



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

"Where People Enjoy Living"

24/7/365 Assistance/Operator 658-3333	Housekeeping	658-5374
Cashier's Office 658-5343	Environmental Svcs.	658-5155
Copeland Medical 658-5300	Post Office	658-5270
Finance Department 658-5450	Security/Emergency	658-3333
Home Care 658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

APRIL 10, 2026

Friday	4/10	The Village Cashier is closed today. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR What Does the Bible Say...? Live Event—DR
Saturday	4/11	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 & 10:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Ladies' Breakfast—RDR Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RD Bus Trip: Lake City Shopping—DH & LAP Supper Potluck—RDR
Sunday	4/12	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 4:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> WHFMS Council Meeting—VC Room 5
Monday	4/13	9:30 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	WHFMS Meeting—VC Room 5 Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS Youth Handbells Practice
Tuesday	4/14	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. <i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH WHFMS Meeting—OPR
Wednesday	4/15	9:00–11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS Prayer Meeting—BC Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	4/16	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH Membership Association Meeting—RDR
Friday	4/17	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 12:00–2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Clubs, Activities & Volunteering Fair—SMR/DR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

BOLD: ONE-TIME AND MONTHLY EVENTS — ITALIC: PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

BA	Butterfield Acres	CT/MT	Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace	IC	Information Center	POP	Park of the Pines
BC	Bixler Chapel	DH	Dowling House	JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library	RDR	Rumph Dining Room
CB	Chriss Building	DM	Dacier Manor	KC	Keepers Cottage	RV	Smith Riverview Apartments
CH	Carter House	DMA	Dowling Manor	LAP	Lake Aquilla Parking Lot	RW	Riverwoods
CCC	Copeland Community Center	DR	Depot Room	MS	Member Services	SMR	Sawmill Room
CMC	Copeland Medical Center	ET	Edgewood Terrace	OPR	Old Pavilion Room	VC	Village Church
CMH	Cleo's Meeting House	GSC	Good Samaritan Center	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VS	Village Square

IN LOVING MEMORY

Martha Kropp, who was a resident of GSC died on April 5. Memorial information will be posted when available.
Broward Holsey, who was a resident of GSC died on April 3. Memorial information will be posted when available.
Robbie Robertson, who was a resident of DPN and GSC died on April 3. Memorial information will be posted when available.
Ann Donohoe, who was a resident of DH, DM and GSC died on April 2. Memorial information will be posted when available.

NEW MEMBERS

Joy and Steve Ridenour of Rome, Georgia are off-campus members. Their mailing address is 104814 CR 136.
Fred Spencil of Live Oak, Florida has moved to CT/MT. His mailing address is P.O. Box 4379.

ANNOUNCEMENT

*Message from the
President's Office
-Craig Carter*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET Monday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Most people are aware that Advent Christian Village reaches out and serves people in a variety of ways. However, one avenue of service that does not receive a lot of publicity is the Village's annual awarding of college scholarship assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of thoughtful and caring individuals, ACV is able to award college scholarships to many deserving students. Through the Forward Fund and the Marvin E. Jones Educational Trust, scholarship assistance is provided to children served by ACV, children of Village staff, ACV staff members, and worthy students from Suwannee High School.

Each year an awards banquet is held honoring those deserving students, and as we have done in the past, it is again a pleasure to extend an invitation to the Village community to take part in this special evening.

The Annual ACV Scholarship Banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms of the Phillips Center. If you accept this invitation, you will not only take part in honoring the successes of our young people, but you will also assist with the educational efforts of ACV.

Tickets are \$30 per person with \$15 allocated to cover the cost of the meal and \$15 designated to help fund future ACV scholarships — a \$15 charitable gift is being made to the Village with the purchase of each ticket.

Tickets can be purchased at the Village Cashier's office, and you can obtain more information by contacting Mary Crawford in the President's Office at 658-5500. Deadline for purchase of tickets is Monday, April 13. Seating is limited.

Darleen's Corner

110TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESUMES!

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign! It is exciting to focus on the future once again.

The anchor project of this campaign is the new Environmental Services Center. This facility is a critical need because the storms left the Grounds Department barn uninhabitable, requiring a new home. Once completed, this new facility will house our Maintenance, Grounds, and Housekeeping departments in one location. When all phases are complete, it will include offices, meeting spaces, supply storage, warehouse space and vehicle bays for ACV's fleet. The result will be greater operational efficiency and enhanced security for some of our most valuable equipment.

The Johnson Hall Assisted Living project that was originally part of the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign has been placed on hold while we conduct

marketing studies to ensure long-term viability. If you have previously given toward Johnson Hall, those funds will be held until the project resumes. However, if you would prefer to redesignate your gift to support current campaign priorities, please contact me at the number below and we will be happy to do so.

Naming and honor/memorial opportunities for the capital campaign will be unveiled soon. Anyone giving a total of \$2,000 or more for this campaign will have a name of their choosing etched on the next lot of brick pavers in Cornerstone Park.

In addition, the campaign will once again include Cornerstone Projects. These are projects focused on strengthening and enhancing our infrastructure. While they are extremely important, these projects do not lend themselves to traditional donor recognition. Cornerstone Park provides a meaningful place to honor and acknowledge the generosity and lasting impact of these donors. Donors giving \$25,000 or more towards infrastructure projects will be honored at Cornerstone Park.

We invite you to be part of ACV's future with a gift to the 110th Anniversary Capital Campaign. If you would like to discuss these options, please call me at 386-658-5110.

ACV EVENTS

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...? Friday, April 10, 1:00 p.m. - DR

On April 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room, you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Is the state of being saved a process, or is it done in an instant?
2. If God is eternal, how could Jesus as God die for three days? Did he cease to exist? Where was he?
3. Should believers be concerned about losing the Holy Spirit?
4. Matthew 5:43-44 says, "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!" Why would God want us to do that?

Fran Evans and Phil and Gaye Martin will share their thoughts and listen to yours. Bring your questions and comments!

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. We will meet with the men. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for the ladies' and Men's Fellowship breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Village Cashier's Office
658-5343**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

Join us for our upcoming Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. This month, we'll have a combined breakfast with the women. Our featured speaker will be Coach Gene Peters. We invite you to enjoy a delightful breakfast, engage in warm fellowship, partake in some singing, and hear a short inspiring message.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for the Men's Fellowship and ladies' breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

BUS TRIP: LAKE CITY SHOPPING

Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. - DH & 10:15 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$7.00 members, \$12 non-members

Saturday, April 11, the trip bus will be going to the Lake City mall area. Some of the stores at the mall are Belk, JCPenny, T.J. Maxx, Cato Fashions and Bath & Body Works. Nearby are stores such as Ross Dress for Less and Hobby Lobby. Dutch treat lunch will be at an area restaurant. The bus will leave Dowling House at 10:00 and the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 10:15 a.m. The trip bus cost is \$7.00 for members and \$12 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

SUPPER POTLUCK

Saturday, April 11, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

We will have the next potluck on Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. It will be Latino themed. If you can't make a Latino dish then just bring what you like. There is no need to list ingredients.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2:00 p.m. - RDR

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room. All ACV members are encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be Millie Griswold, ACV's archivist. Come for the information; stay for the fellowship and refreshments.



CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Friday, April 17, 12:00–2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

ACV offers clubs, activities and volunteering opportunities to add enjoyment, purpose and growth to each member's life here in Dowling Park. Perhaps you are brand new and don't know what's available. Perhaps you are already involved, but you have time in your schedule for something else. Perhaps it's time to make a change.

Please plan to come to the Sawmill and Depot rooms on Friday, April 17, between noon and 2:00 p.m. to browse the tables of opportunities. Come see in what new ways you can be involved at ACV. Perhaps you'll join a new club or pick up a new activity that looks interesting. And ACV can always use more volunteers to help support our ministries.

Invitations to clubs, activities and volunteering opportunities who have participated in the past have been sent. If you do not receive one, and you would like your club, activity or volunteering opportunity to be represented, contact Member Services.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

Being a caregiver for a loved one with dementia can be a huge commitment and come with many struggles. Come meet, share and listen to others that share the same challenges.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Events in this section are not sponsored by ACV, even if they take place at ACV.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

The Lighthouse on CR 250

Drug or alcohol problems? If you or a loved one is having a problem, help is available at the Lighthouse at 23594 NW CR 250 in Dowling Park on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call (305) 407-0895 for more information.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods

If you are a caregiver to a family member, or have a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility with dementia/Alzheimer's, you are warmly invited to a "Meet & Greet" at the Campbell home (23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods) with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn from one another, and realize that we are not alone. Our policy is "What is said here stays here." We would love for you to join us!

WALKING WITH GOD

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla

Join us at Lake Aquilla Tuesday nights at 6:30. Together, we will better our health and strengthen our relationship with Christ. Until May 26, we'll be meeting for devotion and a low impact walk around ACV! Bring a friend or come solo; either way we'd love to have you!

FREE CAR WASH

Until Sunday, April 12

There is a new car wash in Live Oak by the name of Tidal Wave Car Spa. It's next to the Chick-fil-a. They have FREE car washes now thru Sunday, April 12 during their opening.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. The next studies will be on April 14 and 28. Come and join us. The Bible study is on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

WONDERS OF CREATION

Tuesday, April 14, 3:30 p.m. - DR

In this 46th anniversary year of Mount St. Helens' eruptions, Wonders of Creation presents a 36-minute DVD showing things our Creator wants us to know about how He makes huge changes on Earth when He has reason to. Come view a display of Mt. St. Helens items. Help yourself to free books and DVDs. Bring questions. We will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on April 14 in the Depot Room. Contact MaryAnn Stuart at (863) 558-1395 with questions.

MAINE LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 16, 12:00 noon

Harmony Center

Mainers, remember our potluck luncheon and auction will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 12:00 noon at the Harmony Center. If you have any questions please call Judy Hatch at 658-2833. Hope to see you there.

BIBLE STUDY: THE ANTICHRIST

Tuesday, April 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, April 21, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Bob Copeland will host a Bible study titled "What Does the Bible Say About the Antichrist?" Join him for an eye-opening session that will help us understand the times we are in.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

Being a caregiver for a loved one with dementia can be a huge commitment and come with many struggles. Come meet, share and listen to others that share the same challenges.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday & Sunday

What's Happening This Week:

Chair Yoga Level 2	Mondays	9:00 a.m.
Chair Yoga Level 1	Mondays	10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Kid's Corner	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

New Library Hours

The new library hours have begun! The library will now be closed on Saturday and Sunday. As always, our online catalog, book drop, and electronic resources are available 24/7 for your convenience. We look forward to the additional resources and programs these new hours will make possible for our community.

Starbooks Café

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. We'll kick things off with the topic: What's the most unusual trend you remember?

UF/IFAS Lunch and Learn—Connecting with Kids

Katie Jones from the UF/IFAS Extension Office will be at JKPL on April 9 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. to present Connecting with Kids: Inspire, Mentor, and Engage with Youth. Lunch will not be provided, but attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch to enjoy during the presentation.

Paint Along with Liz

With our expanded hours, and the increased interest in the program, a second encore date has been added. Join in the fun and enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step-by-step! The program will be held on April 14 and April 21, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.. The April 14 classes are full, however there are spots remaining on the 21st. We will be painting the same piece in all four programs. All materials but your canvas will be provided. Sign up for your preferred date and time today to save your seat!

Plant Swap

On April 16 and 17, during open hours, the library will host a plant swap! Stop by to browse, trade, and take home new plants—just bring a few of your own to share. All plants will be community donations or ones brought in by other participants. Please label any plants you bring; labels and pens will be available at the swap table.

Gnomes and Homes—Kids Craft

Decorate your own little friend to take home on April 16 at 4:00 p.m.! Stop by the JKPL with the kids for a special spring kids craft making a gnome and a home! All supplies will be provided. Seats are limited, and registration is required. Sign up today to save your seat!

Tech Talk

Tech Talk will be held on April 17 at 2:30 p.m. and will focus on Microsoft Word Basics. This session is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to refresh their skills, covering essential tools like formatting text, creating documents, and saving your work. Join us to build confidence and improve your everyday computer skills!

Cross Stitch for Beginners

An encore presentation of the cross-stitch for beginners class is being offered on Monday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. If you missed the March class, be sure to catch this one. If you can follow a grid and write the letter "x" you can cross-stitch and create your own work of art.

Save the Date

- April 23 - Dementia Support Group
- April 24 - Movie Matinee: Mary Poppins
- April 27 - SHINE Medicare Counseling
- April 30 - Financial Literacy by First Federal Bank



BUS TRIPS

No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on either of ACV's buses. The only exception is plain water. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the Information Center in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

There is no charge for Village members to participate in the regular weekly Live Oak shopping trips. If you have questions, call Member Services at 658-5400.

Please remember to bring your own bags on the weekly shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

Those who sign up for a weekly shopping trip will be put on the waiting list if they sign up for the same trip the following week. If seats remain available, those on the waiting list will move to the regular list.

Only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

- **Tuesday, April 14, morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Tuesday, April 14 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **April 22 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **April 22 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **April 29** — Fifth Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak



Friday and Saturday Soup: Tomato Tortellini

Friday, April 10

- Lunch only: Grilled Reuben on Marble Rye, Homemade Chips \$14.95
- All day: Chicken and Broccoli Alfredo with Garlic Toast, Tortellini \$16.95

Saturday, April 11

- All day: Braised Short Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable \$17.95

**BUS TRIP:
5TH WEDNESDAY SHOPPING IN
LIVE OAK**

Wednesday, April 29

8:45 a.m. - CH & 9:00 a.m. - DH

Bus: Free for members, \$9 non-members

On April 29, the fifth Wednesday of April, we will visit various stores around Live Oak such as Dollar Store, Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store, Melody Thrift Store and New Life Bible Book Store, lunch at Live Oak Sub Shop for a salad or sandwich, South Oaks Square (Bealls Outlet, Farmers Furniture, and more), and the Save A Lot shopping center (Roses Express, Harbor Freight, and more). The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m. and from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Bus fee is free for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314

SERMON: "The Faith of a Desperate Man"

TEXT: John 4:43-54 NIV 84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

**The following Village Church events
are happening this week:**

Friday, April 10

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

Saturday, April 11

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

Speaker: Rev. Gene Peters (Coach)

Sunday, April 12

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission,
Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

4:00 p.m. — WHFMS Council Meeting (Room 5)

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration

5:00 p.m. — ALIVE

5:00 p.m. — Youth at Lighthouse

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service (BC)

Speaker: Rev. Richard Russell

Monday, April 13

9:30 a.m. — WHFMS Meeting (Room 5)

Speakers: Doug and Margi Nichols

1:30 p.m. — VCBI, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

Tuesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (Room 5)

6:30 p.m. — WHFMS Meeting (OPR)

Speaker: Joyce Parlette - Volunteer for RVICS

Wednesday, April 15

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice (VC)

Friday, April 17

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Kathleen Johnson—386-658-5573

Volunteers are needed for the GSC Farm Animal Day. We will need some help to bring residents out front to see our visiting animals from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you are available, please call 658-5573 and leave a message.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our April 1 winners: 1st high was Henry Simonds, and 2nd high was Dottie Stone.

∞ At the Village Square ∞

Shop gift certificates are available in each shop. Bless someone with this special gift!

Riverside Gifts

Spring handbags in a variety of colors and sizes are waiting to carry your essentials. There are jewelry items to enhance your favorite attire. Need a sunhat? Some have netting to keep those pesky bugs away. Check out our nail clippers; they collect the cuttings as you trim.

Find items to equip your kitchen and those to keep time in your living room. Indoor plants need a new home? Make our novelty pots their new address. Sneak peek into next week: Celebrate Memorial Day, and prepare for our nation's 250th birthday with patriotic keepsakes. Plan to visit us soon!

Watch and clock repairs and new battery installations for time pieces, car fobs, and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices.

658-5771. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Rustic Shop

Satisfy your penchant for pretty things: quilts, throw pillows, jewelry, place settings, glassware, tableware, seasonal décor, porcelain dolls, unique toys, fancy kitchen towels, pot holders, scrubbies, greeting cards, vintage vinyl records, art work and flower arrangements. Banish the drab of winter with a home refresh. Pottery from exotic places is on display this week.

Drum roll please! Winners of the Easter egg count: Shirley Minster and Richard Johnson!

Watch and clock repairs and new battery installations for time pieces, car fobs and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices. Currently, no clothing alterations are being accepted.

658-5273. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Twice Nice Shop

Find spring and summer clothes for worship, work, fun, fancy, chores, challenge, or just a change of pace. Select sizes from small to large for men, women, and children. Wardrobe complements are also available: Belts, scarves, socks, shoes, swimsuits, undergarments, and night wear. Cold weather sale items may still be on the racks for treasure hunters to find.

Creation is filled with patterns, and crafters love reproducing them! The Book Nook just inherited oodles of pattern templates for cross-stitch, crochet, knitting, quilting, stenciling, and other shaping arts. Apply your talents to new ideas!

Religion shelves hold Bible studies and inspirational works; find your favorite authors here. Do famous people intrigue you? Get the scoop on many celebrated individuals from the biography shelves. If you just need help with menus, medical, finance, or health and wellness, we have books to provide knowledge in those specific areas.

658-5271. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

∞ On CR 250 ∞

Twice Nice Furniture & More

23353 CR 250 • 658-5871

For pick-ups, call Larry at 386-678-1219

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

First Saturday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

CONNECTING THREADS

Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, April 13, 1:00–3:00 p.m., at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. - CH Activity Room
Craft .

If you have questions contact Sister Maria Ann at sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com or Sue Donnelly at SueWDonnelly@gmail.com.

GARDEN CLUB

Sue Riedel, Reporter

The Garden Club is participating in the ACV Spring Fling on April 25 at the Village Square. We are requesting plants and other garden-related items to sell. Please plan to drop them off the evening of the 24th at Verna Piper's home — 11052 Dowling Park Drive — or call Verna at (386) 208-1967.

VILLAGE ARCHIVES

Millie Griswold, Archivist

New History Window Presentation - VS

Volunteering: A Gift to the Community is the theme of the new History Window at the Village Square. You'll enjoy seeing the various ways that residents have volunteered their time and skills during the past 120 years of ACV history.

The History Window is located just outside the Village Grocer. Enjoy a short visual presentation and examples of the results of volunteering.

Have you visited the Village Archive? It is located as part of the Jo Kennon Public Library on Dowling Park Dr. It is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am—12:00 p.m. or arrange with the archivist for a special time to fit your schedule. See you there!

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Two books were recently ordered at the request of two ACV residents. The first is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi which was featured in the Village Bookworm article in the March 13 FNN. The second book is *Glastonbury: The Novel of Christian England* by Donna Fletcher Crow.

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them.

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the schoolhouse room between the OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association
Monica Serlick, Reporter

The **next pick up date is Friday, April 17**. Residents in Carter House can leave them downstairs at the desk

Weekly Game Schedule

Monday

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH

6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR

2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



to the IC before 11:30 a.m., as that is when I collect them.

Remember to keep the letters you receive. Please turn in all letters you received to me by April 20 for assessing the winners for this year. My address is PO Box 4011, Dowling Park, FL 32064. They will all be returned to you when we are done.

The school year awards banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 12**, at 6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria at the ranch. The bus will leave Carter House **promptly at 5:00 p.m.** The cost to ride the bus is \$5 which must be paid to the IC by Friday, May 1. I must call in a final count of the number going by the following Monday. If you need more information feel free to text or call me at the number listed below.

If you would like to be a pen pal please contact Monica Serlick at 386-330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back.

"Belief creates the actual fact." William James

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill

STEPHEN MINISTRIES:

Christ Caring for People through People
Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

Is life more than you can handle alone right now? Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move—or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life? Could you benefit from having someone who would listen, care and walk with you through this difficult time? There is no need to struggle alone! Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, who will listen without judgment or pat answers, someone to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness.

If you or someone you care about could benefit from this type of care, please contact us. We'll tell you more about our Stephen Ministry and how you—or your friend—can be matched with a Stephen Minister. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Stephen Ministries is a worldwide Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential one-to-one emotional and spiritual support to care receivers who are going through some of the most difficult days of their lives. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is another way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve. Please keep Stephen Ministries and all involved on your prayer list. Questions? Call 386-658-5358 or speak to a Stephen Leader: Robin Copeland or Darleen Hinrichs.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Bob Copeland—919-753-3403

Our upcoming covered dish dinner will be on Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the Harmony Center. We kindly ask you to bring ample food to share, along with desserts. A brief devotional will precede the meal, and David Klumpenhowe will address us following dinner.

Please keep Jack and Barbara Dixon in your prayers as Jack undergoes testing and procedures.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick—386-330-4865

We have no anniversaries and two birthdays to report for this coming week. Birthday wishes go out to Cookie (Betty) Spangler on Friday, April 10 and Ted Rowell on

 **Remember to Wave** 

and I will pick them up on my way out. Get your letters

Tuesday, April 14. We wish you a most blessed and happy birthday! May your day be filled with joy, happiness and smiles. Remember that the best is yet to come as you gain more wisdom and opportunities.

Looking for a resident who is willing to take over writing the FNN article for Carter House weekly. I am retiring from this position and will be glad to discuss it with anyone who is interested. You should be able to prepare the article on a computer or your cell phone and then email it. Please contact me at 386-330-4865 and leave a message if I can't answer.

We are heading into hot summer weather. Staying hydrated is very important for our well-being. It is very important to remember NEVER to leave plastic water bottles in your car and certainly never drink the contents of any plastic bottled drink that was left in a vehicle. The reason for this is that the heat causes the toxic chemicals used in making the plastic bottles to leach into the water or other drink likely causing you to become ill. www.springwellwater.com

Additionally, "On a sunny day, the light shines through the front windshield, through the full water bottle and that water focuses the light and its heat onto one point. That concentrated beam can exceed 400 degrees on a darker surface within seconds. That's hot enough to spark a fire. m.youtube.com

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate please contact the IC at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113

Good morning neighbor. Another week has quickly slipped by. Last week was filled with activities preparing for the annual Spring get together which included the Sock Hop. If you did not attend you missed some good food, drink, and a day of games. The dining room was decorated beautifully.

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter day. Our Savior lives; He is not on the cross; He is not in the tomb. He arose, and when he went back to the Father he said he would come again and receive us unto him, his children, those that love him and keep his commandments. I spent a quiet and restful day with Scoots in my apartment.

My son-in-law brought a delicious meal, which I enjoyed very much. The church choir sang the Easter Cantata beautifully as usual. All the practice they did over the past week paid off.

The whistling ducks are back and making themselves at home around the Gazebo. I wonder if they will hatch some more chicks. We had a little sand piper visiting and walking around the edge bobbing it's head up and down looking for minnows. I thought they were usually around salt water. I guess he got tired of being a salty bird.

I am putting a puzzle together, the hardest one so far. It was a gift so I want to finish it. Feel free to stop by the puzzle table and work some magic and help me get it together.

The rain that came down last week sure was refreshing. We need more. Lord send some rain to water the earth. We also received more rain on Monday. Thank you, Lord.

Over the weekend Donna Carbaugh attended her niece's wedding. She reported it was a beautiful affair.

Scoots and I went for a golf cart ride down the trails. Everything was budding out and green. There were white lilies blooming along the trail. It was so beautiful and serene. It's lovely in the woods at this time.

On the lighter side! A sheriff was standing with his gun drawn and looking down the road at the Rusty Spur gang riding out of town. He tells his deputy to go round up a posse so they can put them in jail. He hears his deputy riding up; he looks around expecting a posse. The deputy has a cat under his arm. The Sheriff

angrily points at the cat and says, "I told you to bring a posse". Just a small misunderstanding!

Until next week. Don't cast your pearls before swine, lest they turn and rend you! Matthew 7:69

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg—386-6588-3237

Good morning neighbors. We have no birthdays or anniversaries again this week. I guess it means we're not getting older--just better!

The gauntlet has been thrown down! Ok, Millsite Lane, the challenge is out there to fly our American flags proudly from every dwelling place on our street and to have them all in place before Taylor Commons reaches their goal. What a great way to celebrate Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 250th anniversary of our great country's independence!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for ET's annual patriotic ice cream social on Friday, July 3, at Cleo's Meeting House. Watch future FNNs for more details.

Do you know that ACV's Spring Fling is only two weeks away? Are you participating and ready or are you ready to meander through the square browsing the wares of the vendors? How about donning your walking shoes and visiting the Village Square on April 25. Enjoy the fresh air, perhaps find a treasure or two and participate in some lively conversation.

Hand and Foot is played every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., in Cleo's Meeting House.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold-386-658-5550

Charles Spurgeon once said, "The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is one of the best attested facts on record. There were so many witnesses to behold it, that if we do in the least degree receive the credibility of men's testimonies, we cannot and we dare not doubt that Jesus rose from the dead." The Apostle Paul faced skeptics when it came to the resurrection, and addressed them in 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 by pointing out that if there were no resurrection, then even Christ would not have been raised, Paul's preaching would have been in vain, they'd be guilty of breaking the ninth commandment, "thou shalt not bear false witness", faith would be futile, we'd still be in our sins, those who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost, and verse 19 "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." But Paul declares with all confidence in verse 20, "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." We continue to hold to this unshakeable truth not because it's a tradition we remember every year, but because we know it's the absolute truth. The Gaither's wrote a song which sums it up, *Because he lives, I can face tomorrow*. Thank God today we can still rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus!

Children from Wee Care descended on GSC and DM on Wednesday, April 1 to hunt for Easter eggs. Residents enjoyed seeing the children as they quickly found and gathered the hidden eggs!

Last Thursday, Rev. Chet Hart, Rev. Roy Morrison, Rev. Tim Carver, Rev. Randy Henderson, Dr. Sam Warren and Bob Ross from the Central District of Florida AC Churches came to GSC to participate in a Maundy Thursday service. Bob Ross shared God's word as he reminded us of Jesus' act of service to others by washing their feet, then challenging us to do the same! To serve and love one another.

On Sunday we were thankful to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus once again at GSC. A number of family members of our residents, as well as our residents, volunteers and friends from DM joined to declare "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Christ Arose"!

Jack "Crackerjack" Dixon and his wife, Barbara are in need of prayer, please remember them as Jack faces some health concerns.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Greetings, friends, from my view of the meadow. It was nice to get a little bit of rain over the weekend. The drought is now rated "Exceptional" (D4) which is the most severe category. The level of the Suwannee is barely over 20 feet, one of the lowest levels on record. Let's be good stewards and follow the watering restrictions the Suwannee River Water Management District has in place.

April 12, 2009 (Easter Sunday) was a MUCH different story. The river level reached a high of 54.31 feet (the fourth highest crest on record). Standing on my street, we watched the water approach Riverwoods Drive. In preparation, the Village had evacuated all the homes on the river and provided temporary lodging to those residents. Volunteers had loaded up the contents of the homes and stored them safely away from potential flooding.

People from nearby towns came out here to see how high and how fast the river was flowing. The current was so strong huge oaks and even docks became flotsam. It wasn't uncommon to find visitors eating lunch in the Café while watching the Suwannee power its way to the Gulf. Once the river began to recede, we learned that water had not entered any home in Riverwoods. Another answer to prayer.

Psalm 63:1 "O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and weary land where there is no water."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRESERVE OUR DARK SKY IN DOWLING PARK

April 13–20

International Dark Sky Week is celebrated around the world April 13–20 An educational display table will be located near the entrance to the RDR throughout the week so you can learn more about what we can do to protect and enjoy our dark night sky. Darksky.org

Look up at our sky on a clear night and you can see the same cosmos that Adam and Eve, Moses, the shepherds and wise men saw... almost. The stars and planets are the same ones our GOD created, but unfortunately, artificial light pollution has changed our night sky view and we see much less of the bright and distant objects with our naked eyes than our ancestors did. If you grew up in a city with brightly lit buildings, advertising signs and streetlights, you may not have even thought about looking up at night. You may not have seen the bright stars that create the shape of the constellation, a grouping of stars, called the Big Dipper. That formation was known as the "dipping gourd" in a song that guided slaves through the darkness to safe haven in northern areas. Celestial navigation guided explorers across vast oceans. Now, our Moon is getting much attention with the launch of the Artemis II rocket taking humans back into outer space, but there are so many other night sky objects that have inspired and guided civilizations on the ground. Join us at the monthly Astronomy meeting on the first Monday of each month at the Village Church to learn about night sky happenings and upcoming outdoor gatherings to view the night sky through binoculars and telescopes.

GOD created the darkness at night and it guides not only our natural sleep cycle, but also the life cycles of many other living things. Butterfly and bird migration, sea turtle nesting, animal breeding behaviors, ocean algae blooms, plant flowering and much more is guided by alternating cycles of daylight and darkness. The color and brightness of light as well as the direction of the shine has an impact on glare and our night vision, especially as our eyes age and develop cataracts. We are blessed to have reasonably dark skies overhead in Dowling Park since we are away from much light pollution caused by lights of nearby cities, but we each play a role in keeping it that way. Contact me for more information about selecting outdoor lighting that maintains walking and driving safety in our community while preserving dark night skies. More information and

post light samples will be on display throughout the week at the Dark Sky table.

You can also learn more by watching videos of the 2023 Dark Sky Initiative program held here in the Village. It will air on our TV 2 Wednesday, April 15, at 10:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Thank you, Tom Peeks, Peekin Tom Productions, for the recordings.

ROBBIE ROBERTSON OBITUARY

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.

Herbert Spencer "Robbie" Robertson, Jr., 89, passed to his eternal reward after an extended illness on April 3, at GSC. Robbie was born in Tampa, Florida, on July 19, 1936, and was the only son of the late Herbert S. Robertson, Sr., and Winnie Lewis Robertson.

A private interment was held in Bixler Memorial Garden. There will be a joint Celebration of Life service held at the First Methodist Church of Live Oak on Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m., for both Robbie and Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the Robertson family request that donations in memory of Robbie and Virginia be made to Advent Christian Village or First Methodist Church of Live Oak.

LOPIN GOPHER PHOTO DISPLAY

Gary Kueppers, Reporter

New photos have been put up in the hall beside the Lopin' Gopher. These are some of the best by ACV Member Liz Reynolds. She is an avid photographer and outdoors person. She is always going hiking, kayaking or something outside. Looking at these photos, you can tell she has a great eye for a great scene. Thanks for some fantastic photos!

PHILLIPS CENTER ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

Chuck Eckel, Reporter

The Village Artists Guild is featured in the art gallery next to the Lopin' Gopher in April and May. Judy Hatch is the primary exhibitor with watercolor paints from N.C. and the Northeast. Judy is also a quilter and photographer and has exhibited those talents before in the Phillips Center.

Other members are sharing their paintings of a "barn challenge" where all painted the same subject, a barn, with their own interpretation. Included are Kathy Bochow, Jan Cuddy, Chuck Eckel, Charlotte Evans, Dottie Frassetto, Katie Khan, as well as Judy Hatch.

Note the various expressions by the artists:

- 1: Barn in Northern Lights
- 2: Barn Owl
- 3: Barn and Long Fence
- 4: Log Barn
- 5: Barn in Winter
- 6: Barn and the Magpies

Please share your comments and critiques when you see the artists.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

12:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Open Friday 12:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Everything from shampoo and sets to perms, color, highlights, and specialty cuts like razor clipper, precision, regular men's and women's cuts.

Ladies, we do waxing as well! For appointments please call or text Amy at (386) 647-6240. Kindly give a 12–24 hours notice of cancellation. For any chemical service like perms, colors and highlights please give a 48-hours notice of cancellation, or extra charges will apply.

Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business.

VERIZON

Verizon representatives come to the Village Square professional offices the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are available to answer questions about their products; offer technical support; perform account analysis; streamline your account; add new lines; and sell upgrades, home internet, and devices.

TAXES PREPARATION

A team from Tina Singletary, CPA in Mayo, Florida, will be at the Village Square April 13. They will be available 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–3:00 p.m. Call (386) 294-1040 to make an appointment. Be prepared to leave this year's and last year's tax forms. They take two weeks to file. You pay when they finish; fees start at \$125.

WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS

A Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative representative is in the Village Square professional offices the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Residents can pay their bill or ask questions about their service. No appointment is necessary. Call (386) 330-5672 for more details.

HAIR CROPPERS

We have special offers for couples or groups of five or more! Whether you're relaxing solo, with a partner, or bringing your friends together, we've got the perfect facial treatment for you. Take \$5.00 off 30-minute facials, and \$10 off 60-minute facials for couples or groups of five.

We also offer spa pedicures, spa manicures, hot stone leg and foot massages, and our signature hand-wrapped treatment. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 5 and 19. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

Float further with First Federal Bank's Visa credit cards, designed to keep your goals within reach. Proudly serving Dowling Park as your trusted community bank.

Located at 11035 Dowling Park Drive in the Village Square, the Dowling Park branch is open (lobby and drive-through) Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Our Interactive Teller Machine (ITM), where our highly-trained tellers can assist you with transactions that go beyond the standard ATM transactions, is open Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, BFA®, financial advisor with Pivotal Wealth Planning is at the Village on the third Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Village Square professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our VP of Independent Living, David and his wife, Winnie for doing a superb job in hosting our Easter dinner.

Stephen McGill

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: A little freezer for \$25. It is located in RW. Contact Nancy at 352-423-3146.**

FOR SALE: TV Ears, \$40.00. Hear TV clearly — wireless technology, almost new. Call 716-698-1716.**

FOR SALE: Evolution Classic 4+ golf cart. Lithium battery, 445 miles, onboard battery charger, radio, back-up camera, rain enclosure, touch screen, and street legal kit. Recently serviced and completely inspected. Quote from the inspection report: "Golf cart is in good working order." Asking \$6,000. Owner is

resident of ACV, and cart is stored on ACV premises. Please contact Evelyn McCauley at 919-795-1455.**

WANTED: Twice Nice Furniture & More is in need of a volunteer to check and repair electronics and small appliances. We are open 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Monday and Thursday. Any amount of time will be appreciated. See Larry at the shop if interested.**

LOOKING FOR: Would the gentleman who borrowed my wife's golf cart please return it or arrange payment. A finder's fee is offered for information leading to the recovery of a green 2003 E-Z-Go golf cart with a faint "Tampa" marking on the front slope. It is a 36V cart with upgraded batteries, a top, and zip-in side curtains. Please call George Brisbin at 757-404-0666 with any information.**

FREE: Two boxes for pictures, measuring 28" to 58" x 6" x 37", and two special boxes for moving wardrobe items. **

FOUND: Epi pen at the IC. Will need to describe color to receive. Contact IC at 658-3333.**

MOVING SALE: Saturday, April 11, between 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., on Wildwood Drive. Includes a sleeper sofa, queen bed, two twin mattresses, king headboard and platform, vintage dresser, matching vanity and double headboard, recliner, occasional chairs, small tables, oak dining table with six chairs, coffee table, framed artwork, tools, holiday items plus MORE. NO early birds! Cash or Venmo only. Hope to see you there! *

GOPHER TORTOIS DAY

The Gopher Tortoise Council established April 10 as Gopher Tortoise Day "to increase awareness and appreciation for these long lived, gentle reptiles." Have you seen one of our local grey tortoises walking about under the pines near the grape arbors, near the clinic, or near Wee Care? Gopher tortoises are the only native tortoise in Florida and can live to be 60 years old. Wonder how old ours are? They live in open pinelands around the state such as we have here. They are also found in native grasslands, but often in pastures, golf courses and yards as their natural habitat has declined. They are not water turtles and need dry sandy soils to dig their burrows for shelter and open lands without dense underbrush to browse on tender growth of broadleaf plants. The burrows can be more than 7 ft deep and extend more than 15 ft long. These burrows and critical habitat for more than 350 other organisms, some that live nowhere else. In Florida, the gopher tortoise is listed as Threatened and both the tortoise and its burrow are protected under state law. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission must issue permits before any land clearing or development takes place, or before tortoises can be captured or relocated. Want to take a walk and see how many tortoises and burrows we can locate in ACV? Let me know and we can schedule a time for a nature walk. 407-908-4379

Learn more about the gopher tortoise by visiting [MyFWC.com/Gopher Tortoise](http://MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise) or GopherTortoiseCouncil.org.



Call Member Services at 658-5400 to schedule a Ride-About tour.

Prices effective 4/10–4/16



THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day! * 658-3130

GROCERY

La Preferida Green Chilies	oz.	\$ 2.00
Pillsbury All Purpose Flour	80 oz.	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Butterworth's Pancake Mix	32 oz.	\$ 3.50
Zatarians Chicken Fry Mix	9 oz.	\$ 2.40
IGA Cream of Chicken Soup	26 oz.	\$ 3.10
Crystal Sriracha Sauce	16 oz.	\$ 5.20
Welch's Grape Juice	46 oz.	\$ 5.50
Crystal Light Lemonade	3.2 oz.	\$ 5.00

DAIRY

Natalies Natural Lemonade	56 oz.	\$ 6.00
Dannon Light and Fit Yogurt	12 ct.	\$ 8.00

PRODUCE

Red Salad Onions	12 ct.	\$ 8.00
Fresh Eggplant	each	\$ 1.09

FROZEN

Bindi Sugar Pearl Waffles	3.2 oz.	\$ 1.75
Pictsweet Farms Air Fryer Mexican Street Corn	4 ct.	\$ 4.80

MEAT

Boneless Beef Stew	per lb.	\$ 8.00
Lean Ground Beef	per lb.	\$ 6.00
St. Louis Style Ribs	per lb.	\$ 3.50
Lean Pork Tenderloins	per lb.	\$ 3.20
Sugardale Center Cut Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 5.80
Eckrich Polish Kielbasa	12 oz.	\$ 4.50

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar Cheese — \$6.50 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

** Call 658-3130. Order by 11:00 a.m. for 2:00 p.m. pick-up! **

This Week's Verse

The good man does not escape all troubles – he has them too.

But the Lord helps him in each and everyone.

Psalm 34:19

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

April 10–17, 2026

FRIDAY, 4/10

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Coconut Torpedo Shrimp, GF Shepherd’s Pie, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40** **Sides:** GF Mixed Greens, Prince Edward Vegetable Blend (Green and Yellow Beans, and Carrots), GF Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 4/11

- \$8.50** **Whistle Stop Special:** Chicken Tenders, Broccoli Salad, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 4/12

♪ **Piano music provided by Joan Wittman.** ♪

Lunch Buffet

Members \$14.00 | Non-Members \$20.00 | Beverage Included

- Entrées:** St. Louis BBQ Ribs, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Carrots, Broccoli, Peppers), Carrots, Fried Peaches, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with GF Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 4/13

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Italian Sandwich on Hoagie Roll, Hawaiian Kailus Pork Sandwich, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Fried Okra, Yellow Rice
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 4/14

- \$8.50** **Special:** Salad Bar
- \$2.75** **Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

NOTE: Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$2.35.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

April 10–17, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 4/15

\$6.95 Entrées: GF Salisbury Steak, Fried Chicken

\$1.40 Sides: California Vegetable Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli, Carrots), Green Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 4/16

\$6.95 Entrées: Chicken with Pita Bread, Mediterranean Beef

\$1.40 Sides: Catalina Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Peppers, Yellow Carrots), Mediterranean Vegetables, Zucchini, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 4/17

\$2.75 Soup: Lobster Bisque

\$6.95 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Chicken and Dumplings, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies

\$1.40 Sides: Mixed Greens, Broccoli, Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits

\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,
and a fountain drink.



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Tomato Tortellini

Friday, April 10

Lunch only: Grilled Reuben on Marble Rye with
Homemade Chips \$14.95

All day: Chicken, Broccoli Alfredo with Garlic Toast,
Tortellini \$16.95

Saturday, April 11

All day: Braised Short Ribs, Mashed Potatoes with
Gravy, Vegetables \$17.95

Ann & Quinton
Rumph
DINING ROOM

658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm

THE LOPIN' GOPHER
D E L I

658-5259

Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



658-5777

Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm

Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm