

## Attendance from 1A

“And the problem isn’t just in Florence. This is nationwide,” Franklin said.

Franklin said the school has a list of things that it is doing in order to achieve that attendance goal.

“Our first objective is for staff and parents to set a goal. Our goal is 95 percent: the green zone,” he said.

He said both adult volunteers who work with all students, or school seniors mentoring freshmen, are two ways to improve attendance rates.

Identifying what Franklin called “barriers” to attendance

is another way to achieve better attendance.

“We try to identify the barrier,” he said. “We ask the student, ‘What’s preventing you from being in school?’ We talk with the parents, ‘What is the issue?’ Identifying barriers is important so we can create a plan to overcome those barriers.”

According to Franklin, the district has a list of at-risk red-zone students that are candidates for failing or dropping out of school.

“It could be a bad home situation or a bad start in high school,” he said.

For the first two months of this school year, Franklin said

the high school attendance rate is 96 percent. He conceded that it is too early in the year to tell if this number will hold.

“We still have far too many red-zone students,” he said. “In the freshman class there are 35 students in the red-zone. There are 37 sophomores, 56 juniors and 58 seniors in the red-zone.”

Franklin said that ninth and 10th graders generally have better attendance.

“They don’t have cars and they have fuller class schedules. Juniors and seniors often have less parental oversight as well,” he added.

Franklin believes in positive motivation.

“During our back to school assembly this year, I talked to the students about three rules for success,” Franklin said, “Putting others first; taking accountability for mistakes and learning from it, and just showing up – have perseverance, keep coming back, day after day.”

Anyone interested in volunteering with the school district needs to fill out the volunteer application form found on the Siuslaw School District website at [www.siuslaw.k12.or.us](http://www.siuslaw.k12.or.us).

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Vice Principal Corky Franklin discusses Siuslaw School District attendance with the Kiwanis Club of Florence on Wednesday.

## Park from 1A

Attendees also considered recommendations on how to explore solutions to preserving the parcel.

“If Lane County does not have the funds to improve Ocean Woods, rather than sell

it, offer an option in the master plan to deed the parcel to a nonprofit organization in the Florence area who could then solicit federal grants to improve the property as a park,” JoAnn Campione said.

At least one more draft is scheduled before the LCP Master Plan is finalized.

To add comment to the draft plan, go to [www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Parks/Pages/masterplan.aspx](http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Parks/Pages/masterplan.aspx), email [laneparks@co.lane.or.us](mailto:laneparks@co.lane.or.us) or call 541-682-2002 and ask to go on record.

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## Fire district recognizes new lieutenant

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The Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) Board of Directors honored newly appointed Lt. Tim Snapp at its October board meeting.

Fire Chief Jim Langborg formally swore Snapp into his position.

“We do want to make it special and make it formal,” Langborg said.

Snapp agreed that he was up to the task. As part of his oath, he swore to serve the fire district with honor, dignity, passion, respect and loyalty.

Snapp has been a volunteer firefighter with SVFR since 2005. He and his wife Jenny have five children.



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Lt. Tim Snapp swears in at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 21.

## Siuslaw National Forest to host job fair Tuesday

Learn about job opportunities in the Siuslaw National Forest and the federal hiring process during a job fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101.

Forest service representatives will be available to discuss:

- Job and career opportunities with the U.S. Forest Service.

- Special hiring considerations for select groups, such as veterans, people with disabilities and former Peace Corps or AmeriCorps members.

- How to write a resume for federal employment.

- How to navigate the federal hiring website at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

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“I guess it is the satisfaction of being there to help the country during that time.”

—RON SJOGREN, 79  
ARMY, 1958 - 60

“People in England purchase Flanders Poppies and wear them. It is the only day that England recognizes veterans.”

—MAUDE BRUNETTE, 92  
WAAF, WORLD WAR II

“It’s a day when we remember the veterans and what they did for the country. Also that we have disabled vets that need care.”

—PAUL CULY, 94  
NAVY, WORLD WAR II

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