

School board hires new football, gymnastic coaches

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The Vermillion School Board approved the contracts of two individuals who will replace two long-time coaches in the Vermillion School District in the next school year.

Andrew Homan is the district's new head high school football coach, replacing Gary Culver, who announced his resignation last March after a 36-year coaching career in Vermillion. Culver's employment as a VHS math teacher will continue.

Homan played high school football at Battle Creek--Ida Grove High School in Ida Grove, IA. He played college football for the University of South Dakota and for Morningside College, until injuries forced him to stop playing. While a competitor, he played at various positions, including full back, tight end and linebacker.

Homan, who has a bachelor's degree in physical education and sports science from Morningside, has served as an assistant football coach and strength conditioning "in a couple locations," Superintendent Mark Froke said at Monday's school board meeting. "He has been student teaching now at Lawton-Bronson (School District in Lawton, IA) while getting his degree from the university as a teacher, and at the same time, he was coaching football, basketball and track."

He will teach physical education and social science courses in the Vermillion School District.

There were 12 applicants for the Tanager head football coaching job. That field was thinned to four finalists who were interviewed by Froke, Pat Anderson, middle school principal, Curt Cameron, high school principal and Jason Huska, athletic director.

In a short news release included with the school board's meeting

agenda, Homan stated, "I am excited to have the opportunity to teach and be the head coach for Vermillion. It has a rich tradition and I can't wait to get started."

Culver, the all-time winningest coach at Vermillion High School, completed 36 years at the helm of the Tanager football program. During his tenure, he led the Tanagers to five state championships in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995 and 1999.

Under his direction, the Tanagers also won 10 regional championships, 12 Big Eight Conference championships, and made 27 playoff appearances in the 32 years of high school football playoffs in South Dakota.

Culver is one of 14 South Dakota high school football coaches to record 200 or more wins in their career. In 1990, he was selected as Siouxdand Coach of the Year by the Sioux City Journal. In 1993, he served as the head coach of the

South All-Star football team.

In 2004, Culver was a National Power of Influence Award Finalist as presented by the American Football Coaches Association and was also presented the Distinguished Service Award by the SDHSAA.

In 2009, he was inducted into the South Dakota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The school board Monday also approved the hiring of Skye Bork as the high school's new head gymnastics coach. For the last three years, she has served as assistant coach for the VHS gymnastics program.

Bork will replace Mark Upward, who decided to resign as head coach after completing his 33rd season earlier this year. Upward will remain employed with the district as elementary principal.

Upward coached seven state championship teams, and seven state runner-up championship teams. He

also has coached 42 individual state title winners, and has gone to the state tournament 27 of his 33 years coaching.

Upward is the architect of Vermillion gymnastics. He helped set up the program upon his graduation from the University of South Dakota in 1975 and became head coach in 1979.

He received the Coaches Hall of Fame Award in 1998, the Coaches Leadership Award in 2002, and the Pete Torino Award in 2007.

In 2009, Upward received the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) Distinguished Service Award for his efforts in advancing gymnastics in not only Vermillion, but throughout the region.

He was selected three times as the South Dakota Gymnastics Coach of the Year -- in 1982, 1984 and 1985.

OBITUARIES

Frank (Bud) Marshall

Frank Melvin (Bud) Marshall, 87, passed away on May 8, 2013, in Sanford Hospice Care in Vermillion, SD.

Bud was born on Aug. 2, 1925, in Astoria OR, to Frank and Leona Artress Melvin Marshall.

The family lived in Oregon and Washington before settling in 1933 in Walla Walla, WA, where Bud attended elementary and high school.

Just before high school graduation, in the spring of 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sent to Farragut Naval Training Station in Idaho. After boot camp he trained as a radio operator at the University of Idaho in Moscow, where he earned credits to qualify for a high school diploma.

Bud served in the South Pacific on the destroyer, USS Anderson, as a Radioman 2nd Class Petty Officer during WWII and received the Purple Heart in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines.

After the war, he attended Washington State College in Pullman, WA. In 1948, he transferred to Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, when he married Jean Lucas Auld on



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Aug. 7, 1948. At Whitman, he was initiated into Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and graduated in 1950 with a degree in

Business Administration and Economics.

That fall, Jean and Bud moved to the Seattle area where he took the position of assistant office manager at the Libby, McNeil, & Libby food processing plant in Kent, WA. Over the next 25 years he held several positions with Libbys and in 1963 he was promoted to assistant purchasing manager for the Frozen Foods Division at Libbys corporate headquarters in Chicago, IL. The family lived in Naperville, IL for 12 years. Bud retired from Libbys to embark on a new career with Dennis Sales, a food brokerage in Salisbury, MD.

Thirteen years later he started his own food brokerage, Marshall Sales. His son, John,

moved to Maryland to help in what turned out to be a successful business. In Salisbury, Bud was active at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, secretary in the Rotary Club, and was a volunteer emergency radio operator.

In 1994 Jean and Bud retired and moved to Vermillion, where they became active in their new community. Bud served on the Dakota Hospital Board of Directors, was president of the Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the American Legion, the Clay County Republicans, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a 32nd degree Mason and a Mason for over 50 years.

He oversaw the construction of St. Paul's new parish hall and through Rotary, headed up the committee to restore wheel chairs for Hope Haven. With Hope Haven teams, he flew to Romania and Viet Nam to distribute refurbished wheel chairs to those in need.

He and Jean traveled to Spain, Hong Kong, Thailand, and spent two weeks in Scotland for the Rotary International convention in 1997. After Eastern Europe was opened, he traveled by train

through Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Russia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sister, Helen Gradwohl, and a granddaughter, Sarah Anne Roe.

He is survived by three children, Anne Marshall, Vermillion, Sandra (Dave) Roe, Moorhead, MN, and John (Minda) Marshall, Castle Rock, CO; six grandchildren, Matt (Shannon) Breske, Amanda Breske, Rachel Roe Longtine (Steve), Allison (Mitch) Rice, Graham Marshall, and Trevor Marshall; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Mason Breske.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 2 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Linden and Main Streets, Vermillion.

Interment will be in The Black Hills National Cemetery in the Northern Black Hills of South Dakota.

Memorials may be made to Hope Haven International, Rotary Club of Vermillion, or St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Vermillion.

Arrangements are being made by Hansen Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Betty Lou Powers

Betty Lou was born in Fremont, NE, to an Oklahoma homesteader (Elmer S. Bills) and a Milwaukee brewer's daughter (Minnie Fickel), and then raised in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago by her father, grandmother and Aunt Kate after her mother died when she was just 3 months old. She attended Sutherland and Barnard elementary schools, and Morgan Park High School -- excelling almost without trying. She was popular and loved dancing, and in recent years revisited those ballrooms at the Windermere and Del Prado Hotels where she had whirled so many years before.

After taking a degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign in 1937, Betty became a primary-grade teacher at the Skinner School, located in an impoverished central-city neighborhood of Chicago. Two years later, she fell in love and eloped with

Jim McBride, a mechanical engineer employed by U.S. Steel. They settled in the Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago and had two children, James and Richard. While continuing to teach, Betty also took courses at the Art Institute of Chicago, and evening courses in accounting. In the early '50s, she attended graduate school at the University of Chicago, and her Master's Degree was the last degree in Home Economics that the school awarded before closing the department forever. Betty then returned to teaching by chairing the home economics department at Chicago's Lindblom High School.

With an adventuresome spirit, and taking advantage of her prematurely silver-white hair, Betty also became a model for hair design magazines. Deciding that this was great fun, she modeled at department stores in downtown Chicago and then assembled a small group of women to do fashion

modeling shows in such city and suburban restaurants as Jack Kilty's Restaurant, Bananas Steak House, the Martinique, and Beverly Woods.

Then, in 1960, Betty's husband died, and she became the sole provider for her sons by continuing to teach and to model. Two years later, she fell in love with and married Clem Powers, a fellow teacher at Lindblom High School. Betty retired from teaching in 1965 and the couple moved to Boulder, CO, with subsequent moves to Lafayette, a mountain home near Evergreen, and finally Denver. They raised sheep and shelties for fun, and made a living by doing interior decorating.

Betty, always a student, studied antiques and began teaching classes, doing appraisals and estate sales. She taught two antiques classes a week for nearly 35 years, and had such a loyal following that several of her students remained with her for that entire time.

In 2002, Betty and Clem moved to Vermillion to live with their son, Richard. She met new friends and enjoyed the cultural life Vermillion offered. Without her classes to teach, her constant desire for stimulation expressed itself through gardening, continued self-study, and travel -- typically taking at least three trips a year with various family combinations, even until the last few of her life.

Betty will be missed by her family (husband of 54 years, Clem; sons Jim and Richard McBride; daughter-in-law Mary Morse, and grandchildren Logan and Kevin McBride), and by her many friends and acquaintances who were touched by her enthusiasm, intelligence, generosity, and joy for life.

Betty was 98 at the time of her death on May 14, 2013. Services to be announced later. For more information, contact Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, SD.

For condolences, go to www.kober.com.

Lillian Blanche Amundson

Lillian Blanche Amundson, 102, of Vermillion, passed away on May 7, 2013, at Sanford Vermillion Care Center in Vermillion. A visitation was held from 6 to 7 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m., on Sunday, May 12, 2013, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion. A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. John Fischer officiating. Burial took place immediately following the service in Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Lillian was born on Sept. 26, 1910, in rural Vermillion to Xavier and Ida (Couture) Millette. She was raised in rural Vermillion. After she graduated from University High School, she went on to spend most of her working life as a health care provider. After high school she also embarked on the other passion in her life, her family. She married the love of her life, Burdette Leslie Amundson, on Aug. 15, 1928.

Throughout her long life her love of caring for people was a highly evident and strong trait. This trait was shown at its strongest when it came to the love and care she showed her family, which at the time of her passing had swelled to more than 100 members. She held a special place in her heart for



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(Don) Gant, Dean Amundson, Ida Lou (Paul) Horner, Judith (Maynard) Rasmussen, and Sandra Amundson; 27 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Dick Millette.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burdette Amundson; her children, Gerarld "Bud" Amundson, Arlys Gant, Arden Amundson, and Lawrence "Larry" Amundson; her grandchildren, Delvin Amundson, Darrell Amundson, and Timothy "Timmy" Amundson; her great-grandchildren, Joe "Corey" Ada, and Nathan Korbel; and her siblings, George Millette, Leo Millette, Ed Millette, Bob Millette, and Evalin Kleinjan.

Services were entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Lucille Simpson

Lucille Vivien Simpson, 72, of Vermillion, a homemaker and member of the Vermillion Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, died Sunday, May 12, 2013 at her daughter's home with family at her side.

Lucille Simpson was born Oct. 18, 1940 in Chicago, IL. She grew up in Albuquerque, NM, and resided in Rock Island, IL and Vermillion.

Surviving are her daughter, Kathleen Simpson of Vermillion; sons, Eddie (Linda) of Kentucky, Richard of Wyoming and Dwayne (Tia) of Michigan; sisters, Cheryl Lynn Minero of NM, Mary Anne Jeffery of IL; brothers, Eugene Scott of NM, Howard Scott of CA and Dale Scott of TX; 10



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grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Lucille was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Jeffery;

sister, Dianna Frommel; and brother, Dick Scott.

Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion is handling funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Blaine Ira Maddox

Blaine Ira Maddox, age 46, of Gayville, died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at his home in Gayville.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial was in the Gayville Cemetery in Gayville. Visitation was from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Steve Wuebben, Jeremi Cowman, Adam Maddox, Tanner Maddox, Norm Kleinschmit



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He grew up and attended school in Gayville graduating from Gayville High School in 1985.

and Allen Taggart.

Blaine Ira Maddox was born Nov. 28, 1966, in Iowa City, IA, to Donald and Sally (Coppie) Maddox.

Blaine farmed for various farmers while he was in high school and continued farming in the Gayville area throughout his life. Blaine loved throwing horseshoes, competing in several tournaments. He also enjoyed fishing but especially loved spending time with his family and friends. Blaine had a big heart and was always friendly, willing to do anything to help someone in need. He enjoyed life to its fullest and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his parents, Don and Sally Maddox

of Gayville; three children, Jay, Brandi, and Logan Maddox of Tulsa, OK; three brothers: Kip (Linda) Maddox of Yankton, Bret Maddox of Sioux Falls, and Dallas Maddox of Gayville; one sister, Kim (Tim) Cowman of Vermillion, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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