



Camps are set up outside the Nesmith Readiness Center in Dallas to fight the fire at Willamina Creek Fire. As of Monday evening the fire was 75 percent contained.

Armory serves as base Readiness Center sets up camp for firefighters

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Col. James Nesmith Readiness Center played host to some new guests over the weekend — fire suppression crews. Inmate crews from three different correctional institutions set up camp at the National Guard building, allowing quicker access to the Willamina Creek Fire, which began on Aug. 19.

"Take South Fork for example, even though this is a local fire to them, you lose a lot of time in travel," South Fork Forest Group Assistant Camp Manager Justin Dillon said. "This was an opportunity to get the crews local and have more time on the fire instead of travel."

The building also allowed those in charge of the fire crews an easy place to house, and watch over, the crews.

"Given the nature of the

facility, it allows security staff to have more control of the environment and what the inmates have access too," Dillon said. "Logistically, the facility has many of the basic needs to support 100 inmates already available."

The fire hand crews stationed at the building assisted with fire suppression by construction hot line, assembling hose lays and back burning.

Fire crews had the 230-acre fire 75 percent contained as of Monday evening.

The fire started about nine miles north of Willamina in Yamhill County on Aug. 19 at about 5 p.m. The cause is under investigation, but it is suspected to be human caused, perhaps from recreational activity, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Crews are engaged in mop-up activities, which is

arduous work during which firefighters locate and fully extinguish every hot spot. The process requires digging out roots and stumps or breaking apart piles of burned fuel which still has smoldering material deep inside.

The wild land resources assigned to the fire include — both day and night shifts — 13 hand crews, six engines, one dozer, six water tenders and overhead personnel. Total personnel assigned to the fire is 197 as of Monday night.

The estimated damage as of Monday was \$1.086 million.

Four cabins along East Creek Road were under a level one evacuation order Monday night. Willamina Creek Road and East Creek Road were closed north of Coast Creek Road.

The fire contributed to the smoke that blanketed Polk County over the weekend.

Falls City, county hope to get money to repair bridges, roads

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — The city of Falls City has applied for two grants to complete more than \$3.5 million in road and bridge repairs.

If things go as planned, the city may be able to do it without spending a dime. To pull off that magic trick, the city has applied for a grant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to help pay for much needed repairs to Dutch Creek Crossing.

"It's in bad shape," Falls City Mayor Terry Ungricht said. "I don't want to have



ing, the city and county could overlay North Main and Bridge streets; pave Mitchell Street, Black Rock Road to the Berry Creek turnoff, and Valsez Road to the city limits; replace culverts on Dutch Creek, and replace a bridge on Black Rock Road.

Ungricht said the city will be notified in October if it is successful on the larger grant.

"It would be great," he said. "I'm not holding my breath, but it would be great."

If the city and county are unsuccessful, Ungricht said the city would cooperate with local timber companies that use Dutch Creek Crossing to complete the necessary repairs to keep the bridge in working order.

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September 2015

Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

Sept 6 Polk County Flea Market. 9 am to 3 pm. Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall. Polk County's oldest and largest market with 183 tables selling antiques, collectibles, tools, etc... Admission \$1. For more info contact Deb Thomas 503-428-8224.

Sept 8 BACK TO SCHOOL!

Sept 17 Free Seminar: ISIS and the Caliphate. 7 to 9 pm. Faith Lutheran Church, (on the S curves), 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy, Monmouth. Wondering about ISIS and its role in the Middle East? Join us for a free, insightful lecture on the history and future of the Islamic State. Presented by Dr. Scott Yakimow, Associate Professor of Theology, Concordia University. Light refreshments provided. Call for more information (503) 838-3459

Sept 18 & 19 Hop & Heritage in Downtown Independence.

Sept 19 MICC Hoppin' Bingo! 1 pm to 4 pm Riverview Park. FUN for the entire family! PRIZES GALORE! \$1 per game or \$10 for 12 games. Riverview Park, Downtown Independence.

Sept 19 Doll Show. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall. Pre-Sale 9 am to 10 am. Sale Hours 10 am to 4 pm. Adults \$4.00 Kids 10yrs and younger free. Dolls ♦ Bears ♦ Books ♦ Toys ♦ Doll Stringing ♦ Miniatures & Related Items. No Appraisals. Food available on site.

Sept 23 WOU New Student Feed. Main St. Park, Monmouth (more info to come in the coming weeks)

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September 19, 2015
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Independence Hop & Heritage Festival
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Every Tuesday May - October Polk County Bounty Market 10 AM - 3 PM Main St. Park

Every Tuesday 10:15 AM, Toddler Story Time for ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs. Monmouth Public Library, 168 S. Ecolis St.

Every Tuesday 7:30 PM Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays - 9:15 to 11 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MoPS) meets at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., Monmouth.

Every Wednesday 10:15 AM, Preschool Story Time for ages 3-6 years. Monmouth Library, 168 S. Ecolis St.

Every Wednesday Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank, 10am to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.

Every Wednesday 6:30 PM - Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church at 320 Fir Villa Rd. in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

Every 2nd Wednesday Monmouth-Independence Chamber lunch forum. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Location changes. Please call Jean Love or visit our Calendar of Events at micc-or.org for more information. 503-838-4268

Every 3rd Wednesday each month. BINGO at the Farm, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Come play BINGO in the Chatoe out at Rogue Farms. Join us every third Wednesday of the month through 2014! So bring your family and friends and get ready to win! Boards, daubers, and prizes provided! Rogue Farms Chatoe Tasting Room, 3590 Wigrich Road Independence, OR

Every Thursday 7 p.m. 314 Cottonwood Way, Monmouth. Polk and Marion County Women meet to discuss and research alternative/safer approaches to conventional treatments of hormonal imbalance.

Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) open meeting. Monmouth Volunteer Hall. Info: 503-838-8804

Every 3rd Thursday After Hour Mixers with Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our FREE monthly after-hours mixers. Mixers are held the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at member locations. Registration is requested to help the host site properly prepare. Attendees are encouraged to bring a small giveaway (less than \$10) to promote your business or organization. For location and or more information, contact Jean Love 503-838-4268 or visit our Calendar of Events at micc-or.org for more information.

Every Friday TOPS-Weight Loss Group meets at the Monmouth Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information please feel free to contact Marilyn at 503-930-7936.

Every Saturday Riverview Market Now through October 9 AM - 2 Pm Riverview Park 50 C. St., Independence

Every Saturday The Original Independence Farmers Market 9 am to 2 pm Umpqua Bank parking lot in historic downtown Independence.

Every 1st Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Monmouth Senior Center host breakfast. All you can eat, Adults \$6 Donation, Children 12 & under \$3 Donation. For more info: 503 838-5678

First Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.-Crafter's Cottage at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St. Handmade items, watercolors, needlepoint, towels, bead jewelry, dolls, blankets, sweaters, jellies, etc...**New items always arriving!**