devin and Stephanie

Stephanie knows me too well. Although she knows I'm frugal, she also knows I'm a planner who loves few things more than accomplishing a goal. Eight years ago she said "we should go to Greece for our 10 year anniversary," and (since it was eight years out) I agreed. Time flew by and last month we celebrated our 10 year wedding anniversary... in Greece! We spent two days in Athens experiencing the city/historical sites and then spent 6 days on the beautiful island of Santorini. We had an amazing time exploring the island via catamaran, ATV, and by foot. Everywhere you go on Santorini, you will find the most breath-

taking views imaginable. There is simply no place like it. I am so grateful we were able to take this trip of a lifetime and spend quality time just the two of us without the (wonderful) distractions of work, kids and volunteer commitments. We are also incredibly grateful for our amazing family who took such good care of our kids and allowed us to escape without worry. Jamie and Jeanne, my mom, Cheri, Nate and Lisa all stepped up and without their support, a trip like this just wouldn't have been possible at this stage in our life. I love it when a plan comes together!



Nate and Lisa

My summer has not been as exciting as my coworkers. I've been doing the more mundane rituals of summer: campfires in the backyard, hiking around Chuckanut, golfing and biking. While I didn't go on an exotic trip to Greece or buy a sailboat, I did take my annual trip to Montana. Annalise, my youngest, decided that Montana, being the wild-west, would not check ID's. She was correct.



Jamie and Jeanne

Over the past two summers, we have been paddle boarding when the water is calm on the lake. But what do you do when the wind is blowing? (Which is most of the time!) Answer: go sailing!



A sunny day on Lake Whatcom

My lake neighbor Torrey sold me a used 16' Hobie Cat. I named it after our grandson Sam, who is affectionately known as "Jibbers". Since the cat has a jib, it's a good name.

I've never done any sailing, but Torrey has been teaching me. Jeanne has been out a few times, and she's a natural. When the wind is blowing you can really get moving, and sometimes it capsizes. Getting it back upright can be a challenge at times.

I've been wearing a wetsuit the last few weeks, and I think my sailing days will be over soon...until next summer, that is...



Jibbers on the Jibbers

Dave and Bonnie



Well summer ended with a whirlwind of family activity (family camp, 237 crabs, family celebrations, etc.) When your kids are thanking you for all the fun things they got to do and expressing their gratitude for being together as a family—I'm not sure

there's more that can fill up a parents heart!

Now we are onto fall—slamming into the season with being asked to coach my son's football team for the third year in a row. It is my last opportunity to do it and when your son wants you to coach, how do you say "No?" It's



an honor and privilege to get to speak into these boys and I have the best set of coaches ever!

GO BOBCATS!