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Local vets receive good news, recognition

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There are very few times when that often-dysfunctional system, the government, surprises citizens by responding directly to their concerns.

But indeed, surprise was the main reaction shared by local vets at Monday's "Band of Brothers" meeting at the Florence Elks Lodge.

The surprise was in receiving the news that a request made recently by leaders of the area's veterans' groups, in a meeting with County Commissioner Jay Bozievich and

Lane County Veterans Program Supervisor Joseph Reiley, had been acted upon.

Bozievich and Reiley made the trip to Florence to meet with the leaders of local veterans' groups to discuss the men's concern over what they perceived as lack of support for the Florence Veterans community.

The focus of the frank discussion with Bozievich and Reiley was the important county funded position of Veteran's Service Officer (VSO). A VSO is needed to assist veterans with paperwork, gathering



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Members of the "Band of Brothers" and Ladies of the Elks received medallions of appreciation from Coast Guard Station Commander Joseph Niles on Monday at the Elk's Lodge

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Women's History Month



Sharing words of wisdom

As we continue through Women's History Month, several books written by Pulitzer Prize-winning women authors are on shelves in local libraries

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"During Women's History Month, we celebrate the countless women whose courage and resolve have contributed to the character and success of our nation and the entire world. The equal opportunity of women in every facet of daily life is an essential feature of a free and prosperous society. This month, we honor women who have fought for equality and against the status quo, and who have broken the bonds of discrimination, partiality and injustice for the benefit of all. These women created a legacy that continues to inspire generations of women to live with confidence, to have a positive impact on their communities, and to improve our Nation every single day."

—Excerpt from Proclamation issued on March 1, 2019, by President Donald Trump in recognition of Women's History Month

While the important contributions made by women to America's history and culture have always been known, it wasn't until 1980 that President Jimmy Carter officially recognized those achievements by declaring the week of March 8 as Women's History Week.

In 1987, after considerable pressure was applied by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Public Law 100-9 designating the month as Woman's History Month.

This designation changed the way in which women writers and women in general were perceived by many members of the American public.

Departments of Education in many states then began promoting the month as a way to promote equality of the sexes in the classroom and the effort to recognize and highlight this concept has continued to this day.

The current political climate has brought added attention to the increased number of women seeking political office and to the impact those women have had in the short time since the 2018 election.

There is also more consideration being given now than in the past to the thoughts and words of women.

This change in the way in which women writers and thinkers are accepted by the public has echoed throughout many other areas of American society. One way in which this added appreciation has manifested itself is in the increased number of female winners of the Pulitzer Prize.

In 2018, Stephanie McCrummen, Beth Reinhard and Alice Crites accepted the Pulitzer for the investigative reporting work done by the Washington Post in furthering the nation's understanding of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

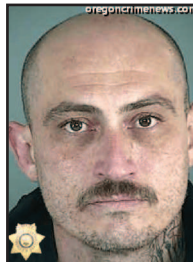
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Suspect still being sought after eluding state police

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Local law enforcement is on the lookout for Florence resident Jerry Joseph Strosnider, a 39-year-old who eluded multiple law enforcement departments after a car chase over the weekend.

The incident began Saturday morning when the Florence Police Department (FPD) received a request



for assistance from the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Oregon State Police (OSP). Strosnider, who was a suspect in a domestic violence assault case, failed to yield to authorities while east of Florence and began driving his vehicle at a "very high rate of speed," according to the FPD.

Florence police set up spike strips on Highway 126, east of North Fork Road, which successfully spiked the vehicle's tires. Strosnider was able to keep driving, however, and reached Florence, where he abandoned his vehicle on Eighth Street near Highway 101, fleeing on foot. The area

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