



THE COOP *Spoonful*

A bimonthly publication for members of the Olympia Food Co-op and its surrounding communities

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Local Savings

Spring Creek Farm

Since 1996 Chris Robinson and Melissa Southwick have been working at Spring Creek Farm, a small family farm in Rochester, WA. Chris and Melissa reduce their environmental impact by utilizing solar power in their home, farm, and irrigation. Spring Creek Farm produces their own organic soil mixes and uses biological controls for the rare pest occurrence.

For more than a decade, Co-op shoppers have enjoyed beautiful vegetable starts provided by Spring Creek Farm. In this issue of the Co-op Spoonful, you'll find a Local Savings Coupon good for two dollars off vigorous organic Spring Creek Farm bare root blueberry bushes. Spring Creek also produces strawberry plants, fig trees, and hops, lavender, mints, thyme, motherwort, skullcap, arnica, and much, much more. ■



Deli Expansion News

The Co-op Deli Kitchen is being remodeled! Work began Saturday, February 8th and we will have to close the kitchen for six weeks (if all goes to schedule...). We will do our best to continue to provide Co-op Salad Bar salads, soups, and sandwiches as "grab n go" items (working from an off site kitchen). Soups will be sold cold, but can be heated in our new microwave near the eating area on the Eastside!

(Remove the metal lid and ring, heat for two minutes.)



We apologize for the inconvenience for fans of the salad bar but the Deli Team looks forward (along with Cheese and Bulk Dept. folks!) to working in a larger and safer kitchen. Updates will be posted on the Olympia Food Co-op website and on social media. Thank you for your support over the years!
~Olympia Food Co-op Deli Collective ■

CO-OP LOCAL
COUPON

**\$2.00
OFF**



Valid for \$2.00 off
Spring Creek blueberries.

Limit one per visit
Valid thru Mar. 3, 2020



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Case Dismissed in Co-op Israeli Boycott

The Center For Constitutional Rights has issued this press release regarding the February 19th ruling in the eight-and-a-half-year-old lawsuit against former Olympia Food Co-op Board Members for their role in adopting the Boycott against Israeli goods:

"A Washington appeals court has upheld a ruling that dismissed a lawsuit against former board members of the Olympia Food Co-op for the co-op's decision to boycott Israeli goods. The ruling came yesterday in a case that was originally filed in 2011 by five Co-op members, purporting to act on behalf of the Co-op and seeking to block the boycott and collect monetary damages against the board members. The case was dismissed five months later as a SLAPP, or Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, but reinstated when Washington's anti-SLAPP statute was struck down. The ruling affirmed today dismissed the case a second time.

The boycott was adopted by the Olympia Food Co-op in 2010 as part of the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against violations of international law and the denial of Palestinian human rights by Israel. Five of the 22,000 Co-op members, two of whom later dropped out of the lawsuit, sued sixteen board members, those who had made the decision to boycott and the board members who were elected after the boycott. Yesterday, the Court of Appeals affirmed dismissal of the case, deferring to the business judgment of the board members, given that they had the authority to adopt the boycott and because there was no evidence of bad faith.

Discovery in the case revealed emails between the plaintiffs celebrating the news from StandWithUs that the lawsuit had successfully discouraged other co-ops from boycotting Israeli goods. StandWithUs, one of many groups trying to suppress the growing U.S. movement for Palestinian freedom, took credit for filing the case, stating that it was a byproduct of the partnership between StandWithUs and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Lawyers say the lawsuit is part of a broad and growing pattern of suppressing activism in support of Palestinian rights, a phenomenon that the Center for Constitutional Rights and Palestine Legal have documented and called the "Palestine Exception" to free speech. The organizations report the widespread use of administrative disciplinary actions, harassment, firings, legislative attacks, false accusations of terrorism and antisemitism, and baseless legal complaints. Palestine Legal has documented 1,247 incidents of suppression targeting speech supportive of Palestinian rights between 2014 and 2018."

More at: ccrjustice.org. ■



Film: The Biggest Little Farm

Benefitting Madison-Avanti Giving Gardens Greenhouse Project

Sunday, March 1, 2020
Doors: 12:30 pm / Showtime: 1:30 pm
Capitol Theater 206 5th Ave SE, Olympia

The Olympia Food Co-op is proud to sponsor this uplifting, family friendly documentary. The funds raised from this screening will go towards providing the Madison-Avanti Giving Gardens (MAGG) with a professional greenhouse for instructional purposes.

Plot Summary:

"The Biggest Little Farm chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature.

Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, the Chester's unlock and uncover a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our wildest imagination." ■