

UV awareness bracelets alert kids

Recently, members of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and a few community members gathered together to make 511 bracelets in honor of Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Volunteer Firefighter Michael McLaughlin, who passed away in November from lung cancer.

The “Michael’s Awareness Bracelet” is made with suede string and UV beads. The beads are white when the wearer is inside, and when they are exposed to UV rays from the sun, they change from semi-clear to bright colorful beads.

The purpose of the bracelet is to get the wearer’s attention and remind them of the importance of putting on sun protection.

The solar beads were donated by Karen McLaughlin and the suede string was purchased through donations to the Fire District Association’s Michael McLaughlin fund.

Sisters Camp-Sherman Fire District administrative assistant Julie Spor reported that “The idea for the project came when hospital volunteers were giving out plastic bags filled with a bracelet, a small bottle of sunscreen and a note about protecting yourself from sun damage while Michael was at St. Charles Cancer Treatment Center for one of his radiation treatments. Michael brought a few of the bags home and said that he’d really like to get this type of sunscreen awareness

out to the kids in the Sisters community through the Fire District. His plan was to work on the project while he was going through treatment. Unfortunately, the treatment Michael was going through drained his energy and made him too sick to see the project through before he passed away. His wife, Karen, and Association President Angel Thorsvold got together, came up with a plan, coordinated a work party and it all came together.”

Fire District volunteers plan to give the bracelets to each child attending area schools at their end-of-the-year Spray the Kids Event. This is an annual event where Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale fire departments attend the field day on the last day of school and use water from a fire truck to make a large, wide water stream for school kids to run through to mark the end of the school year.

Michael’s wife, Karen, said, “Through the coordinated effort of the Sisters firefighter community, Michael got his wish to bring awareness to the youngest, the importance of skin protection.”

Karen also wanted to

thank the Sisters community, friends and family for donating over \$3,000 to her fundraiser for “Reach the Beach.” This is the American Lung Association’s second largest fundraising event. It is for an annual road cycling event starting in Portland and finishing at Pacific City.

Karen and Michael had done this race several times before. Karen said, “Michael told me when he was going through his toughest treatment that if he survived this cancer he was going to volunteer to help the sick. I can’t help but feel that through the donations made in his honor and the American Lung Association Cause, that he got his wish, to help the sick!”



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When beads are exposed to UV rays from the sun they change from white to bright colors.

Free smoke alarm installation available

The local American Red Cross and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department are partnering to save lives by installing smoke alarms in homes that need them in Sisters. On Saturday, May 27, starting at 8:30 a.m., Red Cross volunteers and fire department representatives will go door-to-door in Sisters to install free smoke alarms and deliver fire safety information.

“This campaign is critical because we at the Red Cross see people affected by home fires every day, multiple times each day,” said Cyndi Dahl, executive director for the Central and Eastern Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross. “We hope that by helping people prepare now with smoke alarms and fire

escape plans, we can prevent the most devastating loss a fire can cause — the loss of life. We’re grateful to the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District for partnering with us for this important endeavor.”

Sisters Fire Chief Roger Johnson said, “Providing a working smoke alarm in every home is the single most important action we can take to prevent the loss of life in our community.”

“Even though most homes have a smoke alarm, half of all fire fatalities occur in homes without a *working* smoke alarm. Partnering with the American Red Cross was a natural fit for our agency.”

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