

HONORING THE FLAG



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Florence Elks Lodge #1858 held its annual Flag Day Ceremony, inviting the community to the Lodge. VFW Post #3232 also participated in the ceremony, during which an inspiring presentation on patriotism was given. Florence Elks Lodge #1858 gave thanks to the veterans for their service to our country. Pictured are (back row): Rex Ruck, Reid Ransom, Gerald Hernandez, (front row): Ken Smith, James Gerth, Tony Cavarno, Jim Swant, Ernie Provost and Paul Gargis.

Real Food, Homegrown to host special dinner

Real Food Co-op and Homegrown Public House are hosting another "Support Local Summer Shindig" dinner, celebrating local farms from within 60 miles.

Join in Monday, July 13, at 5 p.m. for light appetizers. A family-style dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will include locally raised lamb, locally caught salmon, veggie kabobs — all cooked on the grill. There will also be wild rice and chanterelle pilaf, with the wild rice grown in Oregon.

For dessert, there will be fresh seasonal berries.

The veggie kabobs will be made of vegetables and fruits that are in season from local farms, such as Greenfields, Whiskey Creek Organics, Dancing Star Farm, Wintergreen, and Marshview Farm.

At every Support Local dinner, there is a fundraiser to support the local school garden. The dinner will have a

dessert auction with at least one ingredient that has been grown locally.

The school garden is at Siuslaw Elementary School, where the garden holds 18 beds and growing.

The goal is to have a greenhouse for year-round instruction and food production. The school garden strives to not only educate kids about growing food but also to produce food for a new self-operating school cafeteria.

The project is seeking volunteers.

Come to Homegrown Pub at 294 Laurel St. on July 13 and support local farms and the school garden.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Real Food Co-op and Homegrown Pub.

Real Food Co-op is open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Homegrown Pub is open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner.

Summer to sizzle with flamenco at FEC July 10

Seattle-based flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, El Sol de Verano ("Summer Sun") to The Florence Events Center on Friday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Spanish flamenco encompasses the full spectrum of human emotion in its three key elements: Song, guitar and its signature percussive instrument: dance.

Fuentes will be joined by one of southern Spain's most promising singing prodigies, Jose Manuel Perez.

Perez acquired a deep understanding of el cante flamenco (Flamenco singing) observing master artists in flamenco clubs of his hometown of Seville.

Though only 22 years of age, the Latin crooner has already performed with a long list of today's most prominent flamenco artists, including Paloma Fantova, Maria Juncal and Moi de Moron.

The performance will be his first public appearance in Florence. Fuentes and Perez will be joined by guitarist Bobby de Sofia.

Originally from Bulgaria, Sofia discovered flamenco while in Los Angeles and continued his studies in Andalusia with artists such as Pedro Viscomi and Paco Arroyo.

He currently performs regularly at the various flamenco clubs in the Los Angeles area.

Born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry, Fuentes began her studies in Seattle and continued in Spain with dancers such as Belen Maya and Cristobal Reyes.

She currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250 presentations and workshops featuring internationally recognized flamenco singers.

Don't miss this chance to experience the enchantment of flamenco in an intimate setting.

Tickets are \$23, with VIP seating available for \$35. Student tickets are \$15, with youth tickets available for \$8 at www.brownpapertickets.com.

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