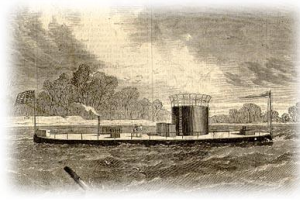


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May 2020

Tack så mycket to folks for continuing to check on each other, be it by phone, e-mail or a card. Det är mycket uppskattat (it is much appreciated).

Upcoming Monitor events. As we have already advised everyone all our events through the end of June have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Golden Gate District #12 cancelled Sweden Day, originally scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. At present, we are hopeful we can resume our get-togethers with our **Kräftskiva** celebration in August (we do not normally have meetings in July) and resume our regular calendar of events from then on.

How good is your Swedish vocabulary? Here are a few simple phrases you can use on a regular basis plus one correction from last month's newsletter (you will find translations on the last page of this newsletter):

- Hej då incorrectly described last month
- Ha kul
- förvaras kallt
- får ej vidröras

Swedish trivia: Many royal family watchers are aware that Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, was a Hollywood actress for a long time before meeting Prince Harry.

However, Meghan was not the first TV star to become a princess. A few years before she joined the British royal family, there was another princess whose past involved being on television. This royal is Princess Sofia of Sweden, who married Prince Carl-Philip of Sweden in 2015.

2020 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

June 6th - Saturday -
Sweden Day - Golden Gate
#12 - Micke Grove Park,
Lodi - **canceled**

June 12th - Friday -
Midsommar - **canceled**

July - no meeting

August 8th - Saturday -
Kräftskiva (crayfish party)

September 11th - Friday -
Ham dinner

October 2nd - Friday -
Swedish Taco bar

November 6th - Friday -
Pie Social and election of
2021 officers

December 5th - Saturday -
Julbord and Glögg party

December 11th - Friday
St. Lucia celebration

2021 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

January 8th - Friday- Dinner
and installation of officers

February 5th - Friday - **Pea
Soup and Pancakes**

March 5th - Friday - **To Be
Determined (TBD)**

April - Anniversary,
Scandinavian Festival and
District convention **TBD**

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Before she became royalty, Princess Sofia was known as [Sofia Hellqvist](#). She was born on December 6, 1984, to a middle-class family in Sweden.

In 2005, Sofia became known to the public when she appeared on the Swedish version of the reality show *Paradise Hotel*. Viewers watched as Sofia and the other contestants lived in a luxury resort together and competed to get through as many elimination rounds as possible. Sofia eventually made it to the finals. Aside from being a reality TV star, Sofia also worked as a glamour model.



Princess Sofia of Sweden | Michael Campanella/Getty Images

Excerpted from a May 20, 2020 post on Showbiz Cheat Sheet.

Grattis till vår stipendiemottagare Nicole Hopkins, Monitor’s 2020 scholarship recipient. Nicole finished her Spring 2020 semester with straight A’s and after the unexpectedly long Spring break at home due to the current pandemic precautions has now returned to the Montana State University in Bozeman in search of a summer job and summer classes.

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month we continue to feature a “roll call” of some of our current members who have served as officers for Monitor Lodge in past years (???? means haven’t found records for the listed year):

1991	Eivor Pfannkuch	Cultural Leader	1992	Kurt Pfannkuch	Sweden Day rep
1991	DeeDee Dahlberg	MC	1993	MarianneEk	Secretary
1991	Donna Niemollar	Outer Guard	1993	GailNemy	Financial Sec.
1991	Peggy Carlson	Children's Club	1993	Eivor Pfannkuch	Cultural Leader
1991	KurtPfannkuch	Sweden Day rep	1993	Peggy Carlson	Children's Club
1992	Ethel Johnson	Financial Secretary	1993	KurtPfannkuch	Sweden Day rep
1992	Eivor Pfannkuch	Cultural Leader	1993	Kurt Pfannkuch	auditor
1992	Gail Nemy	Chaplain	1993	Arlie Veis	auditor
1992	DeeDeeDahlberg	MC	1993	Liesma Krastins	auditor
1992	Peggy Carlson	Children's Club	1993	Marianne Ek	VASA Star

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Memory lane travels. Since we are spending more time at home it is a good time to dig out your old photo albums and share your Swedish memories of your youth with family and friends. Here are few more reader contributions.



Elizabeth Swenson-Miura and LeRena Hannon (Sons of Norway) and two young ladies at the 2009 Scandinavian Festival

We also received a fascinating news article about some of Andy Hopkins' family history involving his great-grandmother Clara Anderson published in the local Sumas News (Washington state) newspaper in 1964. You will find the entire article at the end of this newsletter.

Please consider sharing some of your discoveries in future issues of Monitor's newsletter. Just scan and send your labeled photos to Chuck Johnson. Short stories are also welcome. **Tack så mycket**

Children's Club. The club meets monthly throughout most of the year. While their get togethers are currently on hiatus until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted we welcome all children interested in participating in traditional Swedish craft, dance, music and literature activities. They need not currently be members of Monitor lodge. Contact Lisa Rea (lrea100@yahoo.com) for more information.

Annual Program book updates. The 2020 program book has been mailed to all our members in December and is also be available on our [website](#) where we also post updates throughout the year. It is a "living" document but we have no new changes in May.

Grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **May 2020** are Diane Berg, DeeDee Dahlberg, Athena Eriksson, Siw Gormley*, Taniel Green, Bernice Hopkins*, Jeana Hultquist, Don Johnson*, Gail Kinkennon, Annika Rea and Myrtle Widmark* (* denotes member 75 years of age or older)

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Sunshine (Friendship) Committee: We often have members and their families dealing with health issues or unable easily travel to Monitor events and they appreciate receiving your cards, phone calls and visits. Please contact Larry Woodward or Will Hanley, our Sunshine committee members, if you know of a member in need of our assistance in some manner. **At present**, due to the Coronavirus restrictions we are encouraging all our members to periodically reach out to each other with phone calls, text messages and emails just to say “Hi, I’m thinking of you.” **Tack så mycket**

Lodge business meetings schedule. At this time we do not know when we will have our next in-person business meeting. Monitor’s officers are in regular contact with each other. If you have any questions regarding the status of our few business activities, please don’t hesitate to contact any of the officers.

New Members. Members are encouraged to invite friends, family and co-workers to our activities. In addition, if you think sending someone our newsletter for a couple of months will pique or sustain their interest, please provide their email to Chuck Johnson so they can be added to the distribution list.



Don’t forget to let folks know that we always have Legos on hand at our meetings for the kids and the young at heart and remember to refer them to Monitor’s web site (<http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org>) for information.

And for the good of the order – Consider brush up on your Swedish baking and cooking skills while you are stuck at home and check out the on-line **Swedish recipes group:** <https://groups.io/g/swedishrecipes> and share what you have learned when we are able to get back together.

Translations of some common Swedish phrases you can use every day:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| • Hej då | Goodbye/so long |
| • Ha kul | Have fun |
| • förvaras kallt | stay cool |
| • får ej vidröras | don’t touch |



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Anderson Brothers Recall Early Days Of 'Swede Settlement' At Clearbrook

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Coming to Clearbrook at the turn of the century, Anton and Elmer Anderson have become an integral part of the community once popularly known as the "Swede settlement."

The two brothers and their five sisters were born in Minnesota, Anton in 1893 and Elmer in 1897. Their father, Swan Anderson, and a fellow countryman, Andrew Swanson, emigrated from Sweden in 1875. The two young men cut wood in an area now absorbed by New York City at 50 cents a day before drifting to Minnesota to join a Swedish colony at Crookston. Both took up homesteads in the Red River Valley and in 1885 Anderson journeyed back to his native country to marry. The couple took up housekeeping in the sod shanty on the homestead in America. They found the Minnesota winters bitter and in time decided to move to the west coast, where Anderson's brother was established at Tacoma.

The family spent the summer of 1901 looking for a place to settle and when September came passed up a Swedish settlement near Mount Vernon to cast their lot with the Swedes at Clearbrook. A year later Andrew Swanson and his family came from Minnesota to resume neighborliness with their old friends.

Swan Anderson bought a 160-acre farm along the Canadian border from Ole Anderson, no relation. Ole was a bachelor and, in the isolated days of early settlers, his stock saw no other persons. When Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their seven children arrived, it was too much for the bewildered animals. Everything but the sow ran for the woods. Only two acres were cleared for farming. The land, which had first been logged off in 1895, had grown back into brush. Much timber had been overlooked in the wasteful manner of early-day logging and subsequent loggers passed through again and again to feed the mills that dotted the countryside. Anton remembers making his first \$9 greasing the skid road for the loggers.

As the two boys grew up, they helped their father with the hard work of clearing the land with horses and, after the last of the loggers, cut some three or four thousand cords of cedar into shingle bolts for the Van Buren Mill, which was located at the present Hinton brother's farm.

The Anderson children first attended a school located at the

Robert Kirkman place at Van Buren. Then Joe Estergreen donated the use of his living room at his home near Boundary Lake and a Miss Marsh from Sumas taught four grades for a term or two. Next a school was erected on the VanBuren road, a short distance south of the Haverstick crossing. That building today is the Gus Loreen home. In 1910 the Clearbrook School, a mile further south, was opened. Anton had finished his schooling by this time, but Elmer entered the seventh grade and still recalls that the principal's name was Ralph Roberts. The two-story building contained four classrooms and had a basement. Classes through the third year of high school were taught. Elmer walked to Sumas to attend his senior year at Sumas High School, graduating with the class of 1917.

The early 1900's were important years in Clearbrook history. The creek, from which the community derived its name, was dammed at the present Frank Steiner home and formed a large log pond for a mill. A fair-sized village developed nearby at the railroad tracks. There was a depot, with passenger service on the Bellingham to Sumas line, a hotel, post office, general store, Presbyterian Church, Woodman Lodge, blacksmith shop and feed grinding mill. The town prospered until World War I days and then gradually died away until the last vestiges disappeared in recent years with the closing of the store and the feed mill.

The Anderson family has always been active in the affairs of the community and their church. Swan Anderson was instrumental in starting a church of his denomination and his sons are listed as charter members of Clearbrook Lutheran, which was organized in 1902 as the Swedish Lutheran Church. However, being only five years old at the time, Elmer is quite certain he slept through that or-

Berry-Dairy Days Slated For June 20

The third annual Sumas Berry-Dairy Days will be held Saturday, June 20, at the Sumas Grange Hall.

Sponsored by the Sumas Cham-

ganizational meeting. Cream from the Anderson farm was first shipped by train to Bellingham and later to a small creamery at Lynden. When Darigold was established, Swan Anderson became a charter member. He passed away in 1922 and the two sons took over the farm in a partnership which remains to this day. The girls in the family established homes of their own and the mother remained on the farm until her death in 1937.

Anton saw service in France with the Army from 1918 to 1919. He re-enlisted in World War II (Continued on page 5)

Farm Foresters Meet Tuesday

The next meeting of the com County Farm Forestry Association will be held in the rence Township Hall at 8 Tuesday.

The feature speaker will be J. M. Finnis, silviculturist of the Department of Natural Resources, Research Branch, Oly. Finnis will speak on herbicides and our brush problem in particular.

The Farm Forestry Association's new "mist blower" has arrived and is working in the at present, thus Finnis' talk be very timely.



Peter Elenbaas Puts Hat In Ring For County Commissioner Post

Peter J. Elenbaas, Lynden, today declared his candidacy on the Republican ticket for Whatcom County Commissioner from owned and operated Lynden a Sumas Dairy Products Company. Since 1957, the candidate

Lions Award

Brothers Recall Olden Days

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and served as an instructor for a year at Camp Hood, Texas. He has been a member of the Lakeside Cemetery Board for many years. Having never married, he takes pleasure in "kidding" about his bachelorhood and jokingly remarks, "I saw two World Wars, but there would have been a third had I married."

Elmer was married in 1926 to Miss Clara Syre of Lawrence who was a teacher at the Clearbrook school. They have one daughter, Mrs. Walter Leininger (Carolyn) at Oxnard, Calif. A teenage son lost his life by drowning in Pangborn Lake. Following their marriage, they built a second home on the farm.

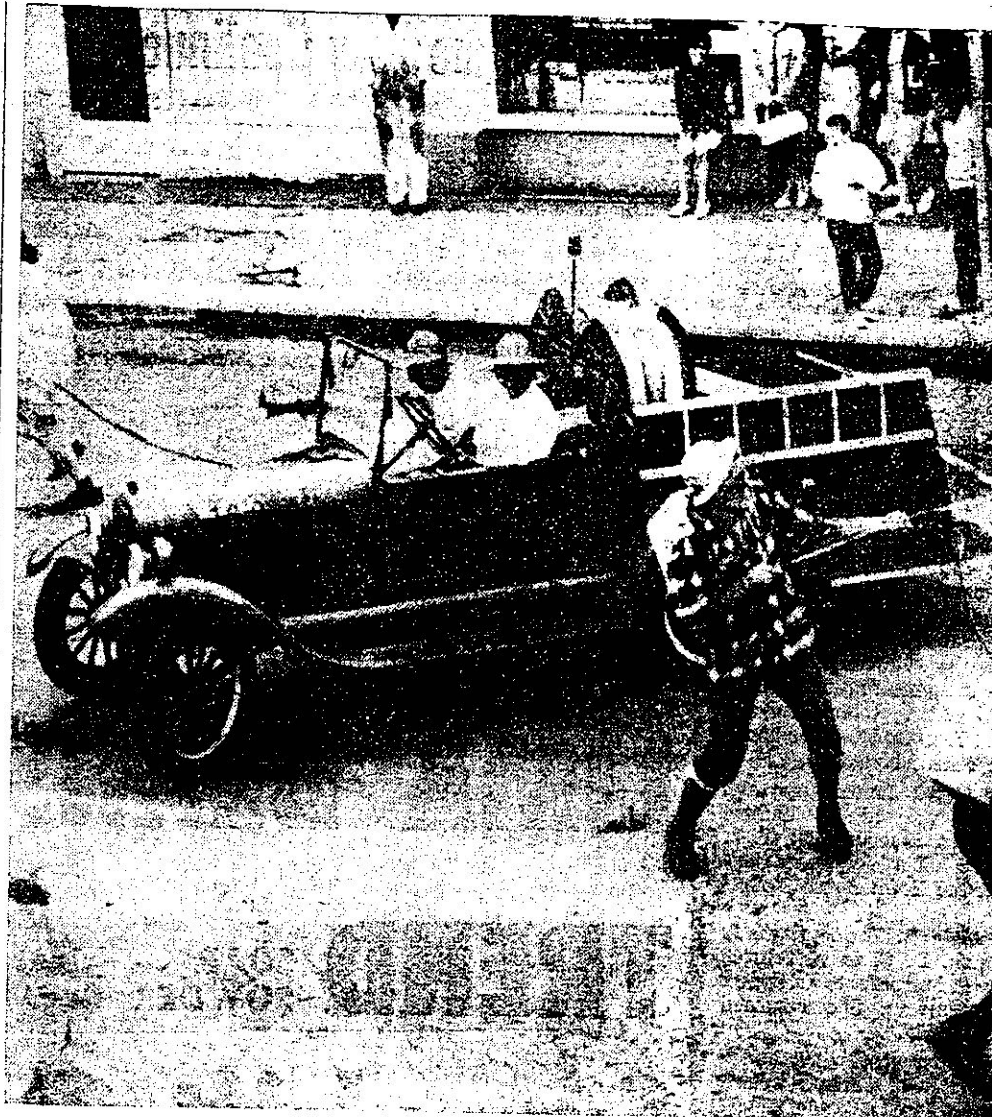
The older home, occupied by Anton, is in part the original home on the place. The first log barn gave way to a newer barn and in 1948 the Andersons built a large addition to house 50 cows. One of the most progressive farms in the community, the Anderson family had the convenience of a cold water tap in the house as early as 1904. The father erected a windmill for power and traveled to Tacoma to obtain fittings for the water system. The windmill was a landmark on the place until a few years ago when it was dismantled. Among the first in the area to convert to "iron horsepower," the Andersons purchased their first tractor in 1928. They installed milk machines the same year and in 1929 invested in a thrashing machine. Harvesting clover seed and dry peas throughout the community, in addition to their own, brought lucrative returns for years. The dry peas were in great demand for a few years and brought \$300 a ton until the market fell and they went back to \$50. In keeping with the times, the Andersons installed a barn cleaner and a bulk milk tank.

Living six decades in one community, the Anderson brothers recall a "heap of livin'." The Van Buren road past their farm is "dead end" at the border, but they remember when it was open to traffic into Clearbrook, B. C. They note that in the early days it was a continuation of the Clearbrook road and that is how the Canadian community got its name. Smuggling across the unofficial port of entry was a common occurrence during prohibition days. The Andersons saw a great deal of activity by the Border Patrol and often were called upon to assist the officers.

They witnessed the smuggling of Chinese across the border and the return of the same group of

men and often came across evidence of liquor dumped in a desperate move to escape the law. A different type of excitement developed at the farm some 50 years ago when it was discovered that a neighbor was digging for gold and precious stones on a 20-acre site, purchased from the Anderson family under the pretext of digging a well. The lode never developed and the tract returned to a quiet grass field.

The hustle and bustle is no more at the Anderson Brothers' farm. The cows have been sold at auction and most of the land is rented out for potatoes and hay. A few head of young stock were kept and enough silage and hay will be put up for feed. Anton believes he will find enough work around the barn to give him something to do while Elmer is looking forward to tending the many flowers about his home and the garden in leisure instead of "spare time" allotted



FIREMEN FROLIC

Firemen from the Everson Volunteer Fire Department are always a hit at parades in the Northwest. They won first place in the novelty and comic division at Saturday's Farm Festival parade in Lynden. The firemen gen-

erally have a free hand in other. However, Saturday Woolley's Loggerodeo w squirts.

Everson Briefs

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fullner of Seattle were honored at a social in the basement of the Nooksack Advent Christian Church Saturday evening. There were bouquets of Iris about the room and on the serving table with candles and napkins to match. There was a money tree for the honored guests. The group enjoyed a period of games and singing.

Hostesses were Mrs. Evan Wright, Mrs. Earl Matheson and Mrs. Ernest Nolte.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wells and family of Tacoma were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Ten Kley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Kalsbeek and family of Lynden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sterk, Mrs. Myrtle Burgraff of Nooksack, Mrs. Peter Korevaar, Lynden, Marvin Kalsbeek of Los Angeles,

where he will be teaching fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zwiers daughter of Lynnwood weekend callers at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zwiers. They came to attend the wedding of her sister, Roosma, in Lynden.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank spent the weekend at their home here from his work at Friday Harbor. When they returned Friday Harbor their daughter Ruth, went with them to spend the week there.

Sunday guests of the W. Hubbards were her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Benton, and her mother, M. A. Buchanan, Butte.

Mrs. George Glass and daughter, Mrs. Sid Lind, took another daughter, Mrs. ... and Terri ...