

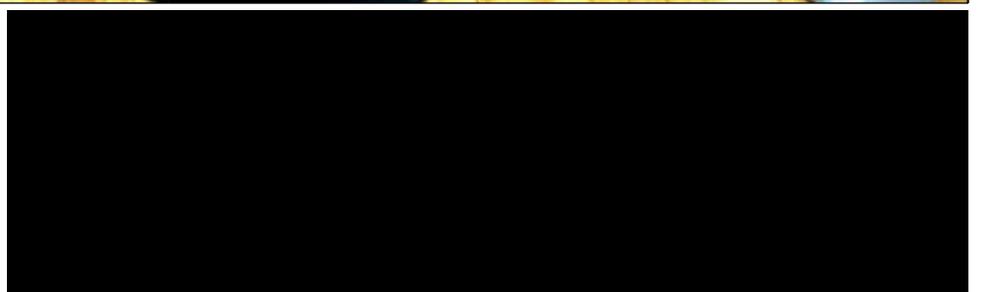
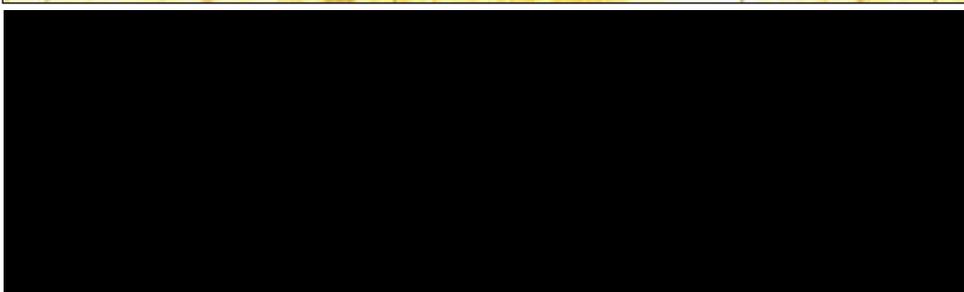
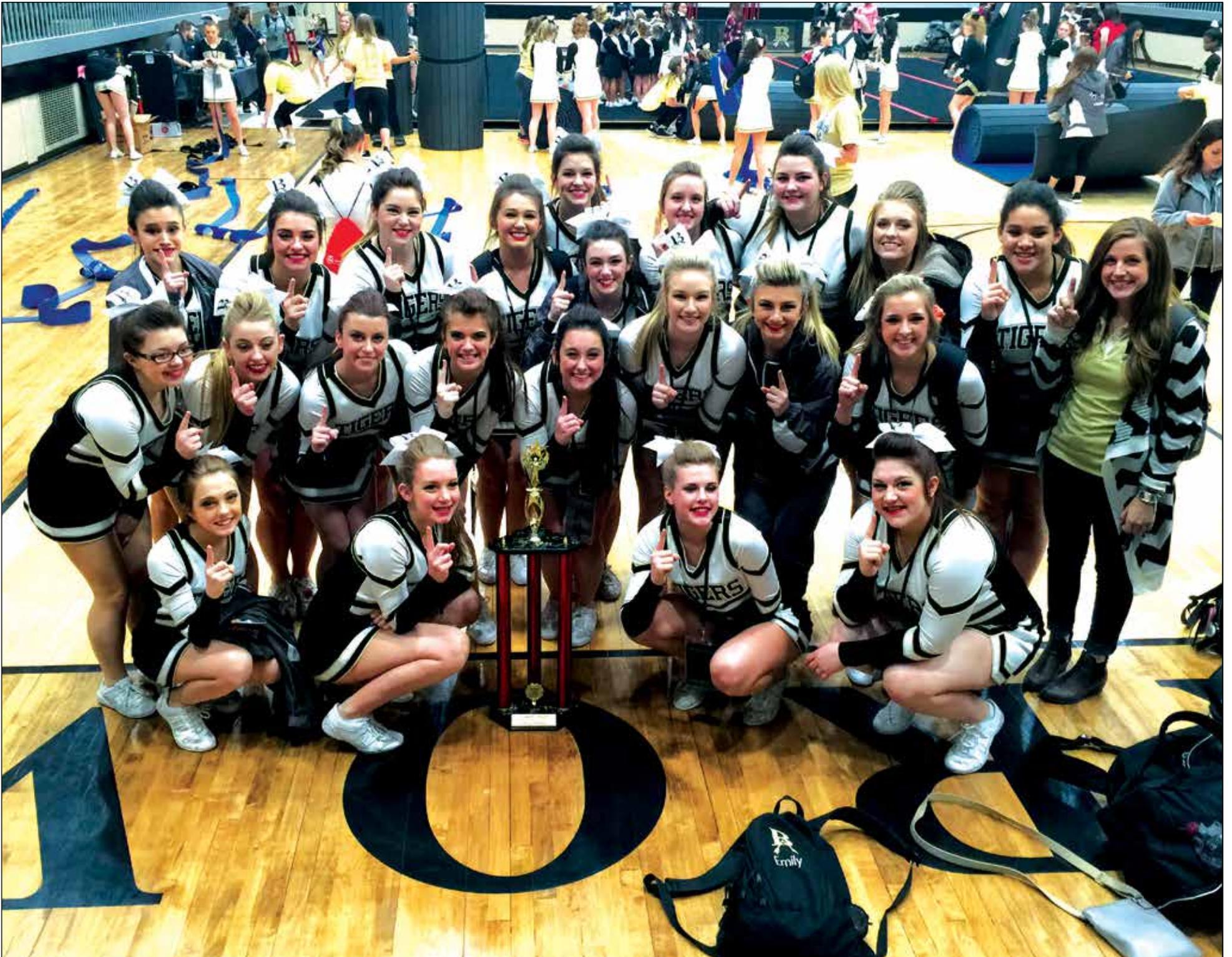
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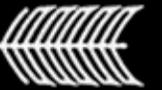
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## JV CHEER TAKES HOME CHAMPIONSHIP





## Go BA, go BA, go!

### JV Cheer takes home a trophy

by Ally Coldwell

On Saturday, Jan. 10, the Broken Arrow Junior Varsity Cheer squad took the first place title at the ASCE Celebrity Championship. The team put in a lot of work for this competition, and it was evident in their performance.

"We practiced for four and a half hours every day leading up to the competition," sophomore Bayleigh Reimer said.

Broken Arrow competed against the Union JV cheer squad and the Booker T. Washington JV cheer squad.

"Our biggest competition was Union JV because they have the same skills and were in the same division as us," sophomore Caitlyn Lenard said. "In order for us to win we had to be sharp, smile, and work hard."

The team was having trouble with their pyramid stunt, and many people were nervous that they wouldn't hit, but they got out on the floor and the

pyramid and every other stunt sequence looked great in the air. It was evident that every girl on the cheer squad worked really hard to perfect their routine.

"Though I felt we were ready, I was extremely nervous," Lenard said.

It was clear that they were very excited after their routine, as they knew they did well. They all cheered and hugged and walked off the floor with their heads held high.

"My favorite part was competing with my team," sophomore Bethany Hill said. "We're all just one big happy family, and nothing feels better than competing with girls as great as them."

The team worked hard, and the win was a well-deserved one. After winning, the squad put on a showing for the general public on Jan. 22.

The JV squad headed to Nationals Jan. 23-24 in Dallas, Texas. The squad placed fourth, behind Jenks, Timbercreek, and Montwood.

## Clubs inspire change

by Jessica Laughlin

Key Club, NHS, and leadership classes are just a few of the service-oriented organizations for students wishing to make a difference.

Mary Fowler, Key Club sponsor, focuses her leadership class on reaching out and helping in the community.

This class takes part in junior achievement, mentorships at Creekwood Elementary and Early Childhood Center, putting on Rachel's Challenge skits, and conducting respect assemblies.

"It's just kids helping other kids," Fowler said.

Miranda McLaughlin is serving as the Key Club president this year. She enjoys being active in her community and planning Key Club events. She loves spending her free time doing things that will make a difference in others' lives.

"Key Club provides an opportunity to get involved in the community, and serves as a way to give back," McLaughlin said.

Their last big project was a Christmas drive at the nearby elementary school, Creekwood. The schools wanted to help give thirty-two special kids a good Christmas.

Thirty-two students from leadership, NHS, and Key Club picked a student and got the student a gift picked out just for them. They threw a Christmas party, gave each student a personalized stocking, and even had Santa make an appearance.

"We're considering doing a color run at some point in the semester, along with some other service projects," McLaughlin said.

Key Club, along with NHS and leadership classes constantly work to better the community and the high school campus in many ways.

These are just a few clubs among many others that strive to better the world around them. These organizations help to encourage others to be the best they can be and jump into the world ready to help.

## WHAT WAS THE BEST MOMENT OF YOUR SEASON?



"The best moment of the season was when we made the coaches cry because at practice because we hit a perfect full out."

Shaylin Wren, 10

"The best moment was winning our first competition and feeling the accomplishment that everything we had worked for finally paid off."

Bayleigh Rimer, 10



"My best moment was right before we competed and we got in a big circle and said encouraging stuff to pump each other up and then we prayed together."

Taylor Wooldridge, 10



PHOTO BY SHANNON LANDREVILLE

Senior Morgan McDonald reads a book to kindergartners at Creekwood Elementary with her leadership class.

## English teacher has talent for crafts

by Abigail Young

Broken Arrow has a diversity not only of students, but also of teachers. Here at the high school in our English department, sophomore teacher Taylor Ogden has a hobby of baking.

She began baking at a young age with her mom and enjoyed helping her mom cook for others.

"Ms. Ogden has always had a liking to bringing sweets she's made for students," sophomore Evonne Punzalan said. "I miss her sweets; they were what made my school days better."

Ogden explains that baking is relaxing to her because it is quiet. She also likes baking because she is able to see the finished product quickly and that it's become a routine because she's baked so many times and it doesn't take a lot of thought.

"Ms. Ogden has made some amazing food over the years," sophomore Marissa Pirkle said. "A few of my favorites were her homemade caramel corn and her homemade gluten free oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. She can take the simplest food and turn it

into the most delicious snack ever."

Special occasions like the holidays are Ms. Ogden's favorite time of the year to bake. Most of the time Ms. Ogden will bake for fun. She also likes baking for other people and surprising them with her homemade treats.

"Ms. Ogden brings popcorn and caramel corn into the classroom for us all the time and it makes my day," sophomore Lauren Shipman said. "It's the best homemade popcorn ever."

Another hobby Ms. Ogden has is knitting. She has her own online business called "Knits by Taylor" that she knits custom items for people. Some items that she makes are hats, Christmas stockings, and baby items like cardigans, shoes, hats and she often does custom orders.

The expenses for a custom item would usually range from how detailed the item is and the sizes. Ogden explains that the cost is more related to her time than the materials.

Those interested in browsing Ogden's online business can find it on Facebook under "Knits By Taylor".

## Warren wows patrons of BA

by Cheyenne Pauls

Broken Arrow's Warren Theater is one of the four Warren Theaters in Oklahoma and Kansas.

In addition, there are three other theaters which are not under Bill Warren's name: two Palace Theatres and one Movie Machine theatre.

"My favorite part is getting to work with such a great team of people and seeing the way the public react since the opening," staff instructor Shelby Hendon said, "Everyone is so excited, and it's been really cool to see how we've impacted the community."

About 75 percent of the staff attends BAHS, some of whom are Meagan Shrader, Ashley Chesser, Aly Davidson, and Dillon Ogg. Senior Meagan Shrader works in the Diner along with the rest of the employees named.

"I really love working at the Warren Theatre, which is now the most high-tech theatre in the U.S.," Shrad-

er said. "The guests are amazing and the staff is incredible; the Warren is definitely the best place to work in Broken Arrow."

The theatre's design is based in the fifties, complete with an upstairs bar, a diner, and a game room. There are 3 types of theatre rooms: screening rooms, director's suites, and the Grand Infinity. Screening rooms are the same size as normal theatres, director's suites serve dinner with the featured movie and only allow those who are 21 or older inside, and the Grand Infinity auditorium is the biggest, with a curved panorama screen.

"It was neat and the theatre was very beautiful," senior Kelly Johnson said.

The tickets range from \$7 to \$22 depending on the type of theatre you choose. The price of dinner in the Diner ranges from \$8 to \$15 for meals and about \$3 to \$6 for ice cream and shakes. The Warren Theatre is located on 121st and 145th.

## Trouble with the law

Mock Trial goes to court

by Ryan Weaver

Mock Trial, led by Coach Chris Nulf and leadership captain Riley Lindell, is a Broken Arrow competitive team that practices from the start of the year and even over the school breaks in hopes that they will be clever enough to crush their competition with the might of their words and the weight of their knowledge.

Sport is something that is valued in Broken Arrow Schools, a competitor and champion among the other school districts. Every competitor in Broken Arrow spends tireless hours of training every week in preparation for battle, but for a few when they step out onto the field their only safety equipment is their wits and the ball, a man's life.

On Monday, Jan. 19 while many other students were asleep in their beds enjoying a well-deserved day off, the Mock Trial team was going off to their biggest scrimmage of the year to prepare for their rapidly arriving competition date.

Along with BA, there were many other teams as well, many of them long-time friends of the Mock Trial team, including Owasso, who were meeting up for a friendly go-through of the case and hoping they weren't pitted against each other in the real competition.

Part of the leadership in the team is returning senior Blake Sterling.

"I think this year we have a really good team, along with quite a few really good freshmen that I really would like to see get better as they go through the program like I did," Sterling said.

Sterling has high ambitions for the future of the mock trial team.

"Honestly I think we have a pretty good chance at winning this year, and while every year we shoot for first, because of how difficult and competitive this sport is our real goal is semi-finals, but I personally think we have what it takes to go all the way," Sterling said.

For more information about the Broken Arrow Mock Trial team contact Chris Nulf.



PHOTO BY PAMELA ALTAFFER

Senior Journey Barnes is questioned by sophomore Ashanti Mack while the judge listens during a mock court session at the Tulsa County Courthouse on Monday, Jan. 19.



## Garth returns after 17 years

by Meagan Shrader

For the first time in seventeen years, Garth Brooks visited Tulsa during "The Garth Brooks World Tour with Trisha Yearwood."

He played seven shows in nine days at Tulsa's BOK Center downtown, a venue which holds 19,199 people.

"Garth was just so energetic and happy to see all of his fans; his love for his fans showed amazingly," senior Cheyenne Burch said.

Originally, the first three shows were scheduled for January 9, 10, and 11 at 7pm; however, when those sold out in 45 minutes, Brooks added another show on the 10th for 10:30.

Because of the continuing vast desire for tickets, he added another three shows-one each at 7pm on January 15, 16, and 17.

Brooks made sure that every ticket, no matter where the seat was located, only cost \$70.

Karyn Rochelle, a singer/songwriter and longtime friend of Brooks and his wife Trisha Yearwood, opened his show with four of the many songs she co-wrote with other famous artists like Kellie Pickler.

After a short intermission to

ready the stage for Brooks, the lights dimmed and the palpable excitement in the crowd grew.

An electronic crackling noise came from the speakers and a countdown began on the cube in the middle of the stage, followed by a female robot voice saying, "The machines have taken over," - a reference to his most recent album, *Man Against Machine*.

"Even though he was losing his voice by the time my show started, Garth was still amazing," newspaper teacher Ashley Spencer said.

Brooks appeared in a cloud of fog in front of the cube, launching into his first song of the night, "Man Against Machine."

With the crowd roaring, he played his characteristic guitar and sang several of his older, popular songs, despite a hoarse voice that came and went throughout the night.

After singing two of the songs from his newest album, and numerous other songs that have been extremely popular throughout his career, Brooks gave several encores each night he performed. He will perform eighteen more shows before the end of his tour later this year.



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Oklahoma Native Garth Brooks sold out seven performances at the BOK Center from Jan. 9-17. Some shows started as late as 12:30 a.m.

## THE STUDENT SCOPE



*Midnight Terror*

by  
Jessica Laughlin, 12  
Arrow Featured Artist

This piece of art titled "Midnight Terror" was created by senior Jessica Laughlin using ink and watercolor.

"This piece is based off of Native American Folk Tales," Laughlin said. "I have chosen Native American Folk Tales as my concentration."

Laughlin is a student in 3D Art with Mr. Brown and AP Art with Mrs. Deal.

This piece can be viewed in the display case outside the art rooms in the main building hallway.

*Surfacing*

by  
Percy Totten, 11  
Arrow Featured Artist

Sinking into the black abyss,  
Blank, empty nothingness  
Takes me over,  
But still I reach for the surface.

The darkness smothers me;  
Breathing becomes a difficulty;  
The feeling overwhelming,  
But still I reach for the surface.

I carry everywhere this heavy-  
weight:  
A burden so terrible and great,  
Never lifting,  
But still I reach for the surface.

The storm will soon pass,  
Sprout again will the grass;  
Dawdling flowers beckon me  
And still I reach for the surface.

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