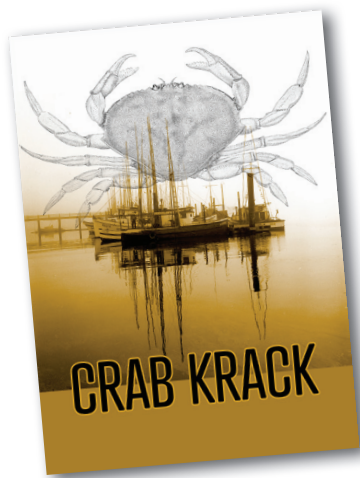




Crack one open and celebrate

The annual Crab Krack will return to Newport on Sunday, Feb. 9, as the Lincoln County Historical Society serves up locally caught Dungeness at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn.

Now in its 12th year, the fund-raiser treats guests to a fresh-caught Dungeness crab dinner, graciously donated by the Yaquina Bay commercial fishing community, along with various side dishes, an array of desserts and a no-host bar.

Entertainment includes live music by Sons of Beaches, a silent auction and a live auction emceed by State Rep. David Gomborg.

The generosity of a long list of local restaurants and merchants also help make this annual event possible. Proceeds will go toward completion of renovations at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center.

The Crab Krack will start at 4 pm on on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Best Western Agate Beach Inn, 3019 N Coast Hwy.

Tickets, \$55, are available for purchase at the Burrows House Museum and the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center. Historical Society members can get tickets at a discounted rate of \$45. Memberships start as low as \$20 a year. For more information, call the Historical Society at 541-265-7509 or go to oregoncoasthistory.org.

• The Agate Beach Inn is offering a special rate for guests attending the festivities. Call 541-265-9411 or 800-547-3310 and mention "Crab Krack" to get the special rate.



Evelyn Brookhyser, Betty Stier, Sandra Wadsley, Sherrie Flinn, Ginger Thompson and Fanny Drews

Party in tea minus eight days

Organizers of the Samaritan House High Tea are putting the finishing touches to the elegant benefit event, which will infuse the First Presbyterian Church of Newport with warmth and style on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The gathering is a fund-raiser for Newport's Samaritan House Family Shelter, which provides a safe place for homeless families with children.

This year's event is organized around the theme of "A Sheltering Nest," reflecting what Samaritan House does for homeless

families with children. The theme will be present in an array of creative foods, including nests made from mushrooms and from chocolate. Bottomless cup of Earl Grey tea will be on offer alongside chocolate spice scones, sorbets, sandwiches, savories and desserts. Jessie Treon will be on hand to play piano selections.

Samaritan House Executive Director Lola Jones will provide details of the group's mission and activities, including a testimonial video of a graduate.

In addition, raffle tickets at a dollar apiece will give guests the chance to win a quilt made by Teecia Cornelius and quilted by Lisa Taylor. A silent auction will feature more than 25 items, large and small, for any budget.

The Samaritan House High Tea will start at 2 pm on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 227 NE 12th Street.

Tickets, \$30 apiece, are on sale at JC Market in Newport or online at <https://samhousetea.brownpapertickets.com>.

Find harmony in Tillamook

With its spring season set to start on Thursday, Feb. 6, the Tillamook Community Chorus is on the lookout for people who want to join this "group of friends who love to sing."

Singers of all skill levels, age 18 or older, are invited and encouraged to join the group. There are no auditions and reading music is not a requirement. The

chorus rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the choir room at Tillamook High School. There are two rehearsal seasons; one in the fall and one in the spring, each concluding with a public concert.

The new season begins at 6 pm on Thursday, Feb. 6 in the Tillamook High School choir room. Registration is \$45

and there is financial assistance available if needed. Rehearsals will lead up to the spring concert, which is scheduled for May. People are welcome to try the first session free.

Tillamook Community Chorus is directed by Andrew Bergh, who is also the choir director for both Tillamook High School and Tillamook Junior High School. Accompanying the chorus on the piano is Barbara Richmond, who accompanies many local choirs and drama productions.

For more information, call Mary at 503-812-1830.