

April
2025

The Village of Indian Point

Latest News and Updates

Financials: *Life is like accounting... everything must balance!*
March Sales Tax Revenues were better than budget by \$48K for the month and expenses were better than budget by \$84K. The rise in March Revenues is mainly attributed to delayed revenue collections/deposits from 2024 from Missouri Department of Revenue. Expenses are mostly attributed to timing expenses, that will reflect in April and May. YTD Revenues are trending better than budget by \$49K and expenses are trending better than budget by \$312K. The YTD expenses reflect the timing expenses of current road projects that will reflect in April's expenses.
March Sewer Revenues were better than budget by \$24K for the month and trending YTD below budget by \$2K. The rise in March Revenues is attributed to a delinquent account collected in full. As the season progresses, and with the 3% increase, the downward trend should level out for YTD revenues.
March Expenses were over budget by \$16K. This can be attributed to the timing purchase of new sewer pumps for the JCT Wastewater Plant that were budgeted in February and expenses reflected in March.
A portion of this can be attributed to timely purchases of replacement pumps for the sewer plant that will reflect in March.
The Village Staff have had a meeting with banking partners regarding current rates and accounts. Better APY% was successfully obtained for all Village Accounts during this meeting. In addition, costs continued to be reviewed monthly that will continue to save the Village not only short term, but long term as well so we can continue to contribute more resources to infrastructure projects.

Dear April, please be kind, we are still recovering from winter's drama!

Financial & Sewer Administration:

Sewer:
Progress continues on delinquent accounts. Shannon is working with the Village Attorneys on this project.

Misc:
March 7th, The Annual Financial Audit was completed by Mary Miles & Associates.

Meetings:
3.13.25: Shannon met with Branson Bank reps (Norma & Eric) regarding our current rates and accounts.
3.20.25: Shannon attended a City & County Grant writing class.
3.27.25: Table Rock Chamber of Commerce Luncheon



It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference! *TomBrokaw*
Thank you to all that give their hearts and time into volunteering for our community and beyond! You are truly amazing!



Village Clerk:
Business Licenses:
There were 47 Business completed for the month of March with 22 pending completions. This brings the YTD total to 83! The deadline for renewal (without late fee penalty) was March 31st, 2025.
Golf Carts:
Renewal postcards will be going out in the mail for reminders and updates soon. Please watch out for the green postcards regarding this information.
Sunshine Requests & Permits:
2 Sunshine requests, 2 Garage Sale Permits, and 1 Special Event Permit were completed in March. If you have any questions on permits, call Beth at the office: 417.338.5599.

Beth attended the following meetings:
3.26.25: Budget Meeting with Village Staff
3.31.25: IWorq Zoom Meeting

1st Annual VIPS Academy Kimberling City Police Department

34 Kimberling Blvd, Kimberling City MO
April 26th, 8am- 4pm
Discover what it's like to be part of the Police Department and learn how volunteers play a key role in supporting our community. Meet local Police officers, See How K9's assist law enforcement, Learn the day- to- day operations, volunteer opportunities, and so much more! Info & applications below:
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<https://www.cognitofrms.com/.../kimberlingcitypdvipsvolu...>
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/.../KCPDVIPSAcademyRegistration>

Paula Dean's Family Kitchen Book Signing

Paula Dean's Family Kitchen at the Branson Landing 545 Branson Landing
April 26th, 2025, 11am-1pm
Featuring Paula Dean - Wristbands will be distributed, while supplies last, to those who make any purchase in the Paula Deen Store beginning at 9:00 AM the day of the signing. One wristband per person.
<https://facebook.com/PDFKBranson>

Community Garage Sale Branson Parks & Recreation

1501 Branson Hills Pkwy, Branson MO
April 26th – 7am-1pm
Shoppers can browse a variety of items, while sellers can reserve an 18' x 18' booth for just \$25— but space is limited and fills fast! Register now online or in person at the RecPlex. Don't miss out on this huge community sale! Purchase tickets below:
https://secure.rec1.com/MO/branson-mo/catalog/index/a5ae4d9098416efd24ada896deb24a1?filter=c2VhcmNoPSZjYXRIZ29yeSU1QjExNjg0JTVEPTE%3D&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR7_WetFYv1F4eAOU5G5_OL6WUz-AgNWWhRTH2uOpZuqDcErlurJeutjrVAwQGg_aem_tjKNxbvu1WVvaDB_CjtQJQ

Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.

Planning and Zoning: Two Zoning Compliance Permits, and one fence permit were issued in March.

Comprehensive Plan Update: A meeting was held on April 9th to review and discuss the recent community survey results. In addition, Nathan and Beth met with SMOG representatives to go over the Land Use Plan Draft and narrative. The committee has also stated on a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) for the Village.

Storm Water Management Plan:

Thank you to all the Departments for assisting in getting the meeting flyer out to the community. The first public hearing was held on 3.6.25 for the Engineers to show their initial assessment of the problem areas and receive feedback from the community. We had around forty residents attend this meeting.

Annual Audit: The Annual Audit was completed on March 7th, 2025, by Mary Miles & Associates. The results of the audit should be available in May.

Spring Road Project:

Emery Sapp & Associates have completed the overlay portion of the road project. Our Engineers have also completed the testing and review portion of their work. The stripping portion of the road project should take place soon and the sealing portion no later than June. Both projects depend on the weather conditions.

Storm Water Grant: On March 6th, 2025, the preliminary Stormwater mitigation exhibits were presented by Cochran engineering and those who were in attendance were able to give feedback and highlight problematic areas.

Nathan attended the following meetings in March:

Branson 250th America’s Birthday Celebration Committee

SMOG Member Meeting

Stone County Tourism Tax Town Hall Meeting

TCED Board of Directors Meeting

Indian Point Police Dept
The latest from the Chief



The IPPD responded to forty-six calls of service for the month of March. They also completed 1000 miles of police patrols within the Village. Notice the new radar sign by the Village Hall? IPPD is working diligently to keep our roadways safe for residents and visitors alike.

Reminder: **There is no road or area in the Village where the speed limit is over 35 MPH.**

If you would like more police presence on your street, please let the Chief or any of the officers know. The IPPD also do Vacation Checks on residences upon request.

Indian Point Police Department Outreach and Community Involvement.

- 3.11.25: Officer Thomas attended Combat Care First Aid Course at SDC.
- 3.23.25: Chief Lucas taught a block of instruction at the SCSA.
- 3.27.25: Officer Ijames attended Stop Stick Training hosted by the Stone County SO.
- 3.27.25: Chief Lucas attended the monthly Table Rock Chamber Meeting with Shannon McQuality.
- 3.27.25: Chief Lucas, Officer Ijames, Officer Marcum, and Village Manager Nathan Piche attended the Stone County 100 Club Gala at Stone bridge.



As for how the character of the Easter Bunny made its way to America, [History.com](#) reports that it was first introduced in the 1700s by German immigrants to Pennsylvania, who reportedly brought over their tradition of an egg-laying hare named "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws" from the Old Country. Legend has it that the rabbit would lay colorful eggs as gifts to children who were good, so kids would make nests in which the bunny could leave his eggs and even sometimes set out carrots in case the hare got hungry. Remind you of any other holiday traditions? Eventually, the custom spread across America until it was a widespread Easter tradition.



Public Works

Road Projects have been completed with the exception of sealing and striping. These projects are anticipated to be completed May and June.

Culvert and Ditch work projects continue throughout the Village.

Public Works purchased a new tree trimming saw. This will save the Village money as they will no longer have to contract these services out and will help us keep the roadway clear.

Mowing season is officially here! Please be patient if you see the guys on the roads and drive with caution.

Public Works did a great job of mulching and clean up in front of the Village Hall.

Street Signs are getting makeovers throughout the Village, some are being replaced, and others are getting paint touch ups.

Public works are also staying diligent on keeping Indian Point free of litter and continuously clean up trash and debris.

Please help us in our effort to keep Indian Point beautiful by not littering.



*Let's fight to
end hunger
in our
communities!*

**Saturday
May 10, 2025**

Place a bag of
non-perishable food
next to your mailbox.

Your letter carrier will
handle the rest!

The National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025. This annual event, organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), involves letter carriers collecting non-perishable food donations along their routes. To participate, simply place a bag of non-perishable food items by your mailbox on that day, and your letter carrier will pick it up.

It has been confirmed that zip code 65616 will be participating in this event!

Village of Indian Point – Municipal Building

SENIOR SCAM AWARENESS TRAINING

THURSDAY 05/08 AT 2 PM

Join Sheriff Rader to learn
how to recognize spam
callers and how to take
action!

**Brought to you by the
Stone County Sheriff's
Office.**



This program is recommended for individuals aged 65 and above but is open to all to help protect those you love.
Hosted by the Indian Point Women's Club. Call Shannon McQuality at (417) 338-5599 if you have a question. Refreshments will be served!



Celebrate Trails Day on the *fourth Saturday in April* encourages the nation to get out and enjoy the country's outstanding trail systems. As the weather warms up, so does the trail season. While many people use them all year long, America's trail system gets its real workout between April and October when the weather is ripe for outdoor activity. The number of established trails grows every year. Some take the form of well-defined foot or bike routes while others take us onto a beaten path. No matter what kind of path you choose to take, the day encourages you to appreciate the thousands of miles of trails and to bring a friend with you, too! Below are some local trails to check out!

- **Indian Point Trail:**
This 2.9-mile loop trail is known for its views of Table Rock Lake and its diverse plant and animal life. It's suitable for hiking and walking, with dogs allowed on leashes.
- **Table Rock Lakeshore Trail:**
This paved trail is 2.2 miles long and provides easy access to Table Rock State Park Marina.
- **Waterfall Trail:**
This 1.3-mile trail follows a tributary of Roark Creek, featuring rock formations and a waterfall.
- **Busiek State Forest:**
Located north of Branson, Busiek State Forest offers 18 miles of trails through a rugged forest, ideal for hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities.
- **White River Valley Trail System:**
This system offers 11.75 miles of trails with varying difficulty levels, ideal for experienced hikers. *AI*

1672: Robert Hooke created the first acoustic telephone in 1672. Very much like the two-soup-can toys you made as a child, Hooke found that sound could be sent over a wire or string from a mouthpiece on one side to an earpiece on the other.

1838: Samuel B. Morse discovered that you could transmit messages by pressing down or releasing a button in intervals to transmit a pattern of sounds. This was known as Morse code.

1858: Cyrus Field sought to lay the first transatlantic telephone cable, connecting England and the U.S. by telegraph. This project was met with setbacks before it was completed in August 1858.

1867: Dots and dashes were flashed with signal lamps for the first time at sea in 1867. The idea came from British admiral Phillip Colomb, who used the signal lamp design of Arthur C.W. Aldis and devised a code to communicate with other ships. The code was much like Morse code; eventually, Morse code won out.

1876: Since coming to America as a teacher of the deaf, Alexander Graham Bell had sought a way to transmit speech electronically. He invented the telephone in March 1876.

1880: Bell set up a lab and worked to improve his invention. The result? The photophone, which was capable of sending sound on a beam of light. Bell made what was essentially history's first wireless call!

1915: Bell makes the first coast-to-coast phone call in January 1915. This was the first long-distance call from a land line. Bell's call helped make long-distance calling a reality.

1927: The first telephone service from the U.S. to the U.K. was set up in January 1927. The first phones were radio phones, but there were fading and interference issues. Three minutes of time on these phones cost nearly \$10.

1930: AT&T created a two-way videotelephone called the Iconophone. The Iconophone let people see, hear, and reply to each other in real time. The idea didn't see much commercial success.

1934: The first radio telephone calls are placed from the U.S. to Japan, facilitating communication across the Pacific Ocean.

1936: The first public videophone network is set up in Nazi Germany at a trade fair. Use of the network was limited to "Aryans only."

1946: In June 1946, a telephone call was made from an automobile-based phone for the first time. It wasn't a very large mobile network, due in part to the high cost of installation.

1947: In 1946, an electronic gizmo known as a transistor was created by John Bardeen, Walter Brattain, and William Shockley. This would replace large vacuum tube systems and allow computers to be merged with electronics, the beginnings of smartphone development.

1956: The first transatlantic telephone cable makes calls much more affordable than the radio telephone system it helped to replace.

1962: The Communications Satellite Act is passed, allowing the use of satellites in telecommunications.

1964: Charles Kao and George Hockham publish a paper proving that fiber-optic communication was possible.

1965: Trials begin of the first picturephone service. In July, Union Carbide Corporation started testing on the first picturephone network.

1973: Martin Cooper places the first cellular mobile call to Joel Engle, a rival at Bell Labs. The first cell phone took a year to recharge, and the maximum talk time was only 30 minutes.

1977: The FCC officially launches the first primary cellular test network. It only opened in few select areas, like Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore.

1979: Ship-to-shore communication takes a leap forward as the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) is established. Its aim was to provide reliable communication to marine vessels for increased safety.

1981: The first automated commercial cellular network, called 1G Generation, is launched in Japan. At the same time, the Nordic Mobile Telephone system is established in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

1983: Motorola releases the DynaTac mobile telephone in 1983. Nicknamed "The Brick," it had one hour of talk time and eight hours of standby.

1989: Only a few years after "The Brick" is released, Motorola develops the lightest cellular device on the market. The phone is called the MicroTAC and weighs in at only 12 ounces.

1992: The world's first commercial text message was sent out in 1992. It was written and sent by the employees of a company known as Logica CMG.

1993: The first smartphones came out for the public to buy. IBM created one called Simon, which had a touch screen and could send and receive faxes.

1995: Sprint opens the first personal communications service. It was the first cellular network designed for private use for individuals who own cellular phones.

1998: A company called Iridium puts a canopy of 64 satellites in into place. They also made the first hand-held satellite phones, replacing "bag" phones with ones that were much less cumbersome. This move would lead to development of the modern smartphone.

2003: Technology is developed to transmit phone calls over Internet protocols. Long-distance charges could be avoided through the use of established computer networks.

2008: Both the iTunes Store and the Android market open up for smartphone users in 2008. This heralds the beginning of a huge surge in the popularity of apps.

2010: Smartphones continue to develop in 2010. The first 4G handset is released this year, bringing data onto consumers' phones at blazing-fast speeds. [Mitel.com](http://www.Mitel.com)

Did you know this about Babe Ruth.....

- His birth date is now widely accepted as Feb. 6, 1895, but Ruth lived his entire life convinced that he was born on Feb. 7, 1894. The birth certificate with that date was for an unnamed male child in the Ruth family. Ruth's parents lost six children in infancy, including two pairs of twins, with only George and his sister Mary Margaret, known as Mamie, surviving.
- Before he turned eight, Ruth had already chewed tobacco and drank whiskey for the first time. He was sent to live at St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, a Catholic reform school, and listed as incorrigible. Each boy was supposed to learn a trade for a possible career. Ruth's was to be a shirt maker.
- He hit his first professional home run on March 7, 1914, in Fayetteville, N.C., during an intrasquad game in which he played shortstop. It was while with the Orioles, a veteran team populated by numerous former major leaguers, that Ruth was given his famous nickname. No one knows who first called him Babe.
- On Oct. 17, 1914, less than two weeks after his rookie season ended, Ruth married Helen Woodford, a 16-year-old coffee shop waitress he had met on his first day in Boston.
- In six seasons with Ruth, the Red Sox won three World Series titles. In 107 seasons without him they have won four.
- Ruth is the only player since the turn of the 20th century to lead his league in Triple Crown categories as both a hitter and a pitcher and he did it in the span of three years.
- The Baby Ruth candy bar was introduced in 1921, but the Curtiss Candy Company officially claimed that it was named after Ruth Cleveland, the late daughter of former president Grover Cleveland. There are plenty of reasons to believe that story was merely a legal ploy to allow Curtiss to name the confection after Babe Ruth without requiring his permission. Most notably, Ruth Cleveland died of diphtheria in 1904 at the age of 12, 17 years before the candy bar was introduced at the height of the slugger's popularity.
- In 1921, Ruth and Helen adopted a daughter, Dorothy, who learned in 1980 that she was actually the biological daughter of Ruth and Juanita Jennings, a woman she knew as a close family friend and with whom Ruth had one of his many affairs.
- Ruth was estranged from his first wife by the time she died in a fire in January 1929 at her new home where she was all but officially living as another man's wife. Three months later Ruth married Claire Hodgson.
- Ruth's last official appearance as a uniformed member of a major league team was as a first base coach for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938, a job he took mid-season. starting on June 19



A few Historical Markers in Stone/Taney Counties Missouri:

- **Marvel Cave:** Marvel Cave has been designated a Registered Natural Landmark under the provisions of the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935. This site possesses exceptional value in illustrating the natural history of the United States US.
- **Silver Dollar City:** Lloyd Edward "Shad" Heller spent over 25 years at the City's forge & anvil. Shad created memories for millions though his wit, humor & all-around character.
- **Silver Dollar City – Tomatoes:**
In the late 1800s, the beautiful Ozark Mountains were home to determined and hardworking hill folk living off the land. Summers were filled with steady farming in preparation for long winters. While most crops struggled to grow in the rocky
- **Crane — Veterans Memorial:** Dedicated to those men and women who offer their service so that justice, freedom and democracy shall “forever” prevail.
- **The Famous Y Bridge in Galena, Missouri:**
You are standing on the northeast side of the famous Y bridge in Galena, Missouri. 764’ long by 23’ wide, she was built to replace an older steel bridge whose pilings are still visible to the south.
- **Scholten — Mars Hill Cemetery Veterans Memorial:** Dedicated to the men and women who have served our country and given their lives for our freedom.
- **Branson — "P-51D Mustang":** Manufactured by: North American Aviation Introduced in 1942 over 15,000 were built. This aircraft was considered to be the premier frontline fighter of World War II.
- **Point Lookout — Patriots Park:**
Patriots Park built by staff and students 2015-2019 This park honors those who sacrificed for our country, while affirming the Patriotic goal of College of the Ozarks
- **Ridgedale — Devil's Pool:** The ravine below is a natural glade and sink formation. Glade lands are found only in the White River Valley of the United States. At the base of the ravine, there is a natural spring-sink named Devil's Pool. The pool's name comes from the Indian

www.hmdb.org for more information on Missouri Historical Markers.



May 1st is Silver Star Service Banner Day, a time to recognize those who have been awarded The Silver Star Medal and remember the sacrifices of our wounded and ill veterans. The Silver Star is described as the third-highest military decoration for valor in combat and is typically awarded for actions over a short-term and may be earned for specific acts in combat. Compare that to other types of medals for longer-term service, the Meritorious Service Medal, for example, which is awarded at the end of a military tour when conditions warrant. The Silver Star award itself is quite old. According to Defense Department records, it is an award created as the successor of something known as the Citation Star, which was created in 1818. The first authorization for the official use of the Silver Star was in 1942. The Silver Star medal is awarded for specific actions in combat. Silver Star Service Banner Day is a recognition of those who have been wounded, sickened, or killed in combat in general. The tradition of the Silver Star service banner is about as old as the Silver Star itself; according to several sources, the display of Blue, Gold, and Silver Star (banner) began in 1818. Military families with loved ones serving in uniform and/or deployed in combat have displayed service banners and/or service flags as authorized by military regulations in gold, blue, and silver. Each color represents something different:

- Gold – sacrifice
- Blue – hope
- Silver – gallantry

Homes flying the Gold Star service banner have lost a loved one in combat. Those displaying a Blue Star service banner have loved ones who serve, and the Silver Star service banner honors those who have died, become sick, or who have been injured in combat. *Veterans.com*



National Peace Rose Day April 29, 2025

In 1935, the French rose breeder, Francis Meilland, the third generation in a family of rose growers near Lyon, selected 50 ‘promising’ seedlings from his seedbeds. One was tagged 3 – 35 – 40 and over the next four years Francis and his father, Papa Meilland, watched its development with interest. In spite of war clouds gathering, the unnamed rose was introduced to friends and professional rose growers who gave it an enthusiastic ‘thumbs up’. But three months later Hitler invaded France and, with the nursery under threat of destruction, three parcels of budwood were hastily sent out of France, one of which was smuggled out in the diplomatic bag to America. For the duration of the war the Meilland family had no idea whether any of the budwood had survived. In America their agent planted the rose in his own trial beds and gave it to other rose growers for testing in all the climatic zones throughout the United States. The rose did so well that it was decided to release it in the United States and thousands of plants were propagated. Although the war was still raging in Europe, the launch date was set for 29 April 1945, in Pasadena, California. On the same day that two doves were released into the American sky to symbolize the naming of the rose, Berlin fell, and a truce was declared. It was sheer coincidence. In naming the rose, this simple statement was read: “We are persuaded that this greatest new rose of our time should be named for the world’s greatest desire: ‘PEACE’.” ‘Peace’ went on to receive the All-American Award for roses on the day that the war in Japan came to an end. On May 8, 1945, when Germany signed its surrender, the 49 delegates who met to form the United Nations were each presented with a bloom of ‘Peace’ and a message of peace from the Secretary of the American Rose Society. What is so touching about the story of ‘Peace’ is that back in France, the rose had been named ‘Madame Antoine Meilland’ in memory of Claudia Dubreuil, the wife of Antoine Meilland and mother of Francis. She had been the heart and mainstay of the Meilland family and died tragically young from cancer. At the same time news coming back from Germany and Italy where other budwood had been sent, revealed that in Italy the rose was called ‘Gioia’ (Joy) and in Germany, ‘Gloria Dei’ (Glory of God). For the family, all the names captured the qualities that they loved in Claudia.



Fun Facts about Cinco De Mayo:

- **Cinco de Mayo is NOT Mexico’s Independence Day - A typical Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mexico is much more low-key compared to Independence Day celebrations.**
- **Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican army’s victory over France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, not Mexico’s Independence from Spain.**
- **Cinco de Mayo is not a federal holiday in Mexico**
- **Mexicans don’t call it Cinco de Mayo. In Mexico, the holiday is more formally called El Día de la Batalla de Puebla (The Day of the Battle of Puebla), rather than Cinco de Mayo.**
- **Families in California celebrated Cinco de Mayo first**
- **President Benito Juárez declared Cinco de Mayo a national holiday in Mexico on May 9, 1862**
- **President Roosevelt helped popularize Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt played a key role in popularizing Cinco de Mayo in the United States by implementing the Good Neighbor Policy in 1933. The policy encouraged the observance of Cinco de Mayo as a way to celebrate and appreciate Mexican culture and heritage, contributing to the holiday’s growing popularity in the U.S.**
- **Cinco de Mayo is more widely celebrated in the US than in Mexico**
- **The world’s largest Cinco de Mayo Festival is in Los Angeles**
- **Mole poblano is considered the official dish of Cinco de Mayo**
- **Mariachi Music is a staple of Cinco de Mayo celebrations**
- **Baile Folklórico is commonly performed during festivities**
- **There’s an annual 5 de Mayo air guitar competition in the Cayman Islands**
- **Cinco de Mayo celebrations in some U.S. cities involve chihuahuas**



Earth Day is April 22, 2025 & Arbor Day is April 25, 2025! Here are a few things you can do to celebrate the Holidays!

- *Clean up trash in your yard and neighborhood*
- *Go to a park or go on a hike*
- *Plant a garden*
- *Plant wildflowers and Native Plants*
- *Start recycling*
- *Conserve water - collect rainwater for garden, check home for leaks*
- *Eat Healthy*
- *Educate kids on the trees*
- *Do tree crafts with kids*
- *Put up a Bird feeder or build one*
- *Set up a compost bin*
- *Sign up for e-billing on all accounts to help reduce paper use*
- *Ride a bike and use sidewalks*
- *Donate to a friendly cause*
- *Pick up sticks and rocks in your yard*
- *Use reusable water bottles or coffee cups*
- *Install long-lasting, energy -saving LED light bulbs*
- *Create an art project from recycled products*

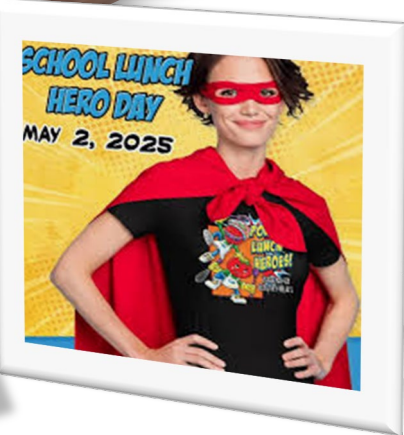
April 26th, 2025

First Lady's Day



First Ladies in order:

- Martha Washington wife of George Washington – First, First Lady
- Abigail Adams Wife of John Adams - Political Partner
- Dolley Madison wife of James Madison – Social Hostess
- Elizabeth Monroe wife of James Monroe – Cultural Figure
- Louisa Adams wife of John Quincy Adams – Diplomatic Role
- Emily Donelson acting first lady during the presidency of her uncle Andrew Jackson – Youngest First Lady
- Sara Yorke Jackson White house hostess and acting first Lady to father-in-Law Andrew Jackson – Family Ties
- Anna Harrison wife of William Henry Harrison – Brief Tenure
- Letitia Tyler first wife of John Tyler – died as the first lady
- Julia Tyler second wife of John Tyler - Married during presidency
- Margaret Taylor wife of Zachary Taylor – Military Family
- Abigail Fillmore wife of Millard Fillmore – Educated Woman
- Jane Pierce wife of Franklin Pierce – tragic life
- Harriet Lane acting first lady during the presidency of her uncle James Buchanan – first of the “modern” first ladies
- Mary Lincoln wife of Abraham Lincoln – Historical Figure
- Eliza McCardle Johnson wife of Andrew Johnson – Supportive Spouse
- Julia Grant wife of Ulysses Grant – first woman in the position to write a memoir
- Lucy Hayes wife of Rutherford Hayes – Advocate for Education
- Lucretia Garfield wife of James Garfield - short Tenure
- Rose Cleveland – acting first lady during the presidency of her brother Grover Cleveland – Published Poetry
- Frances Cleveland wife of Grover Cleveland – married at the White House
- Caroline Harrison wife of Benjamin Harrison – Civic Leader died during presidency
- Mary Harrison McKee acting first lady during the presidency of her father Benjamin Harrison - White House Hostess
- Ida McKinley wife of William McKinley – Health Advocate
- Edith Roosevelt wife of Theodore Roosevelt - Progressive Era
- Helen Taft wife of William Taft - Education Advocate
- Edith Wilson wife of Woodrow Wilson - Political Partner
- Florence Harding wife of Warren Harding – Civic Engagement
- Grace Coolidge wife of Calving Coolidge - Cultural Influence
- Lou Henry Hoover wife of Herbert Hoover - Public Service
- Eleanor Roosevelt wife of Frankin Roosevelt – Human Rights Advocate
- Bess Truman wife of Harry Truman – Served also as the second Lady of the United States. She served for the longest lived first and second lady
- Mamie Eisenhower wife of Dwight Eisenhower – Military Family
- Lady Bird Johnson wife of Lndon Johnson - Environmental Advocate
- Pat Nixon wife of Richard Nixon - Political Supporter
- Betty Ford wife of Gerald Ford - Heath Advocate
- Rosalynn Carter wife of Jimmy Carter - Mental Health Advocate
- Nancy Reagan wife of Ronald Regan – Civic Leader
- Barbara Bush wife of George H W Bush - Literacy Advocate
- Hillary Clinton wife of Bill Clinton - Political Figure
- Laura Bush wife of George W Bush – Education Advocate
- Michelle Obama wife of Barack Obama – Civic Engagement
- Jill Biden wife of Joe Biden - Education Advocate
- Melania Trump wife of Donald Trump - Modern First Lady – Current First Lady





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ExploreBranson.com.

How can you get involved?

- Francie Fridays – A weekly series by Explore Branson where Francie visits various locations and people in Branson Mo to showcase local attractions and business. Email abeede@bransoncvb.com
- April Photo Shoot – The April Photo Shoot will involve outdoor content generation focused on the lake. if you have suggestions, contact hhermen@bransoncvb.com
- Do you have an event coming up? Get it highlighted! Explore Branson uses multiple social media links for advertising as well as other sources. Email abeede@bransoncvb.com
- Explore Branson: All businesses are welcome to participate and update their listings, offerings, events, and specials. Email: ajryan@bransoncvb.com
- Vacation Guide articles: Tell the history of your business or life at Indian Point (History). Do you have Unique lodging, dining, or more? Email: hhermen@bransoncvb.com
- The New Village of the Indian Point tab for 2026: Send in images that are lake focused, videos, activities, events.
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A large fire burning at night, with a car and a building visible in the flames.

Alot can happen in a month

Thanks to YOU

A circular inset showing a group of people sitting on a bench.

People were clothed

A circular inset showing a group of people standing together.

Friendships were formed

A circular inset showing a person holding a box of donations.

Donations were given

A circular inset showing a person standing in front of a house.

New homes were found

Monday, April 21

5pm-7pm

First Baptist Church
161 Heavens Way
Kimberling City

A logo with the word "STRONGER" in bold, a house icon, and the word "together" in a script font.

Join us on this one month anniversary of the fire, stop by and visit with the families impacted and supportive members of our community. It's an opportunity to visit and show gratitude for the incredible community support in helping them as they recover from this tragedy. Cookies & Punch will be served.

A red heart icon with the text "Most importantly, people felt loved" inside it.

A bit of flavor for the taste buds.



Ingredients Required to Make Mole Poblano with Chicken for Cinco De Mayo:

For the Mole Sauce:

- 6 dried ancho chiles, stemmed and seeded
- 4 dried guajillo chiles, stemmed and seeded
- 3 dried chipotle chiles, stemmed and seeded
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds
- 1/4 cup pumpkin seeds
- 1/4 cup almonds
- 2 corn tortillas, torn into pieces
- 3 tablespoons raisins
- 2 plum tomatoes, roasted
- 1 medium tomatillo, husked and roasted
- 1 medium onion, quartered and roasted
- 5 garlic cloves, unpeeled and roasted
- 3 tablespoons lard or vegetable oil
- 2 ounces Mexican chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon anise seeds
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- Salt to taste

For the Chicken:

- 8 chicken thighs and drumsticks, bone-in, skin-on
- 1 onion, quartered
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Water to cover

For Serving:

- Toasted sesame seeds
- Steamed white rice
- Warm corn tortillas
- Orange wedges

Method To Make Mole Poblano with Chicken

Step 1: Toast the Dried Chiles

1. Heat a heavy skillet over medium heat (no oil needed).
2. Toast dried chiles for 10-15 seconds per side until fragrant but not blackened.
3. Place toasted chiles in hot water and let soak for 30 minutes.
4. Drain chiles but save ½ cup of the soaking liquid.

Step 2: Toast Seeds, Nuts and Tortillas

1. In the same skillet, toast sesame seeds until golden (about 1 minute).
2. Toast almonds and pumpkin seeds until lightly browned (2-3 minutes).
3. Set toasted seeds and nuts aside to cool.
4. Tear corn tortillas into pieces and toast until golden and crisp.
5. Quickly toast raisins for about 30 seconds (be careful not to burn them).

Step 3: Roast Vegetables

1. Over an open flame or under a broiler, roast tomatoes, tomatillo, onion quarters, and unpeeled garlic until skins are charred.
2. Let cool, then peel the garlic.
3. Set all roasted vegetables aside.

Step 4: Blend the Mole Base

1. Add to a blender: rehydrated chiles, toasted nuts, seeds, tortillas, raisins, and all roasted vegetables.
2. Add some of the reserved chile liquid or chicken broth to help blending.
3. Puree until silky smooth, blending in batches if necessary.

Step 5: Cook the Mole Sauce

1. Heat lard or oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat.
2. Strain the blended mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into the hot oil (careful of spattering).
3. Stir continuously for 10-15 minutes until the sauce darkens and thickens.
4. Add chocolate, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, and anise seeds.
5. Pour in remaining broth and reduce heat to low.
6. Simmer gently for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.
7. Add orange juice during the last 5 minutes of simmering.

Step 6: Cook the Chicken

1. While the mole simmers, place chicken pieces in a large pot with onion, crushed garlic, bay leaves, and salt.
2. Submerge in water and heat until it reaches a rolling boil.
3. Reduce heat and simmer for about 40 minutes until chicken is tender.
4. Remove chicken from cooking liquid.
5. Optional: Broil chicken for 3-4 minutes to crisp the skin.

Step 7: Combine and Serve

1. Pour mole sauce generously over the chicken pieces.
2. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds.
3. Serve with steamed white rice and warm corn tortillas.

Leftover mole sauce improves over several days as flavors meld and deepen.

Store it separately from any remaining chicken and reheat gently with a splash of broth to maintain its luscious consistency.



Ingredients

- 1/4 cup warm water (about 110°F)
- 1 Tbsp. active dry yeast (from 2 1/4-oz. packets)
- 3/4 cup warm milk (about 110°F)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 6 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
- 3 large eggs, divided
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the surface
- 2 1/2 tsp. salt
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 4 dyed uncooked eggs, at room temperature (optional)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. whole milk, plus more as needed
- Rainbow sprinkles, for topping (optional)

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, stir together the water and the yeast. Let the mixture stand until it is foamy, about 5 minutes. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook, combine the yeast mixture, milk, sugar, butter, and 2 of the eggs, beaten. Beat on medium-low speed until combined, about 30 seconds. Add the flour and salt and mix with a spatula until a shaggy dough forms. Return the bowl to the mixer; increase the speed to medium and beat until the dough is smooth, elastic, and tacky, about 5 minutes.
2. Transfer the dough to a large bowl lightly greased with nonstick cooking spray. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise at warm room temperature until it is doubled in size, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
3. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and divide it into 3 equal portions (about 12 ounces each). Roll each of the portions into an 18- to 20-inch-long rope. Braid the ropes together, pinching the ends to seal and tucking them underneath. Transfer the braid to a parchment-lined baking sheet. If you like, tuck dyed eggs into the braid, spacing them evenly apart. Cover the loaf loosely with plastic wrap and let it rise at warm room temperature until it has puffed, 30 to 45 minutes.
4. During the last 30 minutes of proofing, preheat the oven to 350°F. Uncover the loaf and brush it lightly with the remaining beaten egg. Bake the loaf until it is golden brown, 28 to 32 minutes. Slide the loaf and the parchment paper onto a wire rack to cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours.
5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar and milk until smooth. (Add a touch more milk, if needed to make a smooth, pourable glaze). Drizzle the glaze over the cooled loaf and decorate with sprinkles, if you like.