



THE HISTORY OF THE GOLDBUG

In the early 1920's Alva had a high school principal named J. Allen Thomas who taught English. Mr. Thomas was a great admirer of Edgar Allan Poe. He especially liked "The Gold Bug." Mr. Thomas conceived the idea of awarding beautiful paper goldbugs to outstanding students at annual honors banquets. The bugs, which were made by the high school students, went to those who were rated superior in their classwork and to those who were judged as being talented performers in music, debate, dramatics, and other school activities. In the late 1920's students started calling their athletics team the GOLDBUGS, and the idea caught on. This tradition is continued today. The school mascot is the Goldbug- The Symbol of Excellence- in academic and extracurricular activities.