

Get tickets early for fifth annual Crab Crack

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack is a sure fire remedy for the dreaded “cabin fever,” which threatens to afflict the general populace of the central Oregon coast every winter. Get your ticket and join the other 399 people who will attend the Crab Crack at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy great food and company while aiding the less fortunate in this area.

Beginning Dec. 1, tickets will also be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St. All the proceeds from this event will benefit Florence Food Share, a local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in Western Lane County.

Oregon coast Dungeness crab, along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and BJ’s Ice Cream, will be served by “crab head” volunteers. A no-host bar will also be available.

While savoring the delectable crustaceans and side dishes, attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase one or many



of the special silent auction items.

Tickets to this event are \$35 each, with only 400 tickets available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25 and will not be available at the door. Past Crab Cracks have sold out early, so get tickets early.

Several sponsors are already stepping up to make this event possible. All individuals and companies are welcome to “sponsor a crab” for the event and help Florence Food Share serve those in need in our area.

For more information, arrange group seating or purchase tickets, contact Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email dunesguy97439@yahoo.com.

Jazz Kings to croon your Christmas season favorites

Shirley Andress returns with her 8th-annual Florence Christmas “Swinging On a Star,” featuring Tracy Williams, Marisa Frantz, Bob Cross and Bill Hulings fronting Jesse Cloninger and the Emerald City Jazz Kings in Christmas Swing configuration! Look for all of your favorites, plus a few surprises in this heartwarming evening of Christmas cheer and togetherness tailored to this season’s Jazz Kings 20th Anniversary of Swing!

And since so many of our best-loved Christmas songs were written during the Swing Era, that’s not going to be so hard

to do: look for old favorites like “White Christmas” (1942), “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” (1943), “The Christmas Song,” “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas” (both 1944), “Let It Snow” (1945), and many more!

It will be an evening for the entire family Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for college student with ID, \$15 for youth (17 and younger).

For tickets call the Florence Events Center at 888-968-4086 or visit www.eventcenter.org

