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Bixby student practices bow shooting techniques at Coweta Archery Park



CHRISTY WHEELAND/NEIGHBOR NEWS

Emily O'Brien, 15, of Broken Arrow and Jeffrey Johnson, 15, of Bixby, practice their bow shooting techniques at the Coweta Archery Park on Monday, July 14. The teens are students with the Christian Home Educators Encouragement Resource (CHEER) Homeschool Group based in the Tulsa metropolitan area.

Rainbow fleet introduces statewide child care line

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Oklahoma parents can now access a statewide program designed to provide resources and referrals for services across Oklahoma.

Rainbow Fleet, a nonprofit child care resource and referral agency, recently established a statewide resource and referral service designed to help parents locate quality child care options and resources in their area. The service is offered at no cost to callers.

The statewide, toll-free resource and referral telephone number is 1-800-438-0008. The resource and referral line is staffed by experienced, knowledgeable specialists with access to a variety of programs, care centers and resources all across Oklahoma.

"The agency previously pro-

vided this service in Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties," said Carrie Bullard, Rainbow Fleet's executive director, "but a new grant from the Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association lets us offer this resource to parents in all 77 counties. This will allow us to help parents all across our state identify quality child care options in their area as well as resources like educational activities for their children."

For more than 40 years, Rainbow Fleet has provided innovative child development programs to families and child care service providers. Rainbow Fleet helps families locate quality child care options and assists child care providers with a multitude of services including licensing and technical assistance as well as age-appropriate activities and curriculum.



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Bixby footballers impressive in passing showcase

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ern of Fort Branch, Ind. (29-21) before falling to Harrison in the Centennial II bracket finals.

Harrison knocked off Centennial I

Touch-A-truck event to super size

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From kitchen cabinets

they see every day."

Participating organizations include PSO/AEP, Tulsa Fire Department

ing corp.

The Spartans enhanced that reputation this past weekend with an impressive performance in the 32-team Southwest Elite Showcase 7-on-7 Passing Showcase at Shiloh Christian High School in Springdale, Ark.

Bixby, led by sophomore quarterback Tanner Griffin and the stable of quality receivers, posted a 6-1 record in pool play and advanced to the Centennial II bracket finals before being edged by eventual Showcase Champion Harrison, Ark., 21-18.

The Spartans began pool play last Friday morning with victories over Alma, Ark. (12-4), Derby, Kan. (25-24), and Fort Smith, Ark. Northside (31-12).

Last Friday afternoon, Bixby defeated El Dorado, Ark. (22-4) and Conway Christian of Arkansas (26-16) before suffering its only pool loss in a 28-11 loss to Huntley, Ill. The Spartans wrapped up pool play with a 31-11 win over Har-Ber High "B" of Springdale, Ark.

In bracket play last Saturday, Bixby defeated Norman (26-18), Springdale, Ark. High (34-24) and Gibson South-

"We went 9-2 on the weekend and won our pool, so we had a number one seed going into bracket play Saturday," said Loren Montgomery, BHS's Head Football Coach. "We lost to the eventual champion Harrison, Ark.

"Tanner Griffin took the majority of the snaps at quarterback and looked very good. Nic Swanson also got a few snaps at QB," he added.

"At wide receiver, Kyle Rhine, Conner Walker, Cade Cabiness, J. J. Cantrell and Cale Mulkey all stood out making big plays throughout the tournament.

"We were very pleased with our teams' effort and the quality of reps we got at the tournament. The boys had a great time and we came together as a team."

Bixby won't test another opponent until the Spartans host the Bixby Fall Classic preseason scrimmage at Lee Snider Stadium on Friday, Aug. 22. The Spartans' final preseason scrimmage will be Thursday, Aug. 28, at Southmoore.

BHS opens the season on Friday, Sept. 5, at defending Class 6A State Champion Jenks.

seem larger than life through a child's eyes.

Families are invited to explore and discover dozens of big trucks, automobiles, trains, planes and a helicopter, during "Touch-A-Truck." Tulsa City-County Library's Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, will transform the parking lot into a child's perfect playground, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Touch-A-Truck is an exciting and hands-on family event," said Marie Welden, Martin Regional Library's children's area supervisor. "It's a great opportunity for children of all ages to see familiar and maybe some not familiar vehicles up close. They can touch, explore and perhaps sit in the driver's seat of vehicles

Ultra Sport Flyers, Ice Cream on Wheels, Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, News on 6, Tulsa's Channel 8, Police Explorers Club, Shredders Inc., Shriners and Tulsa RV Sales. John Dellavadova will provide family music during the program to keep toes tapping as families view the vehicles.

"Touch-A-Truck" is sponsored by Flint Family Foundation and Tulsa City-County Library, with additional support provided by the Mary K. Chapman Foundation and George Kaiser Family Foundation.

For more information on Tulsa City-County Library programming, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's website, www.tulsalibrary.org.

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