

BES to host fall book fair



BURLINGTON — The Burlington Elementary School will host its Fall Scholastic Book Fair book fair 3:15 to 6 p.m. Nov. 9 through Nov. 13 in the IDL room at the elementary school, located at 706 Niagara St.

"We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school libraries with our fall Scholastic Book Fair," said Julie Tempelmeyer, BES librarian. "We are so excited to be able to offer students a sense of normalcy and joy after they've missed so much this year."

The fair will have items that appeal to pre-K through teens, and every purchase directly supports BES.

For safety reasons related to COVID-19, students will not be able to attend the fair during school hours to look or make purchases, but will be able to attend with a parent or other adult during book fair hours. For those unable to attend the book fair, an online option is an easy solution, with more than 6,000 products to choose from and purchases are delivered direct to your home. The online book fair is available now through Nov. 14. Go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/besbms>.

Those wishing to shop in person must enter the school by the southeast door, across from the playground. Masks must be worn at all times and a temperature check will be conducted. Hand sanitizer will be available and all book bags and coats must be left outside the book fair. Staff kindly ask that everyone refrain from gathering socially with parents or guardians in the hallways, all in an effort to keep everyone healthy.

CREWS DEPLOY 4Rivers assists with power restoration

Freezing rain combined with high winds led to a large ice storm for parts of southwest Oklahoma. Following the extensive damage to power lines and poles, Kansas electric cooperative line crews, including 4Rivers Electric Cooperative, Lebo, are heading to assist Oklahoma cooperatives that have requested mutual aid assistance. Organized by Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (KEC), crews from 13 co-ops and one subsidiary are responding to thousands of power outages caused by the storm.

The combined response involves 68 lineworkers from the area.

"Linemen feel the need to help other cooperatives around the state and nation because they know it may be them who needs the help the next time," said Stacey Marston, KEC instructor of loss control, safety and compliance.

The Kansas crews deployed between Oct. 28 and 30, will work seven-day, extended hour shifts until power is restored. If restoration extends beyond seven working days, many cooperatives will rotate lineworkers to ensure safety for all involved.

As of Monday, Oklahoma is reporting more than 4,000 downed poles, however the largest problems across the state are downed power lines due to ice-covered tree limbs and leaves, and extensive mud, which slows access to downed poles and lines.

The Kansas crews are equipped with 23 bucket trucks, 14 digger trucks, pole trailers, foreman pickup trucks and more equipment.

Breanna

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Doctors had ordered lab work on Breanna to rule out different diagnoses. Once the results came back, Victoria — who had returned to work just a week and a half prior from maternity leave for the couple's 5-month-old son, Jackson — received a call at work.

Breanna's numbers were "all messed up" and she needed to go to Newman Regional Health.

"We were holding out for hope for an infection, or even mono or something like that," he said.

An ambulance from Children's Mercy Hospital in downtown Kansas City, Mo., came to pick her up. The next day, she was officially diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), but the stage of cancer is unknown.

"Our heart was broken into a million pieces," Victoria said with a cracked voice. "Never had we imagined something so terrible."

Breanna's fight

Leukemia is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow that affects white blood cells. ALL is the most common childhood cancer.

"When she was first diagnosed, the ALL is more common and usually less intensive form of leukemia," Darren explained. "As part of any diagnosis, whenever they do the bone marrow biopsy at first to check, they also do a lumbar puncture."

Lumbar puncture is also known as a spinal tap, where a needle is inserted between the two lumbar bones to remove a sample of cerebrospinal fluid, which can be tested to diagnose diseases of the central nervous system, including the brain and spine.

On Sept. 10, Darren and Victoria learned that just 2 percent of children have leukemia cells in their spinal fluid, and Breanna fell into that category.

"That made it where she will have to have cranial radiation later toward the end or so of her treatment," Victoria said.

"Any radiation on a child's brain, there is a chance of development issues and things of that sort," Darren said.



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Breanna will undergo treatment for two and one-half years for leukemia. A dinner and auction fundraiser will be held 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at Harry & Lloyd's, Americus, to raise money for Breanna.

"Which is not always going to happen, but there is a chance."

Breanna must undergo two and one-half years of treatment.

"The first about eight months are very intense treatments, at least weekly if not more," Darren explained. "She has had numerous chemo treatments, several different chemo drugs already. We are currently giving chemo injections and oral chemo doses ... right now."

Any time Breanna runs a fever, she must go to the emergency department, where she is transported to Children's Mercy Hospital. At that point, Breanna stays in the hospital for two to three days.

She spent a little over three weeks in the hospital, being admitted Sept. 24 and returning home Oct. 17.

"Since we have been home and her counts are up a little bit right now before this next phase of chemo really kicks in, she has been a lot more playful - we are trying to get some of her muscle tone built more back up," Darren said.

Breanna has always been a happy-go-lucky child, Darren said. She is respectful and courteous, some of her first words were 'please' and 'thank you,' he attributed. Now, she has some good days and bad days. Some days she rests a lot.

"She has just kind of gotten used to when she is in the hospital," Darren said. "She sleeps a lot."

Breanna is on medication

every six hours, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., then it repeats.

"We do our best ... we try to stay strong, at least — in front of her," Darren said. "It has been really difficult with [Jackson], he spent nearly a month without us."

While Breanna, Victoria and Darren were gone for more than three weeks, Victoria's mother, Shelly Suggs, and her husband, Bill, Madison, took care of Jackson. Also providing a great deal of support have been Victoria's father, Mark Dixon, and his wife, Rene, Americus, and Darren's parents, Vaughn and Dee McBride, formerly of New Strawn and Burlington, who now live in Osage City.

Added struggles

In addition to the challenges Victoria and Darren face, the ongoing novel coronavi-

rus has made the situation more difficult. In the hospital, Breanna is not allowed to have visitors, and some appointments, only one parent has been allowed in the room.

With a weakened immune system, Breanna has had a child's cold. She recently tested positive for the rhinovirus, which is a tougher cold. Handling those two viruses and being on antibiotics, a bacterium, Clostridioides difficile, also known as C. diff, settled into her system. C. diff causes diarrhea and inflammation of the colon. However, Breanna will also constantly be battling C. diff throughout her treatment.

"All of those combined puts us in isolation to where her room is in isolation ... everybody has to suit up a little differently when they come to see her," Darren said. "She cannot even go out and walk around in the hallways like a lot of the other kids. It just adds another [layer] of how tough it is."

In order to treat C. diff, her colon needed to rest. For six days, Breanna went with mostly no food and partially clear liquids, Victoria said.

"That was kind of hard on all of us," she said.

Raising awareness

Throughout this entire process, Darren and Victoria want good things to come from this experience — together, they want to raise awareness about childhood cancer and leukemia.

"We cannot thank everybody enough for the overwhelming support we have had," the couple said. "We have had a lot of people help out."

Harry & Lloyd's, a restaurant in Americus, will have a dinner and auction 3 p.m. Nov. 7 to raise money for Breanna. Darren said there may be a benefit golf tournament in Arkansas City next year, when the weather is warmer.

Neighbors, bosses, as well as current and former co-workers have helped out the family. Darren and Victoria have received restaurant gift cards, gas cards and Amazon cards to help with travel expenses.

Packages have been sent with toys, clothes, blankets and stuffed animals for Breanna to their home address.

"We can never thank everybody enough for the donations and the thoughts and prayers for our family," Darren said. "Any prayer helps. She will definitely need it — it is going to be a long, long road. These first six to eight months are going to be real intense and real tough. Anything helps. We do not like asking for anything," he said.

"But we completely appreciate what we got and anything anybody has tried to do for us."

Rubber wristbands with the message "B-Strong" are available for purchase and donation at two Emporia locations, Graves Drug Store, 609 Commercial St., and Plum Bazaar, 615 Commercial St., as well as Harry & Lloyd's, 608 Main St., Americus.

A GoFundMe page has been also set up to help the McBrides and can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/battling-with-breanna>.

Victoria and Darren welcome any packages to 801 Oakwood Dr., Emporia, KS 66801.

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