



HEADS UP

Eufaula Public Schools

"Expect the Best"

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NINTH GRADE COMPLEX *"The Big Dig"*



The building contractor at the ninth grade construction site has received a favorable plasticity index test on the dirt work. This test measures the amount of moisture in the soil. The next step is to drill multiple

piers 18 inches in diameter to a depth of 12 to 25 feet or three feet into the weathered shale. When the piers have been completed and inspected by the architect and engineer, the contractor will proceed with pouring the grade beams and floor of the building.

ELEMENTARY SITE:

The building subcontractor has completed roofing the north and east wings of the elementary building, and even with the delay caused by a few days of cold and windy weather, the roofing project should be finalized by the first week of January. As the roofing project continues, the exterior walls

are being laid. A gray split face block with four courses of a black accent block is being used. After the building exterior is completed, the dirt contractor has an additional eight inches of topsoil to be placed around the building. This layer of top soil will eliminate indiscriminate ponding of water near the building. While exterior construction continues, interior work has begun. The *Safe Rooms* are finished. These are restrooms designed to withstand a tornado. Two safe rooms are located on each of the three classroom wings. Interior classroom walls are being constructed with reinforcement to accommodate chalkboards and bulletin boards. Plumbing and HVAC contractors are busy at work in each of the classrooms, cafeteria, media center, and administrative offices.

Superintendent Bill Wilson, and construction Superintendent, Randy Beebe are pleased with the progress being made at the new elementary school site.



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EHS ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

There are no bleachers packed with fans to wave flags or to yell cheers for this team of outstanding students as they compete across the state, but the parents, teachers, board of education, and administrators want these students to know this community is proud of them and their coaches for their hard work, their accomplishments, and the effort involved in being a part of the Academic Teams of this district. Students that make up our Academic Teams are: Marshall Burns, Allie Ray, Kelly Brunkhorst, Seth Dawson, Trasen Akers, Gary Rhodes, Matt Miller, Luke Pyle, Cole Howell, Christian Smith, Roger Colbert, Bill Kent, Sarah Bowman, Bethany Monhollon, Kristal Kiester, Aaron Stubbs, Justin Jones, Renee Engel, Christina Bozeman, Christina Gerbig, Jennifer Williams, Michael Ford and Caitlin Galbraith.

Academic Team Overall Record is 43-7.

- The team recently tied with Hilldale for the *Conference Championship* title.
- They won the *Blue Mountain Conference Regular Season Championship*, the first time to hold this position since joining the conference six years ago.
- The team won the *Eufaula Invitational Tournament Championship*
- The team won the *Connors Invitational Tournament*.
- The team held 4th place in the *OSSAA Class 3 A Regional Tournament*, and that finish advanced them to the *Area Tournament* in January. The top two teams at the Area Tournament advance to *State Competition*.

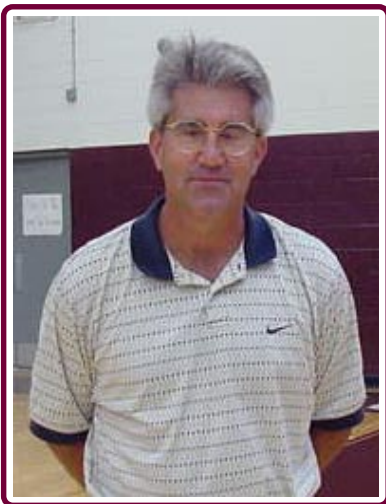
Gale Applegate's JV Academic Team has also had a successful season so far, Having a 22-5 conference record, earning them 2nd place in the conference.

"It's been a great season so far, and we hope to add to our list of accomplishments before it is over."

Coach Kent Kiester, EHS Academic Team Coach.

Houston Homan Students

Two Hundred and Twenty-Five of Eufaula's Finest are on their way to setting an all-time record. These 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students have had NO Discipline Referrals this entire semester, and their principal and the junior high faculty want them to know *how proud they are of this accomplishment*. A party will be given on December 20th to recognize these students who have *raised the bar* for students following in their footsteps. They have proven that our junior high students have the ability to cope with daily problems, stress, and peer pressure with class, self-control, and discipline and will meet the high standards and expectations of senior high and beyond. *Congratulations!*



IRONHEADS RANKED NUMBER ONE IN PRE-SEASON POLLS

Meet Eufaula's new Head Boy's Basketball Coach, *Larry Callison*. Coach Callison and his assistant coaches are looking forward to some exciting basketball in the Ironhead Field House.

Both boys and girls basketball teams have been practicing hard in preparation for some tough competition on the basketball court.

Unless otherwise noted, the girls tip off at 6:30 most Tuesday and Friday nights with the boys immediately following.

Check the basketball schedule on the back page of this newsletter, and make plans to *Come Out, Enjoy, & Support* these student athletes.

BEACON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERING ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES
ONCE AGAIN THIS SEMESTER.

The Parent University will also be offering a variety of classes this semester.

A schedule of classes offered, their time and location will be available in January..

For more information, call Kim Smelser at 918-689-1093.

Ironhead Football

“We Are the Ironheads,” and just about everyone else in the state knows who we are, thanks to some extremely talented athletes under the leadership of a quality team of coaches - *not to mention an incredible group of parents that have shown overwhelming support and encouragement for their children and the football program.*

The 2000 - 2001 Ironheads leave the field this year with an outstanding 12 - 2 record, losing only to Casia Hall and to Millwood, who both advanced to the state finals.

The Ironheads played their hearts out, and we have enjoyed every down. They showed us their talent, sportsmanship, and character on and off the field.

We will miss the fifteen seniors who have worn their school colors with such pride and enthusiasm.

They include:

#4 J. R. Fourshey, #10 Kyle Caruthers, #11 Dustin Gilley, #15 Jerry Nichols, #21 Sheldon Houston, #26 Brad Johnson, #33 J.J. Jackson, #45 Josh Luna, #56 A.J. Burns, #57 Cole Howell, #58 Beau McGreevy, #66 Jason Steele, #70 Tharon Rivers, #77 Gary Rhodes, and #88 Michael Campbell.

Thanks, Ironheads

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS:

Senior Football Cheerleaders Chelsea Johnson and Head Cheerleader, Jennifer Smith, will be missed from the football scene next year. Cheerleaders spend hours of their free time practicing in becoming a quality squad, and seldom get recognized for their athletic ability, hard work, or the contributions they make to the athletic programs. They are important in keeping school spirit high, they are important to us as fans, and most of all, they are important to the teams they support. The HS Cheerleader sponsor, Heather Combs, and JV Cheerleader sponsor, Sherrye Satterfield have provided leadership and direction for the girls in meeting the high standards of our school district and our community.

DIXIE YEARBOOKS

Since this is the last school year for our students to attend Dixie Elementary, we have decided to have a yearbook to remember our old school, our staff, and the last students to attend Dixie. These yearbooks will be soft-bound, and have 24 pages of precious memories. They will sell for \$10.00. Only a limited number will be printed, so when they are gone, *they are gone!* Order forms will be coming this month and the money must accompany the order. All orders must be received by January 11, 2002. Make checks payable to Dixie Elementary.

Ms. Linda Tharp, Principal

TAX STATEMENT REFLECTS PROMISES KEPT

During the 2000 school bond election campaign, voters were promised their cost would not exceed a 10% increase and the millage increase would be approximately 8 mills. The initial evaluation of a typical tax statement shown below indicates a school sinking fund of 7.7 mills. The statement reflects a sinking fund cost of \$3.16 which represents 9.6% of the total tax bill. If your property tax increased by more than 10%, contact the county assessor's office for additional information concerning your taxes.

Tax Distribution:	Mills	Amount
County School	4.0000	1.64
County General	10.0000	4.10
County Health	2.5000	1.02
School General	35.0000	14.35
School Building	5.0000	2.05
School Sinking	7.7000	3.16
Votec General	10.0000	4.10
Votec Building	2.0000	.82
County Library	4.0000	1.64



The School District's Ironhead Golf Program continues to grow under the direction of Golf Coach, Bill Bumgarner.

From more than \$1,200 earned last spring through local golfers participating in a charity *Ironhead Golf Classic*, Coach Bumgarner will be able to purchase a practice net for the students.

With the addition of a practice net, students will be able to work on their short game techniques during inclement weather, and to practice the drills so necessary in grooving *that perfect golf swing.*

Plans are being made to find a location for this indoor practice facility.

“Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated. It satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - It is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.”

---Arnold Palmer---

IRONHEAD BASKETBALL

Unless otherwise noted, the girls basketball team will play at 6:30 with the boys game immediately following.

Dec 14	Morris	Away
Jan 03	Wilburton	Away
Jan 04	Hartshorne	Home
Jan 08	Pocola	Away
Jan 10	Stigler	Away
Jan 11	Talihina	Home
Jan 17	Checotah	Home
Jan 18	Heavener	Away
Jan 19	Morris	Home
Jan 21-25	Ft. Gibson Tournament	Away
Jan 29	Wilburton	Home
Feb 01	Stigler	Home
Feb 02	Checotah	Away
Feb 05	Hartshorne	Away
Feb 08	Pocola	Home
Feb 12	Talihina	Away

ADMISSION

\$ 3.00 Adults \$ 2.00 Students

7TH, 8TH, & 9TH COPPERHEAD BASKETBALL

GIRLS

Dec 10	Stigler T	5:00
Dec 13	Ft. Gibson H	5:00
Dec 17	Hartshorne T	5:00
Jan 07	Ft. Gibson T	5:00
Jan 14	Checotah H	5:00
Jan 28, 31 Feb. 2		

Eufaula Jr. High Tournament

Feb 04	Checotah T	5:00
Feb 07	Preston H 7&8	5:00
Feb 11	Stigler H	5:00

Boys

Dec 10	Stigler H	5:00
Dec 13	Ft. Gibson T	5:00
Dec 17	Hartshorne H	5:00
Jan 07	Ft. Gibson H	5:00
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