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Redland Fencing Center offers classes for students ages six and up. Instruction is available for adults and youth for all three blades, group and private lessons, staged combat with historical weapons and a nationally credentialed teaching staff.

Enjoy world class instruction at Redlands Fencing Center

Master coach Jerry Benson has trained and coached across the globe

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Whether you're a fencing master or a beginner just wanting to learn the sport of fencing, Redlands Fencing Center has a class for you. In business since 1988, the experienced staff is trained and certified to teach all aspects of fencing, including Olympic and Historical fencing.

Redlands is one of the few fencing centers that offers all three blades: foil, epee, and saber. The foil is a 35-inch blade and weighs less than one pound. Competitors score

by touching the tip of their blade to their challenger's torso only.

Epee is similar to foil, but the blade is much heavier and has a large bell guard and stiffer blade. The entire body is valid target area in epee.

Saber is similar in length and weight to the foil but is used primarily as a cutting weapon instead of a point-attack weapon like foil and epee. Saber target area is from the hips up including the arms and head.

Redlands' master coach is Jerry Benson, who is known and respected as one of the top fencing coaches in

the United States. Benson has trained as a coach in the former Soviet Union, Hungary, France, and Germany. He was also on staff with the United States Fencing Association's Coaches College at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado. He currently holds the highest ranking from both the International Coaches Association and the United States Fencing Association. Benson also has several years of experience with wheelchair fencing.

If you are interested in Historical Fencing, Redlands

offers classes for the Medieval and Renaissance periods. The Medieval class is in German Long Sword, while the Renaissance class is in Italian Rapier. Advanced classes are also available and include swords, shields, pole-arms, maces, axes, and grappling as well as off-hand weapons like dagger, buckler, and cloak.

Redlands' Executive Manager, Jason Rutter, says there are many benefits to fencing.

"It's a great way to release

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Country music star Pat Green will perform at FireLake Grand on Jan. 21.

Pat Green to play FireLake Grand Jan. 21

Ticket prices range from \$19-\$54

SHAWNEE - When FireLake Grand welcomes singer-songwriter Pat Green to the stage on Saturday, January 21 at 7 pm, the applause will come "Wave on Wave."

Pat Green's latest album, *What I'm For*, reveals the man he has become. Green has trusted his own instincts, avoided the "Nashville system," and found success in honestly relating his attempts to "grow up and walk like a man."

"I really do think of *What I'm For* as an album by husband and father," reported Green. "Now I feel like I've finally come into my own and I want to write songs by a man, by a father, by a guy that kind of has a handle on the situation. And as far as I'm concerned, *What I'm For* is the best album I've ever done..."

Growing up with nine siblings, the music they enjoyed was varied. While that variety influenced Green to an extent, he found country music spoke to him. In his late teenage years, he discovered the story songs of Robert Earl Keen and Jerry Jeff Walker. Not only did their music influence him, they along with Willie Nelson helped him to get a start by letting him open for their shows. It wasn't long before Green had a following all his own.

"I owe them [Nelson, Keen, and Walker] all a debt of gratitude not

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Senators, congressmen oppose planned Broken Arrow casino

Sen. Inhofe does not believe Bureau of Indian Affairs will approve casino site

TULSA (AP) — Oklahoma's two U.S. senators and a U.S. representative have joined the opposition to a casino an American Indian tribe is building in Broken Arrow.

U.S. Rep. John Sullivan told the Tulsa World that he and Sen. Tom Coburn have sent letters to National Indian Gaming Commission Chairwoman Tracie Stevens and Assistant U.S. Interior Secretary Larry Echo Hawk inquiring about the status of the Kialegee Tribal Town's efforts to

have land approved for a casino.

Construction has begun at the site, even though there has been no formal approval of a casino there.

Sen. Jim Inhofe said in a statement that he does not believe the Bureau of Indian Affairs will approve a casino at the site.

"Given the strong local opposition to a casino at this location and the land's proximity to schools and homes, I do not believe that the BIA would approve such an application,"

Inhofe said.

Records show that the property is owned by sisters Marcella Giles and Wynema Capps, who tried to transfer it to the Kialegee Tribal Town through a lease, but a Tulsa County district court judge withheld approval of that request, saying they could present the proposal to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Sullivan said he thinks the proposed land transfer is illegal.

"We want to put pressure on the

NIGC and the BIA," Sullivan said. "We want to derail this."

Tiger Hobia, the Town King of the Kialegee Tribal Town, has declined interview requests, but said in a Dec. 24 statement that the tribe has no other economic development opportunities.

"The Kialegee Tribal Town project is the epitome of the Congressional vision for Indian economic development," his statement said, adding, "This is one of the very reasons the Indian Gaming Act was enacted."