

RED OAK HILLS



The season kicks off with the phenomenal GRAND MARQUIS on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm! Inspired by the Kansas City blues scene, New Orleans jazz, and Memphis soul, Grand Marquis <https://www.grandmarquis.net/> creates a blend of American roots music with plenty of original material and revitalized classics.

Admission is FREE, and bottled water and snacks are provided. Leashed and well-behaved dogs are allowed. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Limited bench and picnic table seating is available. Visit <https://downtownshawnee.com/event/jammin-on-the-green-grand-marquis/> for more information.



JOIN YOUR ROH NEIGHBORS
TO CELEBRATE



Cinco De Mayo

Sunday | May 3rd | 5-7 PM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARK
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Lightly spray a measuring cup with Pam or rinse with hot water before adding sticky foods like honey or peanut butter.



Simmer a pot of water with lemon slices, cinnamon sticks, or rosemary to freshen the air naturally when the kitchen has lingering cooking odors.

If you use too much mayonnaise in tuna or chicken salad, do not add more chicken or tuna. Instead, add fresh breadcrumbs.

The National Moment of Remembrance is a significant tradition observed on Memorial Day, where Americans pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. local time to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have died in military service to the United States. This moment was first proclaimed in May 2000 and was put in law by the United States Congress in December 2000. The idea for the Moment originated from a survey conducted by 'No Greater Love' in



May 1996, where children were asked about the meaning of Memorial Day, leading to the realization that many people do not fully understand the sacrifices made by soldiers. The Moment was officially established by former President Bill Clinton to encourage Americans to pause and consider the true meaning of Memorial Day, which represents one day of national awareness and reverence honoring those who died while defending the nation and its values.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a once-in-a-lifetime event at Shawnee Town 1929 Museum!

Visitors can explore 250 years of America's History as they walk through "snapshots in time" across the museum park. Visit scenes from the American Revolution and the earliest Kansas settlers on up to World War II and the 1960s Civil Rights movement. Watch military drills on the lawn – visit camping tents and wagons trains – smell bread baking in the Farmhouse – pet the farmyard animals – take a pony ride – talk with indigenous tribal nations – stop by the stores in town – learn about segregation and equality – listen to live music – and more. Talk with expert historians from across the United States, excited to tell you their unique stories about the nation's origins, and the different people and experiences that make us who we are!



Admission is FREE with “goodwill donations encouraged” at the gate! All donations go to the Friends of Shawnee Town and our new Visitor Center. Event is rain or shine.



Your Vote Really Does Matter

In March, Olathe, De Soto, and Edgerton held a special election. Together, those three communities had more than **133,000 registered voters**—but only a little over **31,000 people voted**. That is about **23%**.

And here's the eye-opener: in Edgerton, a 1% sales tax increase passed by just **98 to 89 votes**. That means **nine voters** made the difference.

This is a great reminder that local elections are not “small” elections. They affect our communities, our taxes, our schools, our roads, and our daily lives—and sometimes they are decided by just a handful of people.

With election season coming up, now is a good time to make sure you are registered and ready to vote. Check with your local election office for the most current information about registration, mail-in ballots, deadlines, drop boxes, and polling locations.

The bottom line? Don't sit this one out. Whether it is a primary, general election, or special election, your vote has power—and your community needs your voice.

ASTRONAUT STEVE HAWLEY

In honor of the recent Artemis II lunar mission, discover the Kansas connections to space travel. Steven Hawley grew up under the dark skies of rural Kansas, where the dream of space travel seized him for a lifetime. Inspired by Astronaut Al Shepard's first flight beyond the atmosphere, Hawley pursued academic degrees in astronomy, physics, and astrophysics, and later earned a seat in the “Thirty-Five New Guys,” NASA's first class of astronaut candidates to include civilian scientists and engineers, women, and people of color.

Hawley was born in 1951 in Ottawa, Kansas, but grew up in Salina. After graduating from Salina High School, Hawley attended the University of Kansas where he graduated with honors in 1973 with degrees in physics and astronomy. He received a doctor of philosophy in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of California in 1977. Dr. Hawley was selected to join NASA's astronaut program in 1978.

Logging more than 32 days in space—770 hours and 27 minutes—astronaut Steven Hawley has flown on five space shuttle missions. He served as crew on missions that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope, serviced the space telescope mission, and deployed the Chandra X-ray Observatory. Dr. Hawley set records including the highest orbit flown by a Space Shuttle, then later continued his NASA career in management. After he had completed his space shuttle missions, Hawley became NASA's director of flight crew operations

Johnson Space Center in Houston. He investigated the Challenger and Columbia accidents, helped plan future missions to the Moon and Mars, and helped manage cooperative missions between NASA and Russia that led to the development of the International Space Station. After his retirement, he returned to the University of Kansas, as Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Director of Engineering Physics. He currently lives in Lawrence, Kansas, and volunteers his time for the Kansas Cosmosphere and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.



He is currently an Adjunct Professor in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Kansas. Visit <https://isdcs.nss.org/> and www.kansashistory.gov for more information. There you will find the history of other astronauts from Kansas including Captain Edward J. Dwight, Jr., Ron Evans and Joe Engle.



Don't Let Your Grass Go Rogue.

Spring is here, and the lawn mowers are waking up from hibernation! Those little green clippings may look harmless, but they can clog storm drains and cause water to back up during heavy rains.



A simple trick: aim your mower so the clippings blow back into your yard—not into the street. Think of it as recycling for your lawn! Grass clippings break down quickly and return nutrients, especially nitrogen, back into the soil. This can help your lawn stay healthier and may even reduce the need for fertilizer.

Thanks for helping keep Red Oak Hills looking fresh, clean, and spring-ready.

Lemon Posset

Ingredients

- 6-8 lemons cut in half (juiced and inside pulp removed)
- 2 c heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 c granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 heaping tbsp lemon zest
- 6 tbsp of lemon juice (from lemon halves)



Instructions

1. In a saucepan combine heavy whipping cream, granulated sugar, vanilla extract and lemon zest
2. Stir over medium heat and bring to a gentle simmer for 4 minutes (Do not let it boil)
3. Remove from heat and let cool for 3 minutes, then add lemon juice and stir to thicken. As it mixes and cools the mixture will begin to thicken
4. Pour into lemon halves (if you have extra mixture pour into a ramekin)
5. Garnish with fresh mint and/or fruit
6. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 45 minutes

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.