



HEADS UP

Eufaula Public Schools

"Expect the Best"

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Lamar Armstrong has been the Boys *Head Basketball Coach* for the Eufaula Ironhead Basketball Program for the past twenty-one years. Prior to that, he was the Ironhead Assistant Coach for five years, and in the first three years of his coaching career, was the Head Coach at Butner, OK. As Head Coach of the Ironheads, Armstrong lead his teams to an amazing 429 wins. Coach Armstrong's athletes and fans will miss his leadership and his coaching style. He and

his wife, Denise, plan to remain in the Eufaula area where he will forever be Ironhead Basketball's *Number One Fan*. Congratulations, Coach, on a remarkable Career!

Career comes to an end



But, Oh, what a Ride It Was!

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With the December bond approval for new construction, the Eufaula Board of Education and Superintendent, Bill Wilson, are busy ensuring all necessary steps are taken in preparation to begin construction on the new elementary school building:

December: Bond Proposal passes for new construction

January: Board approved final schematic drawings of new elementary

February: Board approved final contract documents

March: Board opened and tabulated construction bids

April: Board will award contract to begin construction

Companies bidding on the construction project were as follows:

Ameri Group	\$3,413,000	Jim Butler Construction	\$3,681,927
The Ross Group	\$3,832,378	Vista Construction, Inc.	\$3,762,800

The lowest bid was submitted by Ameri Group, and was \$587,000 under the projected budget. This savings will provide funding for the completion of the High School classroom construction.



ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations Sherry Rippy, Jan Pipkens, and Tracey Stubbs.

They are our elementary *Teachers of the Year*.

- All three elementary media centers are now fully automated. Students may browse the OPAC stations to search for *Accelerated Reader* books on their individual reading levels. The students may quickly find books by subject, title, or by their favorite author. Media Assistants Glenda Ray, Susan Wood, and Liz Steele along with media specialist, Robyn Burris, have worked hard this year learning the new circulation and catalog components, generating bibliographies for teachers, printing overdue reports, and in giving instruction to our students on how to use the automated system.
- Our Elementary Students have read books and have taken quizzes on a total of 16,466 *Accelerated Reader* books. So far this year, Dixie students have passed quizzes on 8,272 books, Jefferson Davis students passed quizzes on 7,051 books, and Cooper McClain students passed quizzes on 1,143 books.
- New Computers were placed in all elementary computer labs and every elementary classroom received two new computers. The computers are networked and students and teachers may access the *Accelerated Reader* program and the Library Media Center card catalog from their classrooms.

DIXIE HIGHLIGHTS: Congratulations to three Dixie students who won at the county level for "*Don't Lay Your Trash on Oklahoma*" poster contest: Dexter Nelson won 1st, Caleb Anderson won 2nd, and Daxton Powell won 3rd. Sherre Whittington is our district's elementary art teacher. Our students are introduced to a variety of art techniques and the excitement of creating art projects.

- Dixie Basketball Games were held April 6th from 11:30 to 3:15 in the EHS gym. The classes played each other. Portable goals were used, so the shots were within reach for the little ones. Parents were charged admission and the concession stand was open. If you have not experienced Dixie Basketball, plan on attending next year.
- *Fun Day* is scheduled for Friday, April 27th from 12:00 - 3:00 at the EHS football field. The concession stand will be open. The students participate in Ring Toss, Basketball Throw, Sack Race, Bean Bag Throw, Frisbee Toss, and Lots More Fun.
- End of the year Field Trips are scheduled for the spring including trips to *Jasmine Moran Children's Museum*, the *Tulsa Zoo*, and the *Kirkpatrick Center* in OKC.

JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHLIGHTS: Kim Sanders, Eufaula's elementary music teacher, works tirelessly in introducing our students to music appreciation and the art of performing. Students at all elementary sites are given the opportunity to participate in Ms. Sanders' music program. Plan to attend "Golden Oldies" being performed in the High School auditorium April 20th at 1:30 P.M.

COOPER McCLAIN HIGHLIGHTS: The final records for the 5th and 6th Grade Basketball season are worthy of praise from even our talented High School Ironhead Athletes! Emily Coppick, Elementary Basketball Coach, had an exceptional year with her four teams. The 5th Grade Girls were 10-1 winning the Quinton Tournament and coming in second at the Shrine Tournament. The 5th Grade Boys were 7-2 winning the Quinton Tournament. The 6th Grade Girls were *Undefeated* with a 17-0 record winning First Place in the Henryetta, Quinton, and Shrine Tournaments. The 6th Grade Boys were 16-2 winning the Quinton and Shrine Tournament and coming in second place at the Henryetta Tournament.

SECONDARY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- Ms. Sherrye Satterfield was named Junior High *Teacher of the Year*
- Mr. Lamar Armstrong was named EHS *Teacher of the Year*

Congratulations!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Students participating in the Beacon Fishing Program under the guidance of the Junior High Principal, Chris Whelan, enjoyed a fishing trip this past week-end where they caught *And Cooked* over fifty fish. Chris Whelan and his wife, Diane, our Alternative Education teacher, enjoyed watching the students enjoy using their fishing skills.



State Championship Runner-Up



Area Champions

IRONHEAD POWER
 Somebody *JUST TRY* to tell Ironhead fans this wasn't an Exciting Year! The #1 ranked Boys Basketball Team made Ironhead History under the leadership of Coach Lamar Armstrong winning 2nd place in the State Championship Finals to end the season 22-3. The Top Ten ranked Ironhead Football team lead by Coach Kerry Roberts made it all the way to the State Championship Semi-Finals to end their season 12-2, Coach Kent Kiester's Academic Team took home the Class 3A Regional 8 Championship Trophy, the Ironhead Power Lifting Team, coached by Kerry Roberts, competed in the State Power Lifting Competition in McCloud taking 5th place with sixty-nine teams competing. The Ironhead Band, under the direction of Mr. Jerry Toler, won their Second Class 2A State Championship. They received a Superior Rating in the District Concert in February which qualified them for the State Band Contest on the OSU campus later this month. On April 5th, the band students will visit San Antonio and participate in the Heritage Festival Band Contest.

Few school districts enjoy this kind of success. Fewer still are the number of school districts whose student body behaves with the kind of character and discipline shown by our students whether in victory or in defeat. The students have made us proud!

IRONHEAD BASEBALL

April 5	Hilldale	H	4:30
April 7	Shawnee	T	11:00
April 9	Henryetta	H	4:30
April 10	Hartshorne	H	4:30
12-14	Stigler Tourney	T	TBA
April 17	Wilburton	H	4:00
April 19	Bentonville	H	4:00
April 20	Morris	T	4:30
April 21	Heavener	H	1:00
April 23	Talihina	H	4:00
April 24	Checotah	T	4:30
26-28	District Tourney	TBA	
May 3-5	Regional Tourney	TBA	
10-12	State Tourney	TBA	

Head Coach: Stacey Helms
Assistant Coach: Victor Salcedo

IRONHEAD SOFTBALL

March 27	Indianola	There
March 29	Checotah	There
April 3	Keota	Here
April 5	Checotah	Here
April 10	Checotah	There
April 12	Stigler	Here
April 13-14	Keota Tourney	
April 6	Stigler	There
April 19-20	District Tourney	

Head Coach: Robert Nixon
Assistant Coach: Betty Curtis

IRONHEAD GOLF

April 2	Oktaha at Arrowhead	(boys and girls) 1:00
April 3	Stigler at Stigler Course	(boys) 3:00
April 4	Oktaha at Eagle Crest	(boys and girls) 1:00
April 5	Checotah at Fountainhead	(boys and girls) 3:30
April 9	McAlester Tournament at McAlester Country Club	(girls) 9:00
April 10	Ft. Gibson Tournament at Eagle Crest	(boys) 9:00
April 16	Checotah at Arrowhead	(boys and girls) 3:30
April 17	Stigler at Arrowhead	(boys) 3:30
April 18	Girls State Qualifying	9:00
April 23	Boys State Qualifying	9:00
April 25	State Regional Girls	
April 30	State Regional Boys	

Eufaula's Golf Program, coached by Bill Bumgarner, is only one year old but is already producing some promising golfers who are learning to love the game. At a recent Golf Tournament in Henryetta, John Duke shot 42 on the front nine, and 40 on the back for a total score of 82. Brad Davis shot a 47 and 44 to post a score of 91, Joe Reiter shot 48 - 48 for a round of 96. Brandon Linstead, Jason Hulme, and James Hickman also played a good round at the tournament. Golf is a difficult game to learn, and the discipline it takes to hit a good shot is something only golfers would understand or fully appreciate. Breaking 80 and 90 as our young golfers are doing is outstanding, and shows that Eufaula has the talent to compete with other schools in this remarkable sport.

END OF YEAR

April 13: No School
May 10: JHS Graduation
May 11: HS Graduation
May 14-16 Semester Tests
May 18 Report Cards

PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE COLLEGE TUITION PROGRAM!

Act Now if you are a parent of an 8th, 9th or 10th grade student. Call Judy Colclasure, High School Counselor, at 689-1075 or Martha Asher, Junior High School Counselor, at 689-1069.

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