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area, many participants also stayed the night in Pittsburg’s hotels and dined at the various eateries around town.

“They have to come to Pittsburg for a reason, and through stuff like this, people are exposed to our town that maybe have never been here before,” said Explore Crawford County Director of Tourism Dave Looby. “They get a look at it, they get a feel for it, they feel how friendly everybody is, and the great restaurants and things to do and that’s how people get introduced to a place.

“That can be the start of the moving era, moving a business here, coming to college, using our hospital, who knows what. They are just exposed to a lot and they kind of go ‘You know, I like that place, it had a great feeling about it’ ... They wouldn’t know it unless they are exposed to things like that (race). It’s great for short-term but also potentially long-term.”

Top five results from Saturday’s race are:

- CENTURY RIDE**
- John Matthews (Bella Vista, 4:33.06), Levi Barnard (Joplin, 4:40.22), Zach Collier (Joplin, 4:40.23), Jesus Flores (Carl Junction, 4:51.12), and Louis Niewald (Joplin, 5:09.41).

- METRIC CENTURY RIDE**
- Bill Marshall (Spring Hill, 3:17.51), Stephen Songer (Overland Park, 3:20.20), Jeffrey Wolchok (Fayetteville, 3:20.21), Armando Sanchez (Olathe, 3:20.25), and Robert Jupina (Bentonville, 3:20.29).

- 50-MILE RIDE**
- Tom Seliga (Centerton, 2:23.53), Jordan Gronback (Lenexa, 2:34.43), Joshua Gardiner (Gardner, 3:07.15), Kevin Valentine (Lees Summit, 3:28.22), and Shannon Storm (Nixa, 3:31.12).

- 25-MILE RIDE**
- Whitney Snyder (Pittsburg, 1:41.45), Darrell Pulliam (Frontenac, 1:46.16), Kurt Grotheer (McCune, 1:50.29), Jonathan Emmett (Joplin, 1:50.29), and Shaun McMahon (Shawnee, 1:54.07).

ALL ROAD: 50-MILE RIDE

- Becky Stanley (Humboldt, 3:22.16), Randi Lynch (Valley Center, 3:30.12), Rusty Whitham (Louisburg, 3:54.31), Harry Owen (Marshfield, 4:07.32), and Tim Fundenberger (Kansas City, 4:24.11).

Down at the finish line, at Gorilla Village, the event featured a “Family Fun Day,” which had food trucks, inflatable castles, yard pong, cornhole, and live music. As cyclists made their way to the finish line, they were cheered on by all those in attendance at the Family Fun Day.

“We didn’t get as many people out as we would’ve liked,” said Pinto. “The people that were out there really liked the live music and the food trucks ... We had some kids that came around and they were playing in the bounce house and things like that.

“... Some of the feedback we got from cyclists that have done other events like this, they knew that’s what we were trying to do,

and brushes so everyone can design something truly unique and perfect for summer outings or back-to-school style. **Parents/guardians will need to sign a photo release at the time of drop-off.

Wednesday, May 7

Arma Public Library

Silver Sneakers meets at the Arma Public Library every Monday thru Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Girard Public Library

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Building Strong Readers 10:00 am. Ages 0-5. Join us for our story time program at Girard Public Library. We will have stories and a craft to go along with the books.

Building Strong Readers 2:30 pm. Ages 5-11. Have some fun after school with stories, crafts, and games!

Teen Time 4:30 pm. Grades 6th-12th. Join us for some fun at Teen Time! Activities can vary from crafts, games, and outdoor activities.

Thursday, May 8

and they were really constructive and feeding us information like ‘Hey, I know you’re trying to do a festival’ kind of thing. Things like a beer garden, free food for the cyclists, it just kind of pushes them to hang out there with more of a vibe, setting up tables and chairs and things like that.”

Pinto added that \$1,000 in funds from this year’s Coal Miner’s Gravel will be donated towards the Pittsburg Area Young Professionals’ annual Christmas Bike Drive, which gave out a record-breaking 111 bicycles and helmets to area kids last year.

Next year’s Coal Miner’s Gravel is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026. For more information, visit runningcollectiveks.com/coalminers or search “Coal Miner’s Gravel” on Facebook.

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Balance & Stability Class

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USD 248 — Girard BoE Meeting

Girard Board of Education will meet at the Board of Education Office in Girard at 5:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month.



The band Kim on Top, comprised of Will Norton, left, and Brent Witthuhn perform during the Rotary Rocks Out Hunger fundraiser. ANTJEA WOLFF / THE MORNING SUN

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came out because they are passionate about feeding the hungry, or whether they came out simply because they love live music, it was a win-win situation,” Event Organizer Jon Bartlow said.

Bartlow said he had tried several different venues for the previous four live music benefit concerts, but none of them quite felt like the right fit for the occasion. But this time, the patio at 5th Street Bar and Grill seemed perfect.

If the event wasn’t successful this year, he said, there was a chance the group wouldn’t organize it again. Luckily, the patio stayed packed from 6 p.m. until the music concluded at 11 p.m.

Bartlow was able to secure five bands that played the event for free so that every dime went to The Lord’s Diner. The bands were Ty Ellis, Kim on Top, The J3 Band, Stone

Country and The Bonnie Situation.

New additions to the fundraiser included selling t-shirts and featuring a raffle with a variety of prizes.

Bartlow complimented the numerous sponsors, supporters and volunteers for their efforts. Sponsors included Eagle Beverage, Backyard Discovery, KOAM, mpix, Jones Heritage, GN Bank and The Morning Sun.

“I am thankful that community showed up for this,” Bartlow said. “So it’s tough when you ask people to put in time to do something, and it’s not successful. So I’m just really thankful that people came out and supported the events and all the musicians were really thrilled to be a part of it. We’re thankful to live in such an amazing community.”

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DEATH

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was convicted of distribution of fentanyl and was sentenced to 41 months in the (KDOC).

Upon release from the KDOC, both will be placed on post release supervision and be required to Register pursuant to the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

The defendants were found responsible for their roles in distributing fentanyl to Campiti, who was found unresponsive in his home in Frontenac on April 21, 2023. He died as a result of a fentanyl overdose. The Frontenac Police Department responded to the scene and began the initial investigation. The investigation determined that the sale of the fentanyl occurred in the City of Pittsburg. Detectives of the Pittsburg Police Department then took the lead in the case.

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Depart-

ment, The KBI and Homeland Security Investigation also assisted. The investigation was extensive and took almost a year to complete.

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Crawford County Attorney, Reina Probert expressed her appreciation to the law enforcement officers that assisted in the investigation. She said the collaborative and tireless efforts of law enforcement officers led to the arrests and convictions of Wilson and Davis.

Probert indicated that Fentanyl cases are increasing in Crawford County. Fentanyl is highly addictive and can be deadly. The Crawford County Attorney’s office will continue to prosecute these cases in an effort to combat the distribution of fentanyl in Crawford County.

AREA EVENTS

Tuesday, May 6

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AFG-Art Explorations!

Are you looking for camaraderie while exploring your artistic side? Join Gallery artists Pat Glick every Tuesday afternoon, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

for a fun time working on your own project or art! Bring your materials and create with us for free at Art Forms Gallery!

Balance & Stability Class

Offered by the City of Frontenac on Tuesdays and Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Frontenac Senior Center, 113 N Crawford.

Arma American Legion Bingo

Every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. Public is welcome. Early Bird starts at 6:30 p.m. High Roller Black Out will pay \$1,200 for 55 numbers. Progressive Black Out pays \$350 for 53 numbers. If no one wins Progressive Black Out, \$25 is added to the jackpot.

AFG: KIDS! Fabric Painting: Design Your Own Tote Bag! W/ Devynn Mae Pitts

4 to 5 p.m.; \$15 fee; Limited: 12; Ages 7 to 14

In this colorful workshop, kids will use fabric paints to create their own wearable artwork! We’ll provide canvas tote bags, paint,

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of Garnett, Kansas, Comprehensive Plan

The City of Garnett requests proposals from qualified consultants or firms to review city comprehensive plan and develop comprehensive plan for the City. The new, updated plan will provide vision, goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City’s development and redevelopment for the next 20 to 25 years. The plan will guide the City Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, staff, developers, property owners, and residents on the appropriate growth and redevelopment for the City. The updated plan will integrate all aspects of urban development, including demographics, land use, public facilities and infrastructure, transportation, environmental, and economic growth recommendations. A critical component of the plan will be setting a vision for the City’s development and redevelopment, including areas in the City and possible annexation land. The vision component will need to analyze existing and future infrastructure needs and how technology will play a role in community outreach and City operations.

The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

One (1) electronic copy in PDF format, in accordance with this RFP, will be accepted **no later than 3:00 PM CST on May 30, 2025** and shall be submitted via the following email address: dwilson@garnettks.net

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