

Red Oak Hills Newsletter

HELLO JANUARY

She is smart, she is beautiful, she is Miss Amazing

With feelings of excitement, Sara Pietig, a Red Oak Hills resident, was crowned Kansas Miss Amazing Miss for 2022 at a recent event in Topeka, KS. Miss Amazing is a national organization that uses the pageant platform to provide opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to develop goals, step outside of their comfort zones, and build networks of support. They are asked to interview with judges, express their passion with a talent or a presentation, and introduce themselves to a larger audience in a pageant gown show. It is an amazing event supported by a team of buddies to assist the girls with hair dos, makeup, fashion, practicing, etc. As an elected queen, Sara will be pursuing her community platform of making tie blankets to present to Children's Mercy Hospital, speaking on behalf of Kansas Miss Amazing to tell others of opportunities for involvement with Miss Amazing. Sara will be competing in the national pageant in Nashville, TN in July. Kansas Miss Amazing is a self-funded 501C3 organization that relies on fundraising to get these girls to Nashville. This too will be much of Sara's focus in her next year. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Kansas Miss Amazing, please check them out at <https://missamazing.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/kansasmissamazing>.



Holiday Escape

You have survived the holidays, now here is a good escape.

Have an Exit Strategy

Need an activity that's fun for all ages this winter? Check out Tick Tock Escape Rooms located in Overland Park, KS. Designed by game engineers, the rooms utilize extensive technology to make the experience more interactive and entertaining! Pyramid Paradox is highly recommended.



[RedOakHills.org](http://redoakhills.org)

Did you know Red Oak Hills has a website? It includes previous newsletters, financials, meeting minutes and other important information. <http://redoakhills.org/> The next HOA meeting is Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 at the Monticello Library.

Banana Bread

- 1 Stick (½ Cup) Butter
- 3 Large Ripe Bananas
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1 Cup Granulated Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt
- ½ teaspoon Cinnamon



Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray or grease with butter and set aside.
- Add the stick of butter to a large bowl and microwave for 1 minute, or until melted.
- Add the bananas to the same bowl and mash with a fork.
- Add the vanilla extract and egg to the bowl and use the same fork to mash and stir until no yellow streaks of egg remain.
- In a second large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.
- Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix together with a spatula just until combined.
- Pour the batter into prepared loaf pan and bake for 45-55 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center of the bread comes out clean.

It all started with Banana Bread

Ashley Barnett and her husband, Roger, have a heart for the homeless. First, Ashley decided to bake banana bread and take it downtown to hand out. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches followed, then soup. Ashley works at New Haven Church's food pantry at 87th and Antioch and soon Free Indeed had a food delivery truck, added snacks and assorted goodies.

ROH, we have several opportunities to go out and care for the homeless. Our neighbors, Rick and Alice Bush, hand out clothing at Washington Square Park in KCMO working side by side with Free Indeed volunteers providing meals. Select a Friday in January to join in providing the warmth of needed clothing and food. Caravan from ROH around 4:20 pm to arrive in the park at 5:00. All ages are welcome. Contact Rick and Alice at richardalanbush@gmail.com.

Donations can always be dropped off on the Bush's front porch at 17412 W 67th Terrace.

Donations needed:

Men's clothing

Jeans 32, 34

Sweatpants M, L, XL

Long sleeve tee shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies - all sizes

Coats, M, L, XL, XXL

Stocking caps, socks, gloves, boxer briefs, boxers - all sizes

Tennis shoes and boots - sizes 9-12

Women's clothing

Boots, shoes 8-9

Underwear - all sizes

Sweatpants M, L, XL

Socks, leggings, gloves

Coats L, XL - long coats requested

Other Supplies-blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks,

tents, wipes, toilet paper, sanitary pads

hand warmers, candles, small flashlights,

all sizes of batteries



From St. Louis to NYC

The origins of the Rockettes, the world's most famous precision dance team, can be traced to 1925, when impresario Russell Markert of St. Louis, Missouri, billed a group of women dancers as the Missouri Rockets. Following a positive reception locally, the dance team began a nationwide tour. Among their admiring audiences in New York City was Samuel ("Roxy") Rothafel, owner of the new Roxy Theater. He acquired the troupe, doubled its size, and dubbed the dancers the Roxyettes. After opening the Radio City Music Hall—the world's largest indoor theatre—he enlarged the troupe again in order to fill the hall's Great Stage. The dance team became known as the Rockettes in 1934.

Over the years, the Rockettes attained international renown for their intricate dance routines and extremely high kicks. In the early 21st century, more than 150 precision dancers performed as Rockettes, some at the Radio City Music Hall and others on tour or at special events. To

become a Rockette, a dancer must be at least 18 years old, between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 10.5 inches tall, and proficient in tap, jazz, ballet, and modern dance. Excerpt from

www.britannica.com



If you have a significant life event you would like to share with the neighborhood such as a birth, wedding, adoption, graduation, anniversary or loss, please send to annissalh@me.com.

About Us

Jana Bonham, Jessica Horine, Chasity Mwangi and I (Annis Freeman) are putting together this monthly newsletter for our Red Oak Hills community members. Why? We love our community to be published 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.