

RED OAK HILLS



Tiny Tot Triathlon

Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Kids will bike, get wet, run and go down an inflatable slide on their way to the finish line!

Two courses to choose from:

Beginner (bike 650 feet, run 550 feet, inflatable water slide)

Intermediate (bike 1310 feet, run 1,220 feet, inflatable water slide)

Parental assistance required. Ages 3-9

To find out whether an event is canceled or delayed, check our notification line below or call 913.477.7170

All participants will receive a medal at the finish line.

Location: Little Mill Creek Park, W. 79th Street & Cottonwood Street, Lenexa

Visit <https://www.lenexa.com/City-Calendar/Annual-Events/Tiny-Tot-Triathlon> for more information.

Etienne Veniard de Bourgmont and the Shawnee KS Exploration

In 1724, Captain M. Étienne Veniard de Bourgmont, a French explorer and coureur des bois (French fur trader), led an expedition into the Great Plains of what is now Kansas. While building Fort Orleans near the mouth of the Grand River (present-day Brunswick, Missouri), Bourgmont traveled extensively into Kansas Territory, trading with and documenting Native American tribes. His journey was part of France's broader effort to expand influence in the region and counter Spanish claims to the territory.



Bourgmont's expedition is notable as the first official French visit to the Kaw (Kansa), although French traders had interacted with them previously. During his visit, Bourgmont engaged in trade negotiations, purchasing horses, furs, and other goods, and observed the Kaw's social and economic practices, including their summer buffalo hunts.

During this 1724 journey, Bourgmont reached the village of the Padouca (Plains Apache) at the source of the Smoky Hill River, near Ellsworth, KS. His accounts described the Padouca as a warlike tribe with fixed villages, large houses, and agricultural practices, though they were largely unfamiliar with European goods and firearms. This visit was part of a broader exploration from the Kanza (Kaw) Indian village on the Missouri River and along the Smoky Hill River/Kansas River area (including present-day Shawnee).

Although the Shawnee Indian tribe is not explicitly named in Bourgmont's 1724 reports, the Shawnee area was part of the extensive Kansas Territory he traversed. The Shawnee later established their headquarters in the Shawnee, Kansas area in the early 19th century, after being relocated from Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. Bourgmont's exploration predates this relocation by over a century, and his work is considered one of the earliest European records of the region.

Visit kansashistory.gov for more information.



It follows NFL giving viewers unprecedented, mic'd-up access both on the field and in their personal lives throughout the season

Season 1

Patrick Mahomes (Kansas City Chiefs)

Kirk Cousins (Minnesota Vikings)

Marcus Mariota (Atlanta Falcons)

Season 2

Joe Burrow (Cincinnati Bengals)

Kirk Cousins (Atlanta Falcons)

Jared Goff (Detroit Lions)

Season 3

Joe Flacco ()

Baker Mayfield (Cleveland Browns)

Cam Ward (Tennessee Titans)

Jayden Daniels (Washington Commanders)

Matt Haig- The Midnight Train

When your life flashes before your eyes, where would you stop?



No one can change the past, but the Midnight Train can take you there. The chance to re-live the moments that meant most. To see what kind of person you really were. For Wilbur his best days were with Maggie, the love of his life. On his honeymoon in Venice.

Before he gave it all away.

He wishes he could go back and live differently. But to do so risks everything . . .

Dog Days of Summer



Every dog has his day, and yours is no exception! Bring your favorite four-legged friend to Shawnee Town for a 1920s-style adventure in our historic downtown. From splash pools to high-flying stunts, it's a paws-itively perfect morning for the whole family.

Saturday, August 15

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FREE admission!

Event Highlights

KC Disc Dogs: Don't miss the spectacular high-flying demonstration!

Browse dog-friendly vendors, community services, and local, people-friendly food trucks.

Enjoy splash pools, music, and great vibes.

Enter for raffle prizes and bragging rights in our famous contests. Is your dog a winner?

Enter one of our contest categories:

Best Dressed

Biggest Bark

Longest Tongue.

Largest Dog

Puppy Love (Under 1 year)

Sweetest Smile

Best Bad Hair Day

Smallest Dog

Star Senior (Ages 9+)

Talented Trickster

All dogs must be kept on a leash.



Rain or Shine !!



Chocolate Chip Bars

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 c all purpose flour
- 3/4 c unsalted butter, melted
- 1 c packed brown sugar
- 1/3 c granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 c semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

1. *Preheat oven to 350. Grease 9x9 baking pan (or line with parchment paper)*
2. *In a large bowl mix flour, baking soda, cornstarch and salt*
3. *In a large bowl, mix melted butter granulated sugar and brown sugar, combine well.. Beat in egg and vanilla, fold in chocolate chips*
4. *Spread the dough evenly in the prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until golden brown*



The Green Guitar Folk House Presents:

The Black Feathers

Saturday, August 22nd at 7 p.m.
with Roxie & the Moon King opening

“Sheer poetic beauty both lyrically and musically.”

The ability to write songs that feel both modern and ancient is a rare gift. It requires an arcane art—weaving traditional influences so thoroughly into the music that they become the warp and weft of entirely fresh creations.

Ray Hughes and Sian Chandler — The Black Feathers — possess just such talent. After discovering a profound musical chemistry while collaborating on various projects, they became life partners and bandmates in 2012.

In their musical world, Americana, folk, and acoustic indie rock sensibilities coexist effortlessly. Hughes’ driving guitar work perfectly buoys the kind of breathtaking harmonies usually only heard in family bands. Their music captures a listener’s interest, while their undeniable stage chemistry keeps audiences riveted.

Located at 9400 Pflumm in Lenexa, visit [Up Next at the Green Guitar – Green Guitar Folk House](#) for more information.



Messages from neighbor.....

Your Vote Matters: Primary Election Deadlines!



- **Advance Voting:** Open now through Monday, August 3 at noon. Vote at any advance site.
- **Election Day:** Tuesday, August 4. You must vote at your specific polling location.
- **Mail-In Ballots:** Too late to mail! The 3-day grace period is gone; ballots must be received by Election Day.
- **Drop-Off:** Take your ballot to any Johnson County Library drop box or polling site.
- **Info:** Find locations at jocoelection.org.



Origami in the Garden

Looking for a unique day trip? Origami in the Garden is on display

at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens in Wichita, Kansas.

This outdoor exhibit features large-scale sculptures inspired by the Japanese art of paper folding.

Created by artists Jennifer and Kevin Box, the pieces transform delicate origami forms into impressive metal sculptures placed throughout the gardens.



Visitors can stroll through Botanica and enjoy the artwork alongside flowers, greenery, butterflies, and family-friendly garden spaces. Botanica notes that the exhibit includes **18 origami-inspired sculptures** across its gardens, making it a fun outing for art lovers, nature lovers, and families alike.

This exhibit is also  a documentary on

(Un)common cures

When a ring is tight on your finger, use blue Dawn dish soap to loosen it. Unlike lotion or other dish soap, the original Dawn leaves no residue on your ring.



Pop Up Restaurant: Brit Boy Street Food

Friday, August 21, 2026 , 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 2:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 10:00am-6:00pm

Location: Lenexa Public Market. 8750 Penrose Ln

From Yorkshire, England to the Public Market — Brit Boy Street Food is serving up traditional English favorites as a pop-up restaurant. Simple ingredients, homemade style and authentic British flavor in every bite. Dine in or carryout available. Credit or debit payments are preferred, but exact cash is also accepted. At their pop-up restaurant at



the Public Market, you'll be able to order a hot, ready-to-eat menu item. • Steak, ale, mushroom pie: A proper British classic! Tender steak slow braised with earthy mushrooms and a splash of dark ale, all topped with a cheesy potato crust. Rich, hearty, and best enjoyed with a pint in hand. • Shepherd's pie (lamb/beef): A timeless favorite packed with tender lamb, beef, and hearty veg, simmered in dark ale for a depth of flavor that's simply brilliant. Finished with cheesy golden spuds. It's comfort on a plate! • Cheddar, ale, chicken pie: Golden spuds atop a glorious mix of seasoned chicken, tangy IPA, and sharp English cheddar. This pie has the perfect balance of rich and creamy. A true crowd-pleaser! • Birria, cilantro lime mash pie (gluten friendly): Slow-stewed birria beef topped with zingy cilantro-lime mash. Rich, spicy, a little smokey and full of cheeky cross-cultural flavor. (No flour or beer used.) • Spicy sausage roll: A cheeky twist on the classic. Enjoy pork sausage rolls with a fiery hint of jalapeños wrapped in buttery puff pastry. Bold, brash, and absolutely cracking! • Traditional sausage roll: A proper treat for any occasion! Juicy seasoned pork wrapped in golden, flaky pastry. Perfect for a quick nibble or posh party platter! • Chili sin carne pie (vegetarian + Gluten friendly): Hearty beans, tomatoes, peppers, and warming spices come together for a bold, flavor-packed veggie chili. Finished with a fluffy, golden mash topping that crisps beautifully in the oven. No meat, just pure satisfaction. (No meat, flour or beer used.) For more information on Brit Boy Street Food, visit <https://britboystreetfood.com/>.

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.