

Mavericks' coach ready to get programs going

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The Maverick's wrestling season won't start until October, but Coach Steve Lampe is hoping to have all of his team on campus for the start of classes on Thursday.

Coach Lampe said he thinks he has a great team to start the first year program at Northwest Kansas Technical College, and to be eligible for the wrestling team the students have to be enrolled and in class in the first 15 days.

Lampe is not only the wrestling coach, but the Activity Director for the college and responsible for helping with the women's golf program and the co-ed rodeo team.

He said last year Dr. Ed Mills, college president, called and asked him to explain what it would take to start a wrestling and athletic program.

"I went to a meeting with Dr. Mills and his staff and laid out all the paperwork I had," Lampe said. "They liked it. We had a second meeting, and before we got very far Dr. Mills said 'They wanted to do the program and they wanted me to be the leader.' I was not expecting that and had to think it over, but I always like a challenge and decided it was a good opportunity."

He said he is looking forward to getting the programs going this fall.

Lampe, 61, grew up in St. Francis. He graduated from Colby High School in 1967 and went to Iowa State University where he had a double major in speech pathology and physical education.

Right of college he became a head wrestling coach at Claremore Junior College in Oklahoma. He said he had a chance to go to Bemidji, Minn., but did not want to go that far north so he went south.

"I was tired of being the poor student," he said. "I was ready to jump out and go."

He said the Claremore wrestling program was in a horrible hole and he got it going. The second year his team won the regional tournament in Colby, and the Colby Community



Lampe

College president was calling and asking him to come back home.

"He called back the third year," Lampe said, "and I figured it was a good chance to get my family back closer to home."

He said part of the reason he accepted the Colby job was he was challenged by his coach from Iowa State. "He told me I would never have a good team in northwest Kansas," Lampe said. "That was sort of an insult to me. I have always felt there were good people in this part of the state."

Talking about his decision to take on the Northwest Tech challenge Lampe said he was told "you would not have a good team at a tech college."

"I believe we are going to have a good team right off the start," he said.

He said he has had a lot of good help from the Northwest Tech people, and had to have their help because his contract with Colby Community College went all the way into May.

"It is hard to build at the junior college level," he said. "You either have it or not. You have to rebuild each year. There is no such thing as a two-year scholarship. The good ones always want to move on."

"The technical college level is extremely exasperating as we do not have a lot of control over recruiting. Most of the kids don't want to go to a junior or technical college, they want to go to a Division 1 or even Division 2. They look down on the small two-year colleges."

"They need to remember going to the junior college or technical college is the way to move up into the bigger colleges. If they get the Associate of Arts degree they don't have to take an entrance exam and I have had wrestlers go onto Harvard and other top colleges including Stanford."

He said this was not just for wrestling, but for all junior college sports.

"It is good for our communities," he said. "I think Goodland needs this

and think they are ready for this. The college needs an enrollment spike and they are getting it.

"The enrollment could even be more as the student athletes will bring in additional people."

Finding places for all the athletes has been fun he said as the dorms are all full and he is looking for more places.

"I have 10 in the dorms now and would have six more if we had room," he said.

As the activity director Lampe works with the women's golf and the co-ed rodeo programs.

He said Lester Cress is great to work with and he feels will do well with the rodeo program. He said the rodeo program has to be separate and is not considered a sport because the participants receive money for winning.

He said the women's golf has been struggling, and Travis Jones has three girls signed up, but to have a team he needs five.

"We are struggling here," Lampe said, "not only are we having trouble getting girls, but finding places to play is tough. Only one college in Colorado has a golf team, none in Wyoming, none in Nebraska and five in Kansas."

"Part of my job is to help with this. It is tough to schedule when we have never done it before. We have a great resource with the help of Sugar Hills Golf Course."

He hopes to have all the Maverick teams ready to go when classes start on Thursday or for sure within the first 15 days of classes.

His wife, Becky, works at Colby High School in the resource room. He said she is very good at her job and has been there for more than 21 years.

He has two daughters and a son. One daughter is in Coronado,

Wrestling season begins in October

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Maverick wrestling is about two months away, but Coach Steve Lampe is excited about getting his team into classes on Thursday, and beginning his first year as activity director for Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Lampe said he feels he has a good group of wrestlers for his first year, and plans to have four home dates with a dual with Pratt, one with Air Force, Western Wyoming of Rock Springs and an open tournament.

He said the first dual will be at the end of October before he takes the team to the Colby Community College open tournament.

Colby is not on the schedule this year Lampe said. "They did not want to wrestle us," he said, "but I said we would bring our team to their open tournament."

The first home tournament will be Saturday, Jan. 8, and will be held at Max Jones Fieldhouse. He said the college has ordered about \$60,000 in wrestling mats, and will be practicing in the Derek Lutters building (the old Kansas National Guard armory).

He said one of the first things he wants to do is establish a booster club.

"Fundraising will be constant," he said. "We need help and with help we can win. We know people will support a winner, and we want to do that right away."

Calif., with two boys Brady, 6, and Bruen, 10.

The other daughter is in Colby,

Lampe said he may have 18 to 21 wrestlers, depending on how many walk-ons show. He is expecting to have 18 for sure. He can offer scholarships to 16 students.

He said he hopes to have Lorenzo Delgado from Goodland, and the college is working on a financial package to help him.

Two others from the area he has signed on are Danny Floyd of Osborne, who was a three-time state champion and the first to sign up with the Mavericks.

Another is Class 4A state champion Taylor Wulfnow from Clay Center with a 45-0 record.

Lampe has been in Colby for 39 years, not counting the 14 years in St. Francis, where he grew up.

"I meet more people with the sprinkler business," he said. "I have not been able to come over here as much because of the Colby college, but I have been working over here for the past couple of months on sprinkler systems and now they know me."

He said getting to know the community is great and he feels the college athletic program will be a great addition to the community.

One of the wrestlers is a two-time Colorado state champion from Milliken, Colo., Danny Frank. Lampe said Danny's father had wrestled for him about 25 years ago and his uncle had wrestled for him in Colby.

"Danny called and said he

wanted to wrestle for me," Lampe said, "but he told me he wanted to go into diesel mechanics and at the time I told him I could not do that. Once the Northwest Tech team opened I called him back and said I could get him into diesel mechanics. He is coming and is a tough kid."

Of the other wrestlers coming, Lampe said, one is from Oklahoma, and has a boatload coming from Arizona, including a heavy weight, Ricky Valdez, 290 pounds. He said Valdez wanted to go to Arizona State, but did not make it. He and some others are coming here because the coach recommended they come to Goodland.

He said all the big guys will be really tough, from 157 pounds to heavy weight.

He said one is transferring from Arizona State and will be the team's only sophomore.

"I signed a kid from Massachusetts," Lampe said, "but he may not show."

He said he may sign one more from Arizona if the kid from Massachusetts can't come. He is allowed 16 scholarships on a team, and is sure he will have a full team.

He said dealing with freshmen who are away from home for the first time is a real challenge, but he feels this will be a great year.

He won't know exactly who he has on the team until school starts on Thursday and has to have the 16 locked in by the 15th day of classes.

with a girl Haileigh Schull, 13, and boy Macen, 14.

Republicans contest committee slots

Sherman County Republicans re-elected committeemen and committeewomen to the central committee on Tuesday's election.

In Itasca Township Harlan House won re-election as committeeman with 50 votes to 42 for Leonard Mac Thompson.

In Lincoln Township Danny Traub was unopposed and had 16 votes.

Llanos township re-elected Ron Schilling with 14 votes over 3 for Todd Quenzer.

Logan township had a close race with Andrew B. House winning by one vote (32) over John Topliff (31).

McPherson township Elmer Purvis running unopposed had 14 votes.

Smoky township Erick D. Bergquist running unopposed had 9 votes.

Stalene township Paul Taylor running unopposed had 30 votes.

Union township Allen D. Quenzer running unopposed had 18 votes.

In Ward four Ronald Vignery won with 190 votes to 63 for John M. Koggie.

In Ward one Jeff Mason won with 141 votes to 105 for Michael Bretz.

In Ward three Travis Witman running unopposed had 123 votes.

In Ward two Chad DeJong running unopposed had 85 votes.

Washington township L.J. Owens running unopposed had 24 votes.

In Grant township Lois D. Cossman was running unopposed for committeewoman and had 16 votes.

In Itasca township Cora House won the committeewoman race with 52 votes to 40 for Patty J. Thompson.

In Lincoln township Cheryl Traubran unopposed and had 16 votes.

In Llanos township Marsha Schilling won with 14 votes to 3 for Bronwyn Quenzer.

In Logan township Carol J. Topliff won the committeewoman spot with 36 votes to 28 for Gennifer Golden House.

In McPherson township Joyce Purvis running unopposed had 14 votes.

In Smoky township Connie R. Bergquist running unopposed had 9 votes.

In Stalene township Karen S. Hooker running unopposed had 30 votes.

In Union township Doris L. Quenzer running unopposed had 18 votes.

In Voltaire township Betty Jean Schields running unopposed had 51 votes.

In Ward four Judith A. Vignery had 164 votes to 80 for Rosanne M. Koggie.

In Ward one Roberta Bretz running

unopposed had 173 votes.

In Ward three Dawn Jolly running unopposed had 119 votes.

In Ward two Janet S. Craft running unopposed had 86 votes.

In Washington township Sondra Owens running unopposed had 24 votes.

The Democrats had no one nominated for any precinct committeeman or committeewoman positions.

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Level: Beginner

Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who voted for me in the primary election last Tuesday. I will continue to do my best to represent you in Topeka.
-Jim Morrison

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Indicates position
- Volcanic landslide
- Rechewed food
- Large white sturgeon
- Nights before
- Annoyed and irritable
- 5th largest Egyptian city
- Presently
- Abbr. for the brain and spinal cord
- Greek epic poem
- Liquid body substances
- Make lacework
- S.W. Appalachian passage
- Longest division of geological time
- Women's ___ movement
- Explosive
- Garment
- Sec. of Energy Dr. Steven
- ___ Jima, WW II battlefield
- Mint-flavored liquor
- Painting or sculpture
- Large bundle of cotton
- Alt. of blood albumin
- Mined mineral
- Covering in a bird's beak
- Apotro___l: wards off evil
- Falling stars
- Turkish brandy
- Makes into law

CLUES DOWN

- Vinegary
- Funafuti is the capital
- Incline to one side
- Sleeved liturgical vestment
- Covers the hub of a wheel
- One who acts for another
- Radioactivity units
- Jeans material
- Wide woven carpet
- Knife thrust
- Maize
- Turns into noun
- Actor Connery
- Gambling machine
- A restaurant bill
- Counts again
- Job for a musician
- One and only
- Excessively quaint
- Cathode-ray tube
- Inactive
- A resident of Crete
- Pinnas
- Second sight
- Close by
- Group of three
- Chopped
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- Enclosed sports venue
- Hebrew counting tradition
- Camp beds
- Shock therapy

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