



Heads Up

Eufaula Public Schools

"Expect the Best"

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Vann D. McIntosh

Vann D. McIntosh, principal at Cooper McClain Elementary School, passed away Dec. 25, 2000. He was loved by family, friends, faculty, staff, co-workers, and students. Even as his health began to fail, he was a model of both strength and courage. Mr. McIntosh will be missed in the hallways and playgrounds of Cooper McClain Elementary School. He will be missed in the gymnasium, where he spent so much of his time as a successful basketball coach. He will be missed in the early mornings at *J.M.'s Restaurant* where he enjoyed having breakfast and discussing the events of the week. And, he will be missed in the hearts of those who have known him, and those of us who were just getting to know the man, *Vann D. McIntosh*.

The following words, written by an unknown author, personify the kinds of values Vann McIntosh held.
"A thousand years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the World may be different because I was important in the life of a Child."...

---And he was---

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....will be missed
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THANKS EUFAULA!

BOND PASSES 1187-277

Eufaula voters overwhelmingly approved the school bond election of December 12, 2000. By a vote of 1187 to 277, district voters said "Yes" to the proposed construction of new school facilities. The majority of voters in each precinct supported the bond proposal with their vote. Proceeds from the sale of the school bonds will be used to finalize construction of a new elementary school and initiate a *Five Year Plan* which includes a new middle school campus and additional classrooms at the high school. Completion of the architectural design is underway, and construction is scheduled to begin March, 2001. *Heads Up* will keep you informed of construction progress.



Emily Coppick, a 1991, graduate of Eufaula Public Schools and graduate of Northeastern State University, is leading the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls basketball teams in an exciting year at Cooper McClain Elementary. Their overall record is 32 wins and 3 losses. The 4th grade boys lost only one time, the 6th grade boys lost only twice, and the 5th and 6th grade girls teams are undefeated! Besides being an enthusiastic, energetic coach for Eufaula Schools, Emily is a half day Alternative Ed. teacher at Houston Homan Jr. High.

Goals 2000: Attendance Centers Automated

School secretaries recently attended software training by Municipal Accounting Service in Shawnee, OK. Student attendance is now automated, and all State Dept. of Education reports are calculated by computer. The initial audit of the State Dept. of Education conducted Oct. 2000, reported no errors in calculation. *Hats Off* to all those involved in modernizing the Eufaula Site Attendance Centers.

Janice Duke

Jefferson Davis Elementary

Wenonah Caruthers

Dixie Elementary

Carolyn Harjo

Jr. High Secretary

Martha Asher

Jr. High Counselor

Mary Thurman

Cooper McClain Elementary

Janice Linnens

Sr. High Secretary

not shown



"Literacy, in the age of information, is the ability to access, process, manipulate, and evaluate information quickly and effectively."

Knowing that, it is essential that Eufaula students learn proper research skills at an early age. The *Goals 2000* technology grant is making library automation a reality for our elementary media centers this year. Dixie Elementary Media Center library automation was finalized Dec. 12th, with Jefferson Davis and Cooper McClain media centers to follow.

Automation makes it possible for students to begin learning the correct way to search for books and materials in this, the *Age of Information*.

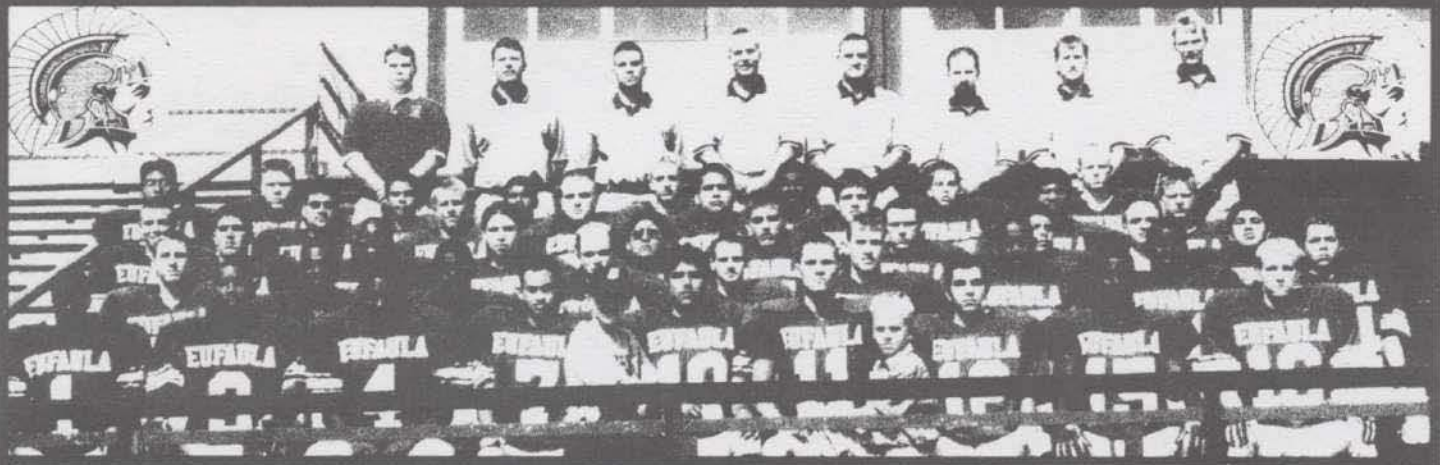
Joanna Wilson, Goals 2000

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!!

CALENDAR INFORMATION

BILL WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT

When inclement weather occurs, our main concern is for the safety of our students and employees. Bus routes are driven and their condition is a determining factor in the decision to close school. Due to recent bad weather in our district, school has been closed a number of days already this year. Because of this, the school calendar will be adjusted. Third and Fourth Quarter beginning and ending dates will once again be set, and a calendar including semester tests, graduation dates, and the last day of school will be determined. This information will be available at each site and published in the next issue of *Heads Up*.



Ironhead Football 2000

All District: John Brandl -Defensive End Ryan Staley-Receiver James Hickman-Tight End
 Brendon Bridges-Defensive Back Jerard Jones-Receiver James Dowling-Offensive Tackle
 District Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year: Paul McIntosh District Defensive Player of the Year: Ande King
 District Player of the Year: Avery Shine

Muskogee Phoenix All Star Team: Ryan Staley-Receiver Paul McIntosh-Offensive Tackle
 Avery Shine-Running Back Avery Shine-Defensive Back
 Muskogee Phoenix Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year: Avery Shine

Winning both Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year has Never Before been Achieved

Muskogee Phoenix Purple Heart Award: Dustin Gilley Oklahoma Football Coaches Association 2A All Star by Class:
 Ande King-Linebacker Paul McIntosh-Defensive End Avery Shine-Defensive Back

Oklahoma Football Coaches Association East All State Team: Avery Shine-Defensive Back
 Daily Oklahoman First Team All State: Avery Shine-Defensive Back
 Tulsa World First Team All State: Avery Shine-Defensive Back

Muskogee Phoenix Coach of the Year - Kerry Roberts
 12-3 Record

Ranked in the Top Ten the Entire Season

Not since 1967 and 1975 has Ironhead Football advanced to the State Championship Semi-Finals

IRONHEAD ACADEMIC TEAM

The Ironhead Academic Team, Head Coach Kent Kiester, and Assistant Coach Gale Applegate, are looking forward to Area Championship Competition in January. The Ironheads are having an exciting year with an incredible performance in winning the OSSAA Class 3A Region 8 Championship.



HOUSTON HOMAN STUDENTS HELP NEEDY CHILDREN

Students at Houston Homan Junior High made Christmas a Merry One for many children this year. A program supported by Wal-Mart and *Popular Mechanics* awarded a check for \$500.00 worth of tools and materials to Larry Newton's woodshop class. In turn, the students pledged to build wooden toys that would be donated to the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots Program." At a dedication ceremony held at Checotah's Wal-Mart on Dec. 7th., Mr. Newton's class presented the Marines with 285 toys made by our students. The toys ranged from cards and trucks to puzzles and tops. We are proud that 285 children were made a little merrier this past Christmas because of our students' effort. "It is important that our children learn the value of giving. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this very worthwhile project, and commend Mr. Newton and his students on a job well done."

Chris Whelan, Jr. High Principal

2000-2001 Ironhead Basketball

Jan 2 Stigler T 6:30
 Jan 4 Wilburton H 6:30
 Jan 5 Hartshorne T 6:30
 Jan 9 Pocola H 6:30
 Jan 12 Talihina T 6:30
 Jan 15-20 Ft. Gibson Tourney
 Jan 23 Morris T 6:30
 Jan 26 Heavener H 6:30
 Jan 27 Checotah T 6:30
 Jan 29 Morris H 6:30
 Jan 30 Wilburton T 6:30
 Feb 2 Stigler H 6:30
 Feb 3 Checotah H 6:30
 Feb 6 Hartshorne H 6:30
 Feb 9 Pocola T 6:30
 Feb 13 Talihina H 6:30

**2000-2001 Ironhead Basketball
7th, 8th, 9th Grade****Girls Boys**

Jan 8 Wilburton T H 5:00
 Jan 11 Stigler H T 5:00
 Jan 22, 25, 27 Eufaula Jr. High
 Tournament - 9th Grade
 Jan 23 Okemah H H 5:00
 Feb 1 Checotah T H 5:00
 Feb 5 Checotah H T 5:00
 Feb 8 Ft. Gibson T H 5:00
 Feb 12 Hartshorne T H 5:00

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 15 No Classes
Staff Development

 Feb. 19 No Classes
Parent-Teacher Conf.

 March 2 No Classes
OEA Zone Meeting

 March 12-16 Achievement Tests

 March: 19-23 Spring Break

Students who received emergency transfers for the 2000-2001 School Year have until Feb. 1, 2001, to complete an *Open Transfer Form* and return it to Eufaula Public Schools. The form may be picked up and returned at any Eufaula School District site or at the Administrative Service Center. This *Open Transfer Form* eliminates the requirement to complete a transfer form each year.

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