

**GRAND PERFORMANCE:** The piano students of Emma Meyer and Lynn Koops held a piano recital at the Dispatch Church on May 4, 2:30 p.m. 26 students from the area performed. Pictured are: Front row: Sloane Musil, Korbyn Schoen, Jabin Koops, James Reinert, Briggs Doane, Ada Long, Olivia Cheney

Middle row: Elsa Koops, Kensley Schoen, Kyle Herredsberg, Ransom Russell, Joe Reinert, Savannah Vallis, Lena Russell

Back row: Aida Herredsberg, Sarah Reinert, Hannah Reinert, Carson Koops, Hallie Mick, Eve Mick, Karis Christians, Isaac Mick, Cierra Vallis

Not Pictured but performed: Sawyer Scheid, Presley Wahrman and Alaina Allen

## **DAR** holds spring meeting

The Desire Tobey Sears Chapter, NSDAR, Spring Meeting included honoring a Spouse of a Vietnam Veteran and Semiquincentennial Plans.

Regent Haley Popelka, Belleville welcomed 9 members, 2 guests, Vicky Williams and Liz Ginther, to the Chapter's April meeting held on Monday, April 28, at Irrigation Ales, Courtland, Kansas.

Haley led the members in the Flag Salute and The American's Creed. Devotions were led by Chaplain, Sierra Bonjour, Formoso.

Treasurer's Report was given by Retha Blecha, Munden. Registrar's Report, from Brenda Dooley, Jewell included progress on potential new member's paperwork. The President General's Message included information on April commemorations in the run-up to America's semiquincentennial. The Battles of Lexington and Concord-"The Shot Heard Around The World" - the Revolutionary War's first armed conflict. These commemorations took place April 14-15. May 9-10 the America 250! Committee will celebrate New York with a visit to Fort Ticonderoga.

American History an Women's Issues: Kerma Crouse, Jewell reminded members that Sybil Ludington rode more miles than

Paul Revere to warn fellow patriots that the British were coming. Retha Blecha and Sherry Koster, discussed presenting a proclamation for the Republic County Commission to sign celebrating the Two Lights for Tomorrow commemoration of Paul Revere's Ride. Earth Day was celebrated April 22nd. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. This year's theme is Our Power – Our Planet was presented as part of the

Conservation Minute by

Sherry Koster, Jewell.

Constitution Sidelight: Ruth Fleming, Formoso reviewed the descriptions for an Amendment, & Bill of Rights. National Defense: Retha Blecha, Munden presented information from the National Defender Newsletter. Ernest Hemmingway, volunteered to serve in with the France Ambulance Corp and was injured in Italy during WWI. This experience led to the writing of his book A Farewell To Arms. Indian Minute: Kerma Crouse, Native Americans considered certain landmarks, notably large hills to be sacred. Women's Issues: Sherry Koster, April is National Stress Awareness Month and members were encouraged to consider future health plans as National Healthcare Decisions Day

#### Budget

Lesli Thomas. The motion was seconded by Mike Riemann and carried 3-0.

An invoice for Great **Plains** Trenchless \$64,856.27 for the courthouse sewer project was presented. Mike Riemann moved to approve the invoice be paid out of the LATCF funds held by the county. The motion was seconded by Cole Eberle and carried 3-0.

NCRPC has hired Deb Ohlde as the new executive director. She will replace John Shae.

Clerk's Comments -KCCEOA Conference is this week.

Commissioner's Comments - There was a good

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is also in April.

turnout for Dale Lewis's retirement party.

Announcements – Next meeting is May 5, 2005. The Commission will not be meeting Memorial Day, they will meet on the Tuesday after.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. on motion by Mike Riemann and seconded by Cole Eberle. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

Mike Riemann, Board Member

Cole Eberle, Board Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County

**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

Full document and information are available at www.simplygarnett.com.



# Raptor's compete in second race of season

The second race of season five of Kansas NICA's mountain bike race series was held at a scenic new venue, Fancy Creek State Park at Randolph, KS. Nestled among the breathtaking landscapes of the Flint Hills north of Manhattan, the athletes experienced an exhilarating mix of challenging terrain and scenic beauty. The 'Crankin' the Creek' NICA race held on April 13th hosted eleven teams for a warm breezy weekend. Student athletes joining the Raptors came from Topeka, Emporia, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Manhattan, Wichita, Louisburg, Olathe, Lindsborg & Great Bend with 162 athletes racing bikes.

The festivities began at 9:30 a.m. with junior high boys and completing two laps for 8th grade was Clayton Underwood coming in at 7th place. Racing in the 7th grade boys category

Members discussed the

State Conference, held ear-

lier in the month. Member

Ruth Fleming was honored

as a spouse of a Vietnam War Veteran with a lapel

Those present enjoyed

Durant,

the book review from mem-

Hutchinson. The Home

Tree – Jerusha's Council.

This book describes the

early life of Jerusha Shirtlif,

an ancestor of the Durant

Family, during the 1800's.

June 16th. Our Flag Day

Daughters of the American

Revolution (DAR) is a

women's service organiza-

tion whose members can

trace their lineage to an in-

dividual who contributed to

securing American inde-

pendence during the Revo-

lutionary War. Over one

million members have

joined the organization

since its founding in 1890.

and Awards Night.

The next meeting will be

The National Society

Rhonda

completing 2 laps was Austin Rothenberger in 25th. The race laps were approximately a 2.5 mile loop of single track, winding through trees with additional spots of technical rocky hill climbs.

Racing for the lady Raptors were Olivia Dail placing 5th in the JV category with four laps. Sophomore Abby Rigney followed with 5th place completing three laps. The Freshmen lady Raptors followed with Izabell Dail in 2nd (4 laps), Addisen Schreiber in 4th (3 laps) and Chloe Helus in 9th with one lap. Emmalee Dail finished in 8th place with two laps in the 7th grade category to sum up the lady Raptors.

In the Varsity boys division, Harlan Pancost came in 5th place with 5 laps and Isaac Palen finished in 9th with 4 laps. The Raptor's JV boys competing were, Luke Hollerich placing a

3rd podium finish, and Colton Jeardoe placing 6th, both with four laps. Parker Williams led the Freshmen boys by plac- ing 4th (5 laps), Brodey Schreiber 16th (4 laps), Luke Hartsock in 20th (3 laps), Caden May in 22nd (3 laps) and Zane Betzold in 23rd (2

"The 'Crankin' the Creek' mountain bike race held at Fancy Creek State Park was an excellent venue for our second race. Our Raptors rode tough, experiencing some new technical features they all saw for the first time at this new race course," commented Coach John McClure.

For more information about joining the team or to join as a coach, visit www.facebook.com/NCK-Raptors. For more information about the Kansas League,

www.kansasmtb.org.

#### Director

from her shadowing experience at MCHHS. "The hours didn't just teach me about procedures and policies—they taught me about teamwork and trust," she said. "They helped shape the kind of student and professional I want to become. Thank you to everyone who welcomed me into their daily lives."

Also presenting as special speakers of the evening, Dr. Owens and Dr. Banker provided updates on the hospital's newly implemented robotic surgical system—an important technological advancement for MCHHS. Dr. Banker expressed excitement about the program's immediate success.

stating, "Because of the support from the executive team, board, and surgical team, with the implementation of robotics, we are offering more services to our patients than ever before." Dr. Owens added, "It's incredible to be a part of a facility that now stands among only three critical access hospitals in the state offering robotic surgery. That's a testament to the vision of our leadership and **Continued from Page 1** 

To close the evening, Janelle Kircher reflected on MCHHS's progress and future, stating, "It warms my heart to stand here surrounded by such dedicated individuals that have made dreams turn into reality. We've already accomplished so much and there's so much more to come in the year ahead. Thank you all for being a part of this

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# Tipton Catholic High School

Commencement Sunday, May 11 • 10am St. Boniface Catholic Church



Ryder Allen

Ryder Allen is the son of Tyler and Stacey Allen. He will attend Fort Hays Tech North Central to study Automotive Tech-



Carlie Brummer

Carlie Brummer is the daughter of Travis and Brooke Brummer.

She will attend Kansas State University and major in Kinesiology.



Luke Germann

Luke Germann is the son of Brian and Cheryl Germann.

He will attend Manhattan Area Technical College to study Automotive Technology.



Max Ketter

Max Ketter is the son of John and Lara Ketter. He will attend Fort Hays State University and major in Agricultural Business.

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