

B.A. NEWS

# Local Teenager Wins Money for College

Spencer Pearce, a Broken Arrow-area teenager, now has more incentive to start thinking about college. In September, Pearce was awarded an Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan (OCSP) worth \$2,500.

Pearce was entered into the Reading Makes Cent\$ Sweepstakes by his mother. Two winners were selected, a child

under 13 years and a teen between 13 and 18 years old. The sweepstakes is an annual partnership between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and OCSP during the summer reading program.

Library Manager Emily Tichenor also accepted a check for \$1,000 to benefit the South Broken Arrow Library, 3600 S. Chestnut, as it

was the library where Pearce was registered for the sweepstakes.

September is nationally recognized as College Savings Month, and Gov. Mary Fallin has designated September as Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan Month. State Treasurer Ken Miller says there is no better time than now for parents to start saving for their child's future education.



**COLLEGE CASH:** Emily Tichenor, South Broken Arrow Library manager, far left, and Spencer Pearce, Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan winner, second from left, both received recognition as part of the Reading Makes Cent\$ Sweepstakes. Next to Spencer, from left, are his father, Robert Pearce, mother, Cheryl, and sister, Anna.

## B.A. THEATRE BREAKS GROUND



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**GROWTH COMING:** On Sept. 24, Warren Theatres broke ground on its new luxury movie theatre to be located in the Shops at Aspen Creek, located on Tucson Street (121st Street), between Aspen Place and Elm Place. From left, Mayor Craig Thurmond, Developer Danny Signorelli, Warren Theatres Founder Bill Warren and Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce President Wes Smithwick.

## BAPAC'S UPCLOSE SERIES



**A MUSICAL PAIR:** Mark and Kim Frie perform their Broadway-style, two-person show, "And Baby Makes 3." The solo performance, as a part of the Upclose Concert Series, took place Sept. 7 at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center. On Oct. 1, JazzReach featuring the Metta Quintet will take the stage.

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