

# New hoops coach glad to be back at AHS

By Lindsay Norman

The Arcadia High basketball team opened play in November under new head coach Luke Neibling, and no one is happier than the coach.

"Arcadia has great administration, great faculty and great kids," said Neibling. "Once I heard the position was open it was immediately my first choice."

Neibling was at Arcadia from 2006 to 2008, coaching the junior varsity basketball team and assisting with the track team. He also coordinated the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program for Arcadia

during this same time.

This school year, he is teaching a NovaNET class full-time. This is an online class designed for students in grades 6-12.

As a student Neibling played at a Farmington, New Mexico, High School. During his senior year, he was named All-America honorable mention by *USA Today*.

In college, he played at Fort Lewis College in Colorado and Eastern Oregon University.

He has returned to Arcadia High School with energetic enthusiasm.

"The team is a very hungry group," said Neibling.

The team was to open play at home against Greenway in November before participating in the four-day Northeast Valley Shoot-Out. They start December play at home on the 1st, against arch-rival Coronado.

Other December games include a Dec. 3 visit to Higley, a home game Dec. 8 against Cortez, at Maricopa on Dec. 9 and at Mingus on Dec. 11, back home to play Notre Dame on Dec. 15 and at Desert Edge on Dec. 16.