

# Labor Day Parade, Street Fair honor first responders



**Above:** From left, Jenna Szilagyi, Elysia Glowacz, and Tyler Szilagyi show their patriotism by waving flags they received at the St. Peter pancake breakfast. Knights of Columbus members, St. Peter Church staff, and students helped to serve over 500 attendees at the early morning breakfast.



**Above:** The color guard starts off the Labor Day Parade.



**Above:** Smokey the Bear made an appearance during the parade.



**Above:** "Strength Through Unity" was the theme for the day's activities.



**Above:** Firefighting units from around the Tri-Lakes area participated in the parade.



**Above:** Lewis-Palmer cheerleaders show their enthusiasm for firefighters' efforts.

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**Above:** The activities included a splash tank. Once a target was hit with a softball, water flowed down from a toilet onto the seated occupant of the tank. Monument Trustee Becky Tooley participated.



**Above:** Numerous popular activities were offered at Limbach Park. In addition to a dart toss, cola toss, basketball toss, splash tank, and bounce house there was a football toss. **Right:** Cameron Pontbriand was one of many children who enjoyed the various games held at the Street Fair.



**Above:** Abi Robins shared her original music to the crowds that mingled among the games. Her website is [www.abirobinsmusic.com](http://www.abirobinsmusic.com).

## Fire district displays equipment at Labor Day exposition

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At fire Station 1 on Highway 105, Labor Day was a day of exhibitions and education as well as entertainment. In its first ever Labor Day emergency services exposition, the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District displayed its equipment and support elements that augment fire operations. Fire Rehab Services and its founder and director, retired firefighter Jim Hatfield, and associate Franklin Blaha, displayed their support trailer and fed the exhibition attendees hamburgers free of charge.

Fire Rehab could be described as the Red Cross of emergency services. When an emergency occurs, its personnel are on the front lines with the firefighters, police, or other emergency units. They supply food, medicine, emergency personal care, and other human necessities on the scene. The unit is made up of volunteers from all walks of life who are dedicated to assist in exigent situations.

Hatfield said that they are badly in need of additional volunteers. Applicants should contact him through the website at [www.pikespeakfire.org](http://www.pikespeakfire.org). Fire Rehab was in-

strumental in assisting in the personal needs of the first responders at the Mountain Shadows fire site.

In addition to Fire Rehab, the Rescue 4 engine from the World Trade Center attacks was on the scene as a memorial of dedication and remembrance of the lives so selflessly given on that Sept. 11. It is now called the Remembrance Project in honor of those who gave their lives to save others. Our own fire personnel could not help but be moved by its presence and what and who it represented to them.

The fire district's three acting fire chiefs, Battalion Chiefs Bryan Jack, Mike Dooley, and Greg Lovato attended the event. They displayed their extension ladder equipment, smaller engines, emergency services vehicles, and brush fire vehicles. Paramedics, EMTs, driver engineers, and firefighting personnel explained the mechanics and operation of each piece of equipment. Sheriff Terry Maketa sent several of his Wildland Fire Crew personnel to participate in a show of joint cooperation.

Youngsters entertained themselves in inflatable playhouses while their parents learned about and examined the fire equipment. Lunch was also served to

all who attended. *Bernard Minetti can be reached at [bernardminetti@ocn.me](mailto:bernardminetti@ocn.me).*



**Above:** From left are firefighting personnel Elliot Link, Lt. Ryan Graham, Capt. Kris Mola, and driver Kevin Richmond. They helped to instruct attendees on the history of Fire Rescue 4 and its role in the events of Sept. 11, 2001. *Photo by Bernard Minetti.*