

Food

from 1A

"Pasture-raised meats require lots of open space and don't allow for the use of antibiotics," Crosby explained. "None of the meat is from Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) stock. They are also not grain finished, so they don't gain a lot of extra weight."

"All the eggs are from pasture-raised chickens. They are so

popular that the farm cannot keep up with demand," he added.

Not all the organic fruit and produce sold at the co-op bring a premium price.

"Right now, our apples are from Greenfield Farms. They are under \$1 per pound and are some of the best apples you ever tasted. These are extraordinary apples," Crosby said.

For more information on Real Food Co-op, call 541-997-3396.

Rotary donates to MES



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On Sept. 16, Mapleton Elementary School principal and superintendent Jodi O'Mara (center) was presented with Fred Meyer Gift Cards in the amount of \$750 to be used for school supplies. The donation was an annual effort by the Florence Area Rotary Members and Club. The members contributed \$500 and the club contributed \$225. Florence Rotarians Liz Vollmer-Buhl (right) and Karen Skulley (left) presented the gift cards to O'Mara, who said that they plan to use the funds for shoes, socks, undergarments and coats for the children. In a community serving families of low socio-economic status, sometimes these can be the first new garments/shoes the child may have ever received.

Tickets now available for LRP's 'Chicago'

Set in the Prohibition-era, "Chicago" is a satire on corruption in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the "celebrity criminal."

Last Resort Players presents the musical on Nov. 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15. Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adult, and \$18 for seniors and military, and are available online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the box office, 715 Quince St.

Port

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"A new restroom is a very important project," Forsythe said. "It will cost between \$260,000 and \$300,000 for the one we want to put out back in the RV space. The restrooms at the front of the campground are not adequate and they have not been adequate since the day they were put in."

"Our bulkhead needs to be replaced. It doesn't have to be replaced today, but five years from now we will have to do something," he added.

Forsythe said the bulkhead

project is estimated to cost more than \$1 million.

"The storage buildings are very old and, while the main structures are solid, they require a lot of maintenance," Forsythe explained. "The doors are falling off and need to be replaced, the headers are breaking out. They cost about \$250,000 each to build when they were new and they bring in around \$18,000 to \$20,000 a year in revenue, total for both buildings. The return on investment (ROI) is about 30 years out."

"If we take them down and replace them with 16 pull-through RV spaces, the ROI is reduced to 36 months. It just makes sense to do something like that," he added.

Forsythe feels that his greatest accomplishment since taking over the manager's position is in structure and building strong relationships

between the port, city and other state-elected officials.

"It is so much stronger than what it was," he said. "That can't be bad."

Forsythe said his wife Cindy's retirement plans have spurred him to accelerate his own retirement.

"It's time for me to move on. My wife is retiring Wednesday, Sept. 30," he said. "I can't let her beat me to that."

The Forsythes plan to stay in the area.

The port will hold a special board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. to discuss job qualification requirements for a new manager.

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Grammy-winning bassist John Clayton
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