

# Board hires basketball coach

## Former Wildcat takes over boys team

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Jerad Johnson, a former Kansas State University football player and an assistant coach for the football team, has been hired to coach the Colby High boys basketball team next season.

Johnson, a crop consultant for Leann Tubbs-Soehner, will replace Jon McKee, another citizen coach, who resigned after one season so he could spend more time with his family and working on his farming operation.

The coach's appointment was approved Monday by the Colby School Board, and he wasted no time getting to work. He met with basketball players from the middle and high schools Wednesday night in the high school cafeteria.

"I think he relates well to the players and I think they respect him," said Activities Director Larry Gabel, who recommended Johnson for the job.

The coach said he will have his basketball team doing several things this summer. He told his players he wants to get three teams together to compete in a summer league. The first two would comprise sophomore and varsity players and the third would be made up of freshman and a few sophomores. He said the two older teams should be pretty even.

Johnson said he will be coaching the freshman team and the other two will coach themselves.

The new coach said he wants his players to work out three times a week and he will be holding a three- or four-day basketball camp this summer where players will



New Colby High basketball coach Jerad Johnson talked to players and parents Wednesday night at the high school cafeteria.

work on shooting drills and learn the offense.

Johnson said he was looking into having workouts in the morning and in the evening, so if the someone couldn't be at one, they would have another chance that day. Workouts should last about 45 minutes if the boys get to work

and don't spend a lot of time socializing, the coach said.

At the meeting Wednesday, Johnson talked to the players about the need to raise some money this summer. He said he wanted to think of doing something different than the usual fund raisers, such as golf tournaments and car washes.

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# Brewster team stands out at Logan meet

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The Brewster Junior High track team brought home an astounding 20 medals from the Logan track meet on May 6.

The sixth-grade boys placed second. Takoda Turner won the gold in all three of his events, taking first in the shot put with a throw of 25 feet, 4 inches, the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 8.69 seconds and the 800 meters with 2:43.44.

Justin Schmidt took second in the 400 meters with 1:18.72 and third in the 800 meters with 3:05.85. Nathan Brown came in just four one-hundredths of a second behind Schmidt in the 400, taking third place. Brown also placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 11 feet, 7 inches.

Carl Mayer took fifth in both the long jump with 11' 7.5" and the high jump at 4 feet. Itzcoatl Aguilar came in sixth in the 100-meter dash with 18.15 and seventh in the 75-meter dash with 13.29. The 4-by-100 relay team placed third.

The sixth grade girls took fourth. Kat Boyington won gold in the shot put with a throw of 29' 9.75". Boyington also took second in the 75-meter hurdles in 17.3 and ran the 200 meters.

Kyndra Rush took second in the 800 meters with 2:54.18 and fifth in the 100 meters with 15.60. Brielle McKee picked up two silver medals, leaping 4 feet in the high jump and 13' 1.25" in the long jump.

Rachel Friess took fifth in the long jump with 11' 7.75" and finished sixth in the 75-meter dash with 12.22. Krystal Lowe

threw the discus 34' 11" for seventh and came in eighth in the shot put with a throw of 20' .5". The sixth grade girls' 4-by-100 relay team finished third with 1:01.16.

The seventh- and eighth-grade girls finished in seventh place, with Maddie Mayer scoring all but three of the team's points. Mayer took second in the 800 meters with 2:54.08 and the triple jump with 28' 7.5". She came in third in the long jump with 13' 3.25" and fourth in the 1,600 with 6:39.14.

The sprint relay team finished fifth with 2:35.44 and Alicia Barrie took sixth in the 800 meters with 3:00.90. Barrie also ran the 75-meter hurdles and leaped 21' 5.5" in the triple jump.

Also competing for the girls were Michelle Herz in the high jump and long jump, Ashley Barrie in the discus, 1,600 and 200, Dara Roulier in the discus, shot put, and 200, and Michelle Herz in the 1,600 and high jump.

The Bulldogs' seventh- and eighth-grade boys took sixth. They were led by Nathan Jorgensen, who came in second in the 800-meter run with 2:30.27, third in both the 400-meter dash with 1:02.32 and the discus with a 97' throw, and fifth in the shot put with a heave of 33' 1.5".

Jace Jorgensen was sixth in the 75-meter hurdles with 13.96. He also ran the 200-meter hurdles, the 100-meter dash and participated in the long jump.

Layton Werth ran the 1,600 meters with 6:01.13, good enough for sixth. Werth also competed in the discus, triple jump and 800. C.J. Felzien ran the 200, 800 and threw both the discus and the shot put.

# Golden Plains track team takes five medals at Colby meet

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The Golden Plains High School boys' and girls' track and field teams each had five members grab medals at the Colby Invitational track meet May 7 at Dennen Field.

On the boys side, junior Rilee Spreser took third in the shot put with a heave of 41 feet, 8.5 inches and sophomore Cole Christensen finished fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 10 inches.

Junior Devinn Ritter came in sixth in the discus with a throw of 115' 2.5", junior Jarrett Marker snared sixth in the javelin with a 145' 5-foot toss and sophomore Kalyn Weber finished sixth in the 100-meter dash in 11.66 seconds.

For the girls, freshman Angela Ritter took third in the 400 meters with 1:06.08 and senior Jenna Bruggeman was third in the javelin with 90' 1". Junior Avery Spreser came in fourth in the triple jump with 29' 10.5" and Ritter finished sixth in the 200 meters with 29.6. The 4-by-100 relay team of sophomore Viridiana Beltran, Spreser, Ritter and freshman Morgan Walz took sixth with 57.29.

For the boys, Weber ran the 200 meters in 24.9, freshman Andrew Luna, 26.04 and sophomore Trey Schwarz, 28.22. Freshman Jesus Garcia finished the 400 meters in 1:01.39 and junior Ryan Ptashkin completed the race in 1:06.53. Senior Jonathan Broeckelman ran the 800 and 1,600 meters in 2:27.17 and the 600 in 5:43.26.

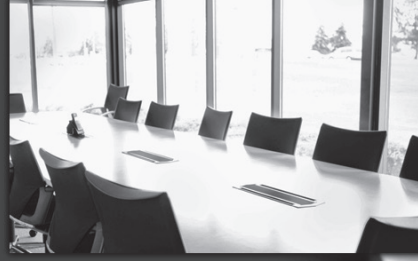
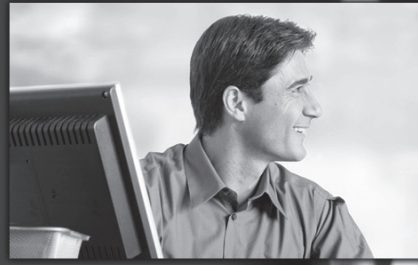
Freshman Camron Spreser finished the 110-meter hurdles in 22.49 and the 300-meter hurdles in 51.51. Junior Devinn Ritter threw the shot put 40 feet. Luna ran the 100 meters in 12.13, Ptashkin, 12.61 and Garcia, 13.38.

Spreser leaped 18' 2 in the long jump and Garcia finished with 15' 5". The 4-by-400 relay team of Luna, Christensen and senior twins Jonathan and Isaac Broeckelman finished with 3:57.52.

On the girls' side, Ritter ran the 100 meters in 14.06 and Walz finished with 14.87. Bruggeman threw the shot put 26' 9" and sophomore Hannah Antholz heaved it 23' 3".

Antholz threw the discus 71' 1", junior Randi Cressler, 67' 8.5", and Bruggeman, 58' 9.5". Beltran finished the 200 in 30.96 and the 100-meter hurdles with 20.12. Spreser leaped 12' 7.5" in the long jump and Walz finished with 12' 4".

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