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Oregon Dunes chapter recognizes Tim Sapp with Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award

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True heroes are few and far between.

Florence is fortunate to have more than its fair share of brave, selfless individuals who exemplify the best in our nation's military, values and national spirit.

Tim Sapp is one of those individuals.

Sapp is a veteran of the Vietnam War and sustained grievous injuries



(Center) Tim Sapp receives the Oregon Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award from DAR members Joanie Gualco and Jacquie Beveridge at the Oregon Coast Military Museum on Monday.

overseas, for which he received the Purple Heart commendation.

Quiet and unassuming, Sapp was recognized for his service, his contributions since serving and the way in which he lives his life during a special ceremony held last Monday at the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM), 2145 Kingwood St.

The Oregon Dunes Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awarded Sapp the prestigious Oregon Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award,

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Governor updates 10 counties to 'high risk'

Lane County's updated risk level takes effect Friday

SALEM—On Tuesday, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced updates to county risk levels under the state's public health framework to reduce transmission and protect Oregonians from COVID-19. The framework uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread — extreme risk, high risk, moderate risk and lower risk — and assigns health and safety measures for each level.

Effective April 23 through May 6, there will be 23 counties in the high-risk level, three at moderate risk, and 10 at lower risk. Lane County is one of six counties that jumped to high risk from moderate risk. Other counties in the high-risk designation are Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos,

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Cleaning up the beaches for Earth Day

SOLVE members met at three Florence beaches on Saturday to participate in COVID-safe Earth Day beach clean-ups. The North and South Jetty had many volunteers walking the beach to collect trash.

Earth Day events in Florence began this weekend as some community members were able to show their support for a day specifically dedicated to recognizing and acting to clean up the planet.

Oregon-based organization SOLVE (Stop Oregon Littering and

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Vandalism) held a series of clean-up events on Saturday, which included the North and South jetties of the Siuslaw River and the beach by Driftwood Shores Resort. There

were teams deployed at each location to walk the beach collecting and properly disposing of solid waste.

Jon Tipple, the area coordinator for SOLVE, said he was pleased with the turnout at his post at South Jetty.

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The show must go on — hold

Last Resort Players pause planned show as Lane County reenters 'high risk'

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Earlier in April, the Last Resort Players (LRP) announced dates for its first theater event since the COVID-19 pandemic halted large gatherings more than a year ago. Within days of first getting the word out there, Lane County Public Health reported that the county's positive case count for the novel coronavirus was again on the rise. The LRP Board of Directors decided to forgo its spring dates for tentative days in June.

Initially, LRP planned to perform BOATS (Based On A True Story),

a series of monologues told by area residents, at City Lights Cinemas the last weekend in April. The board decided it was finally time to return to the stage since the county had entered low risk of community spread of COVID-19 on March 26, following several weeks of lower case counts.

"We were doing well. We were at the low at the low risk level," said LRP President Jim Wellington. "This was of course before we had heard anything about it potentially turning around."

Lane County began to see a climb in cases at the end of March. However, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown kept the county in a two-week caution period, which left the county in "low risk" despite the rising cases.

"I just think we were feeling optimistic," Wellington said about moving forward with BOATS. "People want something, people need

something — and the same thing goes for the theater community — we want, need to be out there doing something and giving to the community."

According to an email sent out to LRP members, "The 'low to medium' COVID-19 risk level guidelines would allow us to play to a socially distanced audience of up to 30 members. And, we had put together a small cast show that could rehearse and perform in comfort and safety. We felt that the time was appropriate for LRP and the theater going community to begin to reconnect."

A second email, sent soon after, announced the indefinite postponement of BOATS.

"When I sent out the latest blurb, I was thinking about saying, 'The show will go on — hold,'" Wellington said.

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Council approves City Workplan

BY MARK BRENNAN
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Florence City Council had a busy day Monday. The day began with a scheduled work session in the morning covering the rules and attitudes involved in harassment, discrimination and unconscious bias in the workplace, which was presented by Citycounty Insurance Services Senior Consultant Sharon Harris. That was followed by an executive session in the afternoon and the regularly scheduled council meeting that evening.

The agenda for the regular session was brief and began with a proclamation read by Mayor Joe Henry in recognition of Arbor Day.

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