



# HEADS UP

Eufaula Public Schools

*"Expect the Best"*

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## ENROLLMENT INCREASES

**D**istrict enrollment numbers are Growing! The senior high had a gain of fifty-one students while the junior high grew by fourteen students. The Elementary Schools had an overall growth of nine students. District-wide, Eufaula Schools have seventy-four more students than one year ago and a seven percent increase each of the last two years.

1999 - 2000 Enrollment was 1,062  
2000 - 2001 Enrollment was 1,132  
2001 - 2002 Enrollment was 1,206

## Ninth Grade Construction Project to Begin Soon!

The Eufaula School Board of Education awarded a contract for the construction of a high school classroom addition to C & I Construction of Wilburton, OK. At the September 10th Board meeting a contract for \$1,179,000 with a completion date of July, 2002, was unanimously approved. The contract provides 8,000 square feet of classroom space for the 9th grade students and an additional 8000 square feet of classroom space for future growth.



## HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES SET FOR OCTOBER 12TH AND 13TH

A Pep Rally will Kick Off Homecoming Friday morning, October 12th, at 10:00 A.M. in the high school auditorium, followed by an afternoon parade at 2:00.

The Homecoming Football game against Vian will begin at 7:30 P.M.

A reception will be held at 10:00 Saturday morning, October 13th, in the High School cafeteria. The Homecoming Banquet is planned for 6:30 P.M. Saturday evening, Oct. 13th, at Fountainhead, followed by the Homecoming Dance at 9:00.

## GYMNASIUM GETS A FACE LIFT . . . .

The roof has been replaced on the Ironhead Field House, and Tri-State Floors was contracted to completely refinish the basketball court. The entire surface was sanded and varnished, and Ironhead Colors painted on the out-of-bounds and three-point lanes. The finishing touch was provided by our very own talented and creative art teacher, Mr. Barnabas Grayson, who painted the Ironhead mascot at center court.



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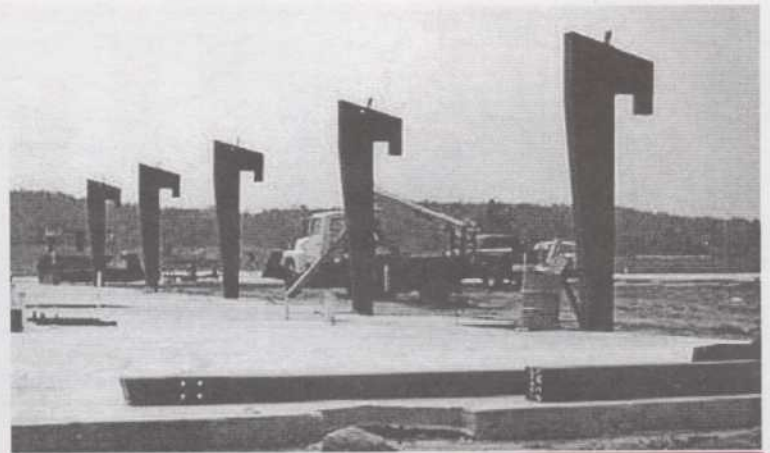
## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE STILL ON TARGET



Each day that passes, the elementary students and teachers of our district are *that much closer* to enjoying the advantages of attending school in a safe and spacious school building. The dirt work has long since been completed, the footings poured, rebar has been connected and put in place prior to the parade of cement trucks that carried ton after ton of cement to the site for the 50,000 square foot construction.

## Attention Sophomores!

It has been said that many people plan their Summer Vacations with more care than they plan their Futures!! Don't be one of those people! Sophomores, You will soon have a chance to participate in a program that will help you plan and prepare for your future. The program is called PLAN. PLAN will give you the kinds of information you need to plan your education, your career, your FUTURE!! It will help you sort out your options for the future. And, as a Pre-ACT test, PLAN is a good predictor of how well you will do on the ACT ASSESSMENT. PLAN will be offered at the high school on October 17, 2001. The cost is \$8.50 for scoring the test. All sophomore students who wish to take PLAN are reminded to stop by Ms. Colclasure's office at the high school to register for the test. You must bring your check for \$8.50 at that time. The deadline for registering is October 15, 2001. Students, take advantage of this excellent opportunity to plan and prepare for your future. Parents, please encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity.



As if knowing the Ironheads Colors, rows of maroon columns stand on a sea of concrete ready to support the roof and walls of the new elementary school.

## Scholarships!! Scholarships!!

OHLAP Scholarship Applications are available to students in grades 8-10! To qualify, family income must be less than fifty-thousand annually. To maintain eligibility for scholarship, students must follow a specific curriculum throughout High School, maintain a minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average and stay out of legal trouble throughout High School. This scholarship is *Worth the Time and Effort* involved in completing the application, as it pays full tuition at any Oklahoma public college or university, or partial tuition at private Oklahoma universities. Counselors at both the junior high and senior high have applications and brochures. The deadline for making application is May 1, *however, applications are processed much more quickly if they are received earlier in the school year.*

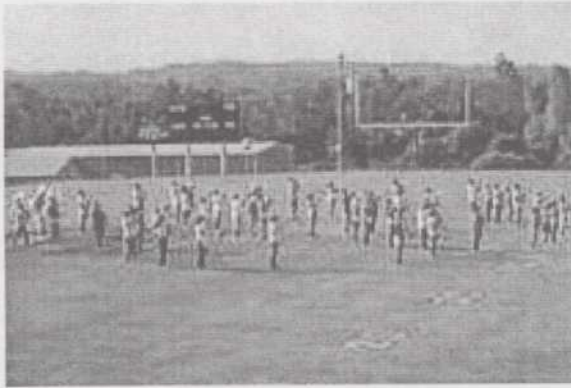
## Calling All Juniors!

The Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be given at the high school on Tuesday, October 16, 2001. The cost of scoring the test is \$9.50. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunches, a tuition free waiver is available. This test will offer school improvement advice from educators and will reflect the student's performance on each of the three parts of the test. It will offer examples of action steps a student may take to improve his or her performance, and prepare them to take the SAT College Entrance Test. This test may also qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Registration for the test must be made at the high school in Ms. Colclasure's office by October 11, 2001.

## The HEADS are Rolling Again This Year

How can you *Kick Off the Football Season* any better than a Shut Out against Checotah 44 -0, returning a week later to be up 41 - 0 after the *First Quarter of play* against the Wilburton Diggers, and then bringing home another victory the third week of the season against Okemah 41-6!

Eufaula has a history of being blessed with exceptional student athletes, but without exceptional leadership and training, that talent goes undeveloped. **Coach Kerry Roberts** came to Eufaula three years ago from Norman North High School. He has a passion for the game and love in his heart for his players. Coach Roberts is as competitive as they come, but knows coaching young people involves much more than counting wins. He remains focused on the young men he coaches, and encourages them to *Be the Best They Can Be* On and Off the field. Coach Roberts and his team of assistant coaches are working long hours preparing The Heads mentally and physically to meet the challenges of yet another exciting season of Ironhead Football.



*Practice, Practice,  
Practice*

The Marching Maroons are Looking and Sounding like Champions again this year. Under the direction of the district's new music department, Glenn Sizemore and assistants Kenneth and Jennifer Self, the band is over 90 strong. This year, the band will be performing a selection of songs from the Broadway Musical, "West Side Story" arranged by Broken Arrow's Steve Vento and Drill Design by Darrin Davis also of Broken Arrow. A trumpet solo is performed by Shay Speligene and the mellophone solo is performed by Rusty Helms. Senior Drum Majors, Krystal Kiester and Jacque

Martin lead their band in an Electrifying Show enhanced by the pageantry and skill of the eighteen member Color Guard, sponsored by Debra Jones. The band will be competing in several state and regional contests across the state this year.

## IRONHEAD FAST- PITCH SOFTBALL

The 2001 Ironhead Softball Team and coaches Bart Banfield and Shasti James are enjoying an Exciting and Successful Season and are riding a six game winning streak. Their coach attributes that success to hard-nosed defense and to Freshman Summer Smith's quality pitching.

*"Pitching and Catching is the name of the game," stated Coach Banfield, "and we have been tremendously consistent in those two areas as well as solid play from the infield and outfield."*



**Bottom Row L to R:** Megan Wilson, Jamie Harris, Jessica Burke, Suzanne Miscowsky, Samantha Lambert, Jennifer Smith, Vilette Linstead

**Top Row L to R:** Coach Bart Banfield, Jasmine Brown, Tamissa Tiger, Sheryl Eldridge, Christina Bozeman, Tammy Tiger, Summer Brown, Coach Shasti James

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The **BEACON** Program (Bringing Education and Community On Board Now), under the leadership of Carol Conatser, is in Full Swing once again this year. There are over two hundred students daily attending the BEACON after school program. In addition to serving the students of our school district, BEACON has joined with the McIntosh County Coalition in presenting the first quarterly Parent University. The Fall 2001 University Schedule began in September and is providing workshops for parents including Methamphetamine Education, Behavior Management, Adolescent and Teen years, CPR classes and Stress Management. Workshops are held at the First Baptist Church, 400 E. Foley from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Child care is provided, but you must call to register. Call 689-7772 or 617-0434. Everyone is Welcome and Encouraged to attend.

**Adult basic computer skills**, taught by Allison Aday, are being offered each Tuesday evening from 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. in a four week computer training program. This is yet another service provided to our community by the federally funded BEACON After School Program. The September class is full, and the October class is quickly being filled. For information about this program, call Kim Smelser, BEACON secretary, at 689-1093.

Several teachers in the district are enrolled in "**Futurekids**", a computer training program taught by Theresa Akers. This is a full semester course offered one evening each week from 3:30 - 6:30. "Futurekids" is a comprehensive computer program funded by the *Goals 2000* Federal Grant. The majority of the teachers in the Eufaula School district have completed this program.

A practical **hands-on workshop** was presented by Chad Cargill on Sunday, September 23rd to any interested student wanting to *Prepare Themselves for the Future*. Chad is a recent graduate of OSU with a degree in Industrial Engineering. While in high school at Harrah, OK, Chad took the ACT 18 times and raised his score from 19 to 32. This workshop is packed full of relevant, practical information on how to increase ACT scores as he did. It covers techniques that help students master test taking. The workshop is not a practice test. It covers general ideas about the ACT as a whole and the individual sections of English, math, reading, and science.

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