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# @Tulsa gets love from celebrities on Twitter

BY MICHAEL SMITH  
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## Tulsa turns up in tweets by celebrities big and small

Twitter is the social networking website that allows for 140-character "tweets," glib postings that don't allow a person to say all that muc-

See what we mean?

The result is an online smorgasbord of the silly, the self-promoting and the sublime, a clearinghouse of mind-clearing thoughts for those who register to do their own tweeting — and to read what others have to say.

This can range from the regular Joe to celebrity tweets. This could include the many musings of Lady Gaga to her more than 11 million-and-counting followers on Twitter (her "little monsters").

Then there are the "local celebrities," such as the pensive thoughts of Mayor Dewey Bartlett (although his 62 Twitter followers aren't likely to grow fast, as he has tweeted only seven times since opening his account — zero in 2011).

When it comes to the big-name stars, Tulsa and Oklahoma can end up in the oddest of places in the world of Twitter.



Followill

The Grammy Award-winning rockers Kings of Leon played Tulsa's BOK Center on April 8, a homecoming of sorts for the band of Followill brothers with state ties, like Nathan Followill, who was born in Oklahoma City.

**@doctorfollowill (Nathan Followill)**  
"Thanks 4 the sooner love Tulsa. Can't wait to get back."

On the same evening, brother Jared Followill chimed in with his own tweet...

**@youngfollowill (Jared Followill)**  
"Tulsa! Partied with Sam Bradford and @DeMarco Murray. I ripped my pants jumping onto a table because they didn't believe my hops."

Speaking of DeMarco Murray, the former Sooner and now Dallas Cowboy, he is ready for some football after the NFL lockout ended last week.



Murray

**@DeMarco Murray**

"time to get it bros! Everybody go pick up that No. 29 Cowboys jersey! and witness #greatness"



Chenoweth

When the Oklahoma City Thunder was making its playoff run in May, one of its biggest fans — Kristin Chenoweth, the Broken Arrow star of screen and stage — was tweeting early and often about her team, Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and everything else, as her Twitter fans can attest. She has been known to tweet more than 50 times a day.

**KChenoweth**

"u can beat the Mavs. Its all mental. Durant the King. Westbrook the Prince. Go thunder go!"

When the Admiral Twin Drive-in burned to the ground last September, Ralph Macchio ("The Karate Kid" star who played Johnny Cade in "The Outsiders") learned within hours of the fire destroying the site where he filmed some scenes.

**@ralphmacchio Ralph Macchio**

"SE Hinton just emailed me this sad news about the Drive-in featured in The Outsiders - was my 1st day of shooting :("



Sheen

Actor Charlie Sheen's notorious "I invented Tulsa, OK...in my sleep" tweet came in response to Tulsan Brian Pingleton's tweet to the star during one of Sheen's career meltdown moments.

**@charliesheen Charlie Sheen**

"I invented Tulsa, OK...in my sleep" RT @ Brian Pingleton @charliesheen "Let me be the 1st person from Tulsa, OK you follow! Lovin' #tigerblood!"

"Scrubs" star Zach Braff came through Tulsa in April at the same time as Lady Gaga's April 4 date at the BOK Center, which Braff found intriguing enough to tweet to

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## Twitter glossary

Perhaps you won't feel like such a twit about Twitter if you know your tweet from your retweet.

**@:** The @ sign is used to call out usernames in tweets, like this: Hello @Twitter! When a username is preceded by the @ sign, it becomes a link to a Twitter profile.

**Follow:** To follow someone on Twitter means to subscribe to their tweets or updates on the site. A follower is another Twitter user who has followed you.

**Following:** Your following number reflects the quantity of other Twitter users you have chosen to follow on the site.

**Handle:** A user's "Twitter handle" is the username they have selected and the accompanying URL.

**Hashtag:** The # sign used to mark keywords or topics in a tweet. It was created organically by Twitter users as a way to categorize messages; clicking on it within a tweet will show all other messages in that category.

**Profile:** A Twitter page displaying information about a user, as well as all the tweets they have posted from an account.

**RT (retweet):** A tweet by another user, forwarded to you by someone you follow. Often used to spread news or share valuable findings on Twitter.

**Tweet:** A message posted via Twitter containing 140 characters or fewer.

Courtesy of the Twitter help center's glossary

## The family that plays together ...

BY JENNIFER CHANCELLOR  
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Sometimes the best things in life aren't planned, especially when it comes to family.

It had been a long time since Virginia Pendleton picked up a fiddle. Grade school, in fact. In the sixth grade, she was first chair violin in Tulsa's all-city orchestra.

Years later, when Virginia de-

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Lyle Lovett on the Pendletons. **D2**

cided to get her toddlers Marina and Emma Jane involved in the arts, she chose the violin for them, too.

As a family, "I thought, 'This would be a fun thing to do.'"

The kids started learning classic violin, that, when played correctly, becomes a fiddle. Their first instru-

ments were "box fiddles" made of cardboard when they turned 2.

The girls quickly drew attention. Fiddle icon Jana Jae first saw Marina and Emma Jane perform when the girls were in grade school.

"She said, 'Get your girls on stage.' I picked up a guitar and started learning how to back them," said their father, Scott Pendleton.

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The Pendleton Family Fiddlers are sisters Marina and Emma Jane with their parents, Scott and Virginia Pendleton. JEREMY CHARLES/ for the Tulsa World

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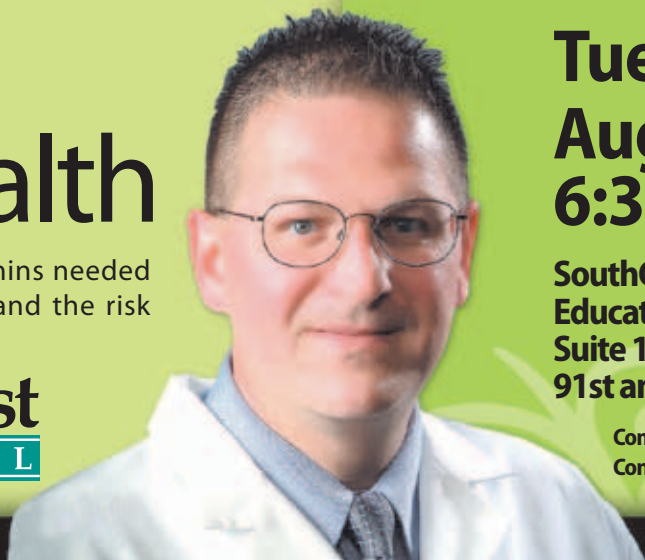
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his pal Ashley Greene (the actress who plays Alice Cullen in the "Twilight" films).

**Zachbraff Zach Braff** (April 4, day of Lady Gaga's show at BOK Center) "Ever been to Tulsa? Not to brag, but I have" he tweeted to Greene, followed by, "I recommend Tulsa. Lady Gaga plays here every night and you can get breakfast all day long at the Blue Dome Diner."

Ben Affleck sightings were all the rage last fall when he arrived in Bartlesville to shoot "The Untitled Terrence Malick Project." He returned there briefly in March for re-shoots, and the infrequent Twitter user made mention of Christian Bale (whom Affleck replaced in the film) and his co-star, Rachel McAdams.

**Ben Affleck (BenAffleck\_)** "we're shooting in Oklahoma this terrence malick project... what a wonderful cast & crew....thanks goes to Christian Bale" followed by: "just cannot stop laughing today...we're sitting here tryn to shoot one line for like, two hours, you can do this, Rache!"

The humanitarian hit close to home with a tweet again on May 28:

"text....to donate \$10 to the United Way Joplin Relief Fund! 100 % of proceeds goes towards the recovery in Joplin"

A 2010 interview that singer Josh Groban did with Billboard included him joking about "How to survive a zombie apocalypse," and that joke has legs. He revived it when coming to Tulsa in May to perform at the BOK Center, at the same time as Mayfair, uh, Mayfest in downtown.

**Joshgroban** "Of COURSE the Zombie Apocalypse has to happen during the MayFair in Tulsa OK. CAN'T I HAVE A TURKEY LEG IN PEACE?! #undeadarelamesauce

followed soon by:

"Sorry I guess it's called May-Fest. Anyhoo...RUNNNNN AAAAGGHHH!"

Tulsa's Hanson brothers — Taylor, Isaac and Zac — are among the more frequent Twitter patrons, with 2,400 tweets and counting on the site on which the three of them share posting. Just

a look at July's comments tells us Isaac loves to set off fireworks and Zac loves standing in the audience at Cain's Ballroom to listen to Ben Folds perform.

**Hansonmusic (Hanson)** "Lawn work and Tulsa, Oklahoma right now, bad idea. Just delay those plans for say two months. My sun poisoning does not lie." — Zac, July 11

"If anyone wants to know what a brown recluse spider looks like, here is a pic of one we found today." — Isaac, providing a photo on July 11

"I am ready for some good Oklahoma BBQ, perfect to decorate my white jeans with finger-lickin' meatitarian goodness — Taylor, July 1

Actress Milla Jovovich came to Oklahoma last summer to shoot an independently produced drama, "Bringing Up Bobby," and she tweeted the following thought along with a photo.

**@MillaJovovich Milla** "Beautiful Oklahoma sunset on our ride home after work while listening 2 'Atlanta rhythm section.' Nice."

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# FIDDLE

FROM D1

Mom picked up her fiddle — and often a mandolin — and played, too.

Soon enough, the family dynamic was turned upside down, said dad Scott.

"The girls were telling us what songs they'll be playing, and when," he said, then laughed. "They're in control."

The sisters agreed. "It's nice sometimes to tell Dad and Mom what to do," Emma Jane said.

Emma Jane is 18; sister Marina will be 17 in August. Both are seniors in high school — Emma Jane is home-schooled; Marina attends Cascia Hall. Both have started fast-tracking college electives and essentials, and both are interested in mechanical engineering majors.

And music. There's always music.

They've played together as a family for eight years at the Spotlight Theater, nestled on Riverside Drive near downtown. Every month, like clockwork, they're part of "The Ohio" showcase.

The girls may control their music, but it doesn't always

extend to their personal lives. They don't date. Emma Jane just got her ears pierced — she had to wait until she turned 18. Not that either seem to mind, really.

They've got bigger things to take care of. There are the fiddling contests. And the SATs for college. Emma Jane now teaches fiddle, too.

The family also recently wrote a new song, "Wild Rivers Flow," and debuted it to a sold-out crowd before releasing the song on iTunes. Next, they hope to film a video — then an album.

Oh, and Emma Jane and Marina smile when they talk about their growing fan base. They've performed for a growing roster of country icons, including Lyle Lovett, Garth Brooks, Vince Gill and Toby Keith.

The girls' Americana-infused flavor of Western and old time fiddle playing — and yodeling — has earned them shelves full of awards. The pair won first place for twin fiddle in the Grand Lake National Fiddle Fest this year.

The family also took first place as a band. Last year, Emma Jane took first place at the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival Fiddle Championship.

"We have to go to con-

tests," Emma Jane said. "Actually, we go to a lot more contests now than when we were younger," Marina said. They haven't forgotten their classic violin roots, either. "At one competition, we were in a back room jamming with friends, and next thing you know there's a room full of classical music while everyone else was up front playing fiddle. It's really nice to see classical violin training in the fiddle world. So many kids play it."

Mom and Dad both admit they're preparing for the days when their girls leave the nest. But much like the unexpected music career, they're looking to Marina and Emma Jane for direction regarding the girls' future.

"Oh, we'll probably always play together as a family," Marina said.

Sister Emma Jane agreed. She's looking forward to a time when, perhaps, this unexpected ride comes full circle and they're all at home jamming like they always have.

"We'll always be playing in our living room," said Emma Jane. "I love playing with my family. I always will love it."

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