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The
Dukes
of Swing
—Ludwig
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MUSIC WITH SAX APPEAL SWINGS INTO CHINOOK

PAPA invites
community to
enjoy 1940s music,
help veterans

By **PATRICK WEBB**
FOR COAST WEEKEND

*'It makes no difference
If it's sweet or hot.
Just give that rhythm
Everything you've got.'*
—from "It Don't Mean a Thing (If it
Ain't Got That Swing)

Name a musical instrument with
nine letters that makes a sound
like no other.
If you answered "saxophone," that

**'IT IS SOMETHING THAT
WE FEEL WE CAN DO
TO GIVE BACK TO THE
COMMUNITY AND OUR
VETERANS.'**

— **CINDY FLOOD**, PAPA PRESIDENT
DESCRIBING SWING MUSIC EVENT

was the correct answer.

Richard Babikoff loves saxophones,
so he is especially pleased that the
Dukes of Swing will be bringing theirs
to the Fort Columbia Theater in Chi-
nook, Washington.

Babikoff, who lives in Ocean Park,
Washington, is a longtime board
member of the Peninsula Association
of Performing Artists. The group has
invited the musicians to perform Satur-
day, Oct. 7.

The event is being hosted at the the-
ater where the association produced a
summer run of the musical "She Loves
Me," featuring Babikoff as the crusty
perfume-store owner.

As well as acting, music has been a
huge part of his life.

"I watched 'The Glenn Miller Story'
movie and wanted to play the sax," he
said, recalling his early school days in
Oregon City. "Instead, they gave me a
clarinet. When I moved to Hood River
for high school, I was able to learn the
sax. I fell in love with it."

Decades later, he still plays both
instruments, but there is no question the
sax is his favorite.

"It is just beautiful," he said, recall-
ing The Dukes of Swing performing
Miller's signature tune on two prior

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THE DUKES OF SWING

A Salute to Veterans

Concert featuring the stage band
of Elks Lodge No. 593 of Aberdeen,
Washington, at the Fort Columbia
Theater, Chinook, Washington.
Dancing optional.

Saturday: 5 to 8 p.m.

\$10 donation, at the door. Hors
d'oeuvres provided by local
restaurants.

The concert is staged by the
Peninsula Association of Perform-
ing Artists and benefits the Long
Beach Peninsula's Don R. Grable
American Legion Post 48.

No Discover Pass is needed for
park entry.