

**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.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINES**

**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](http://www.polkio.com).

**Public notices** — Noon on Friday.

**CORRECTIONS**

In the Sept. 27 issue of the *Itemizer-Observer*, misinformation was gathered from a go-fundme page. Jeremy Colley is from Dallas.

In the Oct. 4 issue, Brent DeMoe's name was misspelled.

The *I-O* regrets the errors.

**WEBSITE**

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com), is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

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

**WEATHER**

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Oct. 3	72	42	.00
Oct. 4	73	40	.00
Oct. 5	73	39	.00
Oct. 6	75	41	.00
Oct. 7	64	50	.05
Oct. 8	66	42	.01
Oct. 9	66	38	.00

Rainfall during Oct. — 0.10 in.  
Rain through Oct. 9 — 35.91 in.

**Cooper takes hobby to new level**

By **Jolene Guzman**  
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — Darrell Cooper quit bowling for a decade following a shoulder injury that affected his ability to play one of his favorite sports.

Two years ago, he picked up a bowling ball again — at Starlite Lanes in Dallas. Bowling, like riding a bike, is not something you forget how to do, he said. Before his injury, he was a lifelong bowler.

“Pretty much since I was a little guy,” Cooper said while sitting at a table overlooking the lanes at Starlite. “I just enjoy the game. I’ve always been active in sports. I don’t know about me playing football so much anymore, but I can still bowl.”

In late July, Cooper took his bowling hobby to a new level: He brought Starlite Lanes from former owner Loren Faxon.

Cooper said he found out the bowling alley was for sale after he started to play again two years ago, and decided to give a shot. He’s taken some time off work at his full-time construction job to clean up Starlite and complete repairs.

“We’ve been slowly re-vamping it, making sure everything works right and is in good shape,” Cooper said.

Cooper repaired the ball returns, cleaned up the restaurant/pool table area and added a full bar. Next on his to-do list is refreshing the outside with new paint and siding, and repair where needed.

He’s also put some energy into rebuilding the bowling alley’s leagues.

“Until we get them filled, we won’t quit,” Cooper said.

A few weeks ago, one of Cooper’s new recruits, Luke



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

**Darrell Cooper works to bring back bowling leagues.**

Mann, bowled a milestone: 300.

Mann has been part of the bowling alley junior league and on the high school team.

“I talked him into bowling his first adult league and in the second week, he bowled a set of 300,” Cooper said. “Same night I shot a 298. I just missed mine.”

Cooper doesn’t mind — too much. He has plenty of opportunity now that he’s bowling several times a week again.

“I’ve shot several of them, but not in this house,” he said. “It’ll come. Hopefully sooner rather than later.”

Bowling’s busiest season, winter, is approaching fast, and Cooper wants to see the lanes and the leagues full. He’s helping coach the high school team, and wants to bring in more teens to play.

“I would like to get Cen-

tral involved,” he said. “Even if they have to call each other their own high school (team), I don’t care. The more kids, the merrier.”

He’s purchased his own karaoke machine for Friday nights and hosts Monte Carlo on Saturdays. Tuesdays and Sundays are open bowl for people who just want to give it a try without joining a league. Don’t be surprised if Cooper tries to talk you into playing on a league.

“We are trying to bring back all the leagues and get everybody involved and give everybody a chance to have fun,” Cooper said. “It’s fun. I’ve got a lot of people on bowling, and they really like it now. If anybody needs lessons, if I’m available in the evenings, I give free lessons. I’ve taught several people how to bowl in the last six weeks.”

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Life jacket loaners at Wallace park**

WEST SALEM — Wallace Marine Park has life-jacket loaner stations installed, thanks to a collaborative effort between the city of Salem, Oregon Corrections Enterprises of the Department of Corrections, American Steel, and Kilgore Blackman Building Materials.

The loaner stations provide the chance for community members and visitors to borrow and use a life jacket while visiting the park during the summer season. The stations will be maintained and serviced by the city of Salem. Stations can be found in two locations at the boat launch ramp and the swimming areas of the park.

**Police departments compete for food**

MONMOUTH/INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth Police Department threw down the gauntlet, and the Independence Police Department accepted the challenge: to see which city’s police department could collect the most nonperishable food for Ella Curran Food Bank.

The challenge started as a joint effort between Indy Commons and the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce. Other teams are competing, as well. The team that collects the most pounds of food will win the Golden Can Trophy. The winner will be announced at the chamber’s November Thirsty Thursday event, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Indy Commons, 278 S. Main St., Independence.

For more information about forming or joining a team: Kate Schwarzler, 503-930-4840, or [kate@indycommons.com](mailto:kate@indycommons.com).

**Potter comes to Dallas library Friday**

DALLAS — Dallas Public Library is channeling Hogwarts and having a Harry Potter night for kids and teens on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Find out which house you belong to, or practice your charm, potion and Quidditch skills. Cosplay is encouraged. Snacks will be provided.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

**Evans to host town hall Wednesday**

INDEPENDENCE — Rep. Paul Evans (House District 20) will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday (today) at the Independence Public Library. Topics will include a 2017 legislative update, a preview of likely issues for the 2018 short session, as well as constituent priorities. The event is free and open to the public.

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Sunday 1 PM to 4:30 PM

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For more information call at 503-623-2233 or go online at [www.dallastlc.org](http://www.dallastlc.org) or [www.johndoan.com](http://www.johndoan.com).

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