

### **Jerry sparks**

Fire prevention is as important in business as it is at home. Though insurance may cover all your unexpected and direct losses in case of fire, it won't cover the customers you may lose for good while you are closed, or the hard work it takes to reopen.

Door housekeeping is the primary cause of fire in small businesses and stores. Clean up the cluttered storeroom, the packing material that hasn't been disposed of. Clear the aisles that could impede firefighters—or escaping customers and employees.

Look out for electrical hazards. Using multiple plugs in electrical outlets is the easy way out with more appliances—but it's dangerous. Never replace fuses with those of higher amperage.

Do you have a fire extinguisher? Is it the right kind? Does it work? Do you know how to use it? Do your employees?

First step in any fire is to call the fire department. Then, if circumstances permit, spray an appropriate fire extinguisher at the base of the fire. Evaluate the premises.

Prevent fire where you can. Where you can't, be sure your business is adequately protected. Talk to the fire department.

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to be used each year.

Final arrangements were made for the Founder's Day Banquet which will be held Friday, April 30 at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The scholarship recipient will be selected from a number of applicants. The scholarship will be presented at the State Awards program on May 1.

Plans for the Art Show on May 14 were discussed.

The next meeting will be held on May 15.

Ninety-six percent of Egypt's 40 million people live squeezed onto only 4 percent of the land; the long green strands that flank the Nile River, National Geographic says.

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