

RED OAK HILLS



Spring Showers bring the crafting hour! The Spring Showers Craft Festival is on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Shawnee Civic Centre 13817 Johnson Drive. Admission is free!

JOIN YOUR ROH NEIGHBORS
TO CELEBRATE



**Cinco
De Mayo**

Sunday | May 3rd | 5-7 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARK
19699 SHAWNEE MISSION PKWY
CATERED BY SOMBREROS

RSVP BY APRIL 19TH



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JOIN THE ROH

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
11 AM**

ROH Green Space
Entrance by little library
on Red Oak Drive

Wrapped candy donations needed
(no eggs!)

Please drop off at
6805 Red Oak Drive
by April 1st



Volunteers needed to hide eggs
Text Megan @ 620.222.1745



Spring Bird Walk at Cedar Niles Park (Ages 18 & Older).
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:30 a.m.

Meets at Cedar Niles Park shelter at 25780 W 135th St. Join in a morning walk in the woods to look for spring migrants and resident birds. Get help spotting and identifying different species. This hike includes unpaved trails. Bring binoculars if possible. Limited loaner binoculars will be available. Advance registration required. Meet at Cedar Niles Park Shelter. 1 - 5 hr. session - \$11/\$12 nonresidents Cedar Niles Park Shelter 4/21 Tue 7:30 am. Visit [Calendar • Birding: Spring Bird Walk at Cedar Niles Park \(Ag](#) for registration.

Johnson County is divided into 6 districts. Each district is



represented by an elected county commissioner. Shawnee is in the 2nd

district. Our representative is Jeff Meyers. Feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns you have about Johnson County and how they administer and use your tax dollars. He can be contacted at Jeff.meyers@jocogov.org or 913-715-0432.

Remembering Omar Knedlik, the Rural Kansas Man Who Invented the ICEE

When the sun bakes the Kansas plains, few things are as refreshing as the half-frozen drink known as the ICEE. Generations of Americans have enjoyed these icy-cold, flavored beverages, but few people know about the rural Kansas man who invented them.



According to the Kansapedia website of the Kansas State Historical Society, Omar Knedlik was born in Barnes, Kansas, in 1916 and grew up on a nearby farm. Barnes is located southwest of Marysville. Omar served in World War II and returned to Kansas. He used his military pay to purchase an ice cream shop. He tried various other business ventures such as hotels and in the late 1950s, bought a Dairy Queen franchise in Coffeyville.

According to legend, he didn't really have a working soda fountain in his store. Instead, when the weather got hot outside, he improvised by putting bottles of Coke in his freezer and selling them to customers super-cooled and halfway frozen. He noticed that his customers loved the icy drink. He started advertising it as the "coldest drink in town," and it was a big hit.

Omar Knedlik's innovative mind went to work. He wondered if he could devise a machine that could create and dispense a similar frozen carbonated beverage on demand. He tinkered with an old ice cream machine until he came up with a device that produced a slushy, icy drink. Omar took his primitive machine to a company in Texas to refine and produce it. It took him five years to develop a machine which could produce drinks with the slushy consistency that he wanted. He received a patent for it in 1960.

Omar debated what to name the product. A local artist and friend developed the idea of the name ICEE, complete with a logo including snow and icicles hanging on the letters.

The Texas company built and sold about 300 models of the ICEE machine. According to the ICEE Distributors website, the company was soon faced with "an avalanche of sales orders and an overwhelming volume of field service and customer service requests."

In 1965, the 7-Eleven company bought several ICEE machines and the company took off. The convenience store chain later changed the name of its product to Slurpee.

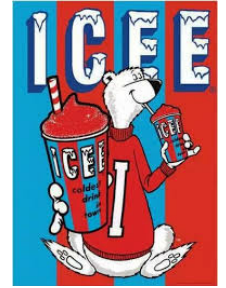


World Cup in Kansas City: A complete guide for casual fans, locals and visitors

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- [Which World Cup games are in Kansas City?](#)
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Today, there are many variations of the product such as Italian ice and other semi-frozen concoctions in fruit or soda flavors. The ICEE company, now headquartered in California, estimates that 500 million ICEEs are sold each year. In other words, that is half a billion ICEEs – with a B as in, boy, that's a lot of cold drinks.



ICEEs are sold coast-to-coast in the United States and in Canada, Mexico, China and the Middle East. There are 32 ICEE flavors but the most popular are said to be cherry, blue raspberry, and cola. Omar Knedlik witnessed the explosion in the popularity of this product. He eventually moved his family to Joplin, Missouri, where he passed away in 1989 at age 73. Several generations of hot, thirsty families would be grateful for his innovation and creativity which produced this refreshing drink. It's quite an accomplishment for a farm boy from the rural community of Barnes, Kansas, population of 148 people. Now, that's rural. Additional information at [Remembering Omar Knedlik, the Rural Kansas Man Who Invented the ICEE](#)

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18,
2026 | Yardley Hall
Tickets start at \$25



Formed in 1985 as the antidote to mindless pop, egocentric rock, and the indulgent, bluster of the music business, The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain donned black tuxedos, and began giving "concerts" in tiny rooms above old pubs. Four decades (and 400 million plucks) later, they're still thrilling audiences with their off-beat humor and four-stringed virtuosity from Tasmania to the Arctic Circle, Windsor Castle to Carnegie Hall.

There are no drums, pianos, backing tracks, guitars, or banjos; no pitch shifters or electronic trickery—just an astonishing revelation of the rich palette of orchestration afforded by ukuleles and a menagerie of voices in a collision of postpunk performance and old classics. The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain are still thrilling audiences with their all-singing, all-strumming, full throttle, foot-stomping concerts. Buckle up for a helter-skelter ride through every kind of musical genre with plenty of laughs along the way in an evening of classical, pop, punk, funk, disco, bluegrass and metal. Visit [The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain | Midwest Trust Center](#) for more information.



Grilled Tandoori Chicken

Ingredients

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

Marinade

½ cup plain yogurt

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 tablespoon onion powder

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon garam masala

1 tablespoon cilantro leaves

1 tablespoon paprika

2 teaspoons dried

herbs, Italian seasoning or Herbs de Provence

1 teaspoon coriander

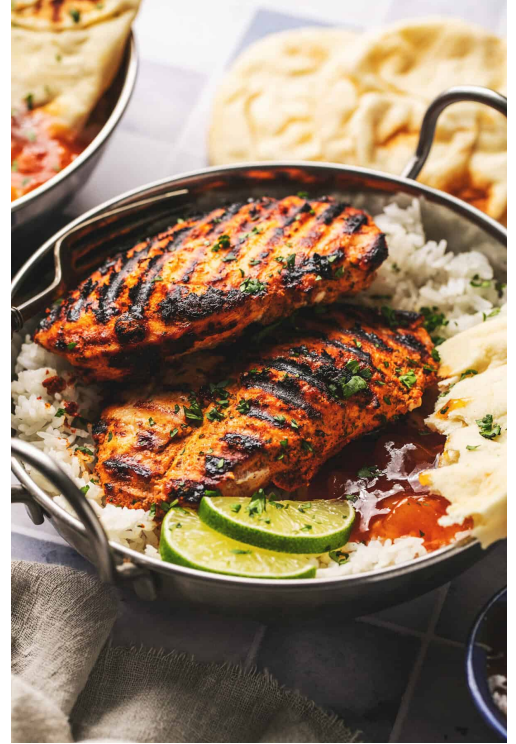
1 teaspoon cumin

½ teaspoon ginger

¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Instructions

- Whisk together all marinade ingredients. Place marinade in a large zip lock bag and add chicken breasts. Allow to marinate at least 30 minutes or overnight.
- Remove chicken from bag and discard marinade. Cook chicken on the grill over medium heat 5-6 minutes on each side or until cooked through.
- Suggested serving options: cooked rice, lime



- * **Your dishwasher has a filter** (most people never clean it). A quick rinse keeps dishes from smelling and improves cleaning.*.

Your shower head can be descaled by tying a bag of vinegar around it for an hour (great for water pressure).

- *. **Mattresses should be vacuumed** (and rotated if your type allows). Dust builds up more than people think.

- * **Clean inside your trash can** and add a sprinkle of baking soda at the bottom to reduce odor.

- * **A “donation box by the door” rule** for a week is the fastest declutter hack: anything you hesitate about goes in the box.

- * **Microwave refresh:** heat a mug of water + lemon for 2–3 min, then wipe.

- * **Toss old food + wipe shelves in the fridge door** (fast win).

About Us

Neighbors, Jana Bonham and Annissa 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.