



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	Maintenance	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 19, 2024

Friday	4/19	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH Volunteer Recognition—DR
Saturday	4/20	Lunch is served in the Lopin' Gopher today. 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. 4:00 & 4:15 p.m.	Arbor Day Market Day—VS Bus Trip: Dine-Out to Farm House Restaurant—DH & LAP
Sunday	4/21	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby Commissioning Service for Stephen Leaders—BC Pal Night—RDR
Monday	4/22	1:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	VCBI: Understanding 1 Corinthians—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	4/23	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i>
Wednesday	4/24	9:00–11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS VCBI: Pictures of Theology—Studies in Revelation—VC Room 5 Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart, Save A Lot and Winn Dixie—DH & CH Worship Concert with Mark Edquid—BC
Thursday	4/25	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC VCBI: A New and Living Way—VC Room 5 Coping with Caregiving—OPR Dementia Support Group—JKPL
Friday	4/26	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Phyllis Klitzkie (wife of Terry), who was a resident of BA, died April 8. Visitation will be Friday, April 19, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison. Her memorial service will be Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 a.m. in BC, followed by a graveside service at Bixler Memorial Gardens East.

NEW MEMBER

Raelynn Moye of O'Brien, Florida, has moved to DH. Her mailing address is 19268 109th Dr., O'Brien, FL 32071.

ACV EVENTS



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Friday, April 19, 3:00 p.m. - DR

You are cordially invited to attend the annual ACV Volunteer Recognition program on Friday, April 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the DR. We invite past and present volunteers to enjoy the speakers, entertainment and refreshments. This is one of the ways we like to thank the many people who volunteer their time and energy to further the ministries of ACV. Martha Wood, executive director of Live Oak's Love INC, will be the keynote speaker, and Traci Nissley will provide some musical entertainment. Please call MS at 658-5400 if you plan to attend.

ARBOR DAY MARKET DAY

Saturday, April 20, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Village Square

A Village Market Day is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 20. Market Day is ACV's version of a flea market. If you are interested in having a booth at Market Day, call the Village Lodge office at 658-5200. This month's Market Day will have an Arbor Day theme.

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO FARM HOUSE RESTAURANT

Saturday, April 20

4:00 p.m. - DH & 4:15 p.m. - LAP

\$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

Farm House Restaurant in Lake Park, Georgia, offers a variety of dishes on an extensive menu: country favorites, sandwich platters, soups, stews, salads, steaks, seafood, and more. Choices range from \$5.19 to \$20.99. Sign up at the IC.



BUS TRIP: WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 27

10:30 a.m. - DH & 10:45 a.m. - LAP

\$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

Experience the vibrant celebration of spring wildflowers that north Florida is famous for at the Wildflower Festival! Browse through an array of unique crafts and goodies offered by local vendors, savor delicious treats from food trucks, and send your kids on thrilling adventures with kiddie rides. Immerse yourself in nature and enjoy captivating music performances throughout the day. Admission is free so don't miss out on this unforgettable experience! Sign up and pay at the IC to ride on the Village bus.

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thurs., May 2, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS

Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are in the VS professional offices on the first

Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at suwtax.com.

THIRD ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CART RACE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, May 3, 9:00 a.m.

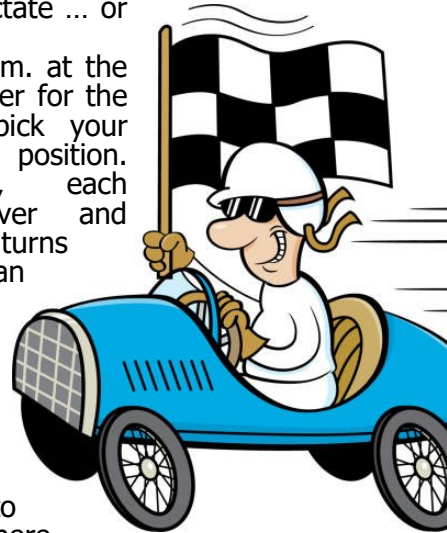
Harmony Center

ACV members, staff and friends, you are invited to the third annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt. You may participate, spectate ... or both.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Harmony Center to register for the golf cart race or to pick your preferred spectating position. Beginning at 9:30, each participating duo (driver and passenger) will take turns navigating the course in an attempt to finish the quickest. This is a time trial against the clock and not a typical race, and there is one more twist: each driver will be blindfolded, and it will be up to the passenger to verbally tell the driver where to go! The route will be marked the morning of Wednesday, May 1, so feel free to practice.

Following the race, everyone who wants to participate is invited to join in on the scavenger hunt. How many of the 30 ACV items on the list can you find? You'll have 30 minutes to find and take a picture of (with a cellphone or digital camera) as many as you can. Get back early? Bonus points! Get back late? Penalty! It'll be a race against time, observation and luck.

Feel like a winner? Perhaps you just enjoy participating in fun activities with other friendly people. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll plan to join us at the Harmony Center and the adjoining field on Friday morning, May 3, for the third annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt.



VILLAGE-WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Mark your calendars; it's time to start spring cleaning as we prepare to hold the annual Village-Wide Yard Sale. You may host the sale in your driveway, building lobby, or with neighbors. The addresses below have let us know that they will be participating:

- 10641 Dowling Park Dr. (across from GSC)
- 10819 Cardinal Circle in CT/MT
- 23378 Live Oak Lane in RW
- 23355 Elmwood Lane in RW

Would you like to host a sale? If you are an on- or off-campus ACV member, please contact MS at 658-5400 or by email at fnn@acvillage.net to take

advantage of this free advertisement and have your sale added to the list. If you are interested in letting people know ahead of time what you will be selling, submit a regular ad as well that we will place in the miscellaneous section of the FNN for up to two weeks.

Also, don't forget that the ACV shops, including TNF&M, will also be open.

There is no cost to participate. The shuttle bus will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. for the event.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

HEARTHSTONE GARDENS WORKSHOPS 3300 134th Place, Wellborn, FL 32094 hearthstonegardens.org

- Container Plant Design Workshop, April 20, 10:00–11:30 a.m., \$15
- Beginning Stained Glass, April 24, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., \$45
- Propagation, May 2, 10:00–11:30 a.m., \$15
- Daylilies, May 7, 10:00–11:30 a.m., \$10
- Miniature Landscapes, May 18, 10:00–11:00 a.m., \$15
- Native Trees for Suwannee and Columbia Counties, May 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m., free
- Stepping Stones, May 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m., \$15

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays, April 23 and May 14 and 28
10:00 a.m. - CCC**

Come and join for a ladies Bible study at CCC on Tuesdays, April 23 and May 14 and 28, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Looking forward to meeting all of you.

THE BASICS OF THE FAITH April 23 and 30; 12:30 p.m. - DR

For four weeks in April (the first session was the 9th) we are going to have a lunchtime discussion group on the simple basics of the Christian faith. We will discuss the seven most basic beliefs that the Christian faith is built on. We will also try to answer any questions you have about the basics of the faith. We will meet in the DR at 12:30 for one hour. Bring or buy lunch, eat, fellowship and discuss together the things of the Lord. Please come and join us. For more information call Michael Saunders at (407) 668-6509.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, April 25, 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.

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 26, 4:30–7:00 p.m.

First Advent Christian Church of Live Oak

The First Advent Christian Church of Live Oak is having its annual Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser and Cake Auction on Friday, April 26, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.. The Cake Auction starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.00. Proceeds are being split three ways: \$1,400 to the Padens in the Philippines, half of the remaining to Penny Crusade, and the other half to the Youth Ministry for trips.

We hope to see you there. Call Doug Mabey at (386) 647-6624 with any questions.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING

**Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
North Florida College's Van H. Priest
Auditorium in Madison, Florida**

Department of Health Big Bend and Dementia Spotlight Foundation present Dementia Awareness Training.

Learn about the different types of dementia, effective communication, creating a supportive environment, effectively managing dementia-related behaviors, and the best standards of care. For more information, email gary@dementiaspotlightfoundation.org.

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, May 3, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, May 3, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military MEMENTO. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed.–Fri. 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

As the Page Turns

The May selection of the ATPT Book Club is available and waiting to be enjoyed! *The Haven* by Suzanne Woods Fisher is a heartwarming novel that is the second of the *Stoney Ridge Seasons* four-book collection. Each story centers around characters from an Amish community, and all are filled with friendship, family and love. The club meeting will be on Thursday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m., so come in and snag your copy today!

SHINE

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? Representatives from SHINE will be available to answer questions about these and other related topics on Monday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. Take advantage of this expert help, and ease some of the stress of registering! There will not be in-person SHINE appointments in May; they will resume in June.

Hot Topics

Hot Topics is a group that focuses on the more difficult challenges that are currently facing our world and finding possible solutions. Join the group on April 25 at 10:00 a.m. as they focus their study discussion on global warming. There is a chair waiting just for you!

Dementia Support

Are you a caregiver or loved one of someone suffering from dementia? During this time, it is important to take small moments to care for yourself also. Join the Dementia Support Group on Thursday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. to share your struggles and concerns with a professional and others who have similar challenges. Get helpful coping tips and information about the resources available to you, as well as some comfort in the awareness that you are not on this path alone.

Focus on Music: British Choral Music

Join Wayne Casey as he provides his second installment of Focus on Music, which will center around British choral music. Wayne will be sharing recordings of several world-class British choirs singing a wide variety of selections. Many of the great British choral composers will also be featured, along with photos of the choirs, composers, album covers, and churches. The presentation will be on Monday, April 29, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Coming in May

1. Card Making with Linda — Monday, May 6, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

2. American Sign Language Class with Jenny Dickerson-Holloman — Mondays, May 6, 13 and 20; 2:00 p.m.

Sign up at the JKPL or online as class size is limited.

Just a Small Collection of Words

"There is nothing like looking if you want to find something. You certainly usually find something, if you look, but it is not always quite the something you were after" (J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*).

Starbooks Café Topic

Describe a near-death experience that you have had. How did the experience affect you?

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Hot Topics	2nd & 4th Thurs.	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.



BUS TRIPS

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC 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 Wednesday shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

- **April 24 afternoon — Walmart, Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn Dixie and Save A Lot, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m., pick up at Save A Lot and Winn Dixie, and return to the Village at 4:30.
- **May 1 morning — Walmart and Publix** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Drop off at Publix, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m., pick up at Publix, and return to the Village at noon.
- **May 8 afternoon — Walmart and Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Publix, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m., pick up at Publix, and return to the Village at 4:30.
- **May 15 morning — Walmart, Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Drop off at Winn Dixie and Save A Lot, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m., pick up at Save A Lot and Winn Dixie, and return to the Village at noon.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- April 20 — Dine-Out to Farm House Restaurant
- April 27 — Wildflower Festival
- May 7 — Gainesville Shopping

GAINESVILLE SHOPPING AT CELEBRATION POINTE Tuesday, May 7

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

Bus: \$9.00 members, \$16.00 non-members
A bus trip to Gainesville to shop, eat lunch, and shop some more is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7. The

intended destination is Celebration Pointe, but if the weather is bad, the bus will go to Oaks Mall instead. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m., and then from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Gainesville restaurant. Bus cost is \$9.00 for members and \$16 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: "We Is Greater Than Me"

TEXT: Ephesians 4:11-16 NIV

SPEAKER: Rev. Joseph Pritchett

Sunday evening service this week will be the commissioning of the Village Stephen Leaders, Rev. Robin Copeland and Rev. Michael Saunders. This is an important and wonderful ministry to all those in our Village, and we hope that you will attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in RDR. Please come and join us. The speaker will be Rev. Michael Saunders.

On Feb. 2 the Harold Patterson School in Monrovia, Liberia burned to the ground. The building and all its contents were destroyed. This ministry is vital to the community and to the approximately 130 students who attend there. Currently, they are meeting in neighboring areas. The Christina Baker and Vesta Clothey WHFMS groups are holding a **bake sale on Saturday, April 20, at Market Day** in the VS to benefit the school. All proceeds will be sent to help with immediate needs. If you would like to donate baked goods for this sale, please bring them to the WHFMS table by 8:00 the morning of the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Phipps or Becky Mahler. Thank you for your prayerful support for this serious need.

The Southern Advent Christian Association (SACA) will be holding their triennial meetings here at ACV April 23-25. Tuesday evening, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Justin Nash will be speaking at the evening service to be held in the VC. Rev. Nash is the newly appointed Executive Director for Advent Christian General Conference. All are welcome to attend. On Wednesday evening, the 24th, Mark Edquid will lead a worship concert at 7:30 p.m. in BC. All are welcome to attend.

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 21

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

4:00 p.m. — Younger Youth, Instruments

5:00 p.m. — Music

6:00 p.m. — Older Youth, ALIVE

6:00 p.m. — Commissioning Service for Stephen Ministries Leaders (BC)

7:00 p.m. — Pal Night (SMR)

Monday, April 22

1:00 p.m. — VCBI: 1 Corinthians 9-16, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells Practice

7:00 p.m. — SACA Service with Rev. Justin Nash, Executive Director of Advent Christian General Conference (VC)

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Pictures of Theology — Studies in Revelation, Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — No Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. — No Chancel Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. — Worship Concert with Mark Edquid (BC)

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: A New and Living Way, Mike Elder and Stan Storey (VC Room 5)

Village Cashier's Office

Monday-Friday

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

658-5343

Friday, April 26

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

1:00 p.m. — VCBI: The Roman Road, Michael Saunders (CCC)

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Doug Mabey—386-658-5200

Steve Banks has decided to retire for good as of Friday, April 19, 2024.

Steve arrived at ACV with his father (a retired Air Force colonel) on Oct. 31, 2013, and they moved into Tresca Park. Steve immediately began volunteering at Twice Nice Furniture & More and at the Lodge a few days later. He volunteered for 10 months before being hired in September 2014. He had a four-month break in service from May to September 2015 and was then rehired and worked for Conference & Retreat until December 2023 when he had to take a break because his shoulder.

Steve was always a hard worker and did too many fix-it projects at Camp Suwannee and elsewhere at ACV to count. Probably his largest rebuild project was the Youth Lodge Board Walk at Camp Suwannee.

Steve served as ACV's liaison with RVICS and other volunteers. His main job outside of his normal duties was to be our eyes and ears at Tresca Park. There weren't many things that Steve couldn't do, and having him around saved our department a lot of extra money and time, and helped us keep the customers happy.

One of the last tasks that Steve did was to create a one-page punch list of all the little creature comforts and projects. He also ordered a lot of those supplies that we needed to accomplish those tasks. These things have made it easier for us to get them done, which also helps the customers. Steve was always customer-driven, and he will be missed around here. Please congratulate him when you see him.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

New ACV employees attend orientation either on their first day of work or very soon after. During orientation, the new employees are introduced to ACV — its history, its offerings, and how to be a productive employee at ACV. Along with learning about Thomas Dowling, how to lift without straining your back, and that the VS offers not one but *two* salons, the new employees are hit with a very important piece of information: While ACV is our workplace, it is home to around 750 individuals. As we go about our work, we are to keep in mind that we are working in someone else's home.

I would like to now point out to you as well that while ACV is your home, it is also your neighbors' home. While you might be OK with leaving trash around, being generally "messy", or even destructive in your own home, would you do that in your neighbor's home? Would you visit a neighbor, open a candy, and drop the wrapper on the floor at your feet? Would you use a marker to write on their furniture? Would you steal their silverware?

Please be considerate of your neighbors in their home. Treat ACV as you would like someone else to treat the home of your most cherished loved one.

April Member Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. We were entertained by the Johnson family: Pastor Shawn, Librarian Susie, and their daughter, Rebekah. It was a good time of singing along and great music.

We were blessed to have 16 persons with April birthdays and a total of 74 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Celeste Cook, Peggy Zachow, Phil Martin, Jim Hollister, Mary Ann Wilson and Judy Hatch. The oldest birthday guest was Phyllis Gladu, and the youngest was Kerry Burke-Mackenzie. Both received fresh fruit baskets prepared by the Village Grocer.

Beautifully decorated cupcakes and refreshing ice cream were served. We appreciate the assistance of ACV's Dining Services and Housekeeping departments, and our faithful volunteers.

 **Remember to Wave**

Member Services Tip of the Week

It is the policy of the FNN to NOT include neighborhood news announcements that report on a member's absence from their home. The FNN is happy to have news reports following a trip or hospital stay.

Scam Tip of the Week: Jury Duty Scam

Scammers pose as law enforcement officers and call or email a potential victim claiming that they have missed jury duty. The scammers claim the victim must pay a fine immediately or they will be arrested. Know that a court official will never ask for you to wire money or ask for your confidential information over the phone or via email.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at www.myfloridalegal.com or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State's consumer complaint clearinghouse, at www.floridaconsumerhelp.com. (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

VILLAGE ARCHIVES

Millie Griswold, Reporter

Walk the Village Heritage Trail

Walk back in time along the half-mile Village Heritage Trail. Secure a copy of the Heritage Trail booklet at the IC. There's a map of the trail in the center of the booklet. Begin your excursion outside the IC to the right. You'll see a post with information similar to what is in the Trail booklet.

Moving left from Site 1 follow the signs to locate early Home & Orphanage buildings. The walk ends at the VS. Enjoy the walk and the early history of your home place.

BRIDGE CLUB

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call Betsey Ruehl by noon on Monday at 658-1766.

Congratulations to our April 3 winners: 1st high, Betsey Ruehl, and 2nd high, Lew Gessler.

Lessons are scheduled for Friday afternoons at 1:00 in the OPR. If you would like to learn how to play bridge or would like a refresher, call Betsey.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

We now have 11 sets of *Inspector Morse* as seen on Arts and Entertainment and PBS Mystery. Most sets contain three discs or episodes. They are on the very back of the Sets and Collections Carousel.

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.



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, April 19

Grouper Francaise with Wild Rice and Veggie

Saturday, April 20

Sausage and Peppers Marinara over Spaghetti with Garlic Toast

PEN PAL PROGRAM **A Committee of the Membership Association** **Monica Serlick, Reporter**

I have only had three people confirm with me that they will be attending the end-of-year awards banquet. PLEASE make sure to confirm your attendance with me (Monica Serlick) by April 21 as a head count must be submitted by Monday, the 22nd. The end-of-year awards banquet will be held at the FSyr on Tuesday, May 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be a bus going, and the pen pals who will be riding the bus need to reserve and pay \$4.00 as soon as possible to ensure a space is saved for you. Those who are late reserving a space will have to go by car.

Please remember to write. Even though they don't always write a lot they do look forward to hearing from you every week. Many of them actually save your letters.

IMPORTANT: There are still five pen pals who have not provided their letters and risk having their youth eliminated from the selection process. The deadline has been extended only until Sunday, April 21. Please get the letters you received in order from first letter to most recent on top. Either mail them to me or leave them at the IC for me to pick up as soon as possible. My team will complete reviewing letter format by April 21 to see who has become the most improved writer and winner of the award. Please send your folder or envelope to me at P.O. Box 4011. They will all be returned to you afterwards.

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.

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Rev. Robin Copeland, Reporter

This Sunday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. in BC, ACV will commission two Stephen Leaders. Throughout history,

when God has called people to a special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to carry on that biblical tradition by joining us in commissioning those who have answered God's call to lead Stephen Ministry at ACV.

These Stephen Leaders have already completed the training to equip them for their task. We now celebrate them, pray for them, and send them out to minister, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show your support for this ministry. These Stephen Leaders will be depending on your support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. So, how can you help?

First of all, you can pray for Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and care receivers. The assurance of your prayers and appreciation will help them in this life-transforming ministry.

You can also express affirmation and appreciation for their service. You can tell them how much their efforts mean to you, tell others how much you value Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them — as we do with the commissioning service.

Finally, each of you can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of you may recognize a call to use your ministry gifts and apply to become a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. And any of you can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care.

As we commission these Stephen Leaders, let us thank God for all they will bring to our organization and community in providing care to others, and let us promise them our daily prayer and support as we send them out to minister among us.

VILLAGE VOICES

Nancy Seale, Reporter

Laughing at oneself definitely takes strength and courage, and a sense of humor. If the phrase "strength and courage" sounds familiar to you, just maybe it's because the theme for the upcoming *Village Voices* is exactly that — Strength and Courage. This is a good time to let you know that it's still under construction, but getting much closer to completion.

Though retired, I still manage to stay quite busy. Recently, after finishing my last errand in town and being near Beall's, I decided to run in for a few minutes. Noticing it was after 5:00 p.m. and because of a commitment at the Village an hour later, I bought and brought two shirts home to try on. They did not work out as I envisioned; a return trip to the store would be necessary.

Now back to laughing at myself. The next morning after choosing what I was going to wear, I put the after-showering "necessaries" on the bed. I was on hyper-drive, mentally reviewing another batch of errands as I grabbed the shirts needing to be returned to the store and carefully "hung" them inside the original bag. Upon completion of my shower, I could not find all the earlier chosen items. Not having time to search, I selected another.

After an appointment, I arrived at Beall's, hoping one of my former kindergarten students would be working. I was greeted by a very courteous young lady whom I did not know. As she removed the ill-fitting shirts, she commented, "Oooh, these are so pretty. I am sorry they did not work for you. I will credit your card."

Sensing something still in the bag, she cautiously peeked into the bag. It was at this point that I sensed a need for invisibility. Once again she reached into the bag, pulled out the missing item, looked up with a puzzled expression, and shyly asked, "What do you want me to do with this underwear?" I had to laugh while my brain was wishing for a hiding place. Mystery solved! I had scooped it up as I hurriedly transferred the shirts into the bag.

No wonder I couldn't find it. I never thought to look there! By then, another young clerk came to the



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neighboring check out spot. Some years ago, she had been a student in the kindergarten class next door to me. Since we two teachers often shared students, I had her in my room for many activities. My clerk and I were still laughing so she shared what had just happened. Casey looked at her coworker, joined in the laughing also and said, "You think this is funny, you should have been in class with those two. It was so much fun!"

Note to self: I will never, ever bring clothes home to try on again. Never!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Submitted by Ann Carpenter: I wanted to let you know that my husband of 55 years died peacefully during the eclipse at the age of 75 on Monday, April 8, 2024, after a 12-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Thank you, ACV and BA, for being the "bestest" neighbors we could ever ask for. I am slowly settling into my "wider woman" identity, so give me a few days to be out and about once we bury Dwight's ashes. We continue to trust in our Lord and Savior until Christ returns in glory and God establishes His New Jerusalem on the earth made new.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have no anniversaries or birthdays for the rest of the month. Please continue to keep all those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your thoughts and prayers. If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

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 liquid, 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" (youtube.com).

Once again I have been asked to remind folks that it is really important to pick up after your dog. Dog feces carries multiple bacteria and can cause health issues for other dogs walking in the same area, not to mention damaging the footwear of many people who enjoy taking walks both on concrete and in the grass. Additionally, for people using mobility scooters or power chairs, the challenges are even greater. Not only do they track the feces into the lobbies and hallways of the buildings but into their apartments as well. Many folks are not in a position physically to clean their tires before coming back in.

If you own a dog and can't pick up after taking it out, please make arrangements with someone who can do so. Prior to Hurricane Idalia there had been some talk about people being charged clean up fees. Let's try not to have to go in that direction. It is not hard to know who is not picking up after their animals; people do see you and report frequently.

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

Patricia Adele Lyons, Reporter

Beautiful weather, river rising, birds singing me awake each morning, roof over my head, clothes on my back, and a plate of food each day. I'd say that God is good, amen?

∞ At the Village Square ∞

New summer hours beginning May 1: Riverside Gifts, Rustic Shop and Twice Nice Shop: Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Twice Nice Furniture & More hours will remain the same.

All of the shops are operated by volunteers, and the proceeds benefit ACV. Thank you for your support.

Riverside Gifts

Check out the beautiful cloth hankies with encouraging messages. You'll find them beside the glass nail files and various flavored lip glosses. You'll also see brightly colored boxes filled with items for women, quirky cute gnomes in various poses, and cat and Mickey Mouse mugs.

Check out the very sparkly cases that hold complete face and nail care items. Included are tweezers, two nail clippers, nail file, cuticle pusher, and scissors.

Special photos can be displayed on your refrigerator in our small and large magnetic frames.

The grandfather clock continues to tick and chime beautifully as it waits for a new home. Watch repair or battery installation is available; stop in with your watch.

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

Rustic Shop

The friendly volunteers would love to help you find beautiful handmade items, jewelry, or unique collectibles.

Beautiful handmade pillows, wood toys, afghans, and clothing protectors are just some of the items made right here in the Village by our volunteers. You'll also find those handy jar openers, scrubbies, aprons, and quilts.

Large sets of dishes at great prices includes a green etched depression glass and Mikasa China in the Florentine pattern. This set is a complete service for eight.

Many unique children's toys and baby items are displayed near the Bargain Niche. These toys include children's tea sets and pull toys.

Watch repair and batteries are also available in this shop.

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

Twice Nice Shop

This beautifully renovated shop is now open! The aisles are wide enough to accommodate scooters and walkers, and the lighting has been updated.

Ladies' slacks and men's trousers are on sale this week. There is a large selection of graphic t-shirts in a variety of sizes on sale for just \$2.00 each. As always, scrubs for men and women are \$3.00 each.

The Book Nook has a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback, cookbooks, DVDs and CDs. It also carries a good selection of jigsaw puzzles. Remember, all Bibles are FREE!

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First Saturday of the Month, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

TNF&M will be open this Saturday for Market Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clothes are \$1.00. We have several bureaus and an exercise machine that is human powered.

Celebrating their birthdays this week are Owen Ellis on the 19th, and Mary Jane Klements on the 21st. We hope you have a blessed and beautiful day.

Sheila Edenfield would like to thank the folks who helped her look for her missing cat, Precious, who as it turns out was not really missing. Ah, cats! You gotta love it! How do they do that? They must have a built-in cloaking device or something!

Dottie Stone would like to share some exciting news. Her son, Rob Ravendal, has been published in the magazine, *Nebraska History*, for his article, "Nebraska Ranchers Who Made the Remount Service a Reality". The article considers "armored tanks versus mounted Army", which helped to make WWI a victory. Maybe Dottie can get a copy of the magazine to be put in a binder in the little library for us to read. And a big congratulations to your son, Rob, from all of us at DH.

When we accomplish things on our own, it's a good feeling. But when we trust God to lead us on that path to accomplishing what He has purposed for us to accomplish, there is no way to describe how that feels.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:3 & 9).

Have a blessed weekend!

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Sandra Kelly, Reporter

Hello again, ET! No birthdays or anniversaries this week, but we can celebrate the birthday of Animal Crackers on April 18. Animal Crackers came to the states from England in the early 1800s and were originally made by Stauffer's Biscuit Company who produced their first batch of Animal Crackers in York, Pennsylvania, in 1871. In 1902 they were a Nabisco brand and became known as Barnum's Animals for obvious reasons and were sold in a box with a picture of caged animals on the sides topped off with red twine handles. The box was depicted as part of a circus train. Additionally, the red handles allowed parents to drape the cracker boxes on a Christmas tree — decorative and eatable! In 2018 the animals were released from their cages and were pictured roaming free, and the twine handles were retired. The Animal Crackers became so popular that in 1926, Duke Ellington recorded a song, "I'm Just Wild About Animal Crackers". There are 13 varieties of animals depicted in the cookies, which are sweet and are still enjoyed as a snack by children and adults.

Debbie Hoffman (and her canine friend, The Lil Man Tucker) recently had a terrific vacation in Central Florida. She was excited to join in a 40th reunion with her longtime equestrian friends from South Dakota as well as South Florida. It was a fun time for all! To finish off her trip she arrived at the fabulous World Equestrian Center for Easter weekend. There she witnessed an impressive horse auction. And no, she wasn't there to buy a horse; just watching! Especially since the lowest price for a horse was \$28,000 with the high amount going for \$160,000. Surely was happy trails!

Please remember your Village friends and neighbors in your prayers. Not everyone wants their name and/or situation mentioned in the FNN, but keep in mind an idea from Carol Rosser. As you drive, walk or ride about the Village, pray for those whose homes you pass. Prayers are never wasted.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming difficulties" (Christopher Reeve). Recognize the heroes in your life, and let them know how impressive they are.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Charles Spurgeon shared a story of a Welsh minister who spoke to a younger minister after he heard him preach. He told the young minister that he had preached a poor sermon. The young minister asked why he thought it was poor. The older minister told him it was poor because there was no Christ in it. The younger protested by saying that the text didn't speak about Christ, and he was only speaking what the text said. The older responded by asking him if he knew that

every road, street and lane in every town led to London. The young minister responded that he was aware of that. Then the minister continued by pointing out that just as every road in England led to London, so every verse in Scripture can lead us to Christ. When our eyes are opened to the Scriptures, we will see Christ everywhere.

Jesus told his disciples (the eleven, and some others) in Luke 24:44 that the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms all spoke of him, and ultimately his death, burial and resurrection. They didn't have a "Bible" as we have today, but they knew that Jesus was speaking of God's Word. The three major divisions the Jews recognized were the Law, the prophets and Psalms. Each included what we call our Old Testament books today.

Those disciples had a hard time believing that Jesus was really alive, even after he appeared to them. Yet when Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures, they finally got it! Today, we can know the same risen Savior, and we know Him through the Scriptures. It's never unfruitful to read the Scriptures. As you read God's Word, pray that God will open your mind to understand, so that you also can see Jesus in all the Scriptures!

On Tuesday, April 9, Jeanne Florence visited with us at DM and led us in singing some wonderful hymns and choruses. Jeanne reminded us of John 3:16 and told us that we can place our name in that verse to make it personal. It reminds us just how much God loves each of us. We all decided that we'd like to have Jeanne come visit us again in the future.

Last Thursday Chaplain Judy was scheduled to come and share with us for our morning devotions at GSC, but as we all know the weather was not very cooperative! She obviously didn't have her canoe or kayak ready, so she asked if we could postpone till next month! We appreciate Chaplain Judy coming by to sing and share with us.

Arlene Hodge has recently started volunteering at GSC, helping out in many areas, helping residents get to meals, and devotions, going on turtle rides with them, and just being a blessing to all of us.

Speaking of turtle rides, we have had some great weather for GSC residents to get out and see the beautiful ACV. As we ride along there are many exclamations of "Look at the beautiful roses," or amaryllis, and even as we pass Lake Aquilla, "Hey, look at the ducks!"

Penny Crusade for 2024 has ended, and we are pleased to announce that GSC and DM raised \$455.50! Thank you to everyone who participated. We are happy to be a part of what God is doing through AC missions all over this world!

The Chapel at GSC is open all the time; here are a number of *Our Daily Bread* devotionals, as well as other booklets, and books on the table that are free for anyone. If you want to come in and just be quiet, or take time to visit, feel free to stop by. If you're not sure where it is, just come in the main entrance to GSC and turn left and then immediately right.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

Save the date, May 23, to step back in time. Don't forget to send your picture from long ago to me at Box 4849, or drop off a framed picture at my house. It can be a baby picture or you at age five, 10, 15 or 20. Submit a grade school, high school, college, or sports picture. Try to find out what was happening the day or the year you were born (aside from the smiles, sighs of gratitude, outpouring of love and welcome from siblings, mom and dad). We are working on a quiz.

At our spring event we will disclose details of the plans for the next event. The RW social committee consists of Barbara Bertolino, Eleanor Klemesrud, Steve and Sharon McLeskey, Phyllis Rand, Betsey Ruehl, and Ann Thompson. We welcome your input.

The women's breakfast was pretty well attended, and RW was well represented. Good food, good conversations, and smiles abounded. We met some newcomers.

Many of us also enjoyed the "Elvis" concert in Lake City (artist series final event).

I read an article, "10 Things a Caring Person Does Without Realizing It", by Power of Positivity. The difference in how a caring person responds is this: They will gather the facts before they judge or brush off such incidents. We have all heard the comment, "In a world where you have endless possibilities where you can do or be anything, the best thing you can do is be kind."

Things kind people do: Be eager to offer praise, practice patience, respect privacy, show sincere appreciation, give back to the less fortunate, smile frequently, do random acts of kindness, get involved in civic events, and show good manners.

Gary and I were sitting on the couch one day recently watching a chickadee poke its head out of a birdhouse we have on the front porch, and look around in all directions. After several minutes of this, the bird flew. It may have been the source of the chirpings we have heard the past week or so. I believe I have seen mama delivering takeout food as well.

From Jackie Campbell: Everyone should have received their April addition of the RW Residents Lists and Maps. Please advise if anything needs to be corrected. Contact me at (210) 410-2113 of any corrections.

"The pain that you are feeling, cannot compare to the joy that is coming" (Roman 8:18).

MEMBER BENEFITS

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

This week's member benefit of note:

Members receive a 15% discount at the Village Lodge and when renting one of the cottages for loved ones when registered by the member. The cottages are very helpful for family reunions and similar gatherings so the whole family can stay together under one roof. One cottage has five bedrooms and five bathrooms, and two have nine bedrooms and eight bathrooms. All three cottages are fully equipped with full kitchens, living spaces, and even laundry rooms.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

We had a very productive meeting last week. We have a husband and wife that come to meetings on a regular basis, so gentlemen don't feel like this is just for women. We had a new member join us this week; we hope to see her again. We had a regular plarn attendee who had family visiting, and they joined us. What a way to spend a vacation! The place was buzzing. We had several people drop off bags, some precisely folded, others flattened out — either way is a great help.

We have one woman in ACV who crochets the plarn into mats. She had suggested that it would be nice to have another person crochet mats. If you enjoy crocheting and would like to learn how to crochet plarn mats, we would greatly appreciate that. I am told that it only uses two stitches, the chain stitch and a single crochet. We can plan for someone to show you how a mat is made.

I made a stop at Kathleen's, the head of our plarn ministry; she sends her many thanks and gratitude for all that ACV does for the plarn ministry. I also want to thank everyone who helps in any part of the plarn ministry.

We will be meeting Thursdays, April 18 and 25, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. Both meetings will be at Cleo's Meeting House. Call (904) 484-8796 with questions.

Linda Warner (Douglas)

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

A pleasing variety of painting compositions by featured artists Johnny Nicely (left) and Sharon McLeskey (right) is now on display in the Art Gallery next to the Lopin' Gopher.

Dr. Johnny Nicely is a retired pharmacist from the Village Pharmacy after having been called to open it in the CMC some 20 years ago. John is also an ordained minister; he served the Advent Christian Church over 30 years. He has led and participated in numerous mission trips to Honduras, Cuba and the Bahamas and brought them thousands of pairs of flip-flops and underwear, as well as much needed medicine. He has also led efforts to feed inner city children food for the body as well as food for the soul.

John and his wife, Cathy, enjoy traveling and camping with children and grandchildren. John is a collector of old things. He has fossils and medical tools dating back to Biblical times. He is also a collector of items related to the early space program and has enjoyed the opportunity to showcase his collection at our public library. John coauthored a book with his daughter, *I Hate Fishing Worms*, and used proceeds from the sale of the book to purchase a water fountain for Wee Care.

John is an aspiring artist in the Village Artists Guild and works in acrylic painting. John's wife is also a member of the Village Artists Guild and plans to become active when she retires from the Suwannee County schools soon.

Sharon McLeskey was born and raised in the shadow of Kennedy Space Center on Merritt Island, Florida. Growing up in the '60s and '70s, it wasn't unusual to hear and/or watch rockets being launched into space any time of the day or night. Sharon would frequently draw, mostly horses or the neighbor's house, but had no way to develop her interest, so the pencils were put down until later in life.

Her career was in mortgage lending, and during those years she did what she loved in work, home and church, with an occasional trip to visit family or friends who lived hours away.

Later she decided that she needed colored pictures on her walls, and she stumbled upon paint pours and thought, surely, she could do that. The best part about paint pours is one adds the colors, moves the canvas around to spread the paint and whatever happens happens. Some turn out surprisingly well, and some not so much.

In 2022, Sharon and her husband, Steve, moved to ACV. Within a couple of months of moving in she was invited to the Village Artists Guild. She says, "Fortunately for me, Joe Catarious was giving a group of aspiring artists instructions in painting with acrylics. There was also a class for those who were interested in drawing/sketching. I really looked forward to these times of learning and camaraderie every week."

When Sharon paints it is with acrylic, and at least one of her works on display in the Art Gallery was done with a pallet knife. See if you can find it. When Sharon draws it's usually with graphite or colored pencils.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, CRPC®, CDFA®, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC 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 VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

HAIR CROPPERS

Hair Croppers hours of operation are Thursdays from first to last appointment. Walk-ins are welcome for hair services on Thursday. Fridays are by appointment only. Please call or text (386) 205-3791 to schedule an appointment.

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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 VS professional offices: April 26; May 10 and 24; and June 14 and 28. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour of some kind, call MS at 658-5400.

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Did you see something curious or hear something you'd like confirmed? Submit your question to Member Services, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here. You must include your name with the question because follow-up information may be necessary.

Q: Will we hold a political forum at ACV again this year?

A: Yes. The registration deadline for candidates is July 22, and early voting begins Aug. 10, so a candidate forum has been scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6. We will begin sending invitations to all registered candidates in July.

THANK YOU

I want to thank my neighbors here in ACV for their caring, supportive and encouraging acts of kindness to me after the two eye surgeries. A group of women came over before the second surgery to work out a schedule to care for me and my cats. They asked me what I needed and then they blessedly took over, showing much wisdom in adding in tasks that I hadn't

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the *Late Show* while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life, which He held in His Hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said "It's not here," my head hung in shame!

thought of, from driving me to appointments to meals to staying overnight to caring for my cats. Such love for all of us. I am so blessed to live in this special village.
Shirley Minster

A special thank you to so many in ACV for your prayers, cards, food and memorial gifts my family and I have received following the death of my beloved husband, Bill Hine. Your support brings great comfort to our family as they have returned home. They recognize this village as a superior one that Bill and I have shared in this stage of our lives. I plan to continue to make this my home.

Lucy Hine

Thanks for everyone who inquired about helping the Beachville Advent Christian Church. The work on the parsonage is completed, and they are thankful for all who responded to the call for help.

Pastor Bruce Arnold

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

FOR SALE: A red Golden Compass power chair, model GAP620. Two new batteries and used less than 24 hours. Asking \$4000. Contact David at 386-209-7280.**

WANTED: A love seat. Please call or text 803-270-5662.*

FOR SALE: House for sale in RW with two bedrooms and one and half baths, large galley kitchen with lots of storage, family and dining area, large screened-in porch with vinyl windows, washer and dryer in garage, all appliances included, single car garage, one-plus-year-old roof, new gutters, sprinkler system. \$248,600 to ACV members. Will list on real estate websites for more. Contact Gary Hildreth at 352-250-6871.*

FOR SALE: Andis model AG professional animal clippers. Great condition. Asking \$30. Contact Barbara at 658-3957.*

WANTED: Portable generator that does not run, as is. Contact Mark at 423-240-0419.*

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:35–39

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Mt. Olive Kosher Dill Spears	16 oz.	\$ 4.29

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Chobani Plain Greek Yogurt	32 oz.	\$ 6.99

PRODUCE

Fresh Crisp Celery	bunch	\$ 1.79
Bagged Spinach	10 oz.	\$ 1.99

FROZEN

Hungry Man Dinners, all varieties	16 oz.	\$ 4.99
Mrs. Smith Cherry Pie	35 oz.	\$ 6.99

MEAT

Gwaltney Great Hot Dogs	16 oz.	\$ 1.49
Armour Fully Cooked Italian Meatballs	14 oz.	\$ 2.99
Lean Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.99
Seabest Tilapia Fish Fillets	16 oz.	\$ 4.99
Carolina Pride Thick Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 4.99
Cubed Beef Steaks	per lb.	\$ 5.99
Boneless Bottom Round Beef Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

White or Yellow American — \$5.99 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:

Be very careful never to forget what you have seen God doing for you.

May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives!

Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles he did.

Deuteronomy 4:9

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

April 19–26, 2024

FRIDAY, 4/19

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Butter Garlic Shrimp, Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Plain Grits, Cheese Grits
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 4/20

Lunch served in Lopin' Gopher today.

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Soup and Sandwich of your choice: Ham and Swiss or Turkey and Provolone; Broccoli Cheese or Chicken Noodle Soup, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 4/21

Lunch Buffet

Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included

- Entrées:** Roast Beef, Pork Loin, Fried Chicken
Sides: Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Side Salad, Fruit, Chuck Wagon Corn, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 4/22

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Pork Chops, Perogies
\$1.21 Sides: Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes Au Gratin
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 4/23

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: Loaded Hot Dogs, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
\$1.21 Sides: California Vegetable Medley, Fruit, Cold Salads, Rice Pilaf, Onion Rings
\$2.76 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: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

April 19–26, 2024

WEDNESDAY, 4/24

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Fried Chicken
\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 4/25

- \$6.44 Entrées:** Cheesy Ravioli, Cold Italian Sub Sandwich
\$1.21 Sides: Garlic Spinach, Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Kettle Chips
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 4/26

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Butter Garlic Shrimp, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,
and a fountain drink.
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, April 19

Grouper Francaise with Wild Rice and a Vegetable

Saturday, April 20

Sausage and Peppers Marinara over Spaghetti with
Garlic Toast

Ann & Quinton
Rumph
DINING ROOM

658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm

Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm

THE LOPIN' GOPHER
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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