

Salvation Army to host Christmas Boat Parade

DUNES CITY — Several local supporters of The Salvation Army-Western Lane County, including Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede, met recently at Darlings Marina and RV Resort for a Making a Difference Dinner.

During the fundraiser dinner, plans were made for a Christmas Boat Parade. The night parade on Siltcoos Lake will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Boats will be decorated with Christmas lights and participants can register now by calling Darlings Marina at 541-997-2841.

All registrations should be completed no later than 2 p.m. on Dec. 12. A \$10 donation to The Salvation Army-Western Lane County for each boat is sought for each registration, which includes the launch fee from Darlings Marina.

"We encourage all participants to come early so that we can safely launch and stage the parade while there is still



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Darlings Marina and Resort general manager Cajun Olson is ready to observe the Salvation Army's first Christmas Boat Parade on Siltcoos Lake coming Dec. 12.

light," said Cajun Olson, general manager of Darlings Marina. "The U.S. Coast Guard will be onhand with their inflatable boat and crew. However, we are relying on each participant to observe the

utmost water safety and conform to all rules pertaining to operation of a boat at night."

Weather permitting, the parade will begin at 5 p.m. from Darlings Marina and proceed to Dunes City, circle

Jernigan Island and return to the marina.

Lori Olson's famous spaghetti dinner will be served for a donation of \$10 and there will be live music between 6 and 8 p.m.

The Lane County Sheriff's Boat Patrol Department has limited registrations to 75 boats.

Call Cajun Olson for more information or to register by phone at 541-997-2841.

Darlings Marina & RV Resort is located at 4879 Darlings Loop, just south of Florence near Dune City, Oregon.

Donations may also be sent to The Salvation Army-Western Lane County, P.O. Box 1041, Florence, OR 97439.

Proceeds from the Salvation Army Christmas Boat Parade will benefit Home Front War Relief, a program that serves active members of the Armed Forces and their families while deployed.

New items arrive at FAHS Christmas Store

All proceeds benefit humane society

Get your kitchen ready for the holidays by shopping at the Florence Area Humane Society (FAHS) Christmas Store for a huge selection of cookie jars, holiday mugs, glassware, serving dishes, punch bowls, tins and so much more.

Dress the whole house for the Christmas season with festive candles, greenery, nativity scenes, angels, teddy bears, reindeer and of course a large variety of large and small renditions of Santa Claus.

A variety of Christmas trees ranging from small to large are arriving daily at the FAHS Christmas Store along with wreaths and a wide selection of items perfect for gift giving for both the young and old on

your shopping list. There is also a large selection of gift wrap, gift bags, ribbons, bows and Christmas cards to choose from.

The FAHS Christmas Store is at a new location this year, 2520 Highway 101, at 25th Street between Taco Bell and Mini Pet Mart.

The store is open through Nov. 29, but will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Florence Area Humane Society, helping to feed and care for the wonderful dogs and cats each waiting for their own forever home.

Childcare from 1A

Spoooner was on the original board of Quality Child Care of Florence (QCCF).

"I was there when the initial board met and worked on the

bylaws and everything, right from the start," he said.

Spoooner began looking to create another childcare facility when he learned that QCCF had closed. He says the most critical time for children's learning is from ages 0 to 3 years.

"My mission will be to talk to as many people as possible," he said. "There are two sides to this. I will be trying to bring in children so we can cover our costs. I will also be getting people to volunteer so we can make this program work."

ELF is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Parents are required to provide the children's lunches. ELF will provide snacks.

For more information, call Amy Galvin Mendez at 541-999-2691.

Triathlon from 1A

"If you are OK with the 50 percent then we will go with that," Mills said. "If you are not, then I don't know what is going to happen."

Councilor Maurice Sanders attempted to put the event into perspective.

"This is a revenue generator that makes money for the greater Florence community," Sanders said. "I'm OK with the 50 percent because Best of the West is in business to

make money. I understand it. I get it. Our purpose is to make a signature event for the city of Dunes City and that's what we have done. That's our purpose."

On a more positive note, Mills said the event merchandising was paying for itself.

"We have broken even. The merchandising part seems to be working well," she said.

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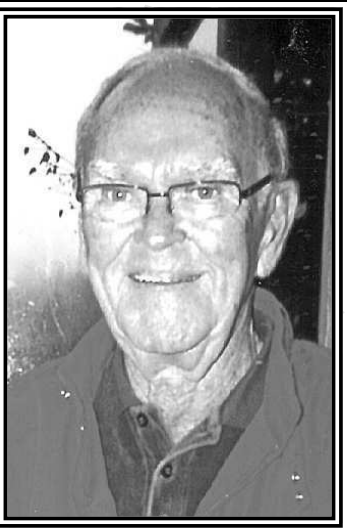


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