

SPORTS

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CHS Volleyball Returns Three Seniors

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Chaparral volleyball team had a successful summer program and will look to carry over that success into the regular season.

The Lady Roadrunners attended a two-day summer camp at Pittsburg State University and won the tournament. They then held a three-day home camp and head coach Jenny Johnston said that it went well.

“We had two weeks of open gym sessions with great attendance and a lot of hard work being put in,” Johnston said.

The Lady Roadrunners finished 18-21 last year and will return seven players who bring varsity experience. The three seniors who are back are Emily Harding, Charlie Knoll and Joscelyn Hazel.

Juniors Elle Swartz, Jaylin Easter and Aliya Davis also return from varsity last season, along with sophomore Makiya Maka, who started on varsity as a freshman last

year.

“My seniors are quiet leaders — they lead more by actions than words,” Johnston said. “When the time is needed, they will be vocal leaders; however, I am liking their quiet leadership.”

She said that sometimes leading by example can be more powerful than leading by words. Johnston added that having seven experienced varsity players will help a lot with those who are new to the varsity level.

As for other players who may contribute to varsity, Johnston said that sophomore Maia Holden could be a libero and defensive specialist and that freshman Keyaira Hudson has potential to be an outside hitter.

The Lady Roadrunners have a lot of players out, with 29 at the high school level and 21 at the junior high level. Johnston said that the first week of practice is a tryout week to determine who will form the teams. Chaparral will have a freshman-sophomore team coached by Lanie Ward and

a varsity team coached by Chloe Slinger.

“Practice have gone really well with a lot of high energy and work ethic,” Johnston said.

As for the Central Plains League, Johnston said she expects Cheney, Garden Plain and Wichita Trinity to be the top teams. But she said her first concern is about the Lady Roadrunners and how they improve,

“Honestly, I don’t know what they will have this year and that isn’t on my priority list at this time,” Johnston said. “I want to build Chaparral volleyball to be one of the top teams in the league.”

She said she wants a successful season defined by having leadership, high energy and good communication.

“We have a full schedule with several full-day Saturday tournaments,” Johnston said. “Those are very exhausting and I’m hoping that the high energy that they are bringing to practice will carry over into those long hard days.”

Cross Country Runners Set for Season

BY BOB MORRIS
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The Chaparral cross country team has four seniors returning to the team, including one who qualified for the State cross country meet last season.

The Roadrunners will have seniors Cora Christner and Cady Hemphill leading the team on the girl’s side. Hemphill, who is from Attica, qualified for the Class 1A State meet. Attica runners compete as member of the Chaparral team during the regular season but compete for Attica at Regionals and State.

On the boy’s side, Isaac Whisman and Zach McDermott are the returning seniors. Head coach Justin McCartney said the four seniors will be important to the team.

“We will rely on the seniors to lead us early in the season as they know the courses we run very well and can help the younger and newer athletes on how to race each course,” he said.

Two sophomores also return: Chase Swingle for the boys and Zoe Haggard for the girls. There are several new runners on the team: senior Kennedie Johnson for the girls, junior Michael Kirkpatrick, who moved from Wellington and will join sophomore Henson Reames on the boys team.

McCartney said that the school is still working on Kirkpatrick’s eligibility because he is a transfer but he has done good things in practice and the hope is things will work out so Kirkpatrick will be able to run varsity meets.

While the Roadrunners didn’t do any organized summer activities, McCartney said he knew the athletes put in a lot of work on their own to bring success. He said he likes what he has seen in practice thus far.

“We are working around a lot, as many of my athletes are involved in other activities, but what I have seen so far has been great,” McCartney said.

The head coach said he expects to see Hemphill back at State. While she is battling some injuries, McCartney said he expects she will move past them and she is ready to compete.

On the boys side, McCartney said, he expects Swingle and Reames to develop into the top two runners, but all five boy’s runners have been pacing each other in practice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Harper County		
Treasurer's Quarterly Publication Report		
Selected Date Range : 11/01/2024 thru 01/31/2025		
Fund	Fund Name	Ending Cash
001	GENERAL FUND	\$6,071,837.46
002	ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$1,181,279.38
003	SPECIAL HIGHWAY IMPROV.	\$453,232.97
005	SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$309,859.82
006	EMS	\$587,350.66
008	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$408,855.79
009	APPRAISER	\$194,532.04
010	CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT	\$4,308,523.27
011	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	\$6,906.34
013	NOXIOUS WEED	\$103,720.42
014	EMPLOYER PAID BENEFIT	\$2,375,900.71
015	PAYROLL CLEARING	\$40119.07
016	DEPARTMENT ON AGING	\$125,624.70
018	PLUMB THICKET TONNAGE FEE	\$3,727,157.51
021	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$3,856,947.11
022	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESER	\$119,246.92
023	SHERIFF EQUIPMENT FUND	\$33,784.34
024	SPECIAL ALCOHOL	\$31,795.73
025	SHERIFF ASSET FORFEITURE FUND	\$24,747.55
026	SPECIAL LIABILITY	\$14,990.82
027	911 EMERGENCY TAX	\$241,596.40
028	SPECIAL M.V.L.S.	\$689.97
030	CURRENT TAX	\$231,508.46
031	REDEMPTIONS- DELINQ. R.E.	\$65,680.78
032	DELINQ. PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$1,723.35
033	NRP REBATE FUND	\$157,682.61
034	TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR R.O.D	\$25,575.73
035	PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT FUND	\$44,282.27
037	HARPER COUNTY CID	\$65,624.31
039	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SVC	\$60,701.39
040	M/V LICENSE-REG-TITLE	-\$41.50
041	MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX	\$43,916.65
042	M/V PROPERTY TAX	\$22,472.39
043	16/20M VEHICLE TAX	\$2,464.64
049	OPERATING FND/RET CHECKS	-\$4,469.53
055	STATE DRIVER LICENSE	\$11.00
056	OVERPAY CLEARING FUND	\$670.41
057	CO ATTORNEY EQUIP FUND	\$19,716.93
060	MEMORIAL FUND	\$907.33
066	CAP EQUIP RES/ATTY EQUIP	\$21,381.47
068	DARE PROGRAM	\$24,695.86
069	HEALTH INSURANCE SAVINGS	\$38,304.40
070	CLERK TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$6,338.41
071	TREASURER TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$9,525.78
075	MUNICIPALITIES FIGHT ADDICTION	\$15,166.14
820	USD 255 - GENERAL	-\$19,024.01
Total:		\$25,053,514.25

Bank Balances as of 01/31/2025	
	Ending Balances
Bank of the Plains	5,354,390.71
Bank of Commerce	\$9,146,993.21
DreamFirst Bank	\$400,681.97
Cash on Hand Bank	\$440.00
Peoples Bank & Trust	\$911,417.60
St of KS KMIP	\$7,766,281.91
Peoples Bank & Trust -Daycare	\$34,168.37
DreamFirst Bank - ICS	\$1,412,274.54
Bank of The Plains ICS 1	\$8,247.83
Bank of The Plains ICS 2	\$18,618.11
Total:	\$25,053,514.25
County Treasurer: Cynthia Hekel	

CHS Girl’s Tennis Will Have Young Lineup

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Chaparral girl’s tennis team returns two players from last year’s varsity lineup and will be looking for some new girls to step into the lineup.

Head coach Shawn Nulik has nine players out for tennis, with senior Emalie Graves and Avry Carothers leading the team.

“The seniors have been extremely helpful thus far,” Nulik said. “They have been giving our new players pointers and are always asking good questions. They are eager to learn.”

Junior Kylee Cooperrirder also returns to the team. Two freshmen, Lexi Walker and Fiona Carothers, are expected to contribute on varsity.

During the summer, the Lady Roadrunners practiced for two hours a day, three

days per week.


“We had a consistent group show up and worked on the basics and improve their skills,” Nulik said.

The Lady Roadrunners have been limited in practice the first week because of KSHSAA’s rules regarding exposure to extreme heat. But the head coach said that the first week of practice has been productive, despite limited time.

“We’ve started working on more advanced movements and game-like strategies,” Nulik said.

Chaparral will have a young team with Graves the only player with more than two years of experience. Nulik said that some of the players are stating the game for the first time.

“This year, our goal is to improve every meet and be competitive at all levels,” he said.



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Bluff City 20+ Acres
Excellent hunting tract with lots of Wildlife



New Listing

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6.2 ACRES with 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Large Barn, farm bldgs



2.3 Acres

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2.3 ACRES on edge of town. 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Fireplace, Gar



SOLD

Harper 2 NW 92 Rd
Beautiful Custom Home with 3 Bdrm, 3 Bath, Bsmt, 2 Acres, More



SOLD

Anthony 4 Crown Circle
Stunning Custom 4 Bdrm, 3 bath home, Finished Bsmt, Att Garage



New Listing

Anthony 2 Crown Circle
Ranch Style with great layout and full basmt, 2 Car att garage



New Listing

Attica 300 Magnolia
Round Top would be great for storing you vehicles, equipment



SOLD

Attica 221 N Graphic
2+ Bedroom, Huge Family Room, Covered Porch, Garage, Corner



SOLD

Danville 858 NE 120 Rd
10.3 Acres w/ 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Large SHOP. Wooded acres!



SOLD

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Attica 319 N Magnolia
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State of Kansas Recreation Commission			
2026			
NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING			
The governing body of Harper Recreation Commission will meet on September 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 for the hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at and will be available at this meeting.			
SUPPORTING COUNTIES			
Harper County (home county)			
BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES			
The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget			
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024	Current Year Estimated 2025	Proposed Budget Year 2026
General	51,501	62,717	81,534
Capital Improvement	10,090	32,313	56,494
Totals	61,591	95,030	138,028
Lease Purchases:	2023	2024	2025
January 1,	0	0	0
Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			3.317
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate			5.000
Ashely Hostettler Recreation Commission Secretary			
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