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Norman residents show support for one another following storm.

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Peggy Goodrich says there are those who achieve and those who wait.

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**TUESDAY**

## Winds wallop area



A storm caused damage at a house on Norman Road near Cleveland on Sunday evening. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)

## Enid, Hillsdale residents see damage from Sunday storms

By Suzie Byrd  
Enid News & Eagle

A line of severe storms moved west across Oklahoma Sunday evening, causing damage to property along Norman Road in southern Enid and in the town of Hillsdale, about 20 miles north of Enid in Garfield County.

"I thought everything was OK, but a few minutes later it hit," said Terry Newman, who said an alarm alerting them to the weather went off about five minutes after he and his wife went to bed in their home at 2000 Norman Rd.

Mike Honigsberg, Enid and Garfield County

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Debris from a damaged trailer in Hillsdale is strewn following storms Sunday evening. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



The back patio and balcony at 2000 Norman Road in Enid was damaged during Sunday's storm. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



Eli and Caitlin Bartel pick up a section of damaged fence at their home following storms Sunday evening. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)

## Lawmakers urge Walters to maintain funding for 'vital' education resources

By Janelle Stecklein  
CNHI Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — With federal grant deadlines looming, the state's superintendent needs to urgently hire a federal programs director to ensure public school students have continued access to "vital classroom instructional materials and supplies" and food, two influential Republican state lawmakers said Monday.

In a joint statement, Reps. Mark McBride, R-Moore, and Rhonda Baker, R-Yukon, said Oklahoma superintendents are worried about having the "critical dollars to continue to serve the needs of their students."

McBride chairs the

House's common education committee while Baker chairs the House committee that oversees public school policy.

"Without these dollars, students will lack vital classroom instructional materials and supplies, and many will go hungry," the two said. "Rather than take the steps needed to make sure the needs of all Oklahoma students are met, the state superintendent continues to rely on campaign rhetoric that focuses on cutting federal funding. There may be a time for that, but that will require a detailed plan that has legislative approval. Unfortunately, we



Rep. Mark McBride



Rep. Rhonda Baker

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## MAPC denies NextEra application for solar, battery storage facility

By Kelci McKendrick  
Enid News & Eagle

The Metropolitan Area Planning Commission denied a petition for a company to use land southeast of Enid for the installation of a solar and battery storage facility.

During their regular meeting Monday evening, MAPC members voted unanimously to deny the Use By Review application from NextEra Energy Resources for the Skeleton Creek Solar Project — 5,277 acres located partially within MAPC jurisdiction and Garfield County.

MAPC members and several public commenters asked questions and brought up concerns they had about the project prior to the denial.

"There's too many unanswered questions," MAPC member Cole Ream said of his motion to deny the Use By Review application.

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## Auto collision student at Autry Tech enjoys non-traditional path

By Suzie Byrd  
Enid News & Eagle

Emma Isbell recently visited the body collision department at Stevens Ford. She was impressed by how friendly everyone was and how warmly they welcomed her to their job site.

Isbell, 18, is a student in collision repair technology at Autry Technology Center. The class prepares people to enter the collision repair industry as technicians. She

is in her third semester as a full-time student and will graduate in May.

"I think I'd like to work there when I graduate," Isbell said.

The way she was accepted was important to her.

"I know this is not a traditional job for a female, but I've never been your typical female or student," she said.

Isbell has struggled with school and some personal issues since she was younger. She went to grade school in Drummond before transfer-

ring to Emerson Middle School in the eighth grade.

"It took me some time to work out my issues and get on the right path," Isbell said.

Larger schools caused her anxiety, and she eventually ended up at Lincoln Academy, while working at Great Salt Plains Health Center in Enid.

Isbell also gives credit to her new

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Emma Isbell has found happiness in collision repair technology courses at Autry Technology Center. She finishes in May. (Suzie Byrd / Enid News & Eagle)



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Today, sunny, windy and mild. Southeast wind at 7-17 mph, switching to west-southwest in the afternoon and gusting to 26 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Southwest wind at 9-14 mph, gusting to 21 mph. A6

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