

Dungeness season delayed

The traditional Dec. 1 opening of the commercial Dungeness ocean crab season will be delayed until at least Dec. 16 along the entire Oregon coast as testing shows crabs aren't meaty enough.

Commercial Dungeness crab is Oregon's most valuable fishery. Last year's season opening also was delayed, but still brought in the highest ex-vessel value ever (\$62.7 million) with 20.4 million pounds landed, 22 percent above the 10-year average.

Prowls: Victims should contact police

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change, clothes, jackets, tools and hunting equipment.

Many people who've been victimized may not have reported the crime, especially if nothing was taken or items taken weren't valuable.

Workman recommends that anyone who has lost items in a vehicle burglary contact Warrenton Police Department to file a report and to see if any of the recovered items are theirs.

The season is targeted to open Dec. 1 in Oregon, but can be delayed to ensure a high-quality product and avoid wastage of the resource.

Crab quality testing in early November showed that none of the test areas met the criteria for a Dec. 1 opening.

The delayed opening will allow for crabs to fill with more meat.

A second round of crab quality testing will occur in late November or early December.

"We have all this property and stuff that we know is stolen and shouldn't have been in his possession," he said. "We're able to take our reports and link it up right away. But other stuff (recovered) doesn't match.

It might be hard to describe a handful of change, but one victim was able to describe an unusual container that the change was kept in and, sure enough, police were able to identify it.

Artisan fair offers fine arts and brew

The Seaside Boutique Artisan Fair will bring 90 vendors to the Seaside Convention Center.

The event, formerly called Seaside Holiday Gift Fair, focuses on fine arts, craft beverages and artisan gifts.

Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Santa will be at the fair each day as well.

For more information, contact event coordinator Cyndi Mudge at 503-738-6391.

• Also in Seaside, the Parade of Lights is at 7 p.m. Friday along Broadway. There will be caroling and a tree lighting with Santa Claus following the parade.

• Seaside Elk's Lodge is sponsoring a Small Business Saturday event with independent consultants selling or demonstrating products, including Dot Dot Smile, LuLaRoe, melaleuca, Norwex, Younique and more. The event is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the lodge, 324 Avenue A.

This Weekend



Chorale sponsors 'Messiah' sing

North Coast Chorale sponsors a community "Messiah" sign-along/play-along at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Performing Arts Center, 588 16 St., Astoria.

The event benefits area food banks.

The community can participate in several ways: just sit and listen; grab a musical score in the lobby and sing along; or bring an instrument and play along with the accompanist.

While the event is free, donations of food or money are requested. Last year, more than \$1,250 and nearly 100 pounds of food was donated to Clatsop Community Action's Regional Food Bank.

Museum store to focus on mission

Columbia River Maritime Museum will sponsor Museum Store Sunday, a global celebration that puts the spotlight on the mission-related products found at museum stores worldwide.

Nov. 26 is the annual day to shop conscientiously and support museum stores and their missions locally or around the globe. CRMM's store event will have a Scandinavian theme.

Janet Pendergrass, sales manager of Columbia Empire Farms in Sherwood, will prepare fresh Aebleskiver pancakes, discuss berries that are native to the Northwest, and prepare gift boxes of jams, jellies, taffy and other local food favorites.

Viking-themed gifts, books and DVDs will be available, and museum members will get a double discount on Nov. 26th.

All Museum Store Sunday activities run 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is included with paid admission and members are free.

Sankta Lucia has Scandinavian flair

Sankta Lucia, a traditional Scandinavian celebration of lights, is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at Astoria High School, 1001 W. Marine Drive, Astoria.

The event includes refreshments, music and other entertainment, with a Scandinavian open dance from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants need not be Scandinavian.

For more information, call 503-325-6136.



Astoria to light up downtown

Astoria kicks off the holiday season with its downtown lighting party sponsored by Astoria Christmas Club at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in front of the Liberty Theater, corner of 12th and Commercial streets.

Santa will be present and the downtown merchants will have a raffle for those who've participated in the "shop local, shop plaid" event, which is sponsored by the Astoria Downtown Historical Association.



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