

# Grant assists in arson prevention

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The Warm Springs Fire and Safety department received a grant on Oct. 12 during an open house celebration for fire prevention week.

FM Global awarded the grant, worth over \$2,000, in order to assist the department in targeting arson prevention.

Wayne Fish, group manager for FM Global, spoke to Fire and Safety employees about the importance of preventing arson.

Arson, he said, is the second-leading cause of fire today.

As for his company, Fish said, "We are a property insurance company with an unusual focus on loss prevention."

This grant in particular is unusual, according to Fish, because Warm Springs Fire and Safety is also an FM Global client.

"That's a pretty rare occurrence," Fish said.

Mike Witmer handles the tribes' account with the FM Global program and also at-



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tended the event to present the grant to Fire and Safety.

FM Global has provided over \$200 million in grants worldwide.

Karla Bagley-Tias is the leader of a four-person team geared toward investigating arson locally.

In the past arson had to be investigated using money out of the general budget for Fire and Safety, she said.

This grant allows the department to purchase new equipment like digital cameras and to get new, advanced training for employees.

In this area arson is relatively common, Bagley-Tias said.

One reason is that it includes all types of intentionally-started fires—including structural fires and grass fires.

"Dangerous burning—that's considered arson," she ex-

plained.

She said the grant presentation was one of many events during fire prevention week.

"Our theme is old and new," Bagley-Tias explained.

For that reason, new and old equipment was displayed for community members, who were invited to tour the Fire and Safety building and join in a lunchtime celebration.

# Basket work of young artist part of Madras exhibition

Basketry work by Tony Stephens, of Warm Springs, will be part of the Oregon College of Art and Craft exhibition during November in Madras.

The exhibition opens Saturday, Nov. 4, and runs through Nov. 29, at the Art Adventures Gallery at 185 Fifth St., Madras.

Stephens was admitted this fall as a full-time student at the Oregon College of Art and Craft in Portland.

He was selected from a large number of applicants to go to

Washington, D.C., for a special program and exhibition of Native American basketry. Some of his basketry will be part of the exhibition in Madras.

Stephens attributes his success to the support and guidance he has received from family, the tribes, teachers and various other mentors, including local artist Apolonia Santos.

For more information on the upcoming exhibition at Art Adventures Gallery, call Coralee Popp at 475-6317.

## Memorials and Namegivings

There will be Memorials and Namegivings at the Agency Longhouse on Saturday, Nov. 4. Memorials starting at 9 a.m. for Alfred Sunday Goudy and Jerome Ian Goudy.

Namegiving ceremonies to follow immediately. All family and friends welcome.

## Honoring veterans on Nov. 11

Honor your living or deceased veteran on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Agency Longhouse.

Balloons honoring veterans will be released from the

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