



JOE LESTER
Sheriff

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SUBJ: **PRESS RELEASE by Sheriff Joe Lester**
CCSO Reserve banquet scheduled March 13

The Cleveland County Reserve Division will host a fundraising banquet 6:30 p.m. March 13 at Belmar Golf Club, 1025 E. Indian Hills Road in Norman.

Barry Switzer who coached the University of Oklahoma football team and Dallas Cowboys will be the guest speaker.

Tickets cost \$50 per person. Tables will accommodate eight guests and may be purchased for a \$1,250 donation.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for silent auction viewing. Bidding will end at 7:30 p.m.

The reserve division will use the funds raised from the event to purchase uniforms and equipment. Reserve deputies need safety vests, hand-held radios, vehicles, uniforms and ballistic protection to keep them safe as they patrol the county and protect citizens.

The division consists of volunteers who donate their time to the department. Reserve deputies patrol the county, respond to natural disasters and support community policing activities such as parades, fairs and prescription drug round-ups.

In 2013, reserve deputies worked 10,000 hours in Cleveland County.

Cleveland County Sheriff Joe Lester said reserve deputies provide a great deal of support to the sheriff's office.

"I appreciate the time and effort that these individuals give to the department each year," Lester said. "We wouldn't be able to offer the programs and services to citizens if it weren't for these deputies."

Dress will be casual for the barbecue dinner.

Anyone who wishes to purchase tickets with a credit card may e-mail Reserve Deputy Phillip McIntosh at pmcintosh@ccso-ok.us.

Any questions regarding this press release and/or information can be addressed to Meghan McCormick, Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, community liaison/public information officer. McCormick can be reached at (405) 701-8847.