

NEWS/SPORTS

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CPL Baseball, Softball Tourney Schedules Set

STAFF REPORT

Once again, the Central Plains League will hold baseball and softball tournaments at the Genesis Sports Complex in Goddard to open the season for league teams.

The tournament started last year, with Harper Industries serving as the tournament sponsor. Also, Hostetter Supply has paid for admission for all baseball and softball fans to watch the games for free.

The tournaments will be held March 30 through April 2, with each team playing two games on Monday, March 30, and then playing two games on Thursday, April 2. Games will start at 4 p.m. each day.

In the baseball tournament, teams involved are Kingman, Medicine Lodge, Chaparral, Belle Plaine, Cheney, Conway Springs, Douglass and Wichita Trinity. Four fields will be utilized.

The first pool will include Wichita Trinity, Medicine Lodge, Cheney and Douglass, while the second pool will include Kingman, Chaparral, Conway

Springs and Belle Plaine.

On March 30, Field One will feature Douglass against Medicine Lodge, followed by Medicine Lodge against Cheney. On Field Two, Cheney will play Wichita Trinity, followed by Wichita Trinity against Douglass. On Field Three, Kingman will play Belle Plaine, followed by Belle Plaine against Chaparral. On Field Five, Chaparral will face Conway Springs, then Conway Springs will play Kingman.

On April 2, Field One features Medicine Lodge against Wichita Trinity, Field Two features Cheney against Douglass, Field Three features Conway Springs against Belle Plaine and Field Five features Kingman against Chaparral. After that, the first-place team from each pool will meet on Field One, the second-place teams on Field Five, the third-place teams on Field 2 and the fourth-place teams on Field Three.

The softball tournament includes the same teams with four fields to be

utilized. The first pool includes Belle Plaine, Medicine Lodge, Conway Springs and Wichita Trinity while the second pool includes Kingman, Chaparral, Cheney and Douglass.

On March 30, Field Six features Conway Springs against Belle Plaine, followed by Conway Springs against Medicine Lodge. Field Seven features Medicine Lodge against Wichita Trinity, followed by Wichita Trinity against Belle Plaine. Field Nine features Cheney against Chaparral, followed by Chaparral against Kingman. Field 10 features Kingman against Douglass, followed by Cheney against Douglass.

On April 2, Wichita Trinity and Conway Springs play on Field Six, Belle Plaine and Medicine Lodge play on Field Seven, Chaparral and Douglass play on Field Nine and Kingman and Cheney play on Field 10. From there, the first-place teams from each pool play on Field Six, the second-place teams play on Field 10, the third-place teams play on Field Seven and the fourth-place teams play on Field Nine.

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with the KS Dept of Commerce had been completed and the downtown project was ready for pre-application. The grant application process also required a public hearing, which would be held at the next regular council meeting without any action. Admin. Cooperrider continued to work on some form of renewal for the Ad Valorem Rebate Program that expired the end of 2025, based on the Kansas

Attorney General's opinion provided to the Harper County counselor, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program appeared to be the most easily administered path forward for all taxing jurisdictions. The 3rd bid tour for the 2023 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Demolition grant had been completed by SCKEDD, bids would be presented at the next regular meeting. Admin. Cooperrider had a meeting with ONE Gas Foundation who were excited about the downtown grant, and if the sales tax was approved and grant awarded the project would likely be invited to apply for funding assis-

tance. During that conversation, they also explored possibilities of having natural gas ran to the Harper Sports Complex, which would help reduce the energy costs for the all-electric FEMA shelter. The KS Dept. of Commerce had released a new Downtown Revive and Thrive grant that staff was sharing with downtown business owners.

Old Business: It was noted that the outside of the Oak St. apartments was looking better. Sgt. Walter cautioned Council that Mr. McClure had stated that he had only intended to do enough to get the City off his back. There were additional inspections to be had for the occupied units. Staff is working towards ordinance amendments that would cause a property owner to be in violation of city building/health codes to have to pay for the inspections required to ensure they are brought into compliance.

Motion by Brande Vogele second by Ken Leu to adjourn. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Tiffany M. Cooperrider
CMC, CPM
City Administrator/
Clerk

CHS Graduate Smith Gets 400th Career Coaching Victory

STAFF REPORT

Chaparral High School graduate Brad Smith recently won his 400th career coaching victory.

Smith is the head boy's basketball coach at Inde-

pendence High School. His 400th victory came after the Independence Bulldogs beat Parsons 70-34 on Feb. 20.

Smith was a member of the 1980 Chaparral boy's basketball team that won the

Roadrunner Classic.

Smith has also served as a mentor to current CHS head boy's basketball coach Corbin Hostetler. The CHS boy's basketball coach also attended a youth basketball

camp that Smith once held for several years at Chaparral High School.

Independence is seeded seventh in Sub State and was scheduled to play Hayden Wednesday night.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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