

# The Peoples Press

October 2023  
Newsletter



“Making lives better tomorrow by what is done today.”

## Honks

**Jaycie Hasbrouck for being flexible and helping with medication passes. -Diana S.**

**Dennis Stolz for working hard with a client to better understand their medications. -  
Briana T.**

**Hailey Woodbury for working around her schedule. -Sam B.**

**Jessalyn Galvin for picking up extra shifts to cover call ins. -Kara J**

**Megan Travis for being the first person to answer the phone so I can focus on Indeed  
and make calls to set up interviews - Wendy L.**

**Tyler Pearson for his hard work on the client testimonial videos -Briana T.**

**Azia DeCenzo and Celestina for stepping up to cover open shifts -Amber S.**

**Gabriel Kane for great documentation! -Isaiah M.**

**-Ahila Fuhrman for taking initiative during training and being eager to learn. -Diana S.**

Have Honks to give? Send an email to [Btravis@ameriserveintl.com](mailto:Btravis@ameriserveintl.com) or  
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# Client



Elizabeth L.

Introducing Elizabeth: A Bright Star in the Council Bluffs community. Elizabeth's vibrant personality shines through in everything she does. She's not just a roommate; she's a true friend and a creative force to be reckoned with.

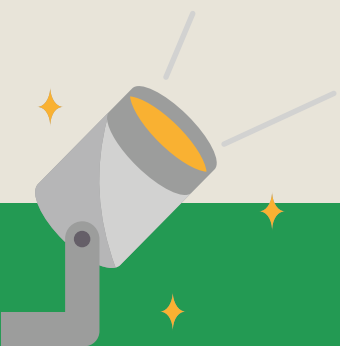
One of Elizabeth's standout qualities is her boundless creativity. She has a knack for turning repurposed or recycled materials into beautiful crafts, demonstrating her commitment to being eco-friendly and innovative. Nothing of value goes to waste in her hands.

When it comes to home life, Elizabeth is a classic example of a great roommate. She takes pride in ensuring that her living spaces are always clean and well-organized. Her caring nature extends beyond her immediate circle of friends to her peers, as she's always ready to lend a helping hand.

Elizabeth is also a culinary wizard in the kitchen. She's enthusiastic about experimenting with new recipes and enjoys preparing delicious meals for her roommates. She even had the honor of sharing her famous banana pancake recipe during a Continuing Education cooking class.

Outside of the home, Elizabeth is an active and adventurous soul. She enjoys outdoor activities like bike rides, shopping trips, thrift store treasure hunts, and visits to the library. Her cheerful demeanor and genuine care for her teammates and peers are evident to anyone fortunate enough to spend time with her.

Today, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Elizabeth for her unwavering dedication, kindness, and love that she brings to everyone she meets. Her presence truly brightens our community, and we look forward to many more years of shared experiences and friendship with her.



# Spotlight

# Power of Proof

## Skip, Bill and Steven



In August, Skip H., Bill T., and Steven W. were honored to partake in a vow renewal ceremony commemorating the union of their long-time team member, Holly D. This joyous occasion provided an opportunity for celebration and camaraderie. The trio of Skip, Steven, and Bill are all very passionate about dancing, and dance they did! Bill took the initiative to request a selection of tunes, adding an extra layer of cheerfulness to the reception.

Skip seized the moment to exhibit his new wardrobe additions and proudly flaunted the watch he had acquired for this special event. His impeccable style became a topic of conversation among the attendees. Meanwhile, Steven dazzled the gathering with his captivating dance moves, filling the atmosphere with liveliness and enthusiasm. Moreover, he indulged in the delectable refreshments, enhancing his overall enjoyment of the reception. We would like to give heartfelt congratulations to the gracious couple, Holly and Bubba, on this meaningful renewal of their vows. The event was undoubtedly a memorable and joyous occasion, made all the more special by the presence and exuberance of Skip, Bill, and Steven.

# Power of Proof

## Billy A.

We're thrilled to share the exciting news that Billy has reached the milestone of turning 71 years old!

In celebration of this special occasion, Billy hosted a birthday gathering at his home, surrounded by dear friends and cherished team members.

Join us in extending our warmest wishes and heartfelt congratulations to Billy. Happy 71st Birthday, Billy!



## Brian W.

Meet Brian W., a devoted and hardworking father who has shown unwavering determination over the past year to be a responsible role model for his son. Brian's commitment shines through as he takes the initiative to arrange appointments, coordinate transportation, and plan meals for his family.

With a second little boy on the way, Brian's motivation to provide for his growing family soared. He embarked on a journey to find the perfect job that would not only fulfill his aspirations but also support his loved ones. Brian explored various positions in search of the right fit, and that's when he applied at Family Dollar.

Now, three months into his employment at Family Dollar, Brian has proven himself to be a valuable member of the team. He approaches his work with dedication and a strong work ethic, and his co-workers admire his positive attitude and commitment.

Brian's aspirations go beyond his current role, he envisions a long-term career with Family Dollar, where he can continue to support his growing family and build a prosperous future. His journey is a testament to the power of determination and the unwavering dedication of a loving father.

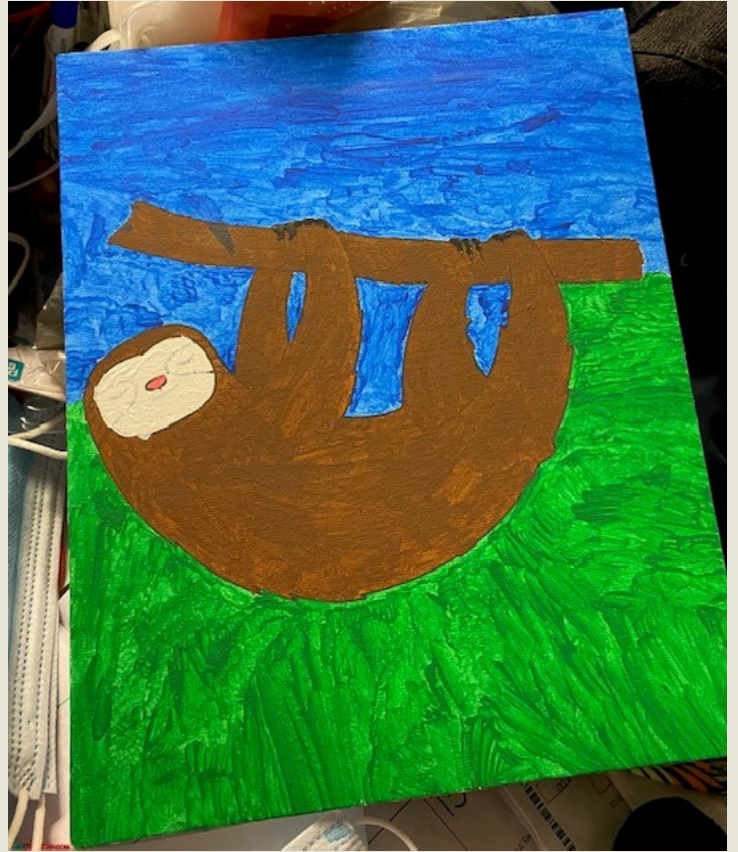
Brian is a role model to others and we look forward to witnessing his continued success and growth both at work and at home.



# Client Creativity



Vicki L.



Jessica M.



Javier L.



Celeste R.

# Team Member SPOTLIGHT

## Jaynie Edison



Meet Jaynie, an invaluable member of the AmeriServe team who has been making a significant impact for over a year. Beyond her professional life, Jaynie cherishes spending quality time with her children and indulging in her favorite activities, including visits to Spirit Halloween, Bath and Body Works, and Target. Recently, she achieved a major milestone by moving into her own home, which she loves.

Jaynie is not only dedicated to her personal life but also to her professional growth. She is currently working diligently to further her education, demonstrating her commitment to self-improvement. As a team lead at one of our locations, Jaynie has earned a reputation for her exceptional work ethic and outstanding performance. Clients eagerly anticipate her presence on their schedules, a testament to the strong relationships she has built with them. Jaynie's meticulous documentation and remarkable attendance record exemplify her dedication to her role. Jaynie consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that clients' needs are met on a daily. She plays a crucial role in training new hires, fostering positive relationships with her colleagues, and serving as a go-to resource for anyone seeking assistance or guidance. Her excellent communication skills enable her to effectively address various challenges. In addition to her regular duties, Jaynie takes the initiative to help clients plan and organize birthday parties and holiday gatherings, enhancing their quality of life. She takes pride in ensuring that medications are administered punctually and that all client appointments are scheduled and attended, demonstrating her meticulous attention to detail. Jaynie's commitment to her work is further evident in her efforts to encourage clients to socialize with their peers and engage in enriching activities. In conclusion, Jaynie's unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and commitment to AmeriServe and its clients make her an exemplary member of our team. We are truly honored to have her as part of our AmeriServe family. Jaynie's passion for her work and her clients is a shining example of the difference one person can make in the lives of many.

# Team Member SPOTLIGHT



In the relatively brief period that Michelle has been a valued member of the Ameriserve team, her presence has already left a profound and enduring impact on both the clients she serves and her colleagues. Regardless of the challenges that come her way, Michelle consistently exhibits an unwaveringly positive and proactive attitude, exceeding her prescribed responsibilities. Michelle consistently demonstrates her unwavering commitment to her clients and co-workers alike. She proactively seeks out novel activities and crafts for our clients, and she is always willing to extend a helping hand to her team members in any way possible. Since joining our organization, Michelle has consistently displayed the qualities of reliability and helpfulness, qualities that have not gone unnoticed. Her dedication and reliability in such demanding situations reflect her admirable work ethic and commitment to our organization's mission. Michelle's exceptional attitude, paired with her evident passion and dedication to her role, has made her a cherished member of our team. We cannot overstate our gratitude for her hard work and unwavering dedication. We eagerly anticipate witnessing Michelle's continued growth and advancement within our Ameriserve family.



# ASI Anniversaries!

Tyna Anderson 10/12/2009 (14 years)  
Robert Franks 10/25/2012 (11 years)  
James Westphal 10/19/2015 (8 years)  
Kyle Clemens 10/26/2015 (8 years)  
Dawn Wilson 10/20/2016 (7 years)  
Jamie Kleckner 10/16/2017 (6 years)  
Kevin Conn Jr 10/02/2018 (5 years)  
Elena Reedy 10/31/2019 (4 years)  
Heather Harmon 10/07/2020 (3 years)  
Andrenika Teel 10/26/2020 (3 years)  
Michaela Davis 10/04/2021 (2 years)  
Veronika Finck 10/07/2021 (2 years)  
Baylee Ruffcorn 10/19/2021 (2 years)  
Rhonda Baldwin 10/26/2021 (2 years)  
Joe Komakech 10/07/2022 (1 year)  
Jade Shields 10/11/2022 (1 year)  
Maryah DeSantiago 10/13/2022 (1 year)  
Dianna Humphrey 10/14/2022 (1 year)



## ASI Birthdays!

October 4th: Devon Gawronski  
October 5th: Barbara Remmen  
October 7th: Desarai Bruce  
October 13th: Stormie Hillers  
October 14th: Shirley Clapp and Patricia Elizondo  
October 18th: Casey Cavender  
October 20th: Susan Hastie, Dana Nielsen, and  
Rodnesia Smith-Carter  
October 21st: Derek Manning  
October 25th: Monica Estes and Rochelle Seaman  
October 31st: Tanja Ebert, Dianna Humphrey, Jeff  
Manzer, and Emma Ostdiek



# ASI University



Congratulations to: Darrin Haynes, Dianna Humphrey, Shirley Clapp, Jordan Hendrickson, and Brandon Johnson for completing ASI Way!



Congratulations to: Maryah DeSantiago, Amber Esquivel, and Artayvia Dunlap for completing Coaching 1!



Congratulations Donald Blakeman, Kizzie Wilson, Madison Rodriguez, Sierra Ross, and Devon Gawronski for completing ASI Way!

# Goal Achievements

Holly Duncan renewed her vows!

Stormie Hillers and Susan Hastie completed Coaching 1!

Alondra Ibarra bought a house!

Kyle Payne wrote a book and it was published on Amazon!

Tonya Carroll got her motorcycle license and purchased a motorcycle!

Kara Johnson got married!

## Upcoming Events and Holidays:

October 7th  
Block to Block Classic Car Show  
1228 South Main St.  
11am- 3pm

October 9th  
WWE Monday Night RAW  
CHI Health Center Arena  
6:30pm-10:30pm

October 12th  
Trunk or Treat and Costume Contest  
Quaker Steak and Lube  
5pm

October 13th  
Costume Night  
Cochran Park  
6pm-8pm

October 14th- 15th  
Council Bluffs Arts & Crafts Show  
MidAmerican Center

October 14th  
Iowa Army National Guard Trunk or Treat  
Council Bluffs Armory  
11am-1pm

October 14th-15th  
Midwest Americana Music Festival  
Gene Leahy Mall at The RiverFront

October 14th  
FallFest  
Hummel Park  
10am-1pm

Squirrel Cage Jail Tours  
October 13th, 26th, 27th, 28th  
7pm-11pm

Movie Nights at Ditmars Orchard  
October 6th, 13th, 20th, 28th  
At Dusk

October 20th  
Halloween Family Spooktacular  
Charles E. Lankin YMCA  
5pm-7pm

October 20-22nd  
Anime NebrasKon 2023  
MidAmerican Center

October 22nd  
Alternative Wedding Expo of the Midwest  
PACE Center  
12pm-3pm

October 25th  
Creekside Trunk or Treat  
Creekside Church  
5:30pm-8:30pm

October 27th  
Trick or Treating at the Hoff  
Hoff Family Arts Center  
430pm-6pm

October 28th  
Trunk-or-Treat  
Emanuel Lutheran Church

October 31st- Halloween

COME AND JOIN US FOR A  
FUN AND SPECTACULAR

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 26th  
Omni Courtyard  
11:30am-2:30pm

DJ Costume Contest Popcorn Movie Smores Bingo



**3rd Annual**

★ **EMPLOYEE** ★  
**APPRECIATION**

**NOV**  
**10th**  
**11a-4p**

**2nd Floor**  
**Con-Ed**  
**Room**

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**Join us for:**

*Lunch,  
Drinks,  
Prizes*



# Continuing Education

Continuing Education AKA 'Con Ed'

We are delighted to announce the revival of our much-anticipated cooking class, now under the guidance of Brittany Jones and Holly Duncan. AmeriServe is proud to announce our partnership with the Council Bluffs YMCA, granting us access to their kitchen facilities. In the recent September session, our Continuing Education participants crafted a delicious taco soup, earning rave reviews. This endeavor was met with great success, inspiring us to continue our culinary journey. For those eager to elevate their culinary expertise and expand their horizons, we invite you to enroll in our upcoming cooking class. Join us for an enriching experience that provides an opportunity to upgrade your cooking skills and discover an array of new flavors. Moreover, if you have had the privilege of attending our classes and wish to showcase your culinary creations alongside your clients, we welcome you to submit your culinary masterpieces. Your photos can be featured in our upcoming newsletter, offering you a platform to share your culinary achievements with the AmeriServe community. Please send your culinary snapshots to [bhargens@ameriserveintl.com](mailto:bhargens@ameriserveintl.com).



Don't forget the \$100.00 bill you receive at the end of class. AmeriServe wants to reward you for participating in the discussion.

Contact the front desk to sign up today!

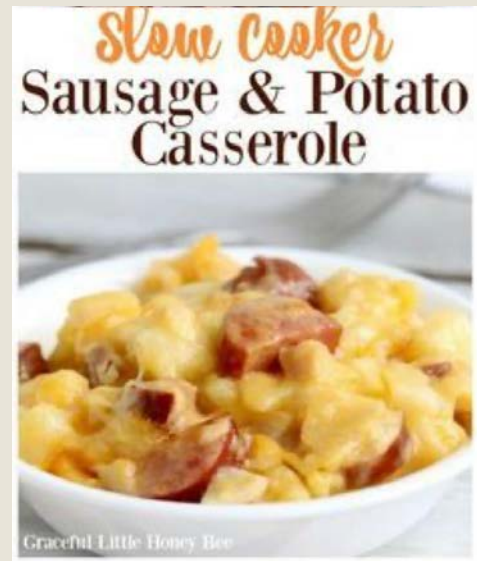
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# ASI Cookbook Recipe of the Month!

## Slow Cooker Sauce and Potato Casserole

### Ingredients:

- 1 - 32oz bag of hash browns or diced potatoes
- 14oz Kielbasa sausage cut into small pieces
- 1 small onion diced
- 2 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 10.5oz can of cream of chicken or mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste.



### Directions:

- 1.) Combine potatoes, kielbasa, onion, and 2 cups of cheese in a greased slow cooker (some prefer to sauté the sausage and onions before adding to the slow cooker).
- 2.) In a separate bowl, combine cream soup, sour cream, salt and pepper, and mix together.
- 3.) Pour over sausage and potatoes then mix them together.
- 4.) Sprinkle remaining cheese overtop.
- 5.) Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 4-5 hours.

End up making the recipe of the month? Send pictures of everyone creating the recipe to [bhargens@ameriserveintl.com](mailto:bhargens@ameriserveintl.com) to be featured in the next newsletter edition!



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