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Eufaula Public Schools

"Expect the Best"

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Academics

ACADEMIC TEAM

Coach Kent Kiester

Assistant Coach Gale Applegate

73-18 Record - Sr. Gary Rhodes

All-State Honorable Mention

Jr. Marshall Burns

All-Conference 1st Team

Preparation continues as the team gets Ready To Travel.

The Team's Final Four Finish at State Competition earned them an invitation to the *National High School Championship Tournament* at the University of Texas in Austin on June 8th & 9th.

"Right Now, I feel we are like the #16 seed in the NCAA Basketball Tournament going against a #1 seed powerhouse like Duke. We want to turn in a performance that will make Eufaula proud. In any case, I am as proud as can be of this team and all it has accomplished this year. Getting invited to Nationals is just the Icing on the Cake!"

Coach Kent Kiester

A Year

of Incredible

Student Accomplishments

STATE CURRICULUM CONTEST

Julian Nunn - State Qualifier - Environmental Science

Marshall Burns - State Qualifier American Literature

State Runner-Up Vocabulary

Trasen Akers - State Runner - Up American History

Gary Rhodes - Placed 4th in Physics - 5th in Chemistry

Seth Dawson - State 3rd Place - Computer Science

Miranda Masters - Placed 5th in General Science

Allie Ray - State-Runner Up - Trigonometry

Allie Ray was scheduled to perform with the

Ironhead Band in Branson, Missouri, the same date as the State Curriculum Contest where she had qualified to compete in Trigonometry. Steve Butcher, high school principal, made it possible for her to do both. Mr. Butcher arranged for Allie to be flown from Branson to Oklahoma City.

After competing and placing *2nd in the State* in Trigonometry, Allie was flown back to Branson, where the band performed at the Dixie Stampede.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

Allison Aday, Sponsor

Outstanding Academic Student Success with Seth Dawson qualifying for National Competition in Chicago this summer.

Valedictorian: Cole Howell

Salutatorian: Rachel Morris

Glenn Sizemore, Sweepstakes Director of the Year

Kenneth & Jennifer Self, Assistant Directors

Superior Ratings All Year in Marching & Concert Band

Class 2A Sweepstakes Winner 4 Years in a Row

Class 2A Sweepstakes Winner Eight Years out of the last Eleven

OMEA All-State Band

Brian Horton and Villette Linstead

EBDA All-District Band

Jessica Cozby, Jessica Dawson, Renee Engel, Rusty Helms,

Brian Horton, Villette Linstead, Matt Magreevy,

Miranda Rea,

Small All-State Band

Rusty Helms, Villette Linstead, Matt Magreevy,

Honor Band

Jessica Dawson, Renee Engel, Rusty Helms, Brian Horton,

Matt Magreevy, Villette Linstead,

State Art Excellence Award

Villette Linstead

Band

COLOR GUARD - Debra Jones, Sponsor

2A Outstanding Guard in the Preliminary Contest

Over-All Outstanding Guard in the Final Competition.

2A Visual Effects Award

Team Members Include:

Allie Ray Miranda Oldson Nicole Franklin

Christina Bozeman Tracy Rivers Ebony Kizzie

Maranda Rae Rachel Curtis Amber Logan Chelsie

Hooten Lisa Williams Catrina Crank Nichole Smith

Mandy Franklin - Caleigh Montgomery - Flag Runner

Color Guard

POWER LIFTING

Adian Shine, a junior at Eufaula High School, is known for his football talent & this year, Adian made history by winning the *State Power Lifting Championship in the 220 lb Class.*

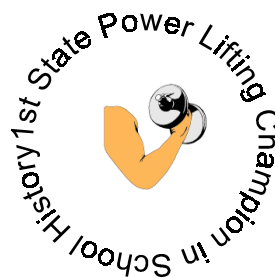
Gary Rhodes - State Qualifier

Brad Johnson - State Qualifier

Eric Lancaster - State Qualifier

Cody Cox - State Qualifier

Beau Magreevy - State Qualifier



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The Girls Paved the Way to the State Tournament

*Coach Bart Banfield 16-7 Record
District Champions - Area Finals*

Oklahoma University Basketball Camp

BUILDING A WINNING TRADITION IN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coach Emily Coppick has made plans to take several of her 7th & 8th grade players to the Oklahoma University Basketball Camp this summer to compete against teams from a six-state region. Providing this opportunity for our girls is vital in building that Winning Tradition! Undeclared 8th Grade Girls Won the McAlester Tournament. Finished the season 12-0! Undeclared 7th Grade Girls Won the McAlester Tournament. Finished the season 11-0! Sixth Grade Girls Won the Shrine Tournament Finished the season 5-1!

Third Straight Year - State Tournament

Coach Larry Callison - 22-2 Record

District Champs - Regional Champs - Area Champs - State-Semi Finals

Seniors: Michael Campbell, Sheldon Houston, Jerry Nichols
Michael Campbell - All State, All-Conference, Muskogee Phoenix All-Area Team, McAlester Newspaper All-Area Team, 2nd Team All-Tournament Team in State Tournament, Ft. Gibson Tournament All-Tournament
Sheldon Houston - Honorable Mention All State, All-Conference, OBCA All Star, Kiamichi All-Star, McAlester Paper All Area Team

Grant Callison: 1st Team All-Tournament Team at State Tournament - All-Conference - Muskogee Phoenix All-Area Team - McAlester Paper All-Area Team

Caleb Cook - All Conference
Javon Shine - All Conference

5th, 6th Grade Boys Basketball - *Coach Wade Couch*

5th Grade Boys - Shrine Tournament Runner-Up
6th Grade Boys - Shrine Tournament Champions

7th, 8th, 9th Grade Boys Basketball - *Coach Bradley Campbell*

7th Grade Boys lost only twice.
8th Boys lost only Once this year.
9th Grade Boys Won the Eufaula Invitational Tournament and lost only two times this year.
All Tournament Players Include:
9th Grade: Trey Bowie 9th Grade: Jeremy Jones
9th Grade: James Cox 8th Grade: Travis Burkhalter

Boys Basketball

Football

Coach Kerry Roberts - 12-2 Record - Final Four State

Josh Luna - District 2A-7 Defensive Player of the Year
Selected OFBCA 2A All-Star by Class
Selected Kiamichi All-Star

Dustin Gilley - 2A Offensive Back of the Year -
McAlester News-All-Area

Cole Howell - All-District - McAlester News All-Area
Gary Rhodes - All District - McAlester News All-Area
Michael Campbell - All District - McAlester News All-Area
Jerry Nichols - All District - McAlester News All-Area
J.R. Fourshey - McAlester News All-Area

Caleb Cook - Muskogee Phoenix Two Way Player of the Year
McAlester News Offensive Player of the Year

Javon Shine - Muskogee Phoenix All Area - McAlester News All-Area
Adrian Shine - McAlester News All-Area

CHEERLEADERS

Senior Cheerleaders: Chealsi Johnson & Jennifer Smith

UCA All-Star Award:

Krystina Luna Elizabeth Dew Nicole Franklin Favour Boss

Track

Sonya Voigt - Track State Qualifier - Jacque Martin - Track State Qualifier Shana Williams - Track State Qualifier - Adrian Shine - Track State Qualifier

JD Elementary Track Meet

Ms. Kelley Smith's 4th Grade Class performed with outstanding ability at teh Jeferson Davis Track meet held may 8th, winning a total of Fifty-One Ribbons! Her students won thirty-three 1st place ribbons - Twelve 2nd place ribbons, and six 3rd place ribbons.

Baseball

Coach Stacey Helms 7-12 Record

Black Diamond All-Conference Players:

Short Stop - Kyle Caruthers

2nd Base - Dustin Gilley

Pitcher - Sheldon Houston

1st Base - Cole Howell

Catcher - Josh Luna

Coach Bill Bumgarner's Golf Program, in it's second year, has already proven that many of our student athletes excel in individual competition as well as team sports. John Wayne Duke and Sheryl Eldridge both qualified for Regional Competition this year, posting scores in the 80's. Shooting an Outstanding round of 85 in cold and windy conditions, Sheryl won *Second Place in Regional Competition* from a field of over Sixty Competitors at *Cimarron Hills Golf Course* in Perkins, advancing her to State Golf Competition at Hinton where she shot a preliminary round of 92, and a final round of 95. Sheryl placed 13th from a field of more than seventy competitors. Sheryl is a junior at Eufaula Public Schools, and has only been playing golf since January. Her natural talent and work ethic is gaining her the reputation of being one of the toughest competitors in Ladies Golf.

When You Find One That You Hit Straight, Ya Gotta Have It!

After the preliminary round of competition, Sheryl practiced at a nearby driving range with Coach Bill Bumgarner and Coach Larry Callison. Sheryl found that she could hit her drives longer and straighter using Coach Callison's *Taylor Made* Driver. After Sheryl played so well at the State Tournament using that driver, Coach Callison generously gave the driver to Sheryl.



John Wayne Duke qualified for the Regional Tournament this year. John Wayne would have easily *Led the Field* in qualifying for the State Tournament if it had not been for a couple of holes early in the first round. John Wayne posted a disappointing 82 in the first round and a 79 in the second. Even with his unusually high scores, John Wayne missed qualifying for State competition by only *One Stroke*. John Wayne is a junior at Eufaula Public Schools.

Each year, the *Ironhead Golf Classic* is held in an effort to generate money for the golf program. This year over 14 teams participated. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to enhance the golf program. We urge all men and women golfers in the area to become partners in our effort to provide students the opportunity to Learn & Appreciate the Lessons and Skills involved in the Game of Golf. If you have purchased equipment within the past few years that you don't like or that you couldn't hit as well as you had hoped, please donate it to our student golf program, please call 918-689-1095 or e-mail jwilson@nv1.eufaula.k12.ok.us.

McIntosh County Poster Contest!

The district's elementary art teacher, Sherre Whittington, is retiring, but not before her art students brought home another List of Awards and Recognition for their artistic abilities. Her students in grades K-Eight recently entered the McIntosh County Poster Contest, and Swept the Competition by winning All 2nd and 3rd Place Awards, and Two of the Three 1st Place Awards. In the K-2 category, Laynee Hilburn won 1st Place, Jasmyne Hutton won 2nd Place and Kenny Nester won 3rd Place. In category 3-5, Brooke Warren won 2nd Place and Dannah Whelan won 3rd Place. In the 6-8 Grade Category, Noelle Belmore won 1st Place, Paige Rowland won 2nd Place, and Mark Ford won 3rd Place. Ms. Whittington's enthusiasm and positive attitude have inspired her students throughout her teaching career, and she will be missed.

Students Read to Comprehend

Students in grades K-6 participated once again this year in the *Accelerated Reader Program*, reading and passing computer generated tests on 22,082 books," reported Robyn Burris, Elem. Media Specialist. The following students accumulated over 100 points in the AR program this year. They include: *6th Grade*: Lennea Alston, 126 - Jonathan Christy, 105 - Anthony Riferry, 167 : *5th Grade*: Matt Andrews, 111 - Chelsea Burris, 517 - Carson Daniel, 102 - Capri East, 218 - Jamie Thomas, 107 - Trevor Walch, 115: *3rd Grade*: Lojah Alexander, 120 - Kristina Carrico, 275 - Valerie Grant, 130 - Tasmine Houston, 155 - Chad McDaniel, 222 - Sara Montgomery, 117 - Kase Shotwell, 131 - Hayden Walch, 161: *2nd Grade*: Justin Blevins, 102 - Jamie Estep, 205 - Skylar Ford, 105 - Cody Gray, 136 - Saylor McLish, 210 - Jesse Robertson, 221 - Myeisha Warrior, 100: *1st Grade*: Emily Burris, 163 - Tendon Chiles, 105 - Jasmyne Hutton, 132 - Colton McDaniel, 105

Hunger Doesn't Take A Summer Vacation

During the school year, the *National School Lunch Program* serves over 14 million free or reduced price meals on a given day. During the summer, that number drops to one million. The federally funded *Summer Food Service Program* wants you to *Take a Friend to Lunch* by providing FREE breakfast and lunch to anyone in the district from ages one to eighteen years of age. "Breakfast and Lunch will be provided this summer from June 03 -21 and July 08 -19th at Dixie. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 9:00 and lunch will be served from 11:30 -1:00. We encourage *Everyone* to take part in this program. Adults may eat breakfast for \$1.05 and lunch for \$2.35 and their children may eat free. It is a wonderful service and I am hopeful Eufaula residents will participate in this program." Phyllis Bedford, Food Service Director.

BEACON S ummer Camp

Summer Camp for Eufaula students will be held once again this summer. K-5 students will attend camp at Dixie Elementary, and students in grades 6-9 will attend camp at the Junior High. Classes will be held from June 03 through June 21. They begin at 8:30 in the mornings and end at 3:00 in the evenings. Morning sessions will focus on academics, and students will be given the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities in the evenings.

Parents, remember to be prompt in picking up your child each day. Students experience fear and anxiety when you are not there on time.

Being prompt enables our faculty members to meet their other obligations in a timely manner, while teaching your child the importance of punctuality.

There is a charge for each minute you are late.

Eufaula Summer Arts Program

Make plans for your child to attend the *Eufaula Summer Arts Program* to be held July 8th through the 12th and July 15th through the 19th, Monday through Friday from 8:45 - 4:15 at Dixie Elementary. During these two weeks, students will be given the opportunity to learn the art of felting, drawing, printing, painting, puppet making and mask making. During the second week of the program, an actress and production manager from *Shakespear in the Park* at Edmond, will be working with our students, as well as performances by the blues musicians, DC & Shelby, and local singer, Betty Blackburn. Four of the artists sharing their talent & expertise with our children are *Artist-In-Residence* with the Oklahoma Arts Council. One of our own local artist, Glenna McBride, will be working on props and background for the final performance to be held the last day of the Summer Arts Program Friday, July. 19th.

Call 689-5362 or 689-2534 for more information

Ms. Cheryl Henderson, secondary MR teacher at Houston Homan Junior High, has been selected to participate in the Oklahoma Alternative Assessment Program's summer session that involves scoring portfolios of special needs students from all Oklahoma school districts. Ms. Diane Bertone, Special Services Director, is proud of her department and the professional way in which they meet the special needs of our children.

Ms. Deborah Anderson has published the new middle school website! Check it out at www.ems.eufaula.k12.ok.us

Bill Wilson,
Superintendent

Funding Cuts

Additional cuts in state aid were announced May 14th by the State Department of Education. In addition to the previously announced cut, an additional 16% cut for the final two months of fiscal year 02 were recently added. This will bring the total reduction in funding for Eufaula Schools to approximately \$200,000. While these cuts are devastating some area schools, Eufaula is expected to weather the budget crisis. It will require some tightening of our operation, but no immediate personnel cuts are expected. Eufaula has had a conservative operation in years past and because of this approach, we are well prepared for these difficult times. The loss of funding will impact our budgeting process. With the loss of funding constantly in mind, we will proceed with the completion of two new buildings currently under construction and begin planning for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the new elementary school in August. The ninth grade center is expected to be completed in September, one month behind schedule.

Looking Forward..Looking Back

The elementary school is scheduled to open this fall, & as we anxiously anticipate moving into the new school building, it is important for us to recognize that for every change achieved in life, *something is lost*. The aging buildings and the "Old Way" of doing things have served us well for many years.

So, even with the excitement, expectation and the opportunity to move into a new elementary building with new furniture and equipment, we should not fail to recognize there is room for anxiety and even a little sadness as well.

Many of our elementary faculty and staff members have worked together in the same building their entire careers. They have supported each other through family celebration and family crisis. So, as we transition into our new environment, we should reflect on the past and honor what has gone before. Dixie, Jefferson Davis, and Cooper McClain Elementary have served the district well, and they will forever be an important part of our Eufaula Public School history.

The Grand Opening Ceremony for Eufaula Elementary School Will be Announced Soon.
The date and time will be posted on the district web site at www.eufaula.k12.ok.us, It will also be announced in the "Indian Journal."

STUDENT RESUME

A student resume has been designed for our students in an effort to help them organize information when completing scholarship applications. By keeping the form current from year to year, applying for scholarships will be made much easier and the data students need will be much more complete and accurate. The forms may be printed in Adobe PDF format from the district web site at www.eufaula.k12.ok.us or students may pick up the forms this fall at both the middle school and the high school media centers and from their counselor's office.

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