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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Norman seeks residents' insights

NORMAN — The city has questions pertaining to a failed April 5 water rate proposition. To gain more insight, a survey to gain feedback from Norman voters has been set up online. General questions about government departments, services and communication are also included in the survey. The survey has 15 questions and will be accessible through April 29. Residents also may complete a hard-copy survey by visiting the city manager's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 201 W Gray St. Norman voters may participate in the survey by going to <https://tinyurl.com/f6fd5435>. For more information, call 405-217-7723 or email publicaffairs@norman-ok.gov.

Iris show, sale set

EDMOND — The Edmond Iris and Garden Society will host its annual Iris Expo and Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Edmond Library, 10 S Boulevard. Admission is free. The Iris Expo will have a dazzling display of the wide varieties of Iris that bloom and thrive in Oklahoma. Iris on display will include dwarf, median and tall bearded. In conjunction with the Iris Expo, a limited number of potted iris and perennials will be available for sale. For information, search Edmond Iris and Garden Society on Facebook.

Edmond arts events

SCULPTING DEMO: The Edmond Arts Association will host a sculpting demonstration during its upcoming April meeting. Bob Willis, a sculptor and grief specialist, will show how he creates a bronze sculpture when members and guests gather at 7 p.m. Monday at the Edmond Fine Arts Institute, 27 E Edwards St. To learn more about Willis, go to www.godhealshearts.com. **ART SHOW:** Edmond Arts Association artists' work will be available for viewing and purchase during the Edmond Spring Art Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 7 at Spring Creek Plaza. For more information about the Edmond Arts Association or the sale, go to www.edmondart.org and like its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EdmondArtAssociation.

Fundraising efforts

MUSTANG: More than \$60,300 raised this year by Mustang Public Schools' students during BEAST Week will benefit two families and a nonprofit. Money raised during this year's campaign will benefit a family at Mustang Trails Elementary School (Second-grader Jameson Reeder was diagnosed with cancer that compromised his optic nerve.); Mustang High School teacher Kaitlyn Dunbar and her family (Dunbar's son, Raylan, was born 20 weeks premature in November 2020 and is still in the hospital.); and The Cavett Kids Foundation.

MOORE: Moore Public Schools' students, employees and administrators raised a combined total of \$348,291 during this year's Moore Love effort. This is the fifth year of the Moore Love philanthropic initiative, which has a focus on engaging the Moore Public Schools community to unite as one for fundraising. This year's Moore Love beneficiaries include: Regional Food Bank — Backpack Program, The Sharing Tree and Moore Public Schools Foundation & Bridges Inc.

Grant to fund driver's ed program

A \$20,000 grant from State Farm Insurance Co. supports the continuation of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City's "Staying Alive Defensive Driving Program for Teens and Young Adults" and the "Road to Independence Program," which provides free driver's education training and licensing exams to low-income teens and young adults, with the focus being on foster youth and former foster youths. Driver's education training at OSU-OKC normally costs \$360. It consists of 10 hours of classroom instruction at the Precision Driving Training Center, 3501 W Reno Ave., followed by hands-on driver training with an instructor. The classroom instruction is offered one

weekend each month. Eligible students can register at <https://apply.osuokc.edu/register/R21> to receive more information about the Road to Independence program and future openings.

OSSM to offer workshops

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics will host summer in-person science and math workshops for middle and high school students. Classes will be offered on a variety of days and include both residential and day options. The summer series will begin in June with free math workshops for rising sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students. The one-day events will be offered June 13-15, June 20-22 and June 27-29 and feature different math skills. Students may enroll in one or all nine of the workshops, and all materials, including lunch, will be included. For high school students, OSSM offers Summer Academies with both math and science classes as well as humanities offerings. The weeklong residential programs are taught by the school's faculty and include field trips and evening activities. Cost is \$975 for each camp, and scholarships are available. The academies will be held July 10-15 and July 17-22. For more information, call 405-521-6436 or go to www.ossm.edu.

UCO department gets endowment

EDMOND — The University of Central Oklahoma College of Education and Professional Studies recently received a \$100,000 endowment from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma to launch the Masonic Rural Teacher-Path Initiative. The UCO Foundation matched the endowment, bringing the total amount to \$200,000. The endowment will fund a position that will research the needs surrounding the teacher shortage in rural districts. For more information about UCO's TeacherPath program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3njc5n2m>.