



Super Slabjacking co-owners Ryan Earl (left) and Scott Schwehm watch as a cement mixture is pumped into one of several holes, drilled into a sinking concrete driveway on Camano Island. The process lifted the concrete surface back to its original height and eliminating a crack in the nearby brick façade. —NEWSphotos by John Dean

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Camano company offers effective fix for settling, cracking concrete

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There's quick and easy help here for homeowners faced with that awful sinking feeling when concrete driveways, walkways, steps, and garage floors give way and crack.

Superior Slabjacking, offering an innovative alternative to concrete replacement, pumps a mixture of cement, topsoil and sand under concrete surfaces that have dropped over time due to site settling. The process brings concrete slabs back up to their original level.

The Camano Island company recently demonstrated the effectiveness of their technique, which has been around since the 1930s but more common in the Midwest and East Coast where deep freezes and thaws wreak havoc on concrete driveways, patios, and walkways.

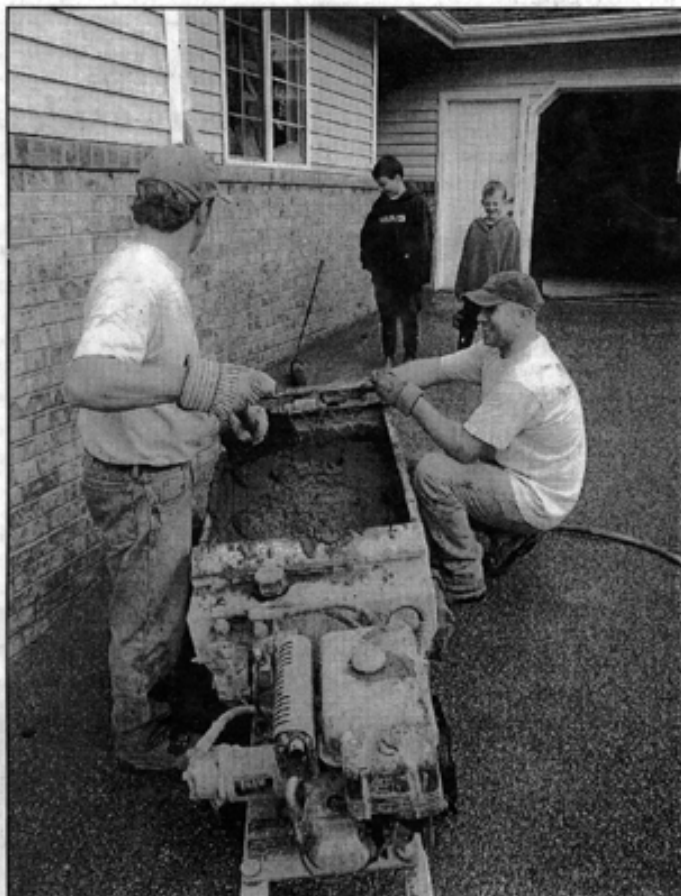
When the concrete driveway of a Camano Island home started to sink underneath a brick façade, an unsightly gap appeared along the brick wall, and bricks broke loose. Rather than go through the expense

of a complete reconstruction of the driveway and brick façade, the homeowners called Superior Slabjacking president Shannon Schwehm, her husband and co-owner Scott, vice-president Patrick Hayes, and the business's fourth partner Ryan Earl.

Last week, the Schwehms

and Earl pumped their special cement slurry into holes, drilled every few feet in the sunken area. Like magic, the driveway rose back up, the brick façade rose with it, and the crack disappeared.

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Homeschool students get an elementary lesson in engineering as Super Slabjacking co-owners Ryan Earl and Scott Schwehm prepare a cement slurry pump.

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