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Coach Kruse picked for Hall of Fame

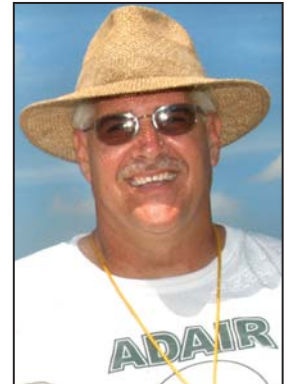


MISS PRYOR KAYLA TIMM (CENTER) is flanked by fellow award winners at Saturday's "Miss Pryor Pageant," including, from left, Ashley Poe, first runner-up Mason Goforth, Brittany Pearsall, Melina Chavoya, Casey Grossman and Michelle Cherng. -- Photo by Tim Bonea of Bonea Photography in Pryor.

ADAIR -- Russell Kruse, 18-year head coach of the Adair football Warriors, has been selected for induction into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame.

Kruse, the second head football coach in Adair High history, is the second Adair High coach inducted into the Hall of Fame, following in the footsteps of Adair's first football coach, Ken "Moose" Lawson.

"It's very humbling," said Kruse, who stayed with Adair through thick and thin, coaching some of the best teams to the state quarterfinals with one-loss seasons and going through



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one-win seasons, as well.

Kruse, who is still a teacher at Adair Schools, also coached track throughout his coaching career and, for 10 years, was an assistant coach in either boys or girls high school basketball.