



# April *Red* Oak Hills Newsletter



## Goats Gone Wild

Did you see the goats in ROH? They visited a few neighbors before the Shawnee Police Dept. was involved. The officers and Good Samaritans recently worked together to herd these escape artists back home, preventing traffic snarls on Midland and along I-435. **Baaaaaack** where they belong safe and sound.



## Stop the Poo-lution

Picking up your dog's waste is your responsibility. We understand it's not the favorite part of the walk, but we do not understand why it's left for another neighbor to step on. Be the solution to this ongoing problem.



The answer to last months trivia question In what month was the book about Trust recommended? is October

And the winner is.... Kent Goodwin 🥳🥳  
Congratulations Kent on your \$25 Amex gift card.

**A**pril Trivia  
Win a \$25 gift card for B&B theatre by answering the question below from a 2023 ROH Newsletter.

What address won the 2023 Holiday Light contest?

*\*remember it has to come from the newsletter. Rules for trivia: Submit answer by April 9. Drawing on April. 10.*

## Writer Ernest Hemingway and the KC Star

The KC Star building may become the new home of the Royals. In 1917, the building housed a “rookie” journalist named Ernest Hemingway. He learned how to write while working as a reporter for The Kansas City Star when he was only 17 years old. A rebel in his Oak Park, Illinois, high school, he did not want to go to college. His uncle, Tyler Hemingway, had a friend who was chief editorial writer at the Star. Ernest got a job on the paper and was assigned to cover General Hospital, Union Station, and the 15th Street police station, often riding in police cars to the scene of a crime. He lived at 3733 Warwick Blvd. in KCMO.

Eager to fight in World War I after turning 18, Hemingway tried 11 times to join the army, but could not pass the eye test. He joined the Red Cross ambulance corps and was sent to Italy to aid soldiers injured on the battlefield. He was injured by mortar fire, decorated by the Italian government, and came back a hero.

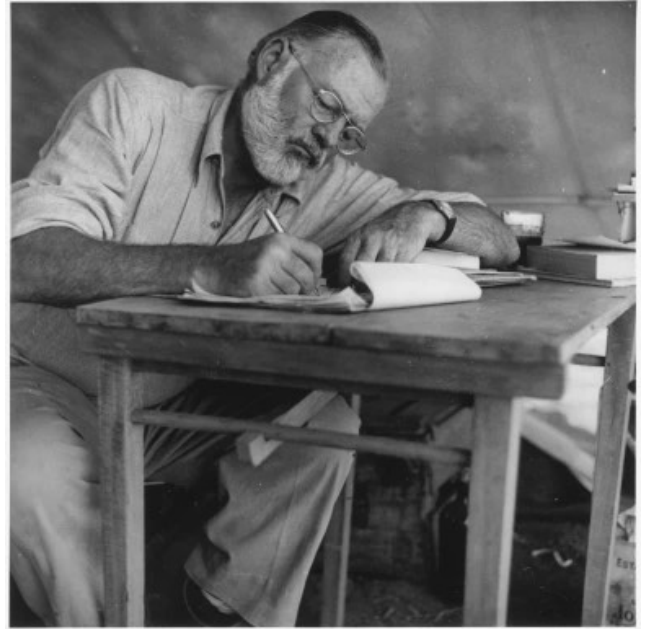
Hemingway later became a foreign correspondent in Paris and began writing novels based on his war experiences. Ernest and his second wife Pauline were living in the Florida Keys in 1928 when they found themselves in need of a safe and reputable hospital for the birth of their first child Patrick. Research Hospital in Kansas City (now Research Medical Center) had recently opened an impressive obstetrics department and Hemingway’s aunt, Arabell Hemingway Shepard, lived nearby in a spacious Mission Hills home designed by her husband, architect Clarence Erasmus Shepard. With access to a good hospital and a comfortable place for recovery, it was an ideal location for the young couple.

During this return to the Kansas City area, he wrote [A Farewell to Arms](#).

When Pauline recovered, the family once again began their travels, spending several months in Wyoming, where the final chapters of [A Farewell to Arms](#) would be completed. Fearing another difficult birth when Pauline became pregnant again, the couple decided that the same doctors who had safely delivered their son would be the best choice. The couple’s second child, Gregory, was born in Kansas City in 1931. The couple lived on the Country Club Plaza, where Hemingway worked on [Death in the Afternoon](#).

The couple said their final farewells to the Kansas City area soon after. This was Hemingway’s last significant visit to the area, but his time here was impactful, both professionally and personally.

Visit <https://pendergastkc.org/article/biography/ernest-hemingway> and <https://jocohistory.wordpress.com/2023/10/10/ernest-hemingways-kansas-city-connections/> for more information.



### Support A Local Business. Station 3...close to home.

Station 3 is a new coffee house located at 19115 Midland Dr. They serve coffee specialties and chai. There are breakfast and pastry options available for warming. Enjoy the outdoor space with comfortable seating and check out the marketplace that supports local artists.

If you visit and are on social media, make a positive post on Facebook or Instagram @station3coffee

Before you leave be sure to take a selfie or groupie pic of the sunflower wall mural.

# ScrapsKC

ScrapsKC located at 3269 Roanoke Rd in KCMO knows that there is more than one way to use an object. Their store is filled with unique and colorful materials just waiting to be creatively reused. Diverting tons of materials from the landfill, they capture gently used school supplies from schools that would otherwise throw them away. Supplies are cleaned all summer and gifted to teachers who need them for their classrooms! Get your school involved in collecting and donating supplies with them by filling out the google form at [scrapskc.org/donate](https://scrapskc.org/donate).

Make an art or science project at home with ScrapsKC craft kits. Unique recycled plastics products and repurposed materials are turned into fun learning activities for all ages. Buy crafts kits as gifts, vacation and holiday projects, birthday party activities, or to spark curiosity! Craft Kits are available online and in the store. Kits come with downloadable instruction guides and video tutorials.

Explore STEAM activities in your classroom. Classroom Kits make hands-on learning experiences easier. All of the activity kits use repurposed materials to engage students in curiosity, investigation, problem solving, and design. Kits are developed around state standards and come with instruction guides and tutorial videos.

Learning is for everyone, and new things can be learned every day through experiences. Learn about our homeless community and ways to support their needs. All children should have the necessary supplies to learn. Through ScrapsKC's school supply drive and Teacher Resource Center program, new and repurposed school supplies are provided to teachers in our community.

Homeless volunteer manpower helps to maintain and improve ScrapsKC and clean and repurpose donated school supplies for redistribution to classrooms in disadvantaged communities. In exchange for their hard work, homeless volunteers receive a homemade meal, in addition to dignity and survival items to help them get through another day. ScrapsKC also works directly with the homeless on the streets and excess dignity and survival donations are shared with those in dire need.

ScrapsKC's vision is to transform the unwanted into something of value. Learn how we make what matters in Kansas City by visiting [scrapskc.org](https://scrapskc.org).



## FREE TimberRidge Adventure Center Open House (All Ages)

Saturday, April 27, 2024

12300 S Homestead LN FREE Open House: TimberRidge Adventure Center (All Ages) 9 am - 3 pm Choose from several activities during the annual Open House: archery, BB gun shooting, slingshot, canoeing, hiking, fishing, kayaking, pedal boating, campfire snack, and other fun activities. Participants need to be 8 years or older for the BB gun and archery range activities. Fishing is available, however participants age 16 and older are required to have a Kansas fishing license. Licenses will not be sold on site. Cops n' Bobbers will be on site with poles and bait available for use or you may bring your own. Campfire snack is available from 10 am – 2 pm. An open climbing event for interested parties ages 10 and older will be held. Climbing participants are required to complete medical and liability releases prior to participating. Forms will be available at the Welcome Center and the climbing tower. You must bring your form to the tower in order to climb. Children under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian's signature. Climbing is first come first serve in-person at the event. For more information, contact 913-826-2800.



## Egg Roll Bowl

Substitute protein and veggies to your taste.



- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. minced fresh ginger
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 tbsp. toasted sesame oil
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 c. shredded carrot
- 1/4 green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 c. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. sriracha
- Kosher salt
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp. toasted sesame seeds

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat vegetable oil. Add garlic and ginger and cook until fragrant, 1 minute.
2. Add pork and cook, stirring occasionally, until meat is golden in parts and cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes, breaking meat into small pieces with spoon or spatula.
3. Push pork to the side and add sesame oil. Add onion, carrot, and cabbage. Stir to combine with meat and add soy sauce and sriracha. Cook until cabbage is tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Season to taste with salt.
4. Transfer mixture to a serving dish and garnish with scallions and sesame seeds.

## Travel Hacks from Travelers

- ☀ Roll your clothes for more space
- ☀ Always carry a portable phone charger-make sure you charge it
- ☀ Download Google Maps-it can be used without internet connection
- ☀ Download Google Translate if you are traveling to another country
- ☀ Investing in a good travel wallet-crossbody bag to keep personal items close to you (antitheft backpack/purse)
- ☀ Put toiletries in shower cap, in case they open
- ☀ Call hotel for better rates (no online taxes)
- ☀ Inform your credit card company that you are traveling
- ☀ Avoid City centers (everything is always more expensive)
- ☀ Research deals with dinner/happy hour for cheaper meal and drinks
- ☀ Hide emergency cash in empty lip balm tube
- ☀ Check your phone plan before traveling abroad
- ☀ Use AirTags to know where your luggage is at all times

## About Us

Jana Bonham and Annessa Freeman work together to create this monthly newsletter for our Red Oak Hills community members. Why? We love our community and want us all to stay connected not just for fun and sharing but also for help. The newsletter is to share news, events and fun things with one another. This newsletter will only be in electronic format however feel free to print and share with friends and family.