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70 years: Former Warden couple celebrates platinum anniversary

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER Staff Writer

WARDEN — Kay L. and Norma Lybbert said one of the keys to a successful marriage is commitment. The Lybberts have some experience in that - they were married in 1952 and will celebrate their 70th anniversary this month. Norma Lybbert said it

hasn't always been easy, but they always found a way.

"We always worked it out," she said. "We've had a good

marriage," Kay Lybbert said.

Over the years they have made some mistakes, he said, but they've always managed to get through them as a couple and as a family. The Lybberts have seven children.

Not everyone was sure it would work out, back in 1952. Kay Lybbert was 16. Norma was 15 and a sophomore at Moses Lake High School.

"I'd already quit school," Kay said.

See COUPLE, Page B4 decades later.



Norma (left) and Kay L. Lybbert (right) will celebrate their 70th anniversary later this month. The pair was married in 1952 and while it hasn't always been easy, they're still happily married seven

How higher interest rates will affect Americans' finances



By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER **AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON -

Americans who have long enjoyed the benefits of historically low interest rates will have to adapt to a very different environment as the Federal Reserve embarks on what's likely to be a prolonged period of rate hikes to fight inflation.

Record-low mortgage rates below 3%, reached last year, are already gone. Credit card interest rates and the costs of an auto loan will also likely move up. Savers may receive somewhat better returns, depending on their bank, while returns on long-term

LOCAL **EVENTS**

Note: All events are subject to postponement or cancellation in compliance with COVID-19 regulations.

MARCH 22

Branden & James in concert

7 p.m. at Moses Lake Alliance Church 1100 N. Grape Drive. The soulful timbre of James on cello combined with Branden's emotional and powerful vocals create a sound that leaves audiences feeling moved and inspired.

Their program borrows from genres ranging from Broadway, classical mashups and popular music.

The duo weaves familiar melodies of pop tunes in classical style with their own unique sound.

A powerhouse cello and vocal duo.

Presented by Central Basin Community Concert Association.

Info: 406-590-0932 or https:// community

concertsml.com.

MARCH 25

Double Crossed: The American Missionary Spies of World War II

6 p.m. at the Moses Lake Civic Center auditorium, 401 S. Balsam St. Historian Matthew Avery Sutton tells the extraordinary story of the missionaries, priests and rabbis who played an outsized role in leading the United States to victory in World War II.

This talk is an untold story of wartime spy craft and a profound account of the compromises and doubts that war forces on those who wage it.

Sponsored by Humanities Washington. Info: www. humanities.org.

MARCH 25-27

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival

Lectures, tours, bird watching. Othello Church of the Nazarene, 835 S. 10th Ave., and McFarland Middle School, 790 S. 10thAve. Info: www.othello



ond funds will likely suffer. The Fed's initial quarterpoint rate hike Wednesday AP Photo/Charles Krupa in its benchmark short-term

sandhillcranetestival.org

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Condominium units are offered for sale in the Dorchester neighborhood Aug. 18, 2021, in Boston.

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Talking to kids about nukes: Parents, experts suggest truth

By LEANNE ITALIE Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jillian

Amodio went with the truth when her 10-year-old daughter had some pointed questions about the war in Ukraine.

When she asked what nuclear weapons were, I explained in simple terms that they're explosive devices used in warfare that are capable of releasing tremendous amounts of energy and causing widespread harm and damage," said the Annapolis, Maryland, founder of a support group called Moms for Mental Health.

But her daughter wasn't finished there.

'She asked if we were in danger of being hit with nuclear weapons," said

leaders around the world are responsible for ensuring that nuclear warfare doesn't occur, and that we have learned from past instances just how devastating the effects of nuclear warfare can be."

She did what many parents and experts recommend: She led with the truth, though she chose her details based on what she knew her child could handle emotionally.

The day Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his nuclear forces placed on high alert late last month was a big one for some parents with inquisitive kids.

On social media, in classrooms and at the playground, children who hear about Russia's invasion of Ukraine are wondering

Amodio. "And I explained that where the war could lead. It's a moment that can feel similar to growing up during the Cold War, when there was talk of nuclear winter, radiation and the atomic bomb.

> Unlike in the past, however, today's kids have greater unchecked access to both accurate images, video and information but loads of disinformation, too. What some also have are loved ones with personal experiences of tense nuclear times.

With younger kids, speak simply and avoid discussing scary topics in detail. With adolescents, honesty is the best policy. Always be transparent," said Dr. Beth Oller, a family physician in Stockton, Kansas, and mom



A child holds a drawing as she and others demonstrate in support of the Ukraine outside the United Nations' top court in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday, where judges where expected to rule on a request by Ukraine to order Russia to halt

See NUKES, Page B2 its devastating invasion.



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Lifestyles

COUPLE

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He quit to go to work on the family farm in Mae Valley, he said, but he already had plenty of farming experience. Sugar beets were a major crop in the early 1950s, and Kay Lybbert was running a beet harvester at 14 years of age.

"I grew up young," he said

But his dad thought he wasn't ready for a serious relationship, at least not as serious as things were getting.

"He told me I couldn't see her anymore, and I had to do something," he said.

So he came up with a solution that was a little radical. He told his parents a fib, the kind of fib that in 1952 pretty much mandated marriage. out of school and that

22, 1952 in the Lybbert family living room. Family and friends were skeptical, Norma said, and some disapproved of her choice.

"But they got over it," she said.

Kay said they started out on their own farm in Block 40 near Moses Lake before moving to Warden, where they lived for about 40 years. They moved to the Spokane area in 2012 to be closer to their surviving children.

Mostly they grew potatoes and wheat, Kay said, but basically, he raised whatever was profitable

"About anything you could farm," he said. It wasn't always easy.

In 1952, girls who were married couldn't stay in school; Norma had to drop everything they did, work

They were married March required some adjustment. Bad weather in 1955 meant they lost the year's crop and all the equity they had built up in their land. Kay ended up going to work for a few years before he could start his own farm again.

But the worst was in 1957 when their house caught fire. Their young son died in the blaze. Another son died in 2010 and a daughter in 2021. That's not how life

should work, Kay said. "It's hard," Norma said. But the tragedies didn't

break them up. "They seemed to pull us together rather than pull us apart," Norma said.

They worked hard for the life they built, Kay said.

"Needless to say, we did together," he said. it together," he said. In fact, that's true of

or play.

Courtesy Photo/Emily Hansen

Norma and Kay L. Lybbert on their wedding day, March 22, 1952. During their marriage, they had seven children and have built a life on the love they share for

"We love to do things His wife always

decisions - he could have said they'd be moving to

They shared a

commitment to each other, "We argue but we end

up loving each other," she said.

Cheryl Schweizer may he said, and Norma agreed. be reached at cschweizer@ columbiabasinherald.com.



Communications NEW CUSTOMERS RECEIVE A \$250 CREDIT **ONAIYEAR CONTRACT**

Tonight's highlights

Office Space 141 BRAVO 1:30 p.m.

A disenfranchised programmer drops out of the rat race when his hypnotherapist dies during their first session, and his sudden professional nonchalance leads to increasingly bizarre success. This comedy classic stars Ron Livingston and Jennifer Aniston.

20/20

() KXLY 9:00 p.m. True crime stories, celebrity scandals, dangerous cults, criminal empires, confidence scams and more are investigated in this iconic news magazine series. On air since 1978, the show is now anchored by journalists David Muir and Amy Robach.

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A surly police officer (Dave Bautista) recruits his five-starseeking Uber driver (Kumail Nanjiani) to chase down a dangerous, cop-killing drug dealer (Iko Uwais) in this action-comedy. Natalie Morales, Betty Gilpin and Mira Sorvino also star.

Charmed

(11) KSKN 8:00 p.m.

As the new Charmed One comes to terms with her powers in this series' latest Season 4 episode, she finds herself resistant to accepting her destiny. Mel (Melonie Diaz) becomes overly protective, while Maggie (Sarah Jeffery) is apathetic and aloof.

Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives 20 FOOD

9:00 p.m. Chef Guy Fieri is rollin' out to test North America's most interesting and unique restaurants. Looking for everything from fresh seafood to out-of-thisworld barbecue and down-home comfort foods, Guy is trying them all on his travels.

амс 10:00 p.m.

Jim Carrey stars as Bruce, a reporter whose luck changes when he meets a mysterious janitor (Morgan Freeman) claiming to be God in this comedy. After being given all God's power, Bruce learns how hard it really is to be responsible for the entire world.

I Survived a Serial Killer

A&E 10:00 p.m.

Back-to-back new episodes of this docuseries tell two harrowing stories of survival. First, Madison Nygard's brave escape. Then, how Josephina Rivera, who was kidnapped by Gary Heidnik in 1986 and trapped for four months, eventually freed herself.

Painting With John

500 HBO 11:00 p.m. Musician and painter John Lurie hosts a new episode of this relaxing observational series, which takes place primarily from his own work space at home. As Lurie creates beautiful pieces of art, he reflects on some of his life's biggest moments.

5 KING 6 KHQ 9:00 p.m. **Dateline NBC**

Anchor Lester Holt and a team of correspondents bring viewers fascinating human-interest stories, compelling documentaries and hard-hitting investigations in the news magazine "Date-line NBC," airing Friday, March 18, on NBC. The award-winning series is the longest-running prime-time program on NBC.