

Literary mural

Warm Springs artist John Finch this week is finishing a colorful mural on the wall of the children's area of the Warm Springs Library.

The mural includes characters from children's literature.

The library, in the Family Resource Center, sees a steady stream of patrons on a daily basis, said Librarian Craig Graham.

Graham reminds people who check out books to return them on time, or re-check them out. You can call the library to re-check a book, 541-553-1078. Library hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children should have parental supervision.



John Finch works on the mural at the Warm Springs Library.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Weather helps fires, but season isn't over

The fires that have burned on the reservation this summer are now about 99 percent contained.

Crews this week were still doing some mop-up work in the Badger Butte area, said Warm Springs Fire and Safety Chief Dan Martinez.

A Natural Resources team was also out assessing loss to reservation timber.

In all, the High Cascade Complex fires burned close to 112,000 acres, said Martinez.

Total acreage was close to that of the 1996 Simnasho fire, which burned across 116,000 acres.

There are some differences between the two incidents:

The Simnasho fire was a single fire; while the High Cascades Complex was a number

of separate fires a good distance away from each other.

The challenge was allocating staff and resources to each separate fire, said Martinez.

Still, no homes were lost to the fires. "That was a miracle," said Martinez.

On the reservation and in other parts of the region the week of cool weather, and some rain, gave a significant boost to crews battling the various wildfires.

Officials, however, warned that a forecast for hot and dry weather this week means the fire season still isn't over.

The fire season usually ends around Oct. 1, said Martinez.

Elsewhere, aircraft this week were pulling out of the Dollar Lake fire that threatened Portland's water supplies.

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