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Leff's American Legion Wild Game Feed

Oct. 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Profits from Leff's Wild Game Feed event go to the American Legion Post 211. A plate is \$5. Starts at 11:30 am and is done when all the food is gone. Leff's is located on Hwy 101, 3 miles south of Florence with doors on both Hwy 101 and Keyes Lake Dr.



Hunters All You Can Eat Chicken and Spaghetti Dinner

Nov. 21 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Hiram D. Fisher Masonic Lodge #222 will be having their Annual Masonic Scholarship Fundraiser. A Hunter's Dinner: All You Can Eat Chicken and Spaghetti. Please join in at the Florence Community Center for delicious food and at the same time help the Masonic Lodge #222 offer a scholarship to students in the area. Adult cost is \$8, kids 12 and under are only \$5

10th Annual Christmas in Florence

Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On Saturday, December 7th from 10 am until 3 pm the Chamber of Commerce is hosting 10th Annual Christmas in Florence at the Florence High School gym and cafeteria. There will be over 90 vendors in the gym offering a large variety of unique hand-made arts and craft items as well as other gifts for sale to help you with your Christmas shopping. There are many activi-

ties for kids. Sitting on Santa's lap is always a big hit as well as listening to stories from Mrs. Claus. They arrive at 10:30 a.m. Your children will love making free Christmas craft projects with our FHS TORPE-DOS students. Homemade chili, Christmas cookies and other delicious food items will be for sale in the cafeteria. This event is free and includes a chance to win many door prizes.

Performances in the auditorium will include FHS Drama Club, FHS Jazz Band, dance performers, and the FHS Show Choir will be caroling around the school.



Roberts Memorial Ski Race & Lessons

Jan. 25, 2020 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Roberts Memorial Ski Race & Lessons takes place at Keyes Peak Ski Hill, 4 miles south of Florence on Hwy 101, must pre-register, space is limited. Ski instruction in the morning. Optional timed runs on a NASTAR course in the afternoon. All participants ages 6-17 will be awarded medals. Only \$10 includes lessons, lift ticket, ski rentals if needed and a chance to race the course if you want to. \$20 maximum per family.



Keyes Peak Winterfest

Mar. 7, 2020 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Annual Keyes Peak Winterfest event is on Saturday, March 7 at Keyes Peak Ski Hill 4 miles south of Florence on Hwy 101.

It only costs \$15 per person for a whole day of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing and games (\$5 for season pass holders). This price includes your lift ticket, free rental equipment and the chance to take part in other fun activities. The event runs from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the lift ticket is good until hill closing at 9 p.m. This is a great family value! Activities include human bowling, snowball launch competitions and expert disc golfers will be on hand to teach you how to disc golf. Make sure to try the best tube run in our region. Helmets are provided. A shorter tube run is available for young children.



Machine Gun Shoot Fundraiser for K9 Unit

May 16, 2020 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rent and shoot machine guns from World War II to current military firearms at Florence County Rifle Range to raise money for the new K9 Unit. Burgers, brats and soda for sale on site. Follow the signs to Florence County Rifle Range, County Hwy C, Homestead; 11 miles south of Florence. Admission Fee: \$8 (\$5 pre-sale)



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Spain," she explained. "In Spain we don't change classrooms, we stay in one room and the teachers rotate around to the classrooms.

"It was an adjustment to move from classroom to classroom here. It is also different because we don't have lockers in Spain, we carry our backpack all day long."

Now taking chemistry, history, algebra and biology, Dayanna's favorite subject is creative writing.

"I like to write about adventures and crime stories," she said.

Fast food is at the top of Dayanna's list of favorite foods in America.

"I like the junk food here, like McDonald's and four-cheese pizza," she chuckled. "In Spain

there is more healthy food, like salads."

For Becky and her husband Todd, this is their second year hosting an exchange student.

"Last year we had a young man from Germany, and we had such a great experience with him that we decided to do it again," she shared. "My daughter Carli who is 13 likes to have someone else in the house close to her age."

Dayanna agreed with Becky and shared her thoughts on living with the Bischoff family.

"I like to stay with her because she (Carli) is so cute and she loves to sing, and so do I," said Dayanna. "I love her energy, and I like their two dogs even though I don't have any dogs in Spain.

"Todd is funny, he makes me laugh a lot and I think we have a good bond."

Adjusting to another teenage girl in their home has been a challenge for Becky, and she shared her thoughts on having Dayanna live with them.

"Sometimes Dayanna has a lot of energy, and it does wear me out a bit, but she is starting to find new friends now," said Becky. "She is also going to try out for cheerleading."

Ana enjoys watching Netflix movies on her iPad, and Dayanna uses her iPad to watch programs such as America Says and Hawaii Five-O.

Students in Spain rely heavily on technolo-

gy for learning tools, such as laptops and iPads.

"I use my phone a lot, but it is not allowed at school," said Ana."

"In my school, phones are prohibited," said Dayanna. "We use books and sometimes we use our iPads."

Overall, the exchange student program is a multi-cultural learning experience for everyone.

"I think this is a great experience for everyone involved," shared Kerri. "Ana is still experiencing a bit of culture shock coming from a city of three million people with lots of shopping available, so I took the girls to the mall in Appleton, and she really enjoyed that."



Becky Bischoff, left with Dayanna Rodriguez, exchange student from Navarra, Spain who is staying with the Bischoff family and attending Niagara High School this year.