

# Community News

## Boat parade canceled, good will continues for Salvation Army

DUNES CITY — The first lighted boat parade scheduled to be held Saturday, Dec. 12, was canceled due to high winds and heavy rains that drowned the Oregon coast last weekend.

Still, nearly 50 people gathered at Darlings Marina and RV Resort at Siltcoos Lake.

“Our lighted boats all stayed ashore due to the hazardous conditions, but the weather did not drown our spirits,” says Rich Olson, co-owner of the resort, “We managed to raise nearly \$1,300 for Home Front War Relief, a program of The Salvation Army serving veterans and their families.”

Lori Olson prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner that helped raise most of the money. Other moneys came from donations collected by Old Town Barber Shop owner Geraldine Lucio, who hosts the Red Kettle in Old Town this year on Bay Street.

General Manager Cajun Olson, who served a great deal of Christmas cheer in the form of beverages, donated all the tips and proceeds from the sales of drinks to the fundraiser, too.

Majors Mitham and Angela



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From left: Major Mitham Clement, Rich Olson, Lori Olson, Pamela Henry, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and Major Angela Clement celebrate \$1,300 raised for Home Front War Relief in spite of stormy weather preventing the lighted boat parade at Siltcoos Lake from happening last weekend.

Clement, commanders of the Springfield Corps and East Lane County, were on hand to represent The Salvation Army.

“We are so grateful for all the hard work you have done to raise this money to help our Veterans and their families,”

says Mitham Clement, “We are in awe of the Christmas Spirit you have demonstrated here and your incredible generosity.”

Lori Olson says that they plan to re-schedule the lighted boat parade for July of 2016,

and will likely choose the same program to receive the proceeds of the event.

“The boats that came to our parade looked beautiful all lighted as they were,” she says, “We will see them all again when summer comes and we can rely on better weather to warm our shores.”

The Home Front War Relief program is managed by Kim Pettina who came from her Cascade Division Headquarters in Portland for the event.

“We appreciate so much the support we are getting from Western Lane County for all of our programs,” Pettina says, “I look forward to coming back soon to help assist some of the families of Veterans we have met during our visit who have special needs that our program addresses.”

Anyone interested in contributing to The Home Front War Relief program or other services of The Salvation Army in Western Lane County can send a gift to P.O. Box 1041 Florence, OR 97439.

Write “Home Front War Relief” in the memo line.

For more information, call 503-794-3275.

## Community Chorus seeks permanent music director

The Community Chorus of Florence is seeking a permanent chorus director. Position applications will be accepted through Dec. 31.

Interviews and directing auditions will be held in early January with the position officially beginning Jan. 18, 2016.

The contracted position includes a stipend per rehearsal and performance.

For more information about CCFO, visit [www.communitychorusflorenceoregon.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceoregon.org).

Applicants must send a resume, two letters of reference and proof of a degree in music to CCFO, PO Box 824, Florence, Oregon 97439, email to [merzmusic@hotmail.com](mailto:merzmusic@hotmail.com), or call 541-902-8567 for details.

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