

June
2025

The Village of Indian Point

Latest News and Updates

Financial Administration:

Sewer:
Collections on delinquent accounts continue to remain focus. A Consistent Revenue Stream is crucial in maintaining the costs incurred to keep the WWTP in good working condition and preserving its current operational state.

Misc:
MEM Audit was completed via zoom on May 12th
Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection was completed on May 19th
June Reforecast was completed and approved for Sewer and Village (anticipated Surplus on both)

Meetings Shannon Attended:
5.8.25: Zoom Meeting with SMOG reps Kelsi and Garrett regarding potential Grants 2025-2026
5.29.25: Chamber Luncheon with Chief Lucas and Frank Shoneboom

Village Clerk:

Business Licenses:
10 Business Licenses were issued in May. Notices will be going out to those who have not yet renewed their Business License. 123 Business Licenses have been completed this year.

Golf Cart Permits:
A total of 16 Golf Cart Permits have been renewed for the new bi-annual rate. The residents seem to be pleased with change of the Permit going from 1 year to 2 years.

Meetings Beth attended:
5.13.25: Senior Scam Seminar presented by Doug Rader with the Stone County Sheriff's Office.



June Board of Trustee's Meeting Topics:

Monday:

- May Budget Reforecast
- Update of Corps of Engineers Projects
- Appointment of Susan Halfacre to trustee position on Planning and zoning Commission
- Appointment of Karen Hopkins for the position on the Board of Trustees
- Discussion of Map link and Zoning discrepancies and discussions surrounding those who have Business Licenses who are not zoned commercial.
- Discussion of Road Projects
- Village Manager hiring roles

Wednesday:

- Appointment of Susan Halfacre to trustee position on Planning and zoning Commission
- Appointment and swearing in of Karen Hopkins for the position on the Board of Trustees
- Police Car Financials discussion
- August 4th planning meeting agenda
- Planning and Zoning discussion
- Higginbotham Insurance proposal
- Property Tax on November Ballot
- Town Hall Meetings to discuss Village Revenues and other Commercial Ventures
- Nuisance and Abatement Process

The Village of Indian Point has an open seat on the Board of Trustees!

This is your chance to be a part of your community and help make an impact! Are you or someone you know a good fit? Let us know!

This position is a 2-year term!

No person shall be a Trustee who has not attained the age of twenty-one (21) years; who is not a citizen of the United States; who is not an inhabitant of the Village at the time of his/her election and has not resided therein for one (1) whole year next preceding the time of his/her election.

Please review the ordinance for additional information at:

<https://indianpoint-mo.gov/about/>

Starting at Section 110.010

If you are interested or have questions:

Email the Village Clerk @

villageclerk@indianpoint-mo.gov

Email the Board of Trustee Chairman @

village.dpetersen@gmail.com

Or call the office @ 417.338.5599

Financials:

- May Sales Tax Revenues were below budget by \$11.6K for the month and expenses were under budget by \$1K.

The shortfall in May Revenues can be mostly attributed to delayed revenue collections/deposits from MODOR LY not reflected this year.

- May expenses are mostly attributed to timing expenses related to the current spring road project \$291K reflecting in payments May-June.
- May Sewer Revenues were below budget by \$3.5K for the month and trending YTD below budget by \$13K.

Sewer Revenues continue to trend due to delinquent accounts as well as less than anticipated usage compared to last year. The Sewer fund is completely self-sufficient currently and we will continue to monitor as we head into the season.

- May Sewer Expenses were below budget by \$720.66 and YTD expenses are trending under budget by \$8.9K.
- May Sewer Expenses are mainly due to close monitoring of expenses and with the usage of sewer down, less use of utilities and chemicals.
- June Reforecast was completed and approved with a projected surplus for both the Village and Sewer.
- The MODOR Trend Analysis was completed for the first half of the year in comparison to 2024 and 2023 deposits. A chart to reflect the deposit/collection inconsistency was presented to the Board of Trustee's for better insight and understanding as to why we continue to see a drastic increase and decreases in revenue streams for the beginning of the year deposits.

2025 Fireburst Fireworks over Table Rock Lake

Wednesday July 2nd, 2025

Starting at dark around 9pm

Kimberling City Bridge

Parking located at the Harter House and
Kimberling City Shopping Center

Lakeside Resort Fireworks Show
2025

Immediately following the Table Rock
Fireburst Show! Lakeside Resort is
located across the lake and to the
south of Port of Kimberling!

Double Feature!!

*Galena Fireworks at the Y Bridge!
Friday July 4th, 2025, 5pm-10pm
Fish Fry, Burgers, Live DJ, Raffle Prizes,
Fireworks, and so much more!*

*4th of July and Thunder Fireworks in Shell
Knob!*

*Friday July 4th, 2025, at the Shell Knob
Bridge starting at 9:30pm*

Table Rock American Legion Hosts Car Show!

Sunday July 6, 2025

2pm-6pm

2 Woodland Avenue Kimberling City MO

Entry Fee: \$25

1st & 2nd Place – Best in Show

50/50 Drawing

Food & Drink Booth

For More info:

(417) 224-5022

tablerockamericanlegion@yahoo.com

June: The month where office coffee turns into iced lattes!

The Village Manager:

Planning and Zoning: Planning and Zoning held two public hearings on June 4th, 2025. No business was conducted due to the quorum not being met.

Misc:
The June Reforecast was reviewed and recommended to be submitted to the Board of Trustees. The Reforecast was approved at the Board of Trustee’s meeting on June 17, 2025.

- Meetings that Frank attended:**
- Table Rock Chamber Luncheon at Ledgestone
 - Elevate Branson Ribbon Cutting



Indian Point Police Department:



The IPPD currently has five part-time Officers in addition to you Chief. We are actively looking for and interviewing additional potential IPPD Officers. If interested, please stop by the office and fill out an application or reach out to Chief Lucas at 417.386.4203. Email: policechief@indianpoint-mo.gov

The IPPD responded to fifty-three calls of service for the month of May. 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 does vacation checks on residences upon request.

Indian Point Police Department Outreach and Community Involvement.

- 5.1.25: Chief Lucas gave the prayer for State and Local leaders at the National Day of Prayer Event in Branson.
- 5.4.25-5.7.25: Chief Lucas attended the annual Missouri Police Chiefs’ Conference at Lake of the Ozarks.
- 5.8.25: IPPD hosted Sheriff Doug Rader and other Law Enforcement Officials for the Senior Crimes and Consumer Fraud prevention.
- 5.14.25: Outlaws monthly meeting in Branson West.
- 5.15.25: Meeting with Brian Phillips of MODOT to discuss the 2025 Public Safety Grant.
- 5.22.25: Chief Lucas met with Stone County Officials regarding a new required reporting process for arrests through the Sheriff’s Office.
- 5.22.25: Governor’s Blue Shield packet compiled and submitted by Chief Lucas.
- 5.27.25: Panel Interview of prospective, experienced Police Officers seeking employment at the Indian Point Police Department
- 5.28.25: Chief Lucas received notification from the State of Missouri that the Governor’s office and DPS has awarded the Indian Point Police Department with the Blue Shield designation.
- 5.29.25: Chief Lucas attended the Table Rock Chamber Luncheon with Shannon McQuality and Frank Shoneboom.
- 6.3.25: Chief Lucas attended a 5-hour leadership training session with Chief Todd Lemoine hosted by the Harrison Police Dept. (A Deputy’s Life of Redemption)

The Village of Indian Point Officially Receives Missouri Blue Shield Designation

Branson – Today, The Village of Indian Point officially received Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This prestigious honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement.

The Missouri Blue Shield Program, created by Governor Kehoe in January 2025 through Executive Order 25-03, recognizes local governments that make significant efforts to reduce crime, foster law enforcement collaboration, and build strong community partnerships for public safety. “Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community and state. It affects everything from families feeling secure to businesses having the confidence to invest and grow,” said Governor Kehoe. “We designed the Missouri Blue Shield Program to recognize communities that go above and beyond in creating a place where people want to live, work, and build their futures. A Missouri Blue Shield designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of local governments across Missouri who are leading the way in making public safety a priority.”

“The Department of Public Safety is proud to work alongside communities like The Village of Indian Point, that have shown exceptional dedication to enhancing public safety,” said Mark James, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). “This program is about fostering collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Our goal is to support these efforts, providing resources and guidance to help communities build sustainable, long-term solutions for crime reduction and public safety.”

“Receiving this designation is a testament to the work and commitment from our police department, city officials and community partners. To be chosen, along with other outstanding departments, to receive this honor, is truly a milestone for the Village of Indian Point. We are also thankful for the opportunity this provides to receive grant funds for furthering the development of our Police department.” Denise Petersen, Board of Trustees Chairperson.

"It is an incredible honor to receive the Blue Shield designation on behalf of our Police Department. This recognition is a reflection of our team’s unwavering dedication to excellence in service, safety, and community trust. My continued goal is to lead The Indian Point Police Department toward becoming the one of the safest cities in the State of Missouri. This milestone affirms we are on the right path." Mike Lucas, Chief of Police

Eligibility and Program Details

Communities are eligible for a Missouri Blue Shield designation based on their dedication to reducing crime, making substantial investments in public safety, and developing strong collaboration with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Each participating community’s commitment will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with the program’s goals.

Participation Incentives

Communities that earn a Missouri Blue Shield designation will receive grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment as part of Governor Kehoe’s Recommended Budget for the State Fiscal Year 2026. Communities will also be featured on Governor Kehoe’s social media pages as well as the DPS website to highlight their participation in the program.

About The Village of Indian Point

The Village of Indian Point earned a Missouri Blue Shield designation due to its exceptional commitment to public safety. Through specific initiatives from application, such as officer recruitment efforts, major law enforcement funding, partnerships with community stakeholders, etc., the community has demonstrated a strong and ongoing commitment to protecting its residents. This designation affirms The Village of Indian Point’s effort to create a safer, more secure environment for all who live and work here.



Public Works:

Road Projects for 2024 have been completed on the following roads:

- Dogwood Park Trail
- Caps Cove
- Indian Point Road
- Spruce Lane
- Mimosa

Road Projects for 2025 are in the planning phase and are projected to begin this fall.

The PW Department works hard to maintain the roads by repairing and patching potholes throughout the Village.

Culvert and Ditch work projects continue throughout the Village. PW continues to repair or replace road signs as needed.

Please be patient as you see the PW working hard trimming trees along the roadways!

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

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.

Sewer Inspections were completed this month. Updates and maintenance at the WWTP continue with new pipes and pumps.

The Village of Indian Point's 2nd Annual Christmas Parade!

Save the Date!



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be taking pictures for 1 hour following the parade.

Date: December 13th, 2025
Time: 4:15 pm
Where: Indian Point Missouri
Registration forms will be available July 1st, 2025
For more information: Contact Shannon @ 417.338.5544 or office@indianpoint-mo.gov



Volunteers Needed to assist with the planning and execution of this year's Parade!
The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th, 2025, at 10:00 am!

The best memories are made in flip flops with a side of sunshine!

- FREE Summer MOVIES at the ELITE CINEMA III:** 3562 Shepherd of the Hills Expressway Branson MO – 10 am Showtimes! Also, all you can eat pancakes from McFarlain's Family Restaurant starting at 9am! (kids 10 and under \$3.99 and everyone else \$6.99)
Dates and Movies: June 25 – Despicable Me 4, July 2 – The Land Before Time, July 9 – The Bad Guys, July 16 – The Wild Robot! For Tickets and info: bransonimax.com
- Sup Yoga & Green Juice: Indian Point Campground** – July 5, 2025, at 9am
SUP Yoga is a peaceful yet playful way to take your yoga practice outdoors onto the water and atop a floating mat.
\$5 Beach Pass Fee
\$55 - includes class, equipment, and fresh green juice
\$35 – BYOB (Bring Your Own Board), includes class + fresh green juice for more info: copy and paste the link - https://calendly.com/danielle-glidinglight/paddle-board-yoga-juice?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZWQCMTAAYnJpZBExYnRLYDR1TOhKUNZGMnJYdQEe-tuYXQiQinjuu13wIPzFjF3m7JzIQbT-maknYy-49QyD+NIKujdNJZDDm6c_aem_yGBc_GHbpd-KQvHbjFDVbQ
- PLUSH at Rock Island Grill and Tiki Bar** – June 28, 2025 – Indian Point MO
For more information: <https://facebook.com/TheRealRockIsland>
- Luke Acker at The Lake House** – June 27, 2025 – Indian Point Mo
For more information: [The Lake House](http://TheLakeHouse.com)
- College of the Ozarks Presents Honor America** – June 28th from 6pm-10pm – 100 Opportunity Ave Point Lookout Mo 65726
For more information: <http://www.cofo.edu>
- Stone County Event Center 4th Annual Ranch Rodeo & Bull ride** - July 4 – July 6 – 171 Ammabelle Lane Galena Mo
For times and information: <http://stonecountyeventcenter.com>
- Learning Wednesday at the Kimberling City Library** – The History of Float Trips on Ozarks Rivers – July 9th from 10:15-12:00pm
Free admission! A master fisherman, Tom Koob has written four books on the Table Rock Lake area held in the Kimberling Area Library collection. Join Tom and Curtis Copeland who will cover the history of float trips in the Ozarks, including how the sport began, guides and outfitters, gear used, and the present state of floating in our rich nature environment. For more info: <http://www.kalib.org>



BINGO NEAR YOU:
• Branson Sports Club: Every Friday! Doors open at 3:30pm Bingo starts at 5:55pm

• Branson – Hollister Lions Club: Every Monday! Doors open at 3:30pm Bingo starts at 6:00pm

• Bingo Emporium Springfield: Mon-Sat: Doors open at 4:30pm Bingo Starts at 6:30pm – Sun: Doors open at 3pm Bingo starts at 5pm

YOGA NEAR YOU:
• Kom Hot Yoga: Branson Mo
• Bearfoot Studios: Hollister Mo
• Vessels of Clay Yoga & SUP Fitness
• Ozarks Sup Yoga
• Family YMCA: Hollister
• S.B.S Fitness: Branson West

Highlight your Business and Help make Indian Point the Destination Place to go!



In 2023, Explore Branson welcomed a record 10.29 million visitors, topping the previous year's total by over 100,000 visits. In 2019, Branson saw 9.1 million visitors, marking the most since the measurement began in 1993. Annual visitation has generally increased, with the most recent record being in 2023.

To sign your business up for the Branson/Lakes Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), you can create a listing on ExploreBranson.com through the Industry Portal. This is a free service for qualifying tourism-related businesses in the area.

- **Visit the Industry Portal:** Go to <https://www.explorebranson.com/industry-portal>.
- **Register for an Account:** If you don't already have one, click "Register for an Account" and fill out the form, using the email address associated with your Industry Portal account.
- **Request Account:** You'll need to request an account for access to private posts.
- **Create a Listing:** Once your account is approved, you can log in and create a new business, event, or show listing using the links on the right-hand side of the dashboard.
- **Review and Approval:** Allow 48 hours for account approval and 72 hours for listing review, approval, and publishing.

- **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

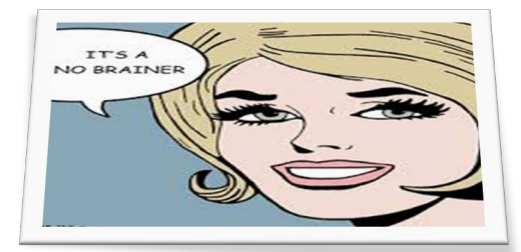
- **Do you have an event coming up?** Get it highlighted! Explore Branson uses multiple social media links for advertising as well as other sources. Email abeede@bransoncvb.com

- **Explore Branson:** All businesses are welcome to participate and update their listings, offerings, events, and specials. Email: airyan@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.

- **Plans for the 2026 250th anniversary of America:** what are you doing to turn your Village Red, White, and Blue? Boat Parades, Fireworks, BBQs, Patriotic Events, Specials, Promotions, ETC. hhermen@bransoncvb.com



To sign your business up for the Branson CVB's [ExploreBranson.com](https://www.explorebranson.com) listings and other benefits, you'll need to first request an account through the Branson Industry Portal. This allows you to access private posts and manage your business listings. Once approved, you can access and manage your business listing in the Data Engine.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. **1. Request an Account:**

Go to the Account Registration form on the Branson Industry Portal and complete the required fields. Use an active email address, and if you also have a Data Engine login, use the same email.

2. **2. Choose Notifications:**

Select your preferred email notification settings for specific content (like sales leads or marketing info).

3. **3. Submit:**

Click "Request an Account" and wait for approval (usually within 24-48 hours).

4. **4. Access Your Account:**

Upon approval, you'll receive an email with a one-time link to set up your password, granting you access to the Industry Portal and your Data Engine listings.

5. **5. Create and Manage Your Listing:**

Use the Data Engine to create and manage your business, event, or live show listing, which will then be published for free on ExploreBranson.com.

NOTICE:

July Planning & Zoning Meeting has been moved from July 2nd, 2025, to July 9th, 2025!

PRESS RELEASE



The Stone County Ambulance District Board of Directors wishes to announce that Mercy EMS has been selected to be the County-wide provider of ambulance services. Contract negotiations are ongoing with implementation tentatively scheduled for October of this year. A Public Hearing to answer any questions they may have is scheduled for Monday, July 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Stone County Annex located at 106 East 5th Street in Galena, MO.

We are almost ready with our new website but until then please follow us on Facebook - Stone County Ambulance District.

Indian Point Peninsula

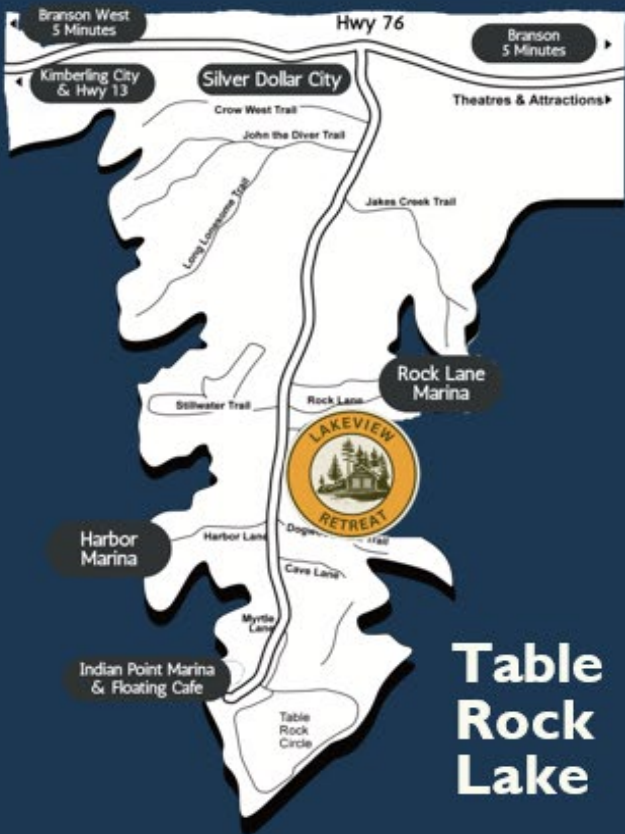


Table Rock Lake

Premium Patio Tiny Homes

LIMITED QUANTITY

PRE-SELLING NOW



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Lakeview Campground
2820 Indian Point Rd
Branson MO 65616

417-297-0535

Lakeview Campground

Now selling Patio Tiny Homes
at this sought-after Table Rock
Lake vacation retreat.

For Personal and
Short-Term Rentals

We only have 24 available for sale! We will rent the site and that will cover the expenses to maintain the campground, amenities upkeep, water, sewer, and Wi-Fi. The park model owner will be billed for the electric. We will also do a revenue share for short term rental so the cabin owner can use it for personal use and for short term rentals.



July 2nd, 2025!

Have you ever seen a UFO? Here are the stories of a few that claim they have! *Reader's Digest*

Bass Strait Australia 1978:

Australian pilot Frederick Valentich was flying over the Bass Strait, south of Melbourne, Australia, on Oct. 21, 1978, when he encountered something, he couldn't identify, according to an Australian news source. Valentich was 20 years old and had been flying for two years when he got on his radio to notify air traffic control that there was a strange vessel in his path. The pilot had never seen anything like the metallic green, circling vessel, which appeared to be taunting him. "It is hovering, and it is not an aircraft," were the last words Valentich said before he and his plane disappeared forever.

Rural New Hampshire, 1961:

This is one of the most famous UFO sightings and alien abduction cases in history. Betty and Barney Hill were driving on a rural New Hampshire road one night when a bright light seemed to start following them. When they eventually got home, it was 5 a.m., their clothes were dirty and ripped, their watches had stopped working—and they couldn't remember a thing. During sessions with psychiatrist Benjamin Simon, they recalled being probed and violated by aliens during an abduction. The case was investigated by Project Blue Book, the U.S. Air Force's UFO study group during the 1950s and 1960s, and the couple's story has inspired several movies and documentaries.



Roswell:

When cowboy W.W. "Mack" Brazel and foreman of the Foster Ranch near Corona, 75 miles (120 km) north of Roswell, rode out to check on his sheep the morning after a particularly violent thunderstorm in early July 1947, he and his young neighbor Dee Proctor found a wide swath of strange debris spread across the prairie. Brazel collected several pieces of wood, metal, and foil that he later showed the parents of his young friend. They urged him to report his find to the authorities. On Sunday July 6, Brazel drove into Roswell bringing his story and some of the debris to Sheriff George Wilcox in his office next to the jail at the back of the Chaves County Courthouse. The sheriff was not particularly interested, but did telephone the Roswell Army Airfield in case this indicated a crashed airplane. The recovered debris was gathered by the military from the Roswell Army Airfield under the direction of base intelligence officer Major Jesse Marcel. On July 8, 1947, public information officer Lt. Walter Haut issued a press release under orders from base commander Col. William Blanchard, which said basically that we have in our possession a flying saucer. The next day another press release was issued, this time from Gen. Roger Ramey, stating it was a weather balloon. That was the start of the best known and well-documented UFO coverup. Once it became public, the event known as The Roswell Incident – the crash of an alleged flying saucer, the recovery of debris and bodies and the ensuing cover up by the military – was of such magnitude and so shrouded in mystery that, over 70 years later, there are still more questions than answers. Books have been written, and TV documentaries have been filmed. Witnesses have come forward. Skeptics have issued rebuttals to the Incident, and the debate continues. The alleged crash site is located on private land and is not accessible to the public. *Roswell Visitor Center*

Kensington, Prince Edward Island, Canada, 2014:

If you're looking for alien sightings with evidence, this UFO encounter made the Mutual UFO Network of Canada (MUFON) Top 10 sightings list in 2014. Here's what happened: John Sheppard was camping with his wife at the Twin Shores campground near Kensington, on Prince Edward Island. Around 11:30 on June 4, 2014, as he was extinguishing a bonfire, Sheppard noticed a diamond-shaped light dancing in the sky over the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This went on for several minutes. Sheppard captured eight minutes of the unexplained aerial phenomena on his cellphone and sent the footage to MUFON, a nonprofit organization that studies UFOs. MUFON analyzed the footage and categorized the encounter as an unexplained aerial vehicle (UAV). The nonprofit used an open-source computer program called Stellarium to determine if the light was caused by natural phenomena, but investigators could find no natural explanations for the flashing light.

Ruwa, Zimbabwe, 1994:

On a Friday morning in September 1994, several UFOs allegedly hovered near Ariel school in Ruwa, Zimbabwe, reports Vanity Fair. The teachers were in a staff meeting while the kids—aged 6 to 13—were playing outside. One girl heard a strange flute-like sound, while other kids heard sounds resembling buzzing bees or crackles from electricity. The kids saw a silver object zip through the sky before landing in some nearby trees. Since the object was shining, the kids initially mistook it for a house with glass windows that were reflecting sunshine. The children who observed these UFOs were terrified when they were asked to explain what had happened. They described two small beings—approximately 4 feet tall—with big heads, no noses (just two holes), no mouths and long black hair. The beings had narrow and pale faces resembling plastic. The children said they were dressed in dark suits and communicated telepathically. "I think it's about something that's going to happen," said one little girl. "What I thought was maybe the world's going to end. They were telling us the world's going to end. I don't even know. It just popped up in my head. He never said anything. He talked just with his eyes."

Maury Island, Washington, 1947:

In 1947, Harold Dahl was out on his boat on Puget Sound with his son and his dog. History.com recounts that Dahl saw six strange aircraft overhead, one of which fell an estimated 1,500 feet out of the sky and into the water. Before crashing, the craft ejected hot debris resembling lava. The metal debris burned his son's arm and killed his dog. Dahl told his supervisor at work, Fred Crisman, what had happened, and Crisman came and verified it for himself. Soon afterward, a man in a black suit supposedly came to Dahl and warned him not to speak of the incident again—it is said that this UFO sighting inspired the action movie Men in Black.

FACTS:

- The Pentagon receives hundreds of reports of UFO sightings each year. Some of these sightings have been reported extensively by the media.
- California is the state with the greatest number of UFO sightings, reporting more than 16,000 since the mid-1970s.
- The Roswell Ranch incident is the most famous UFO sighting.
- The majority of UFO sightings have been linked to natural occurrences that can be easily explained, such as meteors, aircraft, clouds, or stars.

June History...Did you know

1. **6.6.1933:** The First drive in theater opened in Camden, New Jersey! It was called the Camden Drive-In, although the official name was the Automobile Movie Theater. This groundbreaking venture was the brainchild of Richard Hollingshead.
2. 6.8.1984: Ghostbusters was released on June 8, 1984, to critical acclaim and became a cultural phenomenon. It was praised for its blend of comedy, action, and horror, and Murray's performance was often singled out for praise.
3. **6.10.1752:** Benjamin Frankin Flew a kite during a thunderstorm to demonstrate that lightning is a form of electricity. The experiment involved flying a kite with a metal key attached to the string, and observing weather an electrical charge could be collected, which Franklin confirmed by drawing a spark from the key.
4. **6.11.1982:** The movie E.T was previewed in Houston Texas and premiered at the 1982 Canned Film Festiva’s closing Gala on May 26,1982. E.T. was officially released in the United Stated on June 11, 1982.
5. **6.12.1880:** On June 12, 1880, John Lee Richmond of the Worcester Ruby Legs pitched the first perfect game in Major League Baseball history. The Worcester Evening Gazette called the twenty-seven up / twenty-seven down moment, "the best game on record" and Baseball Almanac is pleased to present a comprehensive box score.
6. **6.13.1884:** The first roller coaster in America, known as the Switchback Railway, opened at Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York, on June 16, 1884. Designed by LaMarcus Thompson, the ride cost a nickel and reached a top speed of 6 miles per hour. It was a "gravity pleasure" ride, meaning it relied on the force of gravity to propel the cars.
7. **6.18.1983:** Sally Ride was indeed the first American woman to travel into space, not the first woman in space overall. Valentina Tereshkova of the Soviet Union was the first woman in space, having flown in 1963. Sally Ride's historic spaceflight took place on June 18, 1983, aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger as part of the STS-7 mission.
8. **6.20.1782:** On June 20, 1782, the Continental Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States. This adoption marked the culmination of a six-year process involving multiple committees and design proposals. The Great Seal serves as the official emblem of the United States, symbolizing its sovereignty and used to authenticate official documents. The process of creating the Great Seal began on July 4, 1776, the same day as the Declaration of Independence. Three committees were formed to develop a design, but their proposals were not initially accepted. Finally, in June 1782, Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, presented a design that was approved by Congress. This design, which included the now-iconic bald eagle clutching an olive branch and arrows, was the first official seal of the United States. The reverse side of the seal features a pyramid with an eye above it and the motto "Annuit Coeptis".
9. **6.20.1975:** "Jaws" was released on June 20, 1975, and ushered in the summer blockbuster era, earning an inflation-adjusted \$1.56 billion. "Jaws" instilled a fear of the unknown as it villainized sharks and altered the public perception. Some moviegoers became terrified to jump into the ocean.
10. **6.21.1893:** The first Ferris wheel was introduced in 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was designed by George Washington Gale Ferris Jr., an American engineer, and stood 264 feet (80.4 meters) tall. The wheel was intended to be a centerpiece for the fair and a rival to the Eiffel Tower, which had debuted at the Paris Exposition in 1889. The Ferris Wheel first opened to the public as the centerpiece of the World's Columbian Exposition at Midway Plaisance in Chicago on June 21, 1893, and continued to operate there until after the exposition ended in October 1893. Almost 1.5 million paid to ride on the wheel, generating a profit of \$395,000.
11. **6.22.1847:** Hanson Gregory, a 16-year-old, is credited with creating the ring-shaped donut, or donut with a hole, in 1847. He did this because he was dissatisfied with the doughy, uncooked center of the traditional "sinkers" style donuts, which were often greasy and difficult to cook evenly. By creating a hole in the center, he allowed the donut to cook more thoroughly and evenly, eliminating the raw doughy center.
12. **6.24.1784:** On June 24, 1784, 13-year-old Edward Warren became the first American to fly in a hot air balloon, ascending in Peter Carnes' balloon in Baltimore. Carnes, an innkeeper and lawyer, had built the balloon and initially intended to be the first to fly it, but he was too heavy. A crowd of onlookers witnessed the event, and Warren was rewarded with a cash prize for his historic flight.
13. **6.24.1922:** The American Professional Football Association (APFA) was renamed the National Football League (NFL) on June 24, 1922. This name change occurred at a league meeting in June.
14. **6.24.25:** In 1938, a large meteor, estimated to weigh 450 tons, exploded in the atmosphere above Chicora, Pennsylvania, on June 24th. The explosion occurred approximately 12 miles above the Earth's surface. While the main mass of the meteor was never found, only a few small fragments were recovered, one of which reportedly struck and injured a cow. The event was significant enough that some researchers likened the destructive power of the explosion to the Halifax Explosion of 1917.
15. **6.25.1630:** John Winthrop, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, is credited with introducing the fork to America. He arrived in 1630 with a fork, likely one of the first, if not the first, in the colonies. While forks were gaining popularity in Europe at the time, they were still quite novel in the American colonies.
16. **6.26.1498:** On June 26, 1498, the Chinese Emperor Hongzhi is credited with inventing the first bristle toothbrush. This toothbrush featured hog bristles (from the back of the neck) attached to a bone or bamboo handle.
17. **6.27.1859:** Happy Birthday to Mildred J. Hill! - The "Happy Birthday to You" song, known worldwide, was created by two sisters, Mildred J. Hill and Patty Smith Hill. Mildred composed the melody, while Patty wrote the original lyrics for the song "Good Morning to All," which later evolved into the birthday song.
18. **6.27.2003:** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) created the National Do Not Call Registry in 2003. This registry allows consumers to add their phone numbers to a list, which telemarketers are legally required to avoid calling. The registry aims to reduce the number of unwanted telemarketing calls consumers receive. Registration for the Do-Not-Call list began on June 27, 2003, and enforcement started on October 1, 2003. How is that working out for everyone?
19. **6.28.1820:** Robert Gibbon Johnson announced he was going to consume a tomato on the courthouse steps of Salem, NJ on the morning of June 28, 1820. An avid horticulturist, Col. Johnson wanted to prove that contrary to the belief of most people at the time, tomatoes were not poisonous.
20. **6.30.1859:** On June 30, 1859, Jean François Gravelet, known as Charles Blondin, became the first person to tightrope walk across Niagara Falls. He crossed the Niagara Gorge on a 335-meter-long rope, 160 feet above the water, attracting a crowd of about 25,000 spectators. Blondin's feat was a major spectacle, and he later performed numerous other daring crossings, including one where he carried his manager on his back.

June Birthstones: Pearl, Moonstone, and Alexandrite

June Flowers: Rose and Honeysuckle.





Village Hall Monthly Meetings

Trustees Workshop: 3rd Monday of each Month at 5pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each Month at 6pm
Planning & Zoning: 1st Wednesday of each Month

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June 25
Battle of Little Bighorn - 1876

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Battle of Gettysburg - July 1-3, 1863

A bit of flavor for the taste buds.



National Spare Ribs Day – July 4th 2025

Kansas City Style Ribs *by keviniscooking*

Ingredients:

- 2 racks baby back pork ribs or spareribs
- Oak or hickory wood chips (soaked if smoking)
- ½ tsp Liquid Smoke
- Kansas City Style BBQ Sauce
- Kansas City Style Dry Rub

For the Grill:

- If you like it low and slow, set up the grill and preheat to 225°F. Add smoker chips per manufacturer’s instructions if using.
- Place the ribs, bone side down, in the center of the grate, cover the grill and cook the ribs about 4 to 5 hours for baby backs or 5 to 6 hours for spareribs.
- In the last hour of grilling/smoking, baste the top of each rack with the reserved marinade or BBQ sauce every 15 minutes and close the lid. At this point they should be tender enough to pull apart with your fingers.
- Remove from the grill and let the ribs rest for a few minutes, then cut the ribs.
- If you don’t have the time: Set up the grill and preheat to medium (325° to 350°F).
- Place the ribs, bone side down, in the center of the grate, cover the grill and cook the ribs for 2 1/2 to 3 hours for spareribs or 1 1/2 to 2 hours for baby back ribs.
- In the last hour of grilling/smoking, baste the top of each rack with the reserved marinade or BBQ sauce every 15 minutes and close the lid. At this point they should be tender enough to pull apart with your fingers. You want the ribs to have an internal temperature of 195°F. Allow to rest 5-10 minutes prior to cutting.
- Remove from the grill and let the ribs rest for a few minutes, then cut the ribs.

Kansas City Style Dry Rub: *by keviniscooking*

Ingredients:

- ½ Cup Brown Sugar
- ¼ Cup Paprika
- 1tbsp Black Pepper
- 1 Tbsp Salt
- 1 Tbsp Garlic Powder
- 1 Tbsp Onion Powder
- 1 Tbsp Chili Seasoning
- 1 Tbsp Cayenne Pepper

Directions:

Whisk together the ingredients and store in an airtight container. Makes a little more than 1 cup.

Kansas City Style BBQ Sauce: *by keviniscooking*

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 small onion diced
- 3 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups ketchup
- 1/3 cup dark molasses
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp yellow mustard
- 2 tbsp chili seasoning
- 2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

Directions:

- In a medium saucepan over medium heat melt butter. Add onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for another minute.
- Add ketchup, molasses, brown sugar, vinegar, mustard, chili powder, black and cayenne peppers and whisk to combine.
- Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer until thickened, about 30 minutes, stirring frequently.
- Use a hand blender or carefully pour into a blender and purée until smooth. Let cool to room temperature. Use immediately or transfer to a clean jar with lid and keep refrigerated for up to a month.



National Fried Chicken Day – July 6th

Southern Fried Chicken *by staysnatched*

Ingredients:

- 2-3 pounds pieces of chicken
- 3 eggs Beaten
- 1-2 teaspoons hot sauce Optional for spicy.
- 1 tablespoon Creole Seasoning Divided into 2 portions of ½ tablespoon each.
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika Divided into 2 portions of 1 teaspoon each.
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder Divided into 2 portions of 1 teaspoon each.
- ½-1 teaspoon cayenne pepper Optional for spicy.
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- cooking oil 1-2 inches in the bottom of the pan.

Instructions:

- Season the chicken. In a large bowl, season the chicken pieces with ½ tablespoon Creole seasoning, 1 teaspoon smoked paprika, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, cayenne pepper, salt, and pepper. Toss well to coat.
- Pour in the beaten eggs and hot sauce. Stir well to fully coat the chicken.
- Season the flour. In a plastic or paper bag, combine the flour with the remaining ½ tablespoon Creole seasoning, 1 teaspoon paprika, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, salt, and pepper. This is where your crispy coating gets all its flavor. I use either a ziplock bag or a large paper bag. The flour should change color. If it's still white, in needs more seasoning and spices.
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- Use a heavy bottomed pot or pan frying at medium heat on the stove. Heat 1–2 inches of oil to 350 degrees. Use a thermometer to keep the temperature steady—it’s key for crispy, non-greasy chicken.
- Carefully add a few pieces at a time to avoid overcrowding. Fry large, bone-in pieces first and for about 12–15 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden brown and the internal temperature on the chicken reaches 165 degrees. Between batches, check the temperature of your oil and ensure it's at 350 degrees before frying the next batch. Small bone-in pieces like wings and drumettes will fry in 7-10 minutes.
- Transfer the fried chicken to a wire rack set over a baking sheet. Let it rest for a few minutes to cool and crisp up. Avoid paper towels—they trap steam and soften the crust.

Air Fryer:

- Spray the air fryer basket with cooking oil.
- Spray or brush both sides of the breaded chicken with a light coating of oil (like avocado or olive oil). This is key to getting that golden, crispy crust in the air fryer.
- Place the chicken in the air fryer basket in one layer with space between each piece. Don’t overcrowd—it needs air to circulate and crisp up.
- Air fry at 400 degrees: Bone-in pieces: 22–26 minutes and Boneless pieces or wings: 12–16 minutes.
- Flip halfway through cooking and spray again lightly with oil to ensure even browning.