

GENERAL NEWS

Pinwheel project continues

Volunteer firefighter academy begins June 6

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) is looking for men and women to become volunteer firefighters.

Between now and April 30, SVFR will be accepting applications for volunteer firefighting positions. The volunteer recruit academy will begin June 6. Recruits will be trained to an entry level firefighter position.

Prospective volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and live in the proximity of the city of Florence.

SVFR covers approximately 120 square miles and protects approximately 17,000 full time residents. Communities like Florence depend on volunteers to take care of emergencies such as fires, car accidents and assisting with medical emergencies.

Of the 40 firefighters that

make up SVFR, only three hold paid positions. The rest are volunteers.

The department is trained to provide structural and wild land fire protection, emergency rescue and auto extrication.

The department also has a Zodiac rescue boat to provide water rescues on the many lakes within the district and assist the Coast Guard with emergency services on the Siuslaw River.

SVFR will provide the necessary training, skills and equipment to become a firefighter. By becoming a volunteer, recruits will be joining more than 65 years of tradition in saving lives and giving back to their community.

Applications are available at the main station, 2625 Highway 101.



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Volunteers from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue joined Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County members, staff, board members and others to plant 1,000 pinwheels at Three Rivers Casino Resort on April 3. This is the fourth year the casino has participated in the pinwheel project, designed to promote awareness of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month. The casino treated Boys and Girls Club members to ice cream afterwards. Florence Mayor Joe Henry proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month during the city council meeting on April 6, saying, "Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support it needs in raising children in a safe, nurturing environment. ... I call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live."

Local Coast Guard volunteer named Auxiliariest of Year

On Saturday, March 28, during the District 13 Commodore's Banquet in Eugene, Florence resident and District 13, Division 05, Flotilla 2 and Detachment 5-2 member Tony Rebello was named Auxiliariest of the Year for his many contributions throughout the years.

Rebello is in AUXFS (Auxiliary Food Services) for the Coast Guard Station in Florence, and has also cooked for many other USCG station crews in Oregon and Washington.

Rebello has also been aboard several USCG Cutters, cooking for those crews as well.

"When you work with anyone, from Active Duty personnel to Reserves and even our own auxiliary, there's never a bad day," he said.

The award recognized Rebello for the skills and the passion shown in his effort to live the Coast Guard Auxiliary core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty.



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Tony Rebello (left) of the USCG receives his award for Auxiliariest of the Year at the District 13 Commodore's Banquet in Eugene.





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