

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES
For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the Itemizer-Observer:
Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Thursday.
Community events — Noon on Friday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.
Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Monday.
Obituaries — 4 p.m. on Monday.
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Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Friday.
Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Monday.
Classified line ads — Noon on Monday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.
Public notices — Noon on Friday.

CORRECTIONS

In a story and headline for the story headlined "Woman killed in Hwy. 22 crash," which appeared on Page 5A of the Feb. 11 issue of the Itemizer-Observer, the gender of Carrol L. Davis, 70, who was killed in the accident, was incorrect. Davis was a man. The I-O regrets the error.

In a photo outline that accompanied a story headlined "Library a gardening resource," which appeared on Page 2A of the Feb. 18 issue of the Itemizer-Observer, Monmouth Library Director Krist Obrist's last name was misspelled. The I-O regrets the error.

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The Itemizer-Observer is also on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Feb. 17	65	36	.00
Feb. 18	58	38	.00
Feb. 19	59	43	.00
Feb. 20	59	39	.00
Feb. 21	60	42	.00
Feb. 22	58	33	.00
Feb. 23	61	28	.00

Rainfall during Feb. — 4.17 in.
Rain through Feb. 23 — 7.38 in.

Woman charged with animal neglect

38 horses, 20 goats and several fowl seized from location on Pioneer Road near Dallas

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The long process of finding new homes for 38 abused and neglected horses and 20 goats began Tuesday.

Up until then, the animals that were seized on Feb. 13 from the 300 block of Pioneer Road near Dallas were still receiving veterinarian care, said Polk County Lt. Jeff Isham.

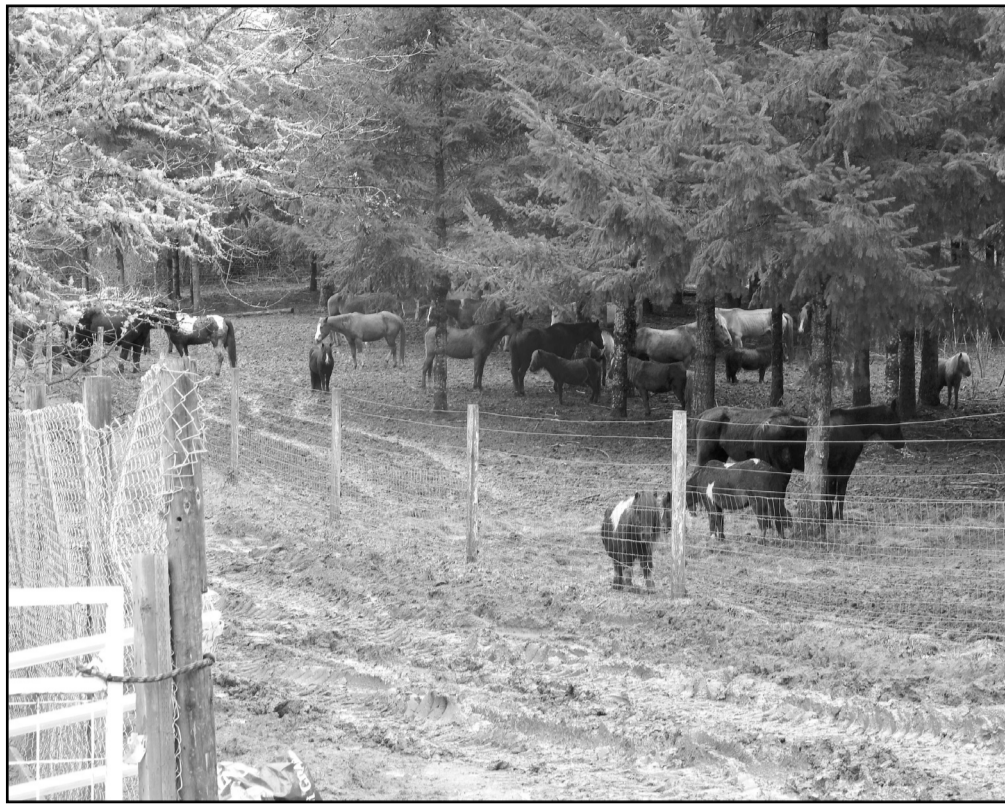
Animal owner Monica Foster, 41, of Dallas was charged with first-degree animal neglect. She was cited and released on Feb. 18.

Polk County deputies, a local veterinarian and the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse determined 38 horses, 20 goats and more than a dozen fowl were in poor health, emaciated, malnourished and in immediate need of care, according to a Feb. 18 press release from the sheriff's department.

One dead horse also was found on the property.

Results from blood tests to determine the extent of the neglect were not complete as of press time.

"We're working with a



A herd of 38 abused horses seized Feb. 13 from the 300 block of Pioneer Road includes miniature horses. Also seized from animal owner Monica Foster were 20 goats.

horse rescue out of the Seattle area," he said. "They came down (Sunday) and took photos of each animal and touched the animals." Once the animals have

been categorized, the horse rescue group will prescreen applicants to make sure the animals aren't put from one bad situation into another, Isham said.

The 20 goats who were rescued will go through a similar process, he said.

The more than dozen fowl — geese, ducks and chickens — were quickly rehomed with

help from Cross Creek Alpaca Rescue, Isham said. The organization also is helping find new homes for the goats.

Finding homes for horses is proving more complicated than it was for alpacas, Isham said, referring to the animal abuse case last year outside of Falls City involving 180 alpacas.

"They're not like alpacas," Isham said. "With alpacas, you can have the wool. With horses, you can ride them and they eat a lot of food, and you'll be stuck with them."

The Polk County Sheriff's Office applied for a grant from the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to help pay for expenses. A representative from California happened to be in town and stopped by to talk about the case, Isham said.

"He wanted to see the property and the animals and report back to the grant people," he said.

The same property was involved in a different animal abuse case in May 2013 involving nine malnourished and dehydrated horses, but the two cases are not related and involved different people, Isham said.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

DALLAS Arrests/Citations

- Jacob J. Blair, 32, of Dallas in the 300 block of Northeast Polk Station Road on Feb. 11 on a violation of his release agreement.
- Dakota Dunn, 24, of Dallas in the 600 block of Main Street on Feb. 13 on a Dallas Municipal Court failure to appear warrant.
- Glenn A. Jones, 23, of Dallas at the corner of Southeast Washington and Southeast

Shelton streets on Feb. 14 on a charge of failure to return a suspended, revoked or canceled license.

• Richard K. Wilson, 31, of Dallas in the 300 block of A Street on Feb. 15 on a probation violation warrant issued by Polk County.

• Megan B. Genthner, 27, of Dallas in the 200 block of Southeast Dimick Street on Feb. 16 on a charge of second-degree child neglect.

• Michael D. Rogers, 51, of Dallas in the 300 block of Southeast Needham Street on Feb. 17 on a charge of telephone harassment.

• Kyle D. Prock, 27, a transient in the 200 block of Academy Street on Feb. 18 on charges of second-degree theft from a motor vehicle, unlawful entry

into a vehicle with intent to commit theft, and 25 counts of improper use of 9-1-1 system.

• John M. Hurley, 26, in the 100 block of Southwest Court Street on Saturday on a charge of second-degree criminal trespassing.

• Tracy L. Young, 55, of Falls City on Saturday on charges of failure to return a suspended, canceled or revoked license, driving while suspended or revoked, and driving uninsured.

INDEPENDENCE Arrests/Citations

• Gustavo Alvarado-Facundo Jr., 21, of Monmouth on Williams Street on Feb. 13 for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

• Joshua Tyler Cooper, 29, of Independence in the 100 block of South Main Street on Feb. 15

for misdemeanor fourth-degree assault and physical harassment.

• Wyatt Bradford Mills, 20, of Salem in the 300 block of South 10th Street on Feb. 16 for menacing with threats or intimidation and misdemeanor fourth-degree assault.

• Adan Reyes-Santiago, 55, a transient in the 400 block of North Ash Street on Feb. 18 on a warrant for misdemeanor failure to appear.

MONMOUTH Arrests/Citations

• Moaidh A. Alqahtani, 32, of LaGrande, at Volunteer Hall, 144 Warren St. S., on Feb. 11 on a bench warrant for failure to appear.

• Carissa L. Garcia, 24, of Independence at Volunteer Hall, 144 Warren St. S., on Feb. 11 on

a bench warrant for failure to appear.

• Tyler Kirk Toedtemeier, 26, of Monmouth at the corner of Main Street West and Monmouth Avenue South on Feb. 12 for fourth-degree assault.

• Steven Wayne DeVault, 35, of Salem at Volunteer Hall, 144 Warren St. S., on Feb. 13 on a warrant for failure to appear — criminal citation.

• Jarred Austin Kienholz, 19, of Independence at the corner of Main Street East and Catron Street North on Feb. 15 for depositing lighted material on land or on a highway.

• William Zackory Swails, 25, of Monmouth at the corner of Clay Street East and Craven Street South on Feb. 14 for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.

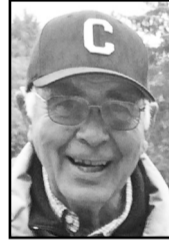
Community leader Cable dies unexpectedly

By Emily Mentzer
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MONMOUTH — During his 80 years in life, Carol Cable influenced his community more than even his children knew.

"I have heard more things in the last 48 hours (since he died)," said daughter-in-law Lori Cable. "A grandma came over to me and said, 'Carol Cable made it possible for me to graduate from high school. ... Because of him, I was the first in my family to graduate high school.'"

Carol Cable, who died unexpectedly Feb. 17, worked as a math teacher, basketball coach and vice principal at Central (Monmouth city) council, and I spent a lot of years there. He was just a very respected man in the community."



Cable

During his years at Central, he was a mentor for kids, Polk County Commissioner Mike Ainsworth said.

He was vice principal

while Larry Dalton went to school.

"He was a man that I would say I loved," Dalton said. "He convinced me to run for (Monmouth city) council, and I spent a lot of years there. He was just a very respected man in the community."

After working in education, Carol Cable started C Cable Realty and helped people achieve the American Dream of home ownership — many of whom didn't think they could afford it.

"I've had people come

back (to the real estate office) years later and say, 'We were renting our house and he (Carol Cable) knew of a program,' said son Timm Cable. "It helped (them) go from renting a house to getting one of (their) own, the interest (Carol) took in walking them through that."

The family of four children and eight grandchildren are close, both physically and geographically.

Carol Cable was definitely a family man, with children who also are active in the community.

"Those grandkids made his last years so happy, because he could watch them grow and help them with their activities," said Jack Rye, a friend of Carol Cable's since college.

Rye, 79, said Cable was a cowboy at heart. Recently — just 12 or 15 years ago — they took up team roping together.

"It opened up a new chapter for him," Rye said.

Service is Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Central High School gymnasium in Independence.

(Obituary on Page 6A)

New Internet provider targets Dallas, Monmouth

By Emily Mentzer
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POLK COUNTY — Astound Broadband is coming to Dallas and Monmouth.

The company will offer fiber service to commercial businesses and other enterprises that need a fast fiber connection, said Mark Peterson, company spokesman.

In Dallas, the city council approved the first reading of a franchise agreement Feb. 17 and declared it an emergency, which means that on

the second reading, the agreement will take effect.

Normally, ordinances and other actions taken by the council would become effective 30 days after the second reading. City Manager Ron Foggin said this agreement was declared an emergency because Astound Broadband LLC had a utility easement agreement with the city that expired on Dec. 31.

The agreement will bring \$5,566 per year in franchise fees.

"It's taken this long to get

the agreement in place," he said. "Instead of letting anymore water run under the bridge, we wanted to get them current."

The agreement is for the company's fiber backbone, which runs through the city as part of cellular tower upgrades.

"Once they've got this backbone in place, they're looking for anybody who is looking for better, faster or just more Internet," Foggin said. "They have government pricing, so we're (the

city) going to be one of their customers for fiber."

Foggin said the service will provide the city with a redundant connection, so if one system goes down, another will pick it up. It also will provide faster access to the Internet.

In Monmouth, the city council approved a first reading of a franchise agreement with Astound on Feb. 17, but no emergency clause was attached.

Monmouth's agreement with the company stipulates a

rental fee of \$5,000 a year, City Manager Scott McClure said.

"If they started serving our customers more directly and getting revenue, then we'll use a (standard) franchise fee," McClure said.

But charging a standard percent franchise fee is tricky with a company such as Astound, McClure said, because the basis of the service is wireless.

"You can only have a franchise fee on phone service and cable TV service," he said. "We don't get revenue

from wireless services, such as Direct TV or Dish TV."

Astound will be competing with any company that provides Internet services in Dallas and Monmouth, Peterson said.

"We are uniquely positioned as the fastest growing local fiber provider that actually owns our infrastructure," he said, noting that Astound will be collaborating with Monmouth-Independence Networks (MINET) to maximize the ability to serve customers in the community.

Church moving into downtown Independence location

By Emily Mentzer
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INDEPENDENCE — The Grove Community Church is moving into the old Lenora's Ghost location at 114 S. Main St. in downtown Independence.

The congregation held services in the Monmouth-Independence YMCA, but has doubled in size, said pastor Andy Johnson.

"One day I was walking downtown and noticed they had new 'for lease' signs,"

Johnson said. "Next thing you know, we're moving."

The lease was signed on Jan. 5, the day the Independence Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit required for a church to operate in the downtown area, Johnson said.

In addition to holding weekly Sunday services and Bible studies, Johnson sees the building as more of a community asset.

"We're adding a new component," Johnson said.

"We'll be opening a downtown coffee shop that will be open about 25 hours a week."

The shop will benefit the church, but also serve as a benefit to the community, he said.

"We're going to open it up to the community," Johnson noted. "We're looking at it as social enterprise."

For example, the coffee shop could be used to raise money to help kids pay for summer camps or go on a senior trip.

Johnson said his congregation is building a space for children to play together.

"We're going to call it the treehouse," he said. It won't be a place for parents to "dump" kids, but rather a parent-supervised play area.

"There will be tables they can color at, sensory tables where they can play with sand and water, depending on the time of year," Johnson said.

Part of his inspiration for the play area is his own son, who has special needs.

Sometimes when Johnson has to meet with people, his son gets bored downtown.

"Someone like me, I can take the kid, do a quick meeting, and have a space where my son can really be enjoying himself," Johnson said. "I can connect with people and interact with people at the same time."

The Grove meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Johnson said he hopes to have the first service at the new location on March 8. All are welcome to attend services.

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