

MENDOTA VILLAGER



CHANGE: THE STORE@MENDOTA

Katie, Dawn, Lisa, Mary & Dottie all wish to thank everyone who has supported The Store@Mendota for the 7 years it has been open. However, they are all looking forward to a well-deserved retirement. We will miss them.

Yummy food and southern hospitality will continue, however, as Maria and Tony Williamson will be opening The Hodge Podge@Mendota on April 1!

MARCH PRAYER FOR GARDENERS

Lord, please bless our labors and help us to be good stewards of the earth, honoring your creation and providing for the needs of all.

If you wish to submit something for The Mendota Villager, please email Eva at Rivercliffcottage@gmail.com

RECOGNIZING MENDOTA AUTHORS



Danielle Bullen, fantasy author of "Frost Light" has a new book entitled "Sparrow in the Sun."



Karen Cox Bruce, Christian author of "A Heart Never Dies" and "Josie: A Story of Forgiveness" has a new book out entitled "Carly: A Story of Redemption."

WEIGHT LOSS IN MENDOTA! ABOUT FACE MEDSPA & WELLNESS

An advertisement for "Mendota 2 Days" weight loss program. It features a woman's midsection being measured with a yellow tape measure. The text includes the phone number 276.285.3223, the program name "MENDOTA 2 DAYS", and the schedule: "FRI 11 AM - 2 PM" and "SAT 11 AM - 2 PM". It also states "BY WALK-IN OR CALL 276.285.3223 FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT!" and "NEW PATIENTS PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MIN PRIOR TO CLOSING TIME". The website "WWW.TRYABOUTFACE.COM" and address "2534 Mendota Rd., Mendota, WI" are listed at the bottom.

Weight loss medications, B12 Injections, Lipovite Injections. N.A.D. upon request. All here in Mendota!

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Asley & Hunter (Leonard) Haynes welcomed baby girl, Charlotte Roan Haynes on February 22nd, 2025 at 2:34am. 6lbs 15oz 19 3/4". Submitted by proud grandmother Jessica Leonard!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 25, Allen Dean (Happy 60!)

February 28, Bryson Davis

March 3 Bradley Carrier

March 4 Barbara Carrier

March 13 Addeline Pierson

March 23 Joe Santolla



IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR

On February 20, 15 years ago, Joe Santolla of the United States Army was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on May 4, 2009 in Basra, Iraq. Joe is the husband of Jeannetta Santolla and father of Sarah. Thank you Joe for serving our country.

The Purple Heart, also known as the Badge of Military Merit, is a distinguished military decoration awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are wounded or killed in action against an enemy. It was originally created by George Washington in 1792.

APPALACHIAN "MENDOTA PANTRY"

Home canning is a valuable skill. It allows us preserve fresh food at its peak and provides more control over ingredients and additives.

When you see your "Mendota Pantry" stocked with homemade jars of food, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment. Canning also allows us to build food storage for emergencies, ensuring nutritious, shelf-stable food when you need it.

Angela and Eva are experienced home canners (Angela took home multiple Blue Ribbons in last year's Washington County Fair) and look forward to sharing safe canning practices.

Also, prior to the workshop at 9:30 am, existing canners who pressure may get pressure canners calibrated for a safe 2025 pressure canning season.



FREE!

SATURDAY
MAY 24, 2028
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Mendota Community Center
Preregister by Contacting Angela Hilderbrand on Facebook

Hosted by:
Angela Hilderbrand & Eva Beaulé

With Angela Haubner
Washington Cty. Ext. Office

Pressure Canner Calibration
9:30 AM (before workshop)

MENDOTA KIDS!

I'm sure we left out a lot of great news on what our Mendota kids are doing. If so, please forgive me, and send an email to Rivercliffcottage@gmail.com. I'll put it in the April Villager.

Congratulations to Audrey Harless, daughter of Heather Harless and granddaughter of Roger and Donna Harless of Mendota. Audrey participated in JSB's successful production of Sister Act.



Reagan Harless' 7th/8th Grade Wallace Sum Phonic Band received Superior Ratings at their recent Concert Assembly.

Riley Williamson won a Blue Ribbon for her 4H Project on Goats!

Thomas Clifton won a Blue Ribbon for his 4H Project on Wild and Domestic Turkeys.

Keagan Thompson made the John Battle A-B Honor Roll AND the Junior Varsity Softball Team!

Student Artists Thomas and Brooklynn Clifton recently had their art displayed at Bristol's BlackBird Bakery!

Beau Gemmell, 6th grade at Wallace, received all A's on his report card.

Carter Gemmell, a middle schooler at Virginia Middle School, made the JV Baseball Team and is on the middle school Track Team.

Caleb Nelson is on the JSB Football Team!

Nova Pfeffer also had artwork at Blackbird Bakery and won a Blue Ribbon. She competes in 4H this weekend in Plant Science.



MENDOTA BRANCH LIBRARY



Ten lucky patrons built leprechaun traps at the Mendota Branch Library a few weeks ago. Thank you Margie and Vicky! We love you!

There is a ALOT going on in Mendota in the next six weeks so please be patient if I missed someone or something.

FREE FRUIT TREE GRAFTING CLASS



Attn: Mendota Neighbors! RiverBend Farm is thrilled to announce we will be sponsoring a fruit tree grafting class Saturday April 5th, from 5:30-7:30 at the Mendota Community Center.

The class will be taught by Timothy Ranck of @Abundance By Design Permaculture.

.The class will be free of charge and you'll leave with one grafted apple tree (additional scion wood and root stock can be purchased if you want more than one), an informational packet, and a small starter razor knife. Participants are limited to 10 so if you would like to attend message us here on our farm page (Riverbend Farm) and confirm your commitment to attend.



We are raising money for the 2025 Kids Club! Contact Angie Thompson if you have items that you wish to donate.



MENDOTA VA

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY APRIL 19 9AM-7PM

2562 MENDOTA RD MENDOTA VA 24270

Brought to you by the Bristol Twin Cities Lions Club in collaboration with the Chilhowie and Clatwood Lions Clubs, the Mendota Community Association, the Health Wagon, the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, the Hillons Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the many volunteers, and sponsors, each of whom make how #WeServe possible.



Schedule of Free Events

Free Food (While Supplies Last)

Youth Easter Egg Hunt

(Starting at 11AM)

Free Health, Vision,

and Hearing Screenings

(Starting at 10AM)

Fire Safety Education

Special Guests Include:

VASEN Todd Pillion

Wash Co VA BOS Member Saul Hernandez

The Virginia Army National Guard

Take some time to network with local organizations and community leaders who are working tirelessly to make a difference in Southwest Virginia.

If you'd like to learn more about how #WeServe our community in Bristol and Mendota, or to contribute to these efforts by providing a donation, or to help us fund these activities, please visit us at bristolions.org and select "Donate". As a 501c3, your contributions to our Sight and Hearing Fund are tax-deductible and are used to support local families in need.

To secure your seat at our free community health fair, please scan the QR Code below. Thank you!

Reserve Your Space for the **FREE Community Health Fair** at the **Mendota Community Center Saturday April 19** by Scanning the QR Code or visiting us online at <https://bristolions.org/>



Hollers n Hills

5K 10K, 1 Mile Fun Run

MAY 10TH
MENDOTA VA



Free lunch for participants, vendor market with over 20 local vendors, free event shirt!

Register at www.werunevents.com

2025 Washington County Fair

The 2025 Washington County Fair will be held from August 9-15 in Abingdon. Staying true to its agricultural roots, the fair offers a chance for local artisans, gardeners, and bakers to compete for blue ribbons in categories such as crafts, baking, and flower arrangements. Here's a link to the 2024 competitions, which are similar each year.

<https://washcofair.com/fair/competitions>

CROW LEATHER GOODS



Curtis Offield creates leather goods completely made in Mendota. Visit **“Crow Custom Leather”** on Facebook. You'll see holsters, belts, key chains, handbags or completely unique custom leather goods.



Mendota Events In the Next 3-6 Months

Auction at the Community Center

Fridays – Apr 4. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Alive 55 Senior Lunch & Fun Time

Second Tuesday - Easter Luncheon 1 pm

Mendota Food Pantry

4th Thurs. monthly 10 am to 2 pm.

Free Comm. Ctr. Breakfast.– Apr. 9 at 9 am

Health Fair – Parking Lot of About Face

MedSpa 2534 Mendota Road. Apr. 19

WCPL/Mendota Library

Storytime - Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Easter Bunny RaceCar, Thur, April 7, 4 pm

Mendota 5K/10K/Fun Race - May 10 Begins at 9 am. T-shirts are so cute!



RIVERSIDE FAMILY FARM

We are a family-owned farm specializing in Goat Milk Lotion and Soap. Our soap is a simple, unscented bar, while our lotion is available in both unscented and scented varieties, with a shelf life of 10-14 months. We offer local delivery and shipping. Orders may be placed by emailing TannerIngle497@gmail.com or by calling or texting 276-591-8628. You can also find our products at The Hodge Podge@ Mendota.

We also provide locally grown vegetable plants, flowers, herbs, and hanging baskets this year. Call for free landscaping estimates, including mowing and weed eating.

