

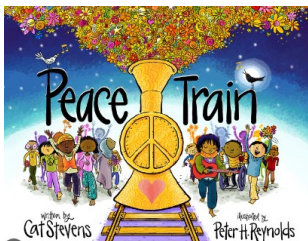
## Gandhi, MLK, Mother Teresa and Mandela

We are living in times of turmoil and change. I admire the people throughout history that have stood for a cause and sacrificed much for world peace. I've watched the 1982 movie about Gandhis life probably 10 times. It is a long movie, 3 hours and 11 minutes. What intrigues me most about Gandhi was his resiliency using peaceful, non cooperation to move an entire nation to freedom and democracy. Nelson Mandella was a controversial figure most of his life, but was an icon for democracy and social justice. He served 27 years in prison for standing up for what he believed was right, he led South Africa to end apartheid. Mother Teresa was dedicated to serving the "poorest of the poor". She founded the Missionaries of Charities with 4,500 nuns managing homes for those afflicted by Aids, Leprosy, tuberculosis, and several soup kitchens.

There has been so much negativity in the world over the past 10 years people have become non trusting, angry, and fed up with politicians. We need more peace makers and human interaction with a positive spin.

In 1971 Cat Stevens had a great song called "Peace Train". This song conveyed a universal message of peace, hope, and love between all people of all cultures. Social media, artificial intelligence, and lack of face to face relationships, in my opinion, has made folks turn more inward and insulate themselves from the world. We have come out of some scary times in the U.S. over the past 100 years and emerged as the leader of the free world. Perhaps that's just around the bend for us. John Lennon summed it up , "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one." From the song *Imagine*. I know a lot of you get tired of me saying, the best is yet to come. I believe that is a true statement.

*Bob*



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Apr 1 - April Fools Day
- Apr 20 - Easter
- Apr 22 - Earth Day





## The role of coffee to many folks



## April in the 'Ville...

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**FRIDAY FISH FRIES**  
 Served every Friday during Lent:  
 March 7 through April 11  
 4:30pm - 7:00pm

<b>Shrimp Dinner (8 pieces)</b>	<b>\$14</b>
Seniors (60+) & Children (ages 7-12)	\$12
<b>Combo Dinner (half fish/half shrimp)</b>	<b>\$14</b>
Seniors (60+) & Children (ages 7-12)	\$12
<b>Fish Dinner (Cod, baked or fried)</b>	<b>\$14</b>
Seniors (60+) & Children (ages 7-12)	\$12
<b>Any Refill (includes cornbread)</b>	<b>\$9</b>
<b>Toasted Tuna Fish Sandwich</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Children 6 and under (Dine in only)</b>	<b>Free</b>

Dinners include choice of potato, corn, coleslaw, cornbread, and drink.  
 Desserts - \$2  
 Carry out orders call 816-532-4344

Knights of Columbus  
 Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
 Smithville, MO.

### Fish Fries

at Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
 Fridays through April 11.

JOIN US FOR AN  
**Easter Egg Hunt**

APRIL 13, 2025  
 1 PM - 3 PM  
 210 E MEADOW ST  
 SMITHVILLE, MO 64089

### Parks & Recreation

#### Adult Egg Hunt (21+) by Smithville

**Who:** 21+  
**When:** April 11 | 5:30-7:30PM  
**Where:** Heritage Park  
**Fee:** \$20 per person - one drink ticket included

Calling all vendors for a Spring Craft Fair benefitting

Saturday, April 12  
 10am - 3pm  
 American Legion Post 38  
 Smithville, MO  
 Setup at 9

Sign up using the link below.

\$50 for one booth  
 \$10 for each 10' table  
 \$50 for two booths  
 \$5 each chair

### Spring Craft Fair

Sunday April 12

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

# SLOW COOKER BBQ CHICKEN

## Ingredients

1 1/2 cups BBQ sauce

2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar, plus more to taste

2 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar

1 tsp. paprika

1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste

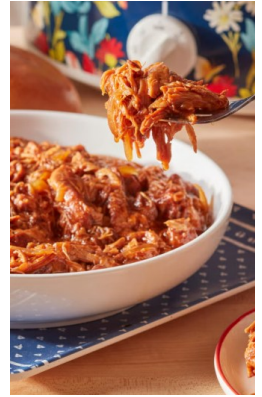
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

1/4 tsp. ground cayenne pepper

4 garlic cloves, crushed

1/2 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced

3 lb. boneless, skinless thighs or breasts



## Directions

- 1 | In a 6- to 8-quart slow cooker, whisk together the BBQ sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, paprika, salt, black pepper, cayenne pepper, garlic, and onion until well combined. Add the chicken, stirring to ensure it is fully coated with the sauce.
- 2 | Cover and cook until the chicken is tender and shreds easily, on low for 4 to 6 hours or on high for 2 to 3 hours.
- 3 | Remove the chicken to a large cutting board. Remove the garlic cloves, if you like. Using 2 forks, break up the chicken into chunks (or shred it more finely, if you like). Return the chicken to the sauce and stir very well.
- 4 | Cover and cook on low for 30 minutes more. Taste and add more salt or vinegar, if you like.

## PEST CONTROL FOR APRIL

The Housing Authority has a pest control company come in every month to our facility and usually covers 1/3 of our apartments and inspects other areas reported by our staff.

Due to changing weather patterns and environmental issues pest issues are ever changing. Please do not leave garbage or trash outside on your porches and please make certain to keep food in your homes (both human and animal) sealed and get rid of spoiled and outdated items.

The exterminators primary job is to inspect the apartments to see if any treatment is needed. If you do not want them to spray please notify the pest control specialist. If there are roaches or other infestations due to housekeeping issues that will be reported to our office. Please contact us with any questions.

### **Pest control on April REDACTED.**

You do not need to be home for the exterminator. They will always be accompanied by one of our staff members. **Please secure your animal.**



# The Economist and the talking Frog

A boy was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, “If you kiss me, I’ll turn into a beautiful princess.” He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, “If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week.” The boy took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to his pocket.

The frog then cried out, “If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I’ll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want.” Again, the boy took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, “What is the matter? I’ve told you I’m a beautiful princess, that I’ll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won’t you kiss me?” The boy said, “Look, I’m an economist. I don’t have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog is cool.”

## HUD

Virtually everything that deals with government funding is full of regulations, fine print, and reporting deadlines.

### Threshold:

You have heard us talk about threshold limits regarding medical deductions at re-exam time. Right now the threshold is 3% of your gross income. For example if you gross \$15,000 per year your medical threshold would be \$450, you could only claim paid expenses over \$450. This threshold is going to be 10% soon. Going back to our \$15,000 gross income you could only claim medical expenses of over \$1,500. This has become a nation wide issue of people trying to claim everything under the sun.

### Paperwork:

This is a real problem for us. Jenna sends out re-exam letters 2 months before your lease expires. We shouldn’t have to beg people for their paperwork up until a few days before it is due. You will be in lease violation if you fail to follow re-exam regulations and we will have to note that infraction for the auditors.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

REDACTED





## Inflation and Funding

It is certainly painful when you walk out of the grocery store, or for that matter most retail stores. The federal government **cut** HUD funding by \$1.9 billion.

The Housing Authority has seen a 35% increase in water and trash. We are going to try to continue paying tenant water bills, please conserve on water usage. The outside spigots will sky rocket our water bill if you don't conserve. If the outside watering causes a large jump in our bill we will have to cap off the outside lines.

We analyze our revenues and expenses on a weekly basis to see if cuts are needed in certain areas. We haven't had to make any cuts yet, but we are closely monitoring what the federal government is going to do with budgeting and funding.

Social security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Snap are programs that impact a large segment of our SHA community.

A recession is currently in the making which is a period of significant decline in economic activity, typically characterized by a drop in the GDP, rising unemployment, and a decrease in consumer spending and business investment.

If our folks on Capital Hill can show some bi-partisan strength, perhaps a budget can be put in place and we will avoid any government shut downs.






Please help our housing authority by conserving on water and keeping this complex clean and clutter free. It is critical that we remain a high performing agency.

High performers get preferential funding and less government oversight.



# APRIL 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 	2	3	4	5 Smithville E-Waste / Shred Event
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Smithville Household Hazardous Waste Event
13 	14	15 <b>TAX DAY</b>	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22 	23	24	25 	26
27	28 BOC	29	30			