

# Kevin "Scoop" Miller Out As Girls Basketball Coach

## Archbold School Board Denies New Contract

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The Archbold Area School Board chose not to offer the girls varsity basketball coaching contract to Kevin "Scoop" Miller, who has held the slot for 10 years.



Kevin Miller

The board took the action at its Monday night, Aug. 18, meeting, following an executive session that lasted about one hour, said David Deskins, district superintendent.

Board members did not cite specific reasons for not offering the supplemental contract to Miller.

This newspaper contacted Cheryl Storrer, Janet Wyse, Roel Galvan, and David Yoder, board members.

None had any comment on the decision.

Scott Miller, board president, said Tuesday the reasons for not rehiring Kevin Miller "are personnel matters I can't get into."

"The board wants to go a different direction."

John Downey, president of the Archbold Education Association, the organization that represents the school district teachers in contract and labor issues, spoke on behalf of K. Miller at the board meeting.

### AEA Action?

When asked if the AEA was planning to take legal action against the board on K. Miller's

behalf, he said, "No comment."

During the meeting, Downey covered some reasons that were explained to K. Miller, including issues relating to summer baseball programs, which he said were not issues with coaching, and bus driving issues, which, again, were not related to coaching.

He called the board's action "criminal," because K. Miller had been preparing for the coming basketball season by organizing basketball camps and open gyms for players.

As the result of the loss of his basketball coaching contract, K. Miller will not be paid for the work.

In a Tuesday interview, Downey said, "They've stolen his time; they've stolen his labor. If you steal something, by the Webster's dictionary that rises to the standard of criminal conduct."

Also speaking on behalf of K. Miller were Greg Kuhlman, a private citizen and assistant softball coach, and Doug Krauss, head AHS boys basketball coach.

Kuhlman told board members, "you are on the verge of letting go the winningest coach, percentage-wise, in Archbold history, including Char Sharp."

Sharp was an AHS coaching legend who was inducted into the Archbold High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Information from the Archbold Rotary Club, sponsors of the Hall of Fame banquet, stated Sharp coached girls basketball from 1975-1987 and had a record of 203-87, for a 70% win percentage.

She also coached volleyball from 1975-2002. Her teams won three state championships, and she finished with a career record of 630-87 for an 88% win percentage.

Kuhlman said the board would have difficulty finding a replacement of Miller's caliber.

Krauss said K. Miller had earned the right to a second chance at the coaching position.

### Miller's Record

Under K. Miller's leadership, the AHS varsity girls basketball team was the Division III state runner-up in 2002.

He was first named head girls basketball coach in 1998.

With K. Miller at the helm, the girls advanced to the regional semifinal in 2003; the district final in 2004 and 2005; and the district semifinal in 2006 and 2008.

The girls lost in the sectional final in 2007.

Prior to becoming the head girls coach, he was the junior varsity coach for six years.

For seven years prior to that, he was the assistant boys basketball coach at Edgerton.

As the baseball coach, his team was the 2005 Div. III state champion.

Over 10 years of coaching, K. Miller tallies a win-loss record of 175-64, for a 73% winning percentage.

Krauss has a 70% win percentage as boys basketball coach (380-160).

Deskins said he, Allan Gladioux, AHS athletic director, and Tim Meister, AHS principal, all recommended K. Miller for the position.

In the Tuesday interview, Downey questioned the board's decision to overrule district administrators.

"The board must not think their administrators are doing a very good job if their (the administrators') decision was overridden."

Downey said he didn't have a problem with the board's not offering K. Miller the contract, but he did have concerns about the process the board followed.

He said the board never once looked at K. Miller's evaluations.

"What criteria did they use?" he asked.

Downey contends the board should have given K. Miller an improvement plan—a list of things he needed to improve—and given him a chance to make the improvements.

### Council Questions

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# Council Okays Beer Tent For Chili Cookoff

Archbold Village Council approved a temporary liquor permit that will allow the Archbold Area Chamber of Commerce to operate a beer tent.

Council approved the request at its Monday night, Aug. 18 meeting.

The chamber wishes to set up the tent for the Saturday, October 4 Chili Cookoff, which will be held downtown.

Nanette Buehrer, chamber director, said the tent would be erected on West Holland Street, between North Defiance and Ditto streets.

It will open from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission would be strictly controlled; no one under 21 will be allowed in, and no one will be allowed to leave the tent with a beer.

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to handle cases of "over-consumption."

Buehrer said Archbold police officers said they will be available to assist if there are problems.

Eicher asked how many entries and exits the tent will have; Buehrer said that had not been decided. Chamber wants the tent to be convenient for patrons, but there will be no more than two.

Kenny Cowell, councilman, asked about liability issues. Buehrer said the chamber will add the village to its own insurance policy.

Buehrer said the Chili Cookoff is a family event. It will start at 11 am and wrap up by 3 pm. The beer tent won't open until 2 pm, and will close at 5 pm.

She said she believed most of the families will have left by the time the beer tent gets started.

### Type F

The liquor permit the chamber is requesting from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control is a Type F, which is valid for the sale of beer only for up to five days. It allows the sale of beer until 1 am.

The Department of Liquor Control charges \$40 for the permit.

To obtain the permit, Buehrer said she needed to have the approval of the property owner; in this case, the village, and the local police.

# Roger Crossgrove Honored By Agriculture Hall Of Fame

Roger Crossgrove, Robert Carroll, Maury Callender, and the late Paul W. Robinson were inducted into the Fulton County Agriculture Hall of Fame 2008, Monday night, Aug. 18.

Crossgrove has been an active member of the Fulton County dairy community for over 39 years.

He served in various leadership roles of president, secretary, and treasurer for the Fulton County Dairy Association, Sterlena Pride Dairy Cooperative, Ohio District 10 Holstein Club, Ohio Holstein Club, Fulton County Farmers Union, and Ohio Farmers Union.

He also represented a five-state area when he served a three-year term on the National Dairy Board.

Crossgrove serves as the executive director of the Ohio Farmers Union.

He also has provided leadership to the Zion Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Central Committee. He has opened his farm for the community to use for fund-raising and farm awareness activities.

He and his wife, Mabelann, reside in rural Archbold.

### Carroll

Robert Carroll has promoted soil conservation practices that protect the quality of our environment. He has been actively involved at the local, state, and national levels with the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

As a supervisor of the Fulton County SWCD for 24 years, he served as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. He also was on the Board of the Ohio Federation of Conserva-

tion Districts, serving as president from 1997-99.

Nationally, he served as director of the North Central Region for the National Association of Conservation Districts. He was inducted into the Ohio Federation of SWCD Supervisors Hall of Fame in 2005.

Carroll has been active in the Wauseon Homecoming Committee, Farm Bureau, Wauseon Chamber of Commerce, First Christian Church, and as a founding member of the Wauseon Jaycees.

His family farm partnership, Carroll Farms, has always been innovative in the production of grain crops and vegetables, and is where he put to use the many conservation practices he promoted.

He and his wife, Paula, live in Wauseon.

### Callender

Maury Callender, Wauseon, a Michigan State University graduate, worked in agriculture at The Andersons, in the feed and commodities areas. He has farmed since 1970, raising cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Since retiring he has developed a hay, straw and sawdust business. He and his wife, Marlene, raised three children who all earned the American Farm degree in FFA.

Callender has volunteered his time to numerous organizations and committees including the Aetna Grange, where he served as master and executive committee member; the Fulton County Pork Producers, serving as president; Wauseon FFA; and the Fulton County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

He has volunteered at the Fulton County Fairgrounds, (Continued on page 12)



## Happy Children, And Parents, At School Open House

Archbold elementary and middle schools held open houses, Monday, Aug. 18, to jump-start the new school year. **Top left:** Keaton Brodbeck, a kindergartener, and his mom, Tara, practice writing his name. **Top right:** Aaron and Toni Babcock help son Mason learn his way around Mrs. Thiel's first grade classroom. **Bottom left:**

Travis Jaramillo, a seventh grader, puts a notebook into his new locker. **Bottom center:** Mrs. Schmucker, fifth grade teacher, hugs Matthew Sevey, left, and Grant Rupp, two of her students last year. **Bottom right:** Antonio Cruz plays with a hand puppet in Mrs. Meyers' classroom. He's a kindergartener.—photos by Mary Huber

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