Mendota Villager – June 2025

Sorry for the gap in receiving The Villager. It's been a busy spring. However, it's time to get back at it! There is a lot going on in the Mendota Community so, make sure you read all the way through so you don't miss anything! If we missed things this month, please message me at <u>rivercliffcottage@gmail.com</u> and I'll catch up next month. I hurriedly put this out. XOXO Eva

In Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Sandy Sproles. Sandy passed away the morning of June 7 from complications of a heart attack. She was 66 and while in recent years she lived in Tennessee, she was born and raised a Mendota girl and remained so in her heart.

Sandy had a big personality and a contagious laugh. She was the daughter of the late Edgar and Joyce Sproles and leaves behind siblings Lois Collins, Lisa Gilbert, Scotty Sproles, Tommy Sproles and their families as well as her long-time significant other "Bud."

Her last Facebook post ended with "With I feel anxious, fill me with Your peace. No more fear, no more doubt – only faith, growth and favor.."

Happy Anniversary

On June 9, 64 years ago, Gerald Booher married Nancy Barkerr. Rev. A. F. Barker officiated their ceremony which took place in Mendota.

Happy Anniversary you two love birds!



Thank you to Ken Farmer for providing this picture of our national bird. It was taken at the Nordyke Bridge. We frequently see eagles in Mendota, and we are thankful the health of our river and local environment can sustain these beautiful birds.

"That's Mendota!"

A phrase I've heard so often recently is "That's Mendota!" That's what we do." It has been the result of our community members reaching out and helping one another during times of need or times of celebration.

We should all feel a sense of gratitude that we've been planted in this tiny village called Mendota. #mendotastrong

Callie and Taylor Moss Benefit Update

Callie and Taylor Moss are Mendota residents (living near the Methodist Church) who have a new baby facing serious health challenges. The family has been staying in Charlottesville, Virginia where their baby was recently born. To help with the extraordinary expenses they are facing, there was a bake sale on Saturday, June 7 which was a huge success. Our small community really showed its love and support and raised over \$1000.

If you missed the bake sale, there will also be a raffle of baskets with great prizes at the Hodge Podge in Mendota this coming week. There is also a GoFundMe page: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-callies-family-through-medical-crisis/</u>

Fundraising efforts have been led by Angie Thompson and Maria Williamson. The Mendota Community Info Group Facebook page is also a good place to stay abreast of ways you can help. #mendotastrong

Food Pantry

The Mendota Food Pantry provides food for families in need on the 4th Thursday of each month. During the month of May, approximately 70 families benefited from our Food Pantry. Next Pantry date: June 26.

In addition to the pantry helping our region's food insecurity, there will be a Mobile Marketplace sponsored by Feeding Southwest Virginia. Located in the parking lot of the Community Center, it is open to everyone and provides an opportunity to purchase pantry staples including fresh food, meats and dairy.

SNAP, EBT, Debit and Credit cards accepted. Cash is not accepted.

See the flyer for complete details.

Do not miss this opportunity to shop and stock your pantry at a reduced price.





See Margie or Vicky to learn all the specifics of the WCPL Summer Reading program events planned for the Mendota Branch! Call 276.645.2374. Mendota Branch is open Tuesday thru Saturday!

Alive 55 – Meets Monthly

Alive 55 will meet on Tuesday, June 10 from 1 pm until 4 pm at the Hughes Picnic Shelter by the River.

Bring a covered dish. Wear comfy clothes and join for a fun cookout by the river. BBQ and hotdogs provided.

IF YOU HAVE A DODGE , FORD OR CHEVY



BRING IT OUT JUNE 14 AT 11AM TO THE 2025 MENDOTA VA CAR & TRUCK SHOW ALL DECKED OUT IN PATRIOTIC THEME TO ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE AT MOST PATRIOTIC MOPAR, FORD, CHEVY TROPHY HURRY!! MONDAY



YOUTH FLY FISHING DAY CAMP

Ages 10 and up (parents welcome, each participant must register) ONLY \$10 per PERSON

At Mendota Expeditions Monday, June 09, 2025 From 1-4pm



Register online at: https://www.riverfeetflyfishing.com/product-page/ youth-day-camp

MENDOTA KIDS CLUB PRESENTS:))) ALL ABOUT & BEES!)) Beekeepers Association iii June 17 () 10:00 AM

Mendota Community Center

Come learn about the importance of bees in our world!

Free event - adults welcome too!

Presented by Mendota Kids Club

JULY--AUGUST! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!



AUCTION AT THE MENDOTA COMMUNITY CENTER! FIRST FIRDAY OF JULY AT 6:00 PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MENDOTA KIDS' CLUB ON THEIR AWARD OF A \$1200 GRANT FOR 2025 FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROTARY. THE GRANT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND YOU CAN BET MISS ANGIE WILL BE PUTTING THAT MONEY TO GOOD USE QUICKLY!