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Right on 'cue

Family adds Texas, New York flavors to Moses Lake

By SAM FLETCHER
 Staff Writer

MOSES LAKE — “Making good food and making people happy, I like that,” said Warren Small, owner of Smulligan's Pizza & BBQ.

Originally opening up shop in the summer of 2018 in Royal City, Small moved the restaurant to Moses Lake for more people and kitchen and dining space.

Out with the old equipment and in with the new, along with a fresh coat of paint and some remodeling work, Smulligan's new location at 1111 N. Evelyn Drive is set to open for drive-thru and takeout Memorial Day weekend, he said.

Dine-in will soon follow, he said, as the dining area will go through a make-over with new countertops and layout in coming months.

The building was the main prize, he said, and it just happened to be in a good location. North Central Drive is a high-traffic area, and it's right across from the Paul Lauzier Athletic Park, which is packed on weekends.

Small's love for cooking came from his grandmother, who owned a cafe in Bellingham, he said. He became a farmer on the Royal Slope and later opened a fabricating business to fix and design farm equipment.

Noticing the lack of barbecue in the Pacific Northwest, Smulligan's first started as a catering business the whole family was involved in, he said, before they officially opened the first restaurant.

“I've always liked barbecue,” Small said. “My passion is making good food, regardless of what it is, so with barbecue I've taken the time to kind of figure it out.”

Small has taken fact-finding missions to Texas, he said, to study the craft and learn from the best.

“Ours is as good or better than anything down there. It literally is. We found a lot of places down there that were not...” he said, cutting the thought off with a laugh.

While Smulligan's may be the only barbecue place around, there are sev-

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Warren and Cynthia Small, owners of Smulligan's Pizza & BBQ.

Warren Small/courtesy photo



Smulligan's Pizza & BBQ will remain in “construction mode” through the drive-thru opening, until a later dine-in opening.

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Smulligan's Pizza & BBQ's Texas-style barbecue.

Warren Small/courtesy photo

LOCAL EVENTS

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MAY 21-23 Pikeminnow Fishing Derby 2021

At Crescent Bar Riverbend Beach and Picnic Area. The goal of the Northern Pikeminnow Derby is to remove as many predators as possible over a three-day fishing derby. On-site registration Friday, May 21 5-7 p.m.. Poles in the water 6 p.m. Saturday weigh-in 4-5 p.m. May 22, Sunday weigh-in 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by raffle drawing and prizes. Prizes include to include a Polaris Huntsman 4-wheeler and a flatbed trailer, as well as \$500 cash for the largest single fish. Info: <http://www.quincyvalley.org> or qvcc@quincyvalley.org.

MAY 22 Be Ready Expo

12-4 p.m. at the Quincy Valley Historical Society & Museum at 415 F St. (along Highway 28). The event is to educate and inform the public on ways to build a more self-sufficient lifestyle and be prepared for emergencies. Nearly 50 exhibitors and speakers will share their expertise with displays and information concerning food production and preservation, essentials storage, personal wellness, security and energy needs. Information is available at qvhs.org, quincyvalley.org or on the Quincy Valley Historical Society & Museum Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/QuincyMuseum>.

MAY 22 Moses Lake Carp Classic

Connelly Park, Moses Lake. Registration begins at 6 a.m., tournament runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come help make Moses Lake's water cleaner by removing carp, which stir up phosphorus, which in turn contributes to blue-green algae growth. Prizes are donated by local businesses and include cash and a Minn Kota 55-pound thrust trolling motor. A raffle will follow the awards ceremony. Info: Ty Swartout, 206-459-2342 or swartoutfamily@comcast.net.

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Pole dancing is best left to the professionals

By JERRY ZEZIMA
 TNS

I may be happily married to the most beautiful woman on Earth (she'd be No. 1 on other planets, too), but it has always been on my bucket list to meet a pole dancer.

My wish came true when I made the acquaintance of Brandyn Phillips, a fully dressed guy who got into a bucket so he could install a



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Higgins III, known on the crew as Rob 1, and Robert Baldeo, aka Rob 2.

new utility pole in my backyard. “Your idea of a pole dancer has a whole different meaning,” said Brandyn, who was assisted by Robert Frederick

The terrific trio came over to replace an old pole on which were attached lines that provide power to homes throughout the neighborhood. The mission was to remove the lines and put them on the new pole, which had to be sunk in the corner of the yard before the old pole was removed. “Can you dance?” I asked Brandyn.

“Yes,” he replied. “But I'd never do it in the bucket. And

I'd keep my clothes on.” “Nobody would want to see you without them,” said Rob 1. “The neighbors would call the cops.”

“He'd have to use the tips for bail money,” Rob 2 chimed in.

Rob 1 ranks ahead of Rob 2 because he has been on the job longer.

“You're just a heartbeat

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Verizon-Cellular Plus
manager

Verizon-Cellular Plus in Ephrata holds backpack giveaway

By SAM
FLETCHER
Staff Writer

EPHRATA — Verizon-Cellular Plus at 1115 Basin St. SW, Suite A, in Ephrata had something special in store for families on Saturday, where a rainbow of more than 30 backpacks lined the wall of phone cases.

Bags were filled with back to school essentials: notebooks, pens, rulers, colored pencils and more. Organized by national and local Verizon-Cellular Plus employees and vendor partners, kids could pick out their supplies on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We are thrilled to be able to give back to our local community and help students kick off the school year with a brand-new backpack," said Verizon-Cellular Plus President Adam Kimmet in a press release. "Our goal is to help make it a little easier for families to get these essential supplies so that students can start off the school year prepared and confident."

While the campaign is national, the donations stay local. Items donated from one area were distributed to that same area.

The bags and supplies were either paid for or created by company partners, be it phone companies, phone case companies and software manufacturers, said Ephrata store manager Garrett Lybbert, such as Kyocera, Motorola, Speck, UAG, iQmetrix, Strataflo and Gadget Guard.

Customers sprinkled in throughout the day, chose their pack and walked out a little more prepared for the start of the school year.

"I just like that we get to do it," Lybbert said. "Being a business in the community, we see people all day. We interact with them, we do our best to help them out with their phone needs and tech needs and that kind of thing, but it's nice to just be able to help the families kick the year off a little smoother. It's one less thing they've got to worry about."

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Pack to school

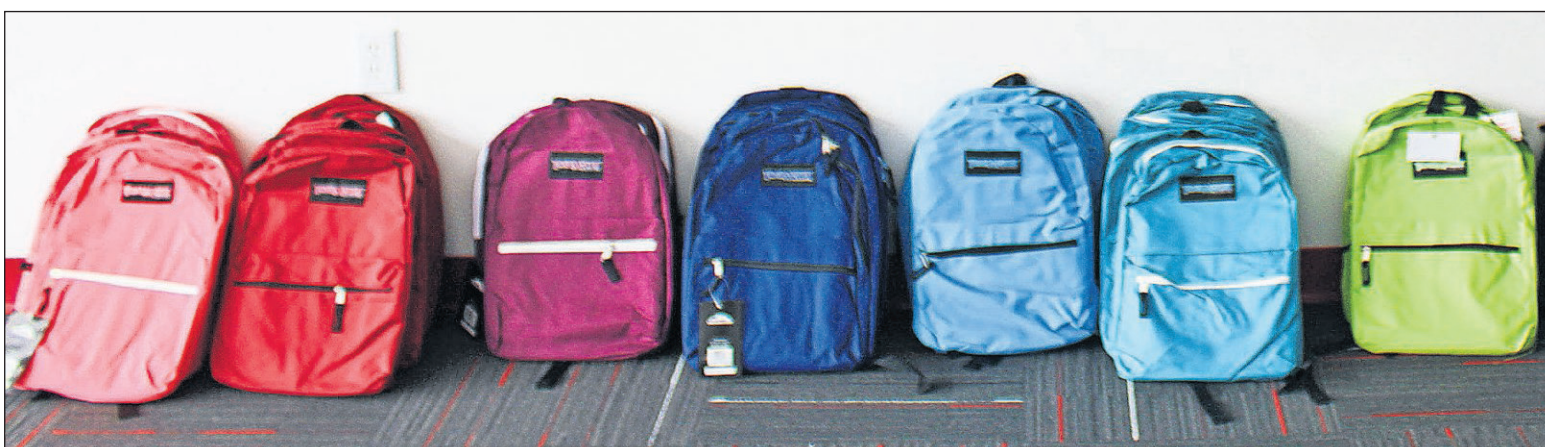
Ephrata student Camilla Bastida smiles with her new backpack at Verizon-Cellular Plus on Saturday.

Sam Fletcher/Columbia Basin Herald



Ephrata student Juan Bastida, right, chooses a blue backpack at the Verizon-Cellular Plus backpack giveaway on Saturday.

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Backpacks line a wall at the Ephrata Verizon-Cellular Plus backpack giveaway on Saturday.

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Scrambling for the chicken, and whatever else Grandma has

By LORI BORGMAN
TNS

We were having breakfast with some of the grands when one asked if she could have my chicken when I die.

The chicken is not a live chicken, but a ceramic chicken I've had since we were first married and use for serving scrambled eggs.

I said she can have the

chicken, but she'll have to make her own scrambled eggs.

Then I left the table and looked in a mirror to see if I should have spent more time on hair and makeup.

Eh.

The thought of dying was not on my mind today, nor was the thought of who should have the chicken — or that anyone would want it, for that matter.

Who knows how their



Borgman

When You're Dead?" stage of life.

Years ago, my mom and

minds work. I'm not entirely certain how my own mind works.

I guess this is a new stage of life I didn't see coming,

the "Hey, Can I Have That

Smart, that one. Very smart.

I was glad someone wants the chicken, because in addition to the new "Hey, Can I

dad had one of my brother's boys with them when they were going to a cemetery to pay off their burial plots. They explained the situation to the little guy who was quiet for a moment, then said, "Grandma, when you die, can I have your credit cards?"

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I was glad someone wants the chicken, because in addition to the new "Hey, Can I

Have That..." stage of life, I'm also in a minimalist stage of life.

Like so many others, I purged closets and drawers during the pandemic and am now unable to stop.

Waffle iron that chews up waffles? Gone.

Yoga mat? Forget about it. Panini press? Returned to the gifter.

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Kathy Graff (left) and Kathie King (right) said they enjoyed their time on the 1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo court.

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Masquers auditions

2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Masquers Theater, 322 Main Ave. E., Soap Lake. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to try out for 'Moon over Buffalo,' a comedy about a traveling family acting troupe in the 1950s. This is a "cattle call" audition with cold reads. Production of the show will start Oct. 15 and will run for three weekends. Info: masquers.com, masquers.nick@gmail.com or 509-989-2830.

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Reining royalty

1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo queen, princess share memories

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER
Staff Writer

"I didn't think of myself as the queen. I knew my horse was good."

— Kathy Graff,
1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo queen

MOSES LAKE — Both Kathy Anderson Graff and Kathie Weber King grew up with horses, and both loved pretty much every minute of it.

They were in two of the many 4-H equestrian clubs in Grant County, and it seemed like there was a competition or an event of some kind every weekend from spring through fall, Graff said. So it was a natural next step to compete for the title of 1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo, which is now called Moses Lake Roundup, queen.

Graff was the 1962 queen, and King was one of the princesses. The two said they lost contact with the other three princesses through the years.

"I think it was just the competition," Graff said of the decision to compete for the rodeo court.

"Just to see how well you could do," King said.

Equestrian competitions for kids were common in Grant County back in the day.

"We had gymkhanas every weekend," Graff said.

A gymkhana tests the skill of horse and rider in a series of competitions, from obstacle

courses to jumping and weaving through a line of poles, called pole bending. And there were plenty of competitors, since a lot of towns and 4-H clubs had a team.

"Quincy had their team, Ephrata, Warden (had teams)," Graff said. "We were friends (and) we were rivals. And then there were different 4-H clubs, horse clubs. There were a lot of kids that showed up for those (competitions). There must've been at least 100 of us that would show up out there, Moses Lake or wherever they were holding it," Graff said. "We just were on those horses all the time on weekends."

All those hours on horseback paid off during their days on the rodeo court. King recalled a grand entry ride when her horse, Hey Boy, took a wrong turn and ended up in the back of a stock

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Kathy Anderson, now Kathy Graff, was featured on the cover of the 1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo program.

RODEO PRINCESSES

CONNIE BERNHARDT
Left
Age — 18
Graduate Warden High '61
President Warden Pioneer 4-H Club
Past Queen Othello Rodeo
Plays accordion
Raises and rides horses

KATHIE WEBER
Right
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Kathie Weber (right), now Kathie King, was among the princesses on the 1962 Columbia Basin Rodeo court.

Exterminator shows who's really the pest man

By JERRY ZEZIMA
TNS

My house is bugged. Not with listening devices, because the listeners (the CIA, the FBI, Russia) would soon be fast asleep after discovering that I lead a singularly dull life.

No, I mean with real bugs.

This really bugs my wife, Sue, who hates the little critters so much she prowls the house with a fly swatter, ready to annihilate the lat-



Zezima

them.

"That's enough for a baseball team," I said. "I guess they don't know about the infield fly rule."

est winged or crawly invader and add it to her daily score sheet. She is an otherwise gentle person who would, indeed, hurt a fly.

One day, Sue killed nine of

Sue ignored the remark and asked, "Where do they come from?"

"Mommy flies," I answered. "We should put up a sign saying, 'No fly zone.' That would keep them out."

Sue ignored that remark, too, and used a shoe to smash a spider that was roughly the size of a Chihuahua.

"I'm going to call an exterminator," she said.

"For me?" I stammered.

"I'll have to see how much they charge," said Sue.

A couple of days and a dozen dead insects later, we were visited by Jack the Pest Control Guy.

"My wife says I'm a pest," I told Jack. "You're not going to exterminate me, are you?"

"No," Jack said reassuringly. "I don't have enough bug spray for that."

"What's the critter that people complain about the most?" I asked.

"Ants," Jack answered. "I

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