

Music from B1

California — where he was involved in both music and theater — and has since worked in children's improvisational theater. Moore, a Mapleton native, is currently finishing a music education program at the University of Oregon with a focus on choral studies, but also has a background in elementary education and works as a private music teacher.

"That's another facet as to why we are a good team, too," Wood said. "My approach tends to be more performance based and Sheena's is very literacy based, I would say."

Like so many educators, when coronavirus first struck, their attention went straight to the effects it would likely have on children

and their access to continued education and social interaction with their peers.

"In the summer I will usually teach a music program in one of our local camps here in town for kids," Wood added. "But, because of the pandemic everything is shut down. So, our thought process was we have to figure out a way to make it available to kids."

"So many programs are just dead in the water right now that it felt very, very necessary ... Sheena and I think it's really important that the kids have these artistic and musical outlets available to them and watching them all disappear was really, for me personally, the fire, my motivation."

Luckily, unlike sports for example, music and performance are not things that must strictly be done face-to-face thanks to video conference technology and the teach-

ing tandem saw their opportunity to contribute to their community during a time of need.

"These kids, some of them may have siblings or family members that are vulnerable," Moore said. "So they need to quarantine and with that quarantine they're isolated from peers and activities that are really enriching. It can be lonely. So, we've tried to incorporate interaction with other kids as well as us into this program."

As education moves towards distance learning models under the threat of COVID-19 — models that could become fixtures of education pending the future of the pandemic — "Music in Motion" is shaping up to be an example of how these models can work and, hopefully, work well.

The campers have an opportunity to learn independence in their education, as there is a three-day

window each week between when the weekly lesson is released on Monday and the "in-person" video meeting each Thursday, but more importantly, it's a model that shows interaction is still possible, even at a distance, given the right subject material and approach.

"The humanities [like music] really encourage teamwork, they encourage empathy, allow you to learn about other cultures other than what you're immersed in," Moore said. "And that's a wonderful thing and a very important thing in this globalized world we live in."

"And then all you gotta do is make it fun, throw a few animal movements in there, ride a horse, chase a bull, and then you've got the kids!" Wood added.

While Wood and Moore are pleased to be able to offer a tangible, real-life summer activi-

ty to children during a difficult time, their hopes extend beyond the four-week "Music in Motion" camp. Perhaps programs like theirs and others like it can be a rubrik for other educators of all subjects to explore as the future of education gets cloudier.

"The future of music education in public schools is increasingly uncertain ... due to the nature of music, with breathing and singing. They're all activities that require extra distance, extra space and extra caution," Moore said. "It's making educators rethink how to teach music and what's really important about music. Hopefully in the future we realize that music is much more than singing or playing notes on a page."

"We, as educators, need to get creative right now and we can't back off. We need to push forward," Wood said.

Corps from B1

victims were not wearing a life jacket, almost 90 percent of victims are male — ages 18 and up — and about half of accidents involve alcohol.

"Be water-safe," said Tilton. "Don't jump off dams or swim immediately above or below dams."

Finally, the Corps advocates for responsible recreation — this includes adhering to the ban on alcohol at Cottage Grove and Dorena Lakes.

"Respect the rules," Tilton said. "Pick up your trash, and if the garbage cans are full, pack it out."

For more information about the Corps Life Jackets Worn... Nobody Mourns campaign, visit www.PleaseWearIt.com.

USACE is one of the nation's leading federal providers of outdoor and water-based recreation, managing more than 43 states and hosting some 260 million visits per year. With 90 percent of these recreation areas within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, they provide a diverse range of outdoor activities close to home and to people of all ages. For more information on USACE recreation sites and activities, visit www.CorpsLakes.us.

Summer heat, wildfires and pandemics

The heat of summer is here across the state, and with extreme temperatures and dry conditions comes increased risks. Oregon's Office of Emergency Management offers a few simple tips to help Oregonians keep cool, stay safe and prevent wildfires as we all navigate the continued impacts of COVID-19.

- Staying home to prevent the spread of COVID? Keep windows and blinds closed to stay cool indoors and make sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- When you need to be outdoors, stay close to home, bring a water bottle with you and limit activity to early in the day or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Heading out to cool off in the water? Plan ahead, know the risks and don't forget those life jackets.
- Be sure to wear face coverings when you cannot maintain a distance of at least six feet from others. Switch to a cotton bandana or scarf if your normal face covering is too heavy or thick to wear in the heat.
- Check on family members and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone or who may need special assistance. Remember, you can visit in person as long

as you stay at least six feet away, but a call, text or video-chat works as well and reduces the risk of COVID exposure.

• It's everyone's responsibility to help prevent human-caused wildfires. Know your local fire restrictions and always pack a water source and a shovel. If you make a campfire, be sure it's dead out before leaving. To learn about restrictions and wildfire activities at home, at work and when you are out and about, visit www.KeepOregonGreen.org/prevent-wildfires.

Above all, know your risks and be prepared for them. OEM's 2 Weeks Ready initiative offers a real way each of us can help ourselves and our communities prepare for the next emergency.

2 Weeks Ready encourages Oregonians to prepare to be on their own for a minimum of two weeks. This empowers individuals and communities to count on themselves and each other, especially in the aftermath of a major disaster such as a wildfire or earthquake. It's also a great way to mitigate

the effects of events such as heat waves, power outages, and even



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An example of items one might have in a "go-bag" for two weeks worth of disaster preparedness.

COVID-19 as people may need to isolate at home for as long as 14 days.

"It's all about knowing the risk so you can plan ahead to reduce that risk," says OEM Director Andrew Phelps. "Disasters don't wait for us to be ready, and they can be due to any number of hazards. Preparing for disaster can be overwhelming but 2 Weeks Ready is an achievable goal. You don't have to

get there today, but you do need to start now."

OEM has created a short video to show Oregonians the basics of a 2 Weeks Ready kit, including face coverings and hand sanitizer. Everyone's kit will look different so be sure to customize for you and your family.

For more information on preparedness resources, visit www.oregon.gov/oem.

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