

Board votes to keep head wrestling coach

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boy, and know he is keeping kids out of trouble through his programs." Then it was the coach's turn. "I want to thank everyone for their support," he said. "I feel bad about what has happened over the past two weeks. I am most concerned about what this has done to the people, splitting friends, the team and even families. I have been very proud of our wrestling program because it was a family, but now we seem to have lost that. "I know I have work to do, and we need to mend the fences. Whatever happens, it has to end, and we have to work together." As the restless crowd waited, the board adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to the school library for the first of what turned out to be several closed door sessions. When the board returned 15

minutes later, they handled the resignations from Miranda Heinrich and Barb Bedore and the hiring of Gunner Whorton as a science teacher for the high school for next year. Then the board went into a closed-door session for 30 minutes. When they returned at 9:40 p.m., they voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the certified staff for the grade schools and the junior high. Another closed session was called to discuss the high school staff recommendations, and the board went to the library for 15 minutes. When they returned, board member Gerald Franklin made the motion to approve the high school staff for the next year as recommended by the administrators. The motion was seconded by board member Janet Philbrick, and passed 7-0. In that motion Clark, was rehired as the physical education

teacher. Then another closed door session was called for with the superintendent, principal, athletic director and Coach Clark being called in as needed. At 10:30 p.m., the board returned to vote for another 30 minute session. Coach Clark returned after a few minutes before the board, and was heard to tell his supporters he did not know how it was going to come out. Tension was apparent when the board members returned, and Franklin said he would not make "the motion." Board member Mike Campbell made a motion that all the supplemental contracts be approved with the exception of the head wrestling coach. It was seconded by board member Ben Duell. "I disagree with how this is being done," Franklin said. "It has never been done this way. I think they should all be voted on at once."

"Since I have not served on a board, before I do not have a precedent to follow," Duell replied. The vote was 6-1 in favor, with Franklin the only dissenting vote. Franklin then made a motion to hire Clark as the head wrestling coach and it was seconded by Philbrick. "I cannot condone what has happened, and cannot grant immunity to a coach," Schilling said. "I want you to know that I think it is important for me to stand up for my kid." When Short called for the show of hands in support of the motion Franklin, Campbell, Philbrick and Short himself raised their hands. Voting against the motion were Schilling and Duell. Board member Kathy Russell abstained, but when asked later, would not explain her position. After the vote, Schilling asked for a closed door session to allow Randy Bahe, an assistant wrestling coach, to address the board. The board again adjourned to the library for about 15 minutes, and after the session was over, Short gavelled the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Daily News welcomes new managing editor

Keith Lippoldt has joined *The Goodland Daily News* as managing editor. A native of Pratt, Lippoldt has served as sports editor of the *Pratt Tribune* for nearly three years. While at the *Tribune*, he was recognized by the Kansas Press Association with awards for feature writing, column writing and sports photography. Before entering the journalism field, Lippoldt was a college baseball coach for 10 years with stints at Kansas Newman College and Pratt, Allen County and Cowley County Community Colleges. He also was head coaching of the Hutchinson Cardinals semi-pro team and, most recently, served four years as assistant coach at Pratt High School.



Lippoldt

"I believe that my coaching experience has been very valuable for several reasons," Lippoldt said. "Most importantly, it has taught me that not everybody can be handled in the same way. Everybody is different so what works for one does not necessarily work for another." "Another important lesson it has taught me is if you work together towards a goal, it is easier to achieve than trying to do it all yourself. The biggest reward of all has to be the lasting relationships that have been developed with former players." Lippoldt has been married to his wife, Tammy, for nearly 16 years and they have two sons, Clint, 14, and Casey, 11. Tammy has been in the banking industry for 15 years and is an administrative assistant for the Peoples Bank in Pratt. Clint will be entering ninth grade and Casey the sixth next fall. The family will be moving to Goodland in June. Lippoldt lists his interests as anything dealing with sports and outdoor cooking. "There isn't anything that doesn't taste better on the grill," he said. As for his new duties, Lippoldt is optimistic that he can make the transition a smooth one. "If everybody involved with this operation remains as patient and helpful as they have been the past few days, everything will be fine. This is a different system than the one I was in before, so it will just take a little time," said Lippoldt.

Strikes continue; leaders look for solution

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO struck a building housing Slobodan Milosevic's ruling machine today despite signals from the Yugoslav leadership that it may be searching for a way out of its five-week confrontation with the alliance. Diplomacy to end the conflict over the separatist province of Kosovo was intensifying, with a top U.S. envoy in Moscow for talks with Russia, Yugoslavia's traditional ally. But there was no hint of an imminent settlement. U.S. officials were poised to call up thousands of reservists and American lawmakers were drawing plans to provide billions for the battle against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces. Three U.S. soldiers held captive for nearly a month awaited a visit today by a doctor from the International Com-

mittee of the Red Cross after meeting briefly Monday with the head of the organization. Western officials said Monday that ICRC chief Cornelio Sommaruga described the three Americans as outwardly healthy. The 23-story Usce Center building in New Belgrade, housing Milosevic's ruling Socialist Party as well as transmitters for some of Belgrade's television and radio stations, was hit early today for the second time in a week. **NATIONAL** LOS ANGELES (AP) — The menu at Pink's is a dietician's nightmare: hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries augmented with healthy doses — so to speak — of chili, cheese, sauerkraut or bacon. For the adventurous — or indecisive — there's the \$3.90 pastrami burrito dog.

And for the dieters, how about a chaser of Xenical? The highly anticipated diet pill, which earned government approval Monday, sounds like a Pink's patron's dream. It blocks the body from absorbing 30 percent of the fat a person eats. But medical experts warned the drug — the first that works in the gut instead of targeting the brain to suppress appetite — is only for obese people on strict diets and can cause unpleasant side effects, especially if someone pops a pill just before indulging in a greasy burger. "We're always looking for the next magic drug, but there's no pill people can take that'll make you close the refrigerator door," said Dr. David Heber, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Investigators question girl

SHOOTING, from Page 1 rockers," Bernstein said. "To me, it was just another bunch of kids who wished they could own everything they see on the wall here. This is like Toys R Us to them." Bernstein said Harris "was doing all the talking." Investigators still believe that someone other than Klebold and Harris was aware of their plans in the days and weeks leading up to the attack. "There's a lot of munitions there," Stone said. "Either somebody else brought it in or they brought it in and stored it. ... It's hard to get that in under your raincoat and not be noticed." Stone said three boys who were arrested near Columbine on the day of the attack have not been cleared in the case. "I'm suspicious of their story," Stone said. "They are not out of the woods in this one yet."

Also Monday, authorities said Klebold and Harris had aimed for an even bigger bloodbath, plotting to kill hundreds of students, and then to hijack a plane and crash it into New York City. Investigators cited a diary they found that was kept by Harris. The attack's bold, bizarre nature led to speculation that the gunmen might have been taking drugs, but toxicology tests revealed no drugs or alcohol in their bodies, the county coroner's office said. "It makes it a little more frightening to me that they were of sound mind and not under the influence of alcohol and drugs," Thomas told MSNBC. Columbine's campus remained closed to everyone except bomb squads and investigators. Columbine teachers were due to report for duty today at nearby Chatfield High School, where armed sheriff's deputies and parents

club news

The Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1133 had their regular meeting on April 22. President Barb Whisler called the meeting to order using the short form. Since the year is winding down, committee reports were summaries of the year. Membership is 100% for this year. Hazel Tracy gave a short cancer awareness report. Upcoming projects for the auxiliary were reported on. May will be a busy month. The joint installation of new Post and Auxiliary officers will be on May 4. There will not be a supper this year. The installation will start at 7 p.m. The auxiliary will furnish the rolls for the high school achievement breakfast on May 5. Then on May 23, the auxiliary will provide lunch for the Run for the Wall motorcyclists who are riding from California to Washington, DC for Memorial Day, in remembrance of the POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War. The next regular meeting will be May 27 and the ladies will hold their

annual memorial service in honor of those members who have passed away this year. On May 28, the students from Kansas City will be leaving Tribune and starting their run across Kansas for hospitalized veterans. They will be in Ransom that evening. The auxiliary will again help with the Memorial Day services. They will be held at the Brewster Cemetery at 8:30 a.m., the Goodland Cemetery at 10 a.m. and the Kanorado Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. The Ninth District Spring Convention was held in Hays last weekend. The auxiliary received \$23 in award money for the various committee reports. Marge Bolling from Hays will be the district president for 1999-2000. Jeanne Riedel from Victoria will be senior vice-president and Mary Williams from Plainville will be junior vice-president. David Russell from Goodland is the Auxiliary Young Volunteer of the Year. He will receive a savings bond and be entered into state competition. The

auxiliary will be presenting flags to the foreign exchange students at graduation. Letters of endorsement for the following department offices were read. These people will be elected at the state convention to be held in Hutchinson on June 10-13. For department president- Chris Nanninga from Olathe; senior vice president-Debbie Hill from Washington; junior vice president-Alice Graham from Tribune; treasurer-Jeanne Dalton from Oswego; chaplain-Donna Entz from Newton; conductress-Barbara Monaghan from Overland Park and guard-Roberta Walker from Topeka. For new business, election of officers was held. The new officers are as follows: Deb Snethen-president; Brenda Fisher-senior vice president; Mary Zimbleman-junior vice president; Mary Harper-treasurer; Rita Erickson-conductress; Mert Murphy-guard; Floriene Whisnant-chaplain and Barb Whisler-three year trustee. JoAnn Wahrman, Secretary

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