



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 26, 2024

Friday	4/26	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	4/27	10:30 & 10:45 a.m.	Bus Trip: Wildflower Festival—DH & LAP
Sunday	4/28	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	4/29	1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	VCBI: Understanding 1 Corinthians—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	4/30	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i>
Wednesday	5/1	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart and Publix—DH & CH Ceramics—PCS VCBI: Pictures of Theology—Studies in Revelation—VC Room 5 Bridge Club—OPR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> <i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC</i>
Thursday	5/2	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC VCBI: A New and Living Way—VC Room 5
Friday	5/3	9:00 a.m. 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.	Third Annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt—Harmony Center Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH

 **Remember to Wave** 

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

Leon Lombard, who was a resident of RW, died April 23. His memorial information will be provided when available.

NEW MEMBERS

Susan Duffey of Jasper, Florida, has moved to CH. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4095.
Diane Livingston of Live Oak has moved to ET. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4462.

MOVE OUT

George and Nancy Gearhart have moved from DH. Their new mailing address is 620 Griffin Ave., Apt. 217, Lady Lake, FL 32159.

ACV EVENTS



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.

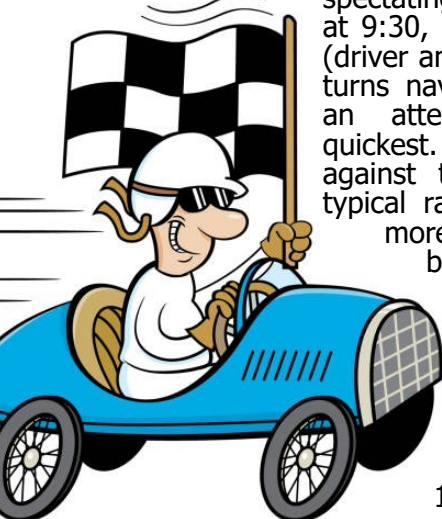
THIRD ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CART RACE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

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
- 11071 Millsite Lane in ET
- 10898 Long Leaf Lane in POP
- 23378 Live Oak Lane in RW
- 23355 Elmwood Lane in RW
- 23392 Live Oak Lane in RW
- 10446 Wildwood Dr. in RW
- 11030 Dowling Park Dr. in Taylor Commons

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.

COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

Monday, May 6, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

Our monthly support group brings people with vision loss together to share challenges and celebrate successes. The individuals who attend are in all stages of vision loss. Some still have most of their sight, while others have lost their sight completely. Together, they foster a warm, inviting place to help one another overcome barriers to living independent, vibrant lives. Join Wayne Warner from the nonprofit agency, Lighthouse of the Big Bend, for this monthly support group and meeting.



BUS TRIP: GAINESVILLE SHOPPING AT CELEBRATION POINTE

Tuesday, May 7

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

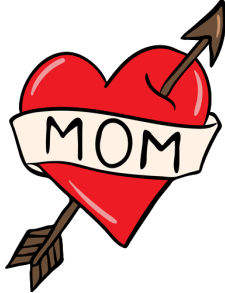
Bus: \$9.00 members, \$16.00 non-members

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.

MAY MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, May 9, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

"I want a girl just like the girl that married dear old Dad." Join us Thursday, May 9, for the next monthly member birthday party. We will be celebrating Mom with songs led by Dick Grillo, some games, and some goodies. Special recognition will be given to Village members with May birthdays, but all ACV members and their guests are invited to join us for fun, food and fellowship.



LADIES' BREAKFAST

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

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The men will be joining us for this meeting. 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 \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

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

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The ladies will be joining us for this meeting. The guest speaker will be Kenneth Randolph. He will share his testimony and some life experiences.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

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.

THE BASICS OF THE FAITH

Tuesday, April 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 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.

HEARTHSTONE GARDENS WORKSHOPS

3300 134th Place, Wellborn, FL 32094

To register and for more information:

hearthstonegardens.org

- 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
- Gelli Plate Mono Painting, May 28, 10:00-11:30 a.m., \$10

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!

FOOD GIVEAWAY

Monday, May 6, 2:30 p.m.

Dowling Park Church of God

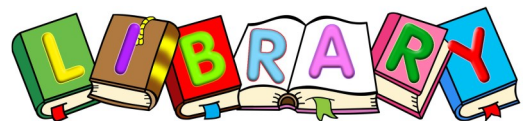
A free food giveaway will be held Monday, May 6, starting at 2:30 p.m. at Dowling Park Church of God on CR 250 near Dollar General. There will be produce, bread and more from Second Harvest. All are welcome. Everyone will stay in their vehicle. Food giveaways will be held the first Monday of each month; the next one is scheduled for June 3.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, May 14 and 28

10:00 a.m. - CCC

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



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

May the 4th Be With You

In a matter of days, we will once again cover the JKPL in all things Star Wars. It has become a tradition at Jo Kennon to decorate and entertain Star Wars fans of all ages with items from this iconic franchise. We will kick it off on May 3 at 3:00 p.m. with the movie *Star Wars: Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace*. What would a movie be without popcorn and a drink, so we will be providing them free of charge!

History of Suwannee County

During his May visit to JKPL, Eric Musgrove will be focusing his History of Suwannee County discussion on our area's African-American history. Learn about the struggles and successes experienced and the impact

that this people group has had. Join Eric on Thursday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. for this insightful seminar.

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!

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

“Writers have a rare power not given to anyone else: we can bore people long after we are dead” (Sinclair Lewis).

Starbooks Café Topic

What are or were some of your family traditions in the summer?

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.

- **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.

- **May 22 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.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- April 27 — Wildflower Festival
- May 7 — Gainesville Shopping

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister
Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314

SERMON: “Demolition Day”

TEXT: Ephesians 3:1–7 and Colossians 3:5–11 NIV ‘84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

EVENING SERVICE: “Ascension: Christ Above All”

TEXT: Acts 1:6–11

SPEAKER: Rev. Bob Story

The Men’s Fellowship will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The speaker this month will be Mr. Kenneth Randolph.

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, April 26

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

Sunday, April 28

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. — Evening Worship Service, Rev. Bob Story (BC)

Monday, April 29

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells Practice

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

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

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

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

On Friday, April 19, we held the annual Volunteer Recognition, a formal time to recognize our volunteers for all of the hard work they do throughout the year. We had approximately 55 in attendance.

We were blessed to have guest speaker Martha Wood, director of Love INC, and piano entertainment by the talented Traci Nissley, music minister at the VC. ACV President/CEO Craig Carter also attended to express his sincere thanks for all the ways our volunteers contribute to the ministries of ACV.

During the event, it was shared that in 2023, 173 volunteers reported hours. Those 173 volunteers reported 23,842 hours. Though we cannot truly put a price tag on the value of the hours reported by volunteers, if we assign Florida minimum wage to those hours, the amount of money those volunteers saved ACV in 2023 was \$269,054. Thank you!

There were six door prizes that were won by Andy Durance, Diane Milnes, Bonnie Olson, Dennis

Harrington, Ethel Stenzel and Jeanne Florence. Thank you to all of the volunteers for your heart and dedication to ACV.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The ACV department traditionally known as Maintenance or Village Properties has recently been renamed Environmental Services to better describe everything that department handles. While you will still see and hear the department referred to as Maintenance for a while as we transition, it will eventually only officially be referred to as Environmental Services.

Scam Tip of the Week: Arrest Warrant Scam

Similar to the jury duty scam, imposters pose as law enforcement officers and call or email a potential victim claiming that they have a warrant out for their arrest or are otherwise being pursued by law enforcement. The imposters will claim the victim must pay them immediately or they will be arrested. Know that a law enforcement or 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 clearing-house, 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 17 winners: 1st high, Betsey Ruehl, and 2nd high, Dottie Stone.

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.

CERAMICS SHOP

Susann Riedel, Reporter

The Ceramics Shop will be open Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for those whose Saturday schedule is free to visit the shop. We will also have some items for sale for anyone who may be interested. Come join us for some creativity and fun.

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.

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association Monica Serlick, Reporter

It is with great sadness that we celebrated the going home to our Lord of one of our pen pals, Phyllis Klitzkie, this past Saturday. I am very pleased to report that her husband, Terry, has decided to join the program as a pen pal. Welcome aboard, Terry!

The head count has been reported for the end-of-year awards banquet, which 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 visit the IC 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.

The deadline to turn in your pen pal's letters to be evaluated for the most improved writer award has passed, and selections have been made. If we did not receive your pen pal's letters from you, your pen pal was unable to be considered. All letters will be returned to you shortly.

If you would like to be a pen pal please contact me 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

Thank you to all who participated in the Stephen Leaders Commissioning Service this past Sunday evening, April 21. Words cannot express my appreciation for your support. Rev. George Waterman, VC elder, opened the service with a welcome and invocation. Rev. Sam Worley, VC senior pastor, led the hymn singing as well as shared the purpose of Stephen Ministries. Doug Mabey, First Advent Christian Church elder, explained the Stephen Ministry Caregiver Compass. Rev. Frank Hall, recently retired VC minister of pastoral care, commissioned the two Stephen Leaders. Rev. Bob Copeland led the commissioning prayer as the elders and pastors of the VC, as well as the elders and pastor of First Advent Christian Church, laid hands on the Stephen Leaders. Rev. Michael Saunders, ACV Stephen Leader, delivered the message, "Unconditional Love", grounded in Matthew 25:34-40. Rev. Tim Carver, First AC Church pastor, closed the service with a benediction. Mark Edquid, vice president of independent living operations, delighted us with his skilled piano playing throughout the service. Following the service, those who attended the service enjoyed refreshments in RDR provided by Sandy Peters and ACV Dining Services.

Seeing so many of you at the service brought me deep appreciation for my ACV family. On behalf of Michael and me, thank you all for your support.

Feel free to contact ACV Stephen Ministries via email at stephenministries@acvillage.net, call at 658-



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, April 26

Stacked Grilled Reuben on Marble Rye with
Homemade Chips

Saturday, April 27

Grilled Pesto Chicken Topped with Tomato
and Melted Mozzarella with Confetti Rice and
a Vegetable

5378 and/or to stop by the Stephen Ministries office in MS. You may also join us on Thursday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m., in the OPR to learn more about Stephen Ministry at ACV.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

I hope everyone has set aside Friday night for our potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. at the Harmony Center. I do so apologize for the problem I had last week in not posting my article. I had it all prepared, and something went wrong.

My little sister has been visiting us from Naples for two weeks and has disrupted our normal peaceful existence. We enjoyed her very much and took her many places within the tri-county area. In doing so we discovered an interesting place in Lee on Route 90.

If you travel north past the Red Onion to Highway 90 and turn right, almost as soon as you make that turn you will see an array of colorful pieces of yard art on your left. I don't remember the name of the place, but you can't miss it. They are quite unique and have a wonderful selection of gift items as well as antiques. You could spend an hour or two just looking at everything they have. You can even have lunch there as they offer a café amongst it all. Check it out and enjoy.

We took my sister back to Naples on Sunday and enjoyed her very much.

If you were able to go to the service for Phyllis Klitzkie on Saturday, the 20th, I am sure you will agree it was a lovely service. Please keep Terry in your prayers as he adjusts to a life without Phyllis.

Also we need to lift up Ann Carpenter who is adjusting to life without her husband, Dwight, who fought a long hard battle of Alzheimer's. Dwight was a minister for 40 years and was an accomplished pianist.

We have prayer requests from the Hitchcock and the Smith families also as Mike and Allen are under treatment. We need to especially pray for strength and direction for Beth Smith and Cindy Hitchcock as they tend to the needs of their husbands.

Think twice before you speak, and then say it to yourself. Remember, there is no greater loan than a sympathetic ear. I find a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Remember the old song in the 60s "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places"? Isn't it a blessing to know the best place to look for love is in God's word? Read His word daily and discover His wondrous eternal love, and never, never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless!

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.

I was very fortunate to spend the last couple of weeks with my very dear friend (mom) Phyllis and her son Bob, who came to visit from Colorado in his RV. We had a lot of fun with his two very large dogs, Magnum and Gunner. Bob also spent a lot of time playing Farle with our group in CH. He actually won a game or two as well. We wished him safe travels as he returns to his home this week.

If you didn't make it to the Membership Association meeting on the 18th, please make it a point to watch it on TV2. Rev. Robin Copeland did a wonderful presentation about Stephen Ministries and its new development here at ACV. In the coming months, hopefully by early next year, this service will be available to anyone in need here in our community and surrounding areas. If you have any questions feel free to contact her or Rev. Michael Saunders. They have an office in MS, 658-5400.

The last two celebrations for the month of April are Earth Day and Passover, which both fall on April 22.

There is no planet B so remember to take care of the one we have and be good stewards of the land and all that live on and in it.

Passover is the celebration of the blood of the lamb that was put over the door posts in ancient Egypt to save the first born male child and all who were within the dwelling of God's chosen people. It was also when they were released from slavery to head towards the Promised Land.

According to biblicalarchaeology.org "The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke appear to present Jesus' Last Supper as a Seder. In John however, the festival doesn't start until after Jesus is crucified." The Lord's Last Supper is depicted in many beautiful paintings.

I was very fortunate to see Leonardo Da Vinci's most famous painting in the world of The Last Supper at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Netherlands. I was mesmerized for quite a while as I took in the depth and beauty of the artistry as well as the subjects of the painting. It was an experience I will never forget.

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

We're supposed to have some pretty nice weather for quite a few days. Get outside and enjoy it. Thank you, God.

On the 28th, Celeste Cook will be celebrating her birthday. Be sure to wish her a blessed and happy birthday.

I was eating my cereal this Tuesday morning and talking to God about what to write in the FNN as no one submitted anything. When I made my check-in call to the front desk, Michael Saunders asked if I would let folks know they have a prayer board at the front desk in DH, and if anyone needs prayer, they will put your name on it. And there's God's answer! Prayer! Thank you, God. And Michael, God just used you. Praise God!

F.B. Meyers stated that the greatest tragedy in life is not unanswered prayer, but rather, it is unoffered prayer.

The prayers of Jesus represent very intimate moments between the Father and His Son, and are the supreme examples of being in communion with God. All through His ministry, Jesus stayed in communion with God through prayer and quiet time in solitary places. This kept His relationship with God strong, allowed Him to be filled with the Holy Spirit, showed Him the will of the Father, and gave Him some needed rest and privacy where He could escape the crowds for a little while.

To pray without ceasing is to always be in a state of prayer "in your heart and spirit", even when you are not praying out loud, and especially when you are alone (1 Thes. 5:17).

"The greatest distance between your problem and the solution, is the distance between your knees and the floor" (Charles Stanley).

The power of prayer is released when you glorify God. Have a blessed weekend.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Sandra Kelly, Reporter

Hello again, ET! Happy birthday to Donna Robb on April 24. "Be happy! Today is the day you were brought into this world to be a blessing and inspiration to the people around you! You are a wonderful person! May you be given more birthdays to fulfill all your dreams" (Shutterfly.com)!

Carolyn and Russell Wadsworth will be celebrating an anniversary on April 30. May your lives be filled with adventure and your love be never-ending. Happy anniversary.

Please keep Donna Robb in your prayers. Donna is experiencing complications with a bad case of shingles. If you have experienced shingles yourself, you know how painful it can be. Put her on your prayer list

and let her know you are thinking of her. Sometimes a cheerful card can make a dreary day brighter. There may be others who need prayer as well. Look around and let God direct you to those in need.

"Shingles is a painful, usually itchy, rash that develops on one side of the face or body. The rash consists of blisters that typically scab over in seven to 10 days and fully clear up within two to four weeks. People can have pain, itching, or tingling in the area where the rash will develop. This can happen several days before the rash appears. People can also have a fever before the rash appears.

"About one in every three people in the United States will have shingles in their lifetime. If you had chickenpox, you are at risk for shingles. More than 99% of Americans born before 1980 had chickenpox, even if they don't remember it. As you get older, your risk for having shingles and serious complications increases.

"About 10% to 18% of people who have shingles develop nerve pain that can last for months or years after the rash goes away. This nerve pain is called postherpetic neuralgia, or PHN. PHN is the most common complication of shingles. Another complication might be pneumonia.

"Covering the shingles rash can lower the risk of spreading VZV to others. People with shingles cannot spread the virus before the blisters appear or after the rash scabs over. Cover the rash. Avoid touching or scratching the rash. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds. Avoid contact with the following people until your rash scabs over: pregnant women who never had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine, premature or low-birth-weight infants, people who are immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system) such as people taking immunosuppressive medications (that lower the body's normal immune response) or are undergoing cancer treatment, organ transplant recipients, and people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection" (CDC).

Have you met Diane Livingston? Probably not as she just moved into Lawrence House on Saturday. She was born and raised in central Florida, then moved to Live Oak eight years ago. Unfortunately, her husband passed away in February 2024, so she has moved to ACV to enjoy the supportive atmosphere. She has three children and 12 grandchildren. Her oldest son lives nearby; he's a Duke Energy employee, and she can enjoy seeing him frequently. Diane worked with the Volusia County School Board for 32 years, the last 20 as the director of Transportation. Diane enjoys being active. Her family calls her the "Energizer Bunny". She is interested in getting involved in the activities, especially pottery, swimming, and Bible study. Please make an effort to meet her and show her around.

We recently drove into Perry for a medical appointment. The day had started out as rainy and cool, but as the clouds gradually dispersed and the sun shone through, we were honored with a beautiful array of flowers alongside the roads and with gorgeous blue skies. How glorious the day turned out to be! May you have a wonderful week. Get out and enjoy God's creation.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR Bruce Arnold, Reporter

In John 10, Jesus states twice that he is the good shepherd. First he says, "I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." This is in contrast to the hired hand who doesn't care about the sheep and who will run whenever danger appears. The people of Israel had been subject to "hired hands" in the form of kings, and other leaders like the Pharisees, and Sadducees. Many of these were religious leaders who had only their own selfish interests in mind, or their own "pious" reputations at stake.

A shepherd who really cares for sheep would even die for the sheep to protect them, and Jesus speaks of himself in this way. We know that Jesus did just that. Jesus cared for people, no matter who they were, and he even reached out to the undesirable people who the religious leaders wouldn't even look at. Of course we know he took our place for our sins, so we could be free from sin and have eternal life.

∞ 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

Enjoy the outdoors even more with the colorful wide-brim hats, baseball caps, and mosquito netting over-lays. Shoppers will be pleased to see that we have reading glasses in stylish frames, and brightly colored sunglasses.

There is a good selection of Bibles and study aids. Choose from children's, the NIV for teens, or extra-large print Bibles. We also carry Bible holders that can hold many helpful items. If you are looking for a specific Bible version, our staff is willing to order it for you.

Documenting your family history is much easier with Susie H. Baxter's *Write Your Memoir One Story at a Time*. Gift this memoir with the great little book to list family birthdays, weddings, graduations, and other special events.

Remember, watch repair and battery installation is a service here.

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

There is an interesting selection of handmade afghans on display beside the quilts.

Eight Bradford Exchange Waves of Beauty plates that feature hummingbirds and flowers are on sale. Each plate is signed, certified, and framed, and comes in its original box.

If you are looking for vintage jewelry, this is the shop: genuine opals, coral, silver, zirconium, Joma Arts, a ring of 14k gold with five diamonds, and a 36" Marvella pearl necklace. There is also an excellent selection of costume jewelry to suit any outfit you own.

The selection of children's toys and baby items continues to grow. Items include children's boxed tea sets, pull toys, clocks, and clothing.

Watch repair and batteries are 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

Visit this shop to see unique fashionable items for sale. **Ladies' slacks and men's trousers continue to be on sale this week.** The graphic t-shirts selection continues to expand, with a variety of sizes and colors for \$2.00 each. As always, scrubs for men and women are \$3.00 each.

The women's department has a very good selection of blouses in a wide variety of sizes, colors, styles, and sleeve lengths.

The Book Nook has a variety of fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. We are stocked with a new supply of *Reader's Digest* and several new cookbooks. There are also Bibles (always free), study guides, and jigsaw puzzles.

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

∞ On CR 250 ∞

Twice Nice Furniture & More

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

Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Come for "shopping therapy". We're always glad to see you!

Jesus also said of himself, "I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep, and my sheep know me." I read once of a number of flocks of sheep that had been captured and all put together in one pen. The wife of the late shepherd of one of the flocks begged the captors to get her sheep back, since it was her only source of income. The captors said she could have them, but they didn't know how she would determine which sheep were hers. She called her son to come and play a tune on a flute, and as he played, the sheep who were theirs popped their heads up and made their way to the sound of the flute, and she was able to have her sheep back.

Jesus knows His sheep, and those who belong to Him know His voice. The way we know His voice is through knowing God's Word. When we know His voice, we're less likely to be led astray by other voices. Thank God today for our Good Shepherd who paid the price for our sins, and whose voice we can hear today through God's Word!

We are grateful for those who come in to share and visit with our residents at GSC and DM each month. Once a month on a Saturday the children from the Seventh Day Adventist Church come to visit and share with us. Pastor Darren Gay and members of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church also come to visit one Saturday in the month. Dick Grillo comes by to play his guitar and sing with us at GSC for special occasions, like birthday parties and other activities. He also comes by at DM to visit once a month.

Outside the activity rooms of Magnolia and Dogwood courts is a screened-in patio and a beautiful flower garden. On these nice sunny spring days our residents love to sit outside and just soak up the sun and fresh air. In the middle of the courtyard is a beautiful covered swing that accommodates wheelchairs. This is something we enjoy using as well.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

Did you save May 23 to step back in time? Send your picture from long ago to me at Box 4849 or drop off a framed picture at my house. Submit a baby picture, or a grade school, high school, college or sports picture. I only have 20 so far, and still need more pictures. Even if you think you cannot come, send in a picture; that will surely confuse a lot of us. Try to find out what was happening the day or the year you were born. What movie or song or TV show was popular that year? We are working on a quiz. We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs, so your dish can be almost anything! If you don't cook, you can bring bottles of water, tea or soda. We would like to raise some funds as a cushion for planning the next events as well.

We are trying to host events on Thursdays in an effort to avoid conflicts with visiting organizations and campers. We are a committee of mostly females. We need some help in what we call "lugging and tugging" — getting food and supplies from one place to another. There will be two more opportunities in 2024 to help in planning and executing future events. Is your expertise in decorating, planning, gathering supplies, setting up, or disassembling? Call one of us: Barbara Bertolino, Eleanor Klemesrud, Steve and Sharon McLeskey, Phyllis Rand, Betsey Ruehl, or Ann Thompson.

Check out the trees and the plants in the neighborhood. You can see that some are getting ready to burst into bloom, some have already come and gone, and others are hanging around for a bit longer. The joys of spring brighten our days with birds chirping, the bright blue sky, the deep green of the trees, and it smells fresher. Even the slight chill this past week was welcome.

It is also allergy season, and unfortunately tick season, so be prepared. The visiting gnats are welcome to go away. I have taken to wearing my neck fan to keep these nasty creatures away from my eyes, ears and face. Another neighbor reminded me that peppermint oil is a good deterrent.

Today's goal: "Remember putting on glasses for the first time: suddenly, the trees had individual leaves; the moon had defined edges. Try to see through that clear lens — everything as it is ... Look around you and marvel" (Maggie Smith, poet).

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 can send up to 10 pages and receive unlimited faxes at MS for free. Members also receive up to four free black and white photocopies (40¢ value) per day at MS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

I think we had a good meeting last week — very productive. Alice Rumbaugh and Pat Phelps felt pleased. They emptied a large plastic garbage bag of bags, eventually. Have you ever had one of those days where you thought you were finished with a job, only to find more work? Well persistence paid off for these two ladies; they finally emptied the bag.

I know we all have our limitations on what we can do so I just want to thank you for pushing yourself a little more to help with the plarn ministry. Any questions, feel free to contact me at (904) 484-8796. Hope to see you Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, at Cleo's Meeting House.

Linda Warner (Douglas)

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 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.

Let's welcome Brenda to Hair Croppers, and schedule your appointment today!

We also provide nails services: manicures, pedicures, hand and foot massage treatments, gel nail enhancements, and facial waxing.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON

**Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and most Fridays**

12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Call (386) 647-6240 for appointments. Kindly give 12–24 hours notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply. Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business. Thank you, Amy Hancock.

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 any of the tall trees still threatening homes be removed before hurricane season starts?

A: Trees will be evaluated by Environmental Services to determine the need. If a member feels there is a tree that needs to be evaluated, they should call 658-5155. Once enough threatening trees are found, a contractor will be contacted to deal with the issues.

THANK YOU

Saying "Thank you" for your support of the bake sale for the Harold Patterson School is not nearly enough to express our appreciation. Because of you and your generous hearts, we raised over \$766 with more donations still coming in. All of this money will be sent to the school to help with immediate needs. What a blessing to be able to be a part of this work. We are so grateful.

The WHFMS Groups of the VC

Thank you for the many happy birthday greetings, songs, cards and gifts I received. I really enjoyed the April birthday party given by ACV. I also had some family visits. You have made it a fun time to celebrate growing old! Love in Christ,

Ann Perry

Thank you from the family of Charlene Jane Hart. We were deeply saddened by the loss of our mother and a beloved sister to Barbara White. The care and concern of Pastor Frank Hall was greatly appreciated. Everyone's condolences, meals, thoughtfulness and concern were a wonderful blessing to us all and helped us get through this difficult time. God bless you all.

The Family of Charlene Hart

I think it's wonderful that we live in a place where people care about other people. Thank you to the person who turned my lost phone into the IC. And thank you to Tim Portbury for taking the time to fix it for me.

Joan Wittman

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.**

FREE: Twin box spring in very good condition. Call 386-249-2792 or email barnold@avillage.net.*

LOST: Heavy duty cane was lost between CCC and DH. It is a very heavy cane and black in color. If you find it please contact Bruce at 850-209-6746.*

IN SEARCH OF: Need a home for a well mannered kitty. Contact Janet at 386-209-4757.*

LOST AND FOUND: Found white/lavender (crochet) lap blanket on trip bus after Elvis concert. Dark green sweater also found on trip bus. Dark brown suede-like man's jacket, a brown hat with brim and hearing aids in small white case, all turned into the IC. Please call 658-3333 or come by the IC.*

SAFE HOMEMADE CLEANERS **Submitted by Patricia-Adele Lyons**

Furniture Cleaner

Mix together:

- 2 cups water
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 drop dish soap

Pour into spray bottle. Spray lint-free dusting cloth lightly with the mixture and wipe down furniture. This will help repel dust up to a month. Repeat once a month.

Multi-Surface Cleaner

Place used lemon rinds and peels in a quart canning jar with a tight-fitting lid. Add white vinegar to the jar, covering lemon peels and rinds. Gently shake jar and let it sit out for one hour.

Strain mixture into a spray bottle and use it to clean mirrors, windows, countertops, and bathroom surfaces throughout your home. Works on car windows too.

Bugs do not like citrus or vinegar. They especially don't like peppermint. Add a medium sprig of fresh peppermint (or one drop of peppermint oil) to the mixture, and you've got a good natural bug repellent. Spray in cabinets, on counters, or wherever there's evidence of bugs, roaches and mice.

WE HANG ON **By Katie Khan**

Is it not our melancholy, longing,
and sense of loss that pushes us to
the center; to the silence within us.

In solitude, we intuit a sacred
oneness, where peace and rest are
at the center of all things.

How do we stay there, in this noisy
conflicted world ... Anger, angst
and sorrow crowd our minds
and disturb our souls.

Do we not simply seek complete
and total surrender; to accept
the beauty and the terror of it all;
believing that the universal good
will bring all things into
compliance and restoration.

But, in the meantime, how do we
stay calm and persevere in hope ...
"Let go and let God" ... "Don't worry,
be happy" ... "Live in the now" ...
all the mantras in the world
cannot turn us into saints.

I am not good, but I have
experienced the goodness
of the Holy One ...
So, "I hang on."

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for recycling.**

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Reser's Macaroni & Cheese	12 oz.	\$ 3.29
Land O' Frost Shaved Sandwich Meats	9 oz.	\$ 2.99
Nathans Bigger than a Bun Beef Franks	12 oz.	\$ 4.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Provolone Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

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Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

*** The Grill Team will be at the VS on Saturday, May 4,
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Place your order now. ***

This Week's Verse:

I don't mean to say I am perfect. I haven't learned all I should,
but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that
Christ saved me for and wants me to be. Philippians 3:12

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

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Birthdays

1. Ken Randolph; 2. Kathleen Damiani*; 4. Joe Brooks, Frances Flythe*, Olga Miller*;
5. Ben Bowen; 6. Mack Wadsworth, Albert Yale;
8. Mark Brennan, Richard Carr, Lexie Soles; 9. Steven Heinz;
10. Jan Cuddy, David Vignali; 11. Martha Jean Chase, Marilyn Ludington;
12. Johnny Brown Sr.*, Joel Rutter; 14. Kathy Daniels, Charles Walker*;
15. Normand Benoit, Dorothy Brenner, Gloria Keller*, Vida Martin;
16. Josephine Baron*, Jane Burns; 17. Charlotte Micklos*, Diane Starke;
18. Janet Pinder, Jacqueline Stephens, Bob Wheeler; 19. Charles Johnson, Cathy Oberg;
20. Patty Davies, Susan Duffey, Jim Gutshall;
21. Judy Crankshaw; 22. Lucile Stranch, Donald B. Wrigley;
23. Marjorie Hoffman*, Gary Ruehl, Rick Welling;
24. Jay Hershberger*, Ann Thompson; 25. Nancy West*;
26. Marie Anne Armsheimer, Judy Hunter, Yvonne Lopez, Jim Rainsberger;
27. Jakki Brinker; 28. Jacki Lloyd; 29. Barbara Bland, Doris Cousins;
30. Nancy Nicely*, Norman Powell, Helen Whitfill.

Anniversaries

1. Sharon & Steve McLeskey; 2. Becky & Phillip Mahler;
7. Chuck & Peggy Eckel, Elizabeth & Stan Storey;
15. Debbie & Rick Welling; 16. Doris & Jack McClain;
18. Jan & Mike Cuddy;
31. Albert & Marilyn Yale, Dale & Sue Whitmore.

*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.

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**Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Sam St. John**

**200 S. Ohio Avenue Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-2222**



DON'T BE A VICTIM

FRAUD PREVENTION TIPS

If you can answer “Yes” to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a fraud or are about to be scammed!

- x Are you sending money, gift cards, checks or any money orders to anyone you met online or over the phone?
 - x Have you been informed that you are the winner of a lottery, Publisher's Clearing House, or any other prizes?
 - x Have you been instructed to wire, send or ship money as soon as possible to pay for a debt or arrest warrant, to bail a family member out of jail, or to take care of an IRS tax debt?
 - x Did you respond to an unknown email, text message, or phone call asking to verify any of your personal banking or credit account information or provide your personal information such as name, date of birth, etc.?
- ➔ The IRS, FBI, or any form of U.S. government will not call you, message you, or request that you pay them over the phone or through gift cards, or by mailing cash.
- ➔ If you receive a call stating a loved one or friend is injured, arrested, or in an accident, do not provide any information. Obtain detailed information and call the appropriate authorities to determine if the contact is real or fraudulent.
- ➔ Never provide your personal or any banking information to anyone online or over the phone, or to anyone you do not personally know and can trust with said information.

Sheriff St. John and the deputies of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office want you to stay informed on the many ways criminals work to scam their victims. Should you have any concerns or questions please contact the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office at (386) 362-2222 and ask to speak with a deputy.

April 26–May 3, 2024

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

SATURDAY, 4/27

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Meatloaf, Chuck Wagon Corn, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 4/28

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Roast Beef, Ham, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Italian Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Side Salad, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 4/29

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Liver and Onions, Teriyaki Chicken
- \$1.21 Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Mix, Peas and Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Fried Rice with Scrambled Eggs and Spam
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 4/30

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Grilled Cheese and Tomato Bisque Soup, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.21 Sides:** California Vegetable Medley, Zucchini Fries, Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice
- \$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, 5/1

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
\$6.44 Entrées: Salisbury Steak, Fried Chicken
\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Three Bean Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 5/2

- \$6.44 Entrées:** Chicken Paprikash, Pot Roast
\$1.21 Sides: Five-Way Vegetables, Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice, Potatoes au Gratin
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 5/3

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Butter Garlic Shrimp, Stuffed Peppers, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Broccoli, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, 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 26

Stacked Grilled Rueben on Marble Rye with
Homemade Chips

Saturday, April 27

Grilled Pesto Chicken Topped with Tomato and
Melted Mozzarella with Confetti Rice and a Vegetable



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Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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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



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Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm
Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm