



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

*Women's History
Month*

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

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Friday	2/28	The Village Cashier's office is closed today. No Veterans' Services today. 8:45 & 9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Gainesville Shopping—DH & LAP <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	3/1	5:45 & 6:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: First Coast Wind Symphony—DH & LAP
Sunday	3/2	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	3/3	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	<i>VCBI: Stranger on the Road to Emmaus—OPR</i> Connecting Threads Ministry—KC Coping with Low Vision—OPR <i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	3/4	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	3/5	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Easter Cantata Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	3/6	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i>	Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS Plarn Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House <i>Spiritual Growth Discussion Group—Stephens Ministries Office</i>
Friday	3/7	9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:15 & 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Services—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Dine-Out to Red Lobster Sit 'N Stitch—CH

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dwight Bridges, who was a residents of GSC, died Feb. 22. His memorial information will be provided when available.

Anita McFarland, who was a resident of CT/MT and GSC, died Feb. 22. A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Day Cemetery.

TRANSFERS

Bill Jones has transferred from CH to GSC. His new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Michele McSweeney has transferred from CH to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Donna Robb has transferred from ET to RV. Her mailing address remains the same.

MOVE OUTS

David Holley has moved from ET. His new mailing address is 326 NW Turnberry Dr., Lake City, FL 32055.

Lynda and Richard Thurston have moved from ET. Their new mailing address is 20700 78th Trace, Live Oak, FL 32060.

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: GAINESVILLE SHOPPING

Friday, Feb. 28

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

Bus: \$9.00 members, \$16 non-members

A bus trip to Gainesville to shop, eat lunch, and shop some more is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m., and then from LAP 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.



BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY:

FIRST COAST WIND SYMPHONY

Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Florida Gateway College

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center

149 SE College Place, Lake City

5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP

Bus: \$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

Now in their 34th year, the First Coast Wind Symphony, with over 50 musicians on stage and directed by founder Artie Clifton, will present a wonderful family concert with music for all ages. This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting communityconcerts.info. Individual ticket prices are \$29 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

Monday, March 3, 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 Lighthouse of the Big Bend for this monthly support group and meeting.



SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thurs., March 6, 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 normally 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.



STATE OF FLORIDA:

FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thurs., March 6, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS

The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. For more information you can go to their website, gathergoget.com. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

- Change from out-of-state driver license to Florida license
- Renewals
- Duplicates for lost or stolen license
- Address/name changes ID cards
- Reinstatements
- Emergency Contact Information registration

For driver licenses and ID cards, in order to verify your address, you will need one item from Group A and one item from Group B below. Both items will need to include your physical address.

Group A:

- Deed,
- Mortgage agreement,
- Recent monthly mortgage statement, or
- Rental or lease agreement.

Group B:

- Florida voter registration card,
- Selective service card,
- Florida vehicle or vessel documentation,
- Utility bill dated within the last 30 days,
- Financial statement dated within the last 30 days,
- Paycheck or W-2 dated within the last 30 days,
- Homeowner's or auto insurance policy or bill dated within the last 30 days, or
- Documents issued by federal, state, county or city government agencies dated within the last 30 days.

Residency letters issued by ACV are no longer being accepted.

For your convenience, the department accepts the following payment methods: cash, check, and credit cards.

BUS TRIP:

LUNCH DINE-OUT TO RED LOBSTER

Friday, March 7

10:15 a.m. - DH & 10:30 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

Red Lobster has filed for bankruptcy, and many Florida locations have closed recently. So far, Lake City's Red Lobster has escaped the chopping block, but who knows for how long? Sign up at the IC to enjoy a delicious seafood lunch on Friday, March 7.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. in SMR/DR. The guest speaker will be Candy Hall.

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, March 8, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The guest speaker will be Arthur Lawrence.

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!



SUPPER POTLUCK

Saturday, March 8, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

Hello, all! I am happy to announce that the potlucks are open to all friends and neighbors of ACV, not just to members. The next potluck is scheduled for March 8, the second Saturday of March, in RDR. We start at 5:00 p.m., so it's good to bring your food earlier than that. We will try out a new buffet formation that will allow two lines to select from all the food brought, with just one pass.

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO BROWN LANTERN IN LIVE OAK

Monday, March 10

4:15 p.m. - DH & 4:30 - Lake Aquilla

Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

The ACV bus will be traveling to the Brown Lantern restaurant for supper on March 10. The Brown Lantern offers many American classics such as salads, burgers, steaks, chicken dishes, and seafood. Prices range from under \$5.00 to almost \$30. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the March member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with March birthdays will receive special recognition. See you there!



BUNCO PARTY

Friday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. - OPR

Have you ever played Bunco? Bunco is a social dice game where players roll dice to score points. It's a game of chance, and is often played with three tables of four players. As rounds end, players switch seats, mixing up the tables to jumble who sits with whom. Bunco parties usually last about two hours. The object is to have fun socializing.

A Bunco party is planned for Friday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you'd like to play, you must sign up ahead of time by calling MS at 658-5400. Only 12 can play, so don't wait to call.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: DUO ARPEGGIONE

Friday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. - VC

Duo Arpeggione was formed in 2017 by doctors Catherine Lan, piano, and Claudio Jaffe, cello. Since then they have delighted audiences with their passion and excellence, and each recital includes insightful commentary. Both artists bring extensive lifelong performance

experience at an international level. Both artists have also won prizes at various competitions.

In addition to their performance experience, Lan and Jaffe hold teaching positions. Dr. Jaffe teaches at Palm Beach Atlantic University, in addition to being conductor of the Florida Youth Orchestra. He is principal cellist of the Palm Beach Symphony and Florida Grand Opera, as well as cellist with the Delray String Quartet. Dr. Lan teaches at Broward College, in addition to being a founding member of Duo Beaux Arts, Duo Formosa and others.

Individual concert tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member). Those with season passes get in free to this concert, and they may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Thursdays starting March 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. - OPR

Jenny Dickerson-Holloman, who has been teaching a conversational sign language class at JKPL, will lead another class in the OPR Thursday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. beginning March 6. No supplies are needed, but you might want to invite a friend to practice with you between the scheduled classes to polish your skills. No registration is necessary.

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, March 7, 12:00 noon - RDR

Everyone is invited for a special WWII WASP history presentation. Over 1,000 women flew military aircraft in WWII as Women Airforce Service Pilots, or the WASP. Author Margaret DiBenedetto is the daughter of WASP Ruth Franckling Reynolds (43-w-2). DiBenedetto will discuss the WASP and her mother's aviation adventures.

All members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, March 7, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tues., March 11, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. - CCC

Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesdays, March 11 and 25, at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., at CCC. Come and join us for a Ladies Bible Study.

WINDOWS FOR WORSHIP TOUR OF CHURCH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Tuesday, March 18, 1:30 p.m. - BC

Tuesday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. the Village Archive is giving a one-hour educational tour of the stained glass

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday-Friday • 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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

windows in BC and the VC. The tour involves learning about the windows' subject matter, and design and production of the windows. Candy Hall, tour guide, presents the tour. Please sign up at the IC by Thursday, March 13.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.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

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Yoga	Mondays	9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Yoga	Fridays	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

2024 tax forms are now available at our front desk.

History of Suwannee County

Eric Musgrove will discuss the history of O'Brien, Florida, in his next session of Suwannee County's history on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. This unincorporated community is on the way to Branford. Eric will reveal the stories of the area and the lives of the people who settled there.

Mardi Gras at the JKPL

Join us on "Fat Tuesday" as we celebrate Mardi Gras with mask painting, music making, games, and food. Bring the family on March 4 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Meet the Suwannee County Property Appraiser

Join us at the JKPL on Wednesday, March 5, at 2:00 p.m. for a special visit from Ricky Gamble. As the Property Appraiser for Suwannee County and former County Commissioner for District 3, which includes Dowling Park, he played a key role in making JKPL a reality. Don't miss this opportunity to meet him, learn about his work, and ask your questions!

Library Photo Contest: Capture Nature's Beauty

This is your last chance to enter the contest! Our annual Library Photo Contest is coming to a close, and we want to see your best shots of nature. All entries must be submitted no later than Friday, Feb. 28.

Contest details:

- Theme: Nature
- Eligibility: Two entries per person (must be original photos taken by the person entering)
- Age Groups: Adult or Youth
- Submission Period: Feb. 1-28
- Photo Size: Physical photos must be unframed and no larger than 5x8 inches.
- Submission Methods: Email your entries to dpark@neflin.org or bring them to the JKPL in person.
- Requirements: Each entry must include the photographer's name and age group (Adult or Youth). No AI-generated or AI-edited photos may be submitted.

All entries will be displayed at the JKPL, where the community can vote for their favorites. The winning entries will receive prizes!

Dementia Support Group

Are you a caregiver or relative of someone with dementia? Join Ginger Calhoun on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for guidance, support, and valuable resources to help you through this challenging journey. She will provide expert advice on managing current difficulties and preparing for what's ahead. You don't have to face this alone — come in and get the support you need.

Elvis Is Leaving the Building

Don't miss your chance to see the spectacular collection of Elvis Presley memorabilia at the JKPL! It is time to return the collection to Beth Faerber, so it will be going home at the end of this month. Come in and get your photo taken with "The King" before he leaves!

As the Page Turns

This month, the book club is highlighting two suspenseful novels by New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry, both rich with political intrigue. *Death in Focus* follows Elena Standish's adventures in the aftermath of WWI, while *A Question of Betrayal* takes place at the onset of WWII. Join the discussion at the ATPT meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 2:00 p.m.

American Sign Language Class

Jenny Dickerson-Holloman will teach conversational sign language on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is on March 11, so loosen up your fingers and get ready to learn a new way to "speak". Call the JKPL for more information. Registration is suggested, but walk-ins are welcome.

Starbooks Café

Every Tuesday, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., at Starbooks Café, a diverse group of people get together to drink coffee and try to find the answers to life's many mysteries. You are welcome to join them and enjoy an hour and a half of in-depth conversation.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers! Be a greeter for the VITA tax program. No experience is necessary; you will not be completing or filing taxes. You will simply be greeting people, checking them off of the appointment list, and giving them a form to fill out. Volunteers are needed from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays from March 13 to April 11. Call the JKPL for more information.

Free VITA Tax Preparation

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax preparation is coming to the JKPL on Thursdays from March 13 to April 11. The VITA program is sponsored by the IRS and provides free tax preparation and filing for individuals with simple tax returns. This program is by appointment only. Please call the JKPL to schedule your appointment or for more information.

Just a Small Collection of Words

"Literature can allow us to experience the best side of humankind, where instead of giving up, we struggle desperately in the ruins for love, connection and hope" (Caroline Leavitt).



BUS TRIPS

No eating or drinking, and no open food or drink containers on either of ACV's buses. The only



Chili while it lasts. Vegetable Beef Noodle Soup on Friday and Saturday.

Friday, Feb. 28

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

All day: Grouper Francese with Wild Rice and a Vegetable \$17.95

Saturday, March 1

Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and a Vegetable \$17.95

exception is plain water. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, aftershave, 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 MS at 658-5400.

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

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

- **March 5 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **March 12 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **March 12 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 18 morning (change in day) — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
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UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Feb. 28 — Gainesville Shopping

March 1 — Community Concerts of Lake City: First Coast Wind Symphony

March 7 — Lunch Dine-Out to Red Lobster

March 10 — Dine-Out to Brown Lantern

March 17 — Dine-Out to Italian Pizzeria in Live Oak

BUS TRIP: ITALIAN PIZZERIA

Monday, March 17

4:15 p.m. - DH & 4:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla

Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

Monday, March 17, the trip bus will provide transportation to Live Oak to enjoy a nice Italian meal at Italian Pizzeria. Italian Pizzeria offers pasta, sandwiches, salads, pizza, and more ranging from \$9.00 to \$23. Sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "How to Get a Life"

TEXT: Titus 3:3-8 NIV '84; Ephesians 2:4-10 ESV

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at the Lopin' Gopher prior to Saturday morning. Judge Arthur Lawrence will be the speaker.

There will be a **Stephen Ministries Commissioning Service** Sunday evening, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. for those who have completed the requirements to be a Stephen Minister. This will be held in BC. Everyone is invited to attend.

∞ At the Village Square ∞

Riverside Gifts

We have a delightful display of beautiful lavender plaques and crosses that proclaims, "He is Risen." We also have two books perfect for your Easter devotionals, to be used alongside your Bible.

We have a collection of adorable ducklings and little birds waiting for their new home! Also, **a variety of calendars that are half price.**

We have even more 3D cards for birthdays, sports, camping, love, and baby showers, and cards for milestone ages are always available.

A new item, Recipes from Mom, is designed for mothers to fill out and pass down to their children and grandchildren as treasured keepsakes.

Sturdy handmade walking sticks from Texas are back in stock! These come with a lifetime warranty when registered online. Find them in the Nature Corner of the store.

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

Rustic Shop

Unique jewelry is always in style! Choose from modern designs, vintage brooches, and animal pins — including an ostrich! You'll also find floral and golf-themed pins to add flair to your outfit.

Our necklace collection features a variety of lengths, beads, and colors. Some have a single strand, while others boast multiple strands for a bolder look.

New dignity bibs and clothing protectors are now available in a range of colors, designs, and lengths. Find them near our beautiful table linens.

Southwestern-themed items are now on display! Choose from an array of pottery, baskets, vases (both short and tall), jugs, and statues in various sizes — perfect for gifting or decorating.

We also offer clothing repairs and alterations. Please wash all items before bringing them in for repairs, and attach your name and phone number to the bag.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very reasonable prices.

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

Twice Nice Shop

Medical scrub tops and pants are always on sale!

Ladies' slacks, jeans, and tops are still just \$2.00 each. We also have skirts in a variety of lengths — pair with a new-to-you blouse for a stylish outfit!

Purses and wallets are selling fast, but more are being stocked regularly.

Men's trousers are half-price this week!

Our jeans selection is growing — perfect for staying comfortable while enjoying outdoor activities.

Our shoe department offers a wide variety of men's and women's shoes, slippers, and sneakers — all at low prices.

In the Book Nook, paperback and hardbound fiction books are still buy one, get one free.

Our game selection is excellent, featuring bingo, Scrabble, trivia, and more. Look for them near the jigsaw puzzles.

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

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

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

Saturday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Creation Arts Camp 2025 will be Monday–Friday, June 9–13, with an Art Show on Friday evening. For those who may be new to ACV, Creation Arts Camp is our alternative to VBS. We provide a place for elementary age children to learn of God’s love and salvation, as well as explore the arts, the gifts God has given us, and how our gifts can be used for His glory. We are lining up classes and teachers for this year. Do you have a talent or love for visual, performing, culinary, or creative skills you can teach? Do you have an hour and a half a day to volunteer during Arts Camp? Please contact Traci Nissley or Randy Lamb at the VC at 658-5344 to find out more information.

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, Feb. 28

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

Sunday, March 2

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)
 11:00 a.m. — Sunday School Classes for All Ages
 4:00 p.m. — Regeneration
 5:00 p.m. — Alive
 5:00 p.m. — Youth Meeting (Lighthouse)
 6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Bob Copeland (BC)

Monday, March 3

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus, Ken Randolph (OPR)
 1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John’s Letters, Mike Cuddy (Room 5)
 6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells
 7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

1:00 p.m. — **Canceled:** VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible ..., Michael Saunders (Room 5)
 6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)
 6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice

Friday, March 7

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Mike Cuddy (Room 5)

Saturday, March 8

8:30 a.m. — Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Judge Arthur Lawrence (RDR)

**VILLAGE CASHIER’S OFFICE
 Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343**

The Village Cashier’s Office will be closed Friday, Feb. 28.

VILLAGE GROCER

Jordon Harmon—386-658-3130

The Grill Team will be at the VS Saturday, March 1. Make your order for smoked ribs, Boston butts, sausage, and Brunswick stew at the Village Grocer.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

There are several organized gaming groups that meet each week. The following are open groups that all ACV members are more than welcome to join:

- Scrabble at Cleo’s Meeting House Mondays at 1:00
- Dominoes at Cleo’s Meeting House Mondays at 6:00
- Hand and Foot at Cleo’s Meeting House Tuesdays at 1:00
- Bridge in OPR Wednesdays at 1:00
- Bingo at Cleo’s Meeting House Wednesdays at 2:00
- Bingo in CH activity room Thursdays at 6:30
- If you are interested in playing Mahjong, contact Betsey Ruehl at 658-1766.

If you are not a member of ACV, we ask that you not show up at these gaming times for safety reasons. If you are invited by a member, you may attend with them as their guest.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The deadline for submission of articles or ads for the FNN is noon on Tuesday of the week of the publication,



and may be sent by email to fnn@acvillage.net or left in the FNN box outside the IC.

Scam Tip of the Week: Electronic Theft

There are several ways thieves can steal from you. One of the most prevalent ways is to remove funds from an account you hold through electronic means. Unless all of your money is kept under your mattress, every account with your name on it can be accessed electronically.

Institutions go to great lengths to keep their systems safe, but every computer system is susceptible to theft because every system is connected to the internet. If a thief is smart or clever enough, they will find a way to access your money.

The sooner you discover a problem, the more likely it is that you’ll be able to get your stolen money back. Check every account you hold — bank account, Paypal savings account, credit card account, Cash App account, etc. — regularly to make sure no unauthorized activity has appeared. Some even suggest to check daily. If you see anything suspicious, contact the account holder immediately. It may require you to fill out forms, or even to close the account. It is tedious, but necessary.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at ACV in the following opportunities or in any others, please come to MS to fill out an application.

1. **Outdoor beautification volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV’s grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
2. **CH front desk attendants.**
3. **Grape vineyard workers.** Volunteers are needed to help maintain ACV’s small vineyard located across Dowling Park Dr. from PCS.
4. **Lunch deliverers.** Individuals are needed to deliver a lunch or two a few times a week to shut-ins across campus.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

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 me at 658-1766 or Dottie Stone at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

We really need more bridge players. We are at the point where we now have to ask two players to sit out each week. If you need a refresher or want to learn bridge or Mahjong call me at 658-1766. Bridge lessons will be given on Friday, Feb. 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR.

Congratulations to our Feb. 19 winners: 1st high, Henry Simonds, and 2nd high, Dottie Stone.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The sewing center at KC will be open on Monday, March 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come and help with a group project — no sewing skills needed — or bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

If you are a fan of the TV show *Everybody Loves Raymond*, you will be happy to know that a set of all nine seasons has been donated to our library. We also have some new-to-us paperbacks ready for check out.

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

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association Monica Serlick, Reporter

The next letter pick-up date is **Friday, March 7**. Make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon.

IMPORTANT: There is a pen pals meeting at 10:00 a.m., in the SMR/DR, and the group luncheon at 11:15 a.m., on Friday, March 14. I will be collecting funds for the awards banquet presentation, which we sponsor, at that meeting. There is no cost for the luncheon.

We all had a great time at the Open House, and as usual the food was delicious. The day started out chilly but by the afternoon it was actually quite pleasant. Many of us had an opportunity to meet with our pen pals in between their rides while other youth were on clean-up crews and working hard.

I am looking for new pen pals to take on two students. Should you want to become a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact on a child's future.

Thank you everyone for encouraging and inspiring the youth of our future generations. "I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions" (Stephen R. Covey). "One of the differences between some successful and unsuccessful people is that one group is full of doers, while the other is full of wishers" (Edmond Mbiaka).

STEPHEN MINISTRIES Robin Copeland, Reporter

Our Stephen Ministers complete their training this week and prepare to be commissioned. Pray for God to bless their caregiving and to work through them to bring hope and healing to people's lives.

Session Eighteen — Go! God is with You: This session is a time for review and inspiration as our Stephen Minister trainees prepare to "follow Jesus" in their caregiving journey. They review what it means to be caregivers who are compassionate, full of faith, skilled, trustworthy, and Christ-centered. With the completion of their training, they are ready to provide quality, one-to-one caring ministry on behalf of our community. If you or someone you know could benefit from the listening ear, caring presence, and Christ-centered support of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14 NLT). We should always be on the lookout for our neighbors, especially those who need a little extra help.

"Ask and you shall receive." Well not all the time, but this time worked for me. I would like to thank Dot Shuman for the information she shared with me in reference to Lillian Shuman's 101st birthday celebration on Feb. 16 at their home in BA. She reported, "It was far less extravagant than the affair for her 100th. We just invited in a few of her much loved former POP neighbors and a precious friend from Maine, who has just moved into the Village. It was a precious little intimate gathering with lots of memories and love shared." We want to thank you, Dot, for sharing this with us in the FNN.

I also had a call from Dick and Nancy Beggs telling me about their company all the way from San Diego to attend our leadership conference here at the Village. Nancy's brother, David Crimi, is the President of the Southern California Advent Christian Churches. Her grandson, Bryan Reeves, David's nephew, was also in attendance, and he is the Director of the Advent Covenant, Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild, California. The Beggses were delighted to have the time with their far off relatives. Thank you, Nancy and Dick, for sharing this with us all in the FNN.

This is what I am talking about when I ask y'all for news from around your house, so get with it and send or call and tell me what is going on, please.

I see where Steve Shuman is cleaning up his act with a beautiful new shed to put all his tools and toys in. The last hurricane took a toll on his old shed and blew it all over the yard. It looks real good, Steve.

I have found that "money can talk", but who can keep it around long enough to start a conversation? I have also found that a dollar bill goes a long way these days; you can carry it around for weeks before you can find something you can afford to buy with it! The only thing I don't like about the phrase "let sleeping dogs lie" is that they are usually sleeping in the chair you want to sit in! Oh, have I said this before? The more I work with people, the more I love dogs!

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in wonderful BA: Remember it is not how far you make it in life ... it is how, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless!

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have two birthdays to celebrate this week. Happy birthday wishes go out to Lynn Harris on March 2 and Sheldyn Stamler on March 5. May all your family and friends share the joys of your birthday celebrations.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and in recovery from surgeries or treatments as they are restricted in their activities. "Lord, as we seek your healing, full and complete, we beseech you to reveal the fullness of your love towards us and extend your powerful arm to bind what needs binding, to open what needs opening, and to restore what needs restoration. Touch us deeply that we may fulfill your purpose for us, as set out before our births. Take away our sickness ..." (inspiritencourage.com).

Last week I spoke about respect, consideration and kindness. Many residents who live in our building and enjoy independent living seem to forget that they do not live or rent a room in a hotel where staff cleans up after them constantly.

Our housekeeping persons — for the common areas: lobby, activity room, hallways, laundry rooms and bathrooms — ensure that cobwebs are removed, floors are washed, carpets are vacuumed, and bathrooms are cleaned at least once a day.

If you choose to eat and drink in the activity room or lobby please make sure that you remove your garbage and clean the tables. Other residents use these tables as well and should not have to clean up your napkins or sticky, dirty mess.

If you create a major spill or mess that you cannot clean in any common area of the building including bathrooms and hallways, please have the consideration to advise the front desk. They will call in a special request to have it cleaned up. If it is after hours, please call the IC, and they will call in the on-duty person to clean up.

Make sure you are not the cause of someone's possible injury. Claiming ignorance of an offensive behavior does not make you innocent no matter how sweetly stated. The coming warmer weather will also bring out the bugs. We don't want to have them coming into our common areas attracted by sweet, sticky food or beverage leftovers. Let's not lose the privilege of bringing food and beverages into the common areas of our apartment building. **RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION STARTS WITH YOU.**

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!**

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

Good morning! Or as Mr. Rogers would say, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood!" I'm sitting here this morning watching the sun come up.

Happy birthday to Errol Gillette on March 1 and to Carole Kueppers on March 4. Blessings to you for health, happiness and long life.

Did anyone else envision what retirement would be like? I had this picture in my mind of the day trips we would take, the things I would accomplish now that I had the time to really enjoy doing them, and the traveling we would do. Little did I know that my new best friend would be my pocket calendar to keep me aware of all the things that are actually taking place now that we are retired.

Between medical appointments, volunteer assignments, and social gatherings, I seem to need to mark a few days each month just for rest. If I look in the calendar and see a blank square I go into a panic because I surely must have missed writing something in.

My most dreaded time of year is Jan. 1 when I need to pull out the brand new calendar and start filling it in. In reality the picture of retirement is — in addition to medical appointments, volunteer assignments, and social gatherings — I have found time for church choir, Scrabble, Hand & Foot, dominoes, bingo, crochet class, Bible study, writing articles for the FNN, and presiding over the ET neighborhood. Whew! I'm tired just reading this list, but I wouldn't want it any other way because without all these things life would be so boring and dull!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29. This is the date for the ET Dessert and Games Party at Cleo's Meeting House. Come around 1:30 p.m. to enjoy fellowship and game time along with some amazing desserts. Hand & Foot, decks of cards, Boggle, Big Boggle, Phase 10, dominoes, Super Scrabble, as well as jigsaw puzzles will be furnished. If you have a favorite game, bring it with you. If you have a special dessert recipe you would like to bring, please call me at (574) 229-8402. Please note that not everyone needs to bring a dessert. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you decide to venture out for some fresh air and to enjoy Mother Nature, please, please, please be careful. Watch your step, move slowly but purposefully, take a friend or neighbor, and it's always wise to carry a cell phone with you. Check to see if your neighbors would like to go with you. Let's keep our neighbor safe and alive. Check on your neighbors; make sure nothing is amiss. If something seems out of the ordinary and suspicious, report it to the IC so that the proper department can be notified.

See you around, especially on the 29th.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

When we come to faith in Jesus and seek to follow him, we gain an enemy, Satan. Before we followed Jesus, he had no reason to bother us, because we weren't doing anything to bother him!

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10–13 the enemy of a Christian is not the people who oppose, but actually as Paul puts it in Verse 12, the rulers, authorities, power of this dark world, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We can see the manifestation of this evil all around us, usually manifested in people who oppose us, or do harm to us. Our challenge is to suit up, put on the armor of God, and oppose the one who is behind all the evil we see — not to oppose the individual who may seek to harm us.

Paul's words in Verse 10 remind us that we are to be strong in the Lord, and in his mighty power. It is in this way we are able to stand against the devil's schemes (Vs. 11).

Paul says it twice in this short passage: that we are to "put on the full armor of God", not to try to stand up to evil in our own power, but to trust in God's provision and protection. Reading the remainder of the chapter, we can see how the full armor of God brings us protection and even a response to the evil around us. Ask God to help you to put on his armor each day.

Last Thursday morning, the 20th, the Randy Brown Band came to GSC. Many of our residents came to hear them. One of the songs they sang was "Excuses", which made us realize how ridiculous our reasons for not attending church can be! Go on

YouTube and look that song up. You'll probably recognize some of the excuses you've even made!

Dick Grillo came to DM on Thursday, along with Joel and Charlotte Evans! Crystal had some donuts and cookies, which everyone enjoyed along with the wonderful music.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

Recently I learned of two situations that emphasize the need to stay hydrated. A member of my extended family is suffering with gout in her feet. I did some research as I was not familiar with the symptoms or remedies. The Arthritis Foundation says that gout is a form of inflammatory arthritis. Urate deposits in the joints and soft tissues cause severe pain in a person who is suffering from a gout attack. The pain is usually most severe from 12 to 24 hours after onset of the attack. A gout attack can last up to two weeks. Staying hydrated is the most readily available means of managing gout. Hyperuricemia occurs when the blood has too much uric acid. A number of conditions and circumstances can cause this, including diseases and medications. Drinking water dilutes uric acid levels in the blood and flushes the organs. The more water consumed, the more uric acid excreted, decreasing the risk of urate crystals in the joints.

Recently we observed a neighbor in distress and had no idea of what was going on. We were not sure if it was a heart attack, a stroke, or something else. Luckily the EMTs came quickly and tested for all of that. It was later determined to be a case of dehydration. You think thirst is the indicator of fewer fluids in the body, but it is not always the early indicator of fluid deficiency in the body. People in their advanced ages and others can not feel thirsty until they suffer from exsiccosis (dehydration). So, you need to increase your fluid intake during illness or hot weather.

The signs associated with dehydration vary with age. Exsiccosis in adults has different symptoms than those observed in children. We need to pay attention to the following indicators of the problem: feeling extreme thirst, dark-colored urine, less frequency of urination, dizziness, fatigue, or confusion. While acute exsiccosis goes away when you drink enough water or other fluids, some cases need immediate medical attention. Contact a doctor immediately if you suffer from diarrhea for 24 hours or more, have trouble keeping down fluids, feel disoriented or irritable, experience exhaustion, have a sleepy feeling or are less active than normal, or see black or bloody stools.

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:

ACV members have access to ACV services and facilities if the campus is closed due to outside dangers. If a situation (such as a pandemic) necessitates the closing of ACV to outsiders, ACV members, including off-campus members, still have access to the Village and all of its services and amenities that are still in operation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS
Linda Warner, Reporter

Good morning, plarn neighbors! It's been a little questionable about whether we were having meetings. I did try to call all the regular members to let them know if

there was no meeting. I am not up to doing meetings, but I did find a volunteer that would open up Cleo's Meeting House for the meetings in my absence.

You all know your jobs at the meetings; some of you know more than one job. Kay Schmook has graciously volunteered to run the meetings until I'm able to return. I'm very thankful that someone was able to keep the meetings going. I told her I would help her as much as possible. I'm running the balls and mats to Kathleen in town.

We have a great group of volunteers that works well together. Thank you for understanding. Any questions or concerns, you can contact me at (904) 484-8796. Meetings will continue on Thursdays at Cleo's Meeting House, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Second Harvest will not deliver produce to Dowling Park Church of God in the month of March.

NANCY HARRISON, CPA

Nancy Harrison, CPA is holding office hours to meet with residents who would like her to prepare their income tax return. She will be meeting at the Professional Offices in the VS on the following dates: March 6 and 20, and April 3 and 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

She will be happy to answer any questions you have anytime. Her phone number is (850) 212-6799, her email is nfharrisoncpa@gmail.com, and her fax is (855) 899-6404.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be offered Saturdays through April 12. Taxes will be prepared for free, but cookies are always appreciated. Call First Baptist Church of Dowling Park at 658-2360 for an appointment.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant program is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) initiative in the U.S. that supports free tax preparation service for the underserved through various partner organizations.

VITA service helps low- to moderate-income individuals (\$67,000 annually per household), persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers file their taxes each year. IRS awards matching funds to partner organizations throughout the country.

For more information call Jim Broton at (386) 209-6831, or email jmb013@live.com. Thank you for your assistance.

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: March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and May 2 and 16. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

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.

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

Facials are here to stay! Facial Day will be on the first Saturday and Tuesday of each month. So, Saturday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 4, will be Hair Croppers

facial day in March! Text (386) 205-3791 to schedule an appointment!

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: What are the bike rules at ACV?

A: The Village has no additional rules for bike riding beyond Florida's bike laws. Did you know that bicycles are defined as vehicles and generally have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers? In Florida, however, when cyclists ride on sidewalks, they are considered pedestrians.

You can read all of Florida's bike laws at www.bikelaw.com/laws/florida/.

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. Ads may be dropped into the box near the IC, or emailed to fnn@acvillage.net. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

FOR SALE: Solid oak oval dining table, double pedestal with four chairs, great condition, \$25. Solid oak China cabinet with glass doors, great condition, \$250. Set of China from Portugal, wild flower design, \$60. Contact Elaine at 423-802-0279.**

PET SITTER WANTED: For twice weekly afternoon care for Freckles, a sweet-natured spaniel, 7 months, loves people and short walks; paper trained. Owner will provide small metal crate, wee paper, and treats. Fee is negotiable. Contact Diane at 850-570-3604.**

FREE: A sturdy corner computer table with shelf, and a Craftsman push mower with leaf bag, as is. Call 386-658-1164.**

FOR SALE: Graco Nautilus 65 car seat. Grey and black with 1 cup holder. Very good condition. \$40. Call 386-249-5141.*

FOUND: A Leatherman multi-tool was found in the road at the north entrance to ACV. Call 386-249-2792 to claim it. It has a special inscription on it; if it's yours, you'll know what it is.*

OH, DEER!

Submitted by Gisele Altman

In the past week, I have seen two deer carcasses on the way to Live Oak, and one on the way to Madison. While it's important to say, "Be careful when driving, especially at night," the reality is that we don't typically hit deer on purpose; they often hit us or leap out in front of us at the last moment. Therefore, despite being vigilant and aware of your surroundings while driving, it can be nearly impossible to avoid hitting a deer that suddenly appears.

So, what should you do if you hit a deer?

1. Make sure you are safe.
2. If you can, move your vehicle to a safe place.
3. Call your Suwannee County Sheriff's Office Animal Services at 911 or (386) 208-0072. (I've programmed the number into my phone.)
4. Check to see if your car is safe or needs a tow truck.
5. Document the incident. If it's safe, take photographs of the roadway, surroundings, any

damage to your vehicle, and any injuries you or your passengers sustained. If witnesses stop, record their accounts of what happened and ask for their contact information.

6. Stay away from the animal.
7. Contact your insurance agent.
8. Please don't "assume" your vehicle is safe to drive.

I'm praying that you never need this information firsthand, but if you do, it should help you find a resolution.

THOUGHTS

Submitted by Patricia-Adele Lyons

It is better to read a little and ponder a lot, than to read a lot and ponder a little.

There's not enough room in your mind for worry and faith. You must decide which one gets to live there.

You don't have to attend every argument you're invited to.

Some people are not loyal to you, they are only loyal to their need of you. Once their need changes, so does their loyalty.

"If you get tired, learn to rest, and not quit" (Bansky).

Gossip dies when it hits a wise person's ears.

Truth does not mind being questioned, and a lie does not like being challenged.

Only two defining forces have offered to die for you — Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul, and one died for your freedom.

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Lot 11 W. Wildwood Cir.: \$20,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS 120450.

10497 Wildwood Dr.: \$359,000; 2,412 sq. ft.; built in 2005; 3 br.; 2 bath. Designed with entertaining in mind. Open floor plan; breakfast and Florida rooms share a 2-sided, propane fireplace; vaulted ceilings; great room; kitchen with Corian countertops and under cabinet lighting; can lighting; front porch and covered patio; plus easy-to-care-for wood laminate floors; carpet in guest bedroom; large master suite with tray ceiling and walk-in closet; and a new, high impact shingle roof make this home exceptional. MLS #124132.

10429 Riverwood Dr.: \$310,000; 1,378 sq. ft.; built in 2018; 2 br.; 2 bath. Shown by appointment only, this breath-taking home with 1-car garage in Cottages at River Hammock has open floor plan, kitchen with custom cabinets, under cabinet lighting, upgraded granite countertops, and Pergo flooring, wood laminate

flooring throughout home with high ceilings, can lighting, ceiling fans, upgraded light fixtures and window treatments, in-wall safe, automatic night lights in master bath, self-closing drawers, whole-house generator, built-in storage in garage, fenced-in yard, and so much more. MLS #124134.

10454 Wildwood Dr.: \$259,900; 1,235 sq. ft.; built in 1989. Cozy 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home, this beautiful brick and hardy board home has a new shingle roof, vinyl plank flooring, tile in bathrooms, screened back porch, front porch, lots of storage, mud room and bonus room, an office/den could be bedroom #3. Plus 1 car carport and driveway parking for convenience. Under termite warranty with Live Oak Pest Control, will transfer to new owners. MLS #125125

23350 Meadow View Dr.: \$335,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. This brick home is on one of the larger lots in the Riverwoods subdivision. The interior features a split floor plan with 3 spacious bedrooms, 3 full baths, and a galley-style kitchen. Additionally, the home includes an attached 2-car garage and raised garden beds with daylilies and native azaleas scattered throughout the property. MLS #123514

Birthdays

1. Errol Gillette, Cheryl Massengill;
2. Larry Black, Lynn Harris, Albert Osteen*;
3. Elizabeth Abano*, Sally Carnley*;
4. Blanche Benoit, Carole Kueppers, Frank Hall;
5. Sheila Edenfield, Sheldyn Stamler;
6. Jean Goddard*, J.T. Peeks;
7. Christobal Herrera*;
9. Cindy Beaver, India Van Brunt, Jan Hendrickson;
12. Keith French*, Bill Nickerson;
13. Deborah Skinner, Lucy Hine;
15. Meg Burden, Glenna Caudill*, Mike Elder;
16. Lagran Holton*;
18. Catherine Grim*, Karen Thomas;
19. Robert Lutz, Robin Robinson;
20. Sarah Faircloth*, Barbara Kile, Robert Bunnell, Sue Donnelly;
21. Gary Quigley;
22. Patricia-Adele Lyons;
23. Barbara Richards, John Richmond, Susie Lewis;
24. Arthur Lawrence, Paul Cochrane;
25. Ida Godbold*, Phyllis Rand;
27. Bruce Harris, Donna Willberg, Kathy Kemp, Verdell Smith;
28. Carmeta Clement, Kathy Groves;
29. William Brown*, Debbie Davis, Marilyn Yale, Mary Lou Forsythe;
30. Joyce Chapman*, Sue Whitmore;
31. Connie Jones*, Iris Wiley*.

Anniversaries

4. Dottie & Jim Frassetto;
8. Michael & Patricia Saunders;
15. Jack & Sarah Sisk;
23. Kathy & Larry Black;
25. Sandra Cecchi & Walter Panduro;
28. George & Lois Brisbin;
29. Evelyn & Richard Gillette, Martha & Ron Capallia;
31. Mary Jo & Tommie Stanaland.

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



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Sheriff Sam St. John**

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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.

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Life Everyday Cocktail Sauce	12 oz.	\$ 1.79
Nestle Carnation Evaporated Milk	12 oz.	\$ 2.59
Zatarain's Creamy Blackened Chicken Rice	8 oz.	\$ 2.99
Veg-All	15 oz.	\$ 1.99
Joy Sugar Cones	5 oz.	\$ 2.99
Polar Mandarin Oranges	11 oz.	\$ 1.19
Glass Plus Glass Cleaner	32 oz.	\$ 3.49

DAIRY

Dutch Farm English Muffin	12 oz.	\$ 1.99
Simply Orange Juice	52 oz.	\$ 5.59

PRODUCE

Navel Oranges	each	\$.69
Sweet Potatoes	per lb.	\$ 1.19

FROZEN

Zatarain's Frozen Dinners	12 oz.	\$ 5.39
Cole's Garlic Loaf	8 oz.	\$ 2.79

MEAT

Boneless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 3.99
Beef Cubed Steaks	per lb.	\$ 5.49
Skylark Beef Liver	per lb.	\$ 4.49
Armour Lunch Makers	2.4 oz.	\$.99
Nathan's Bigger Than the Bun Beef Franks	12 oz.	\$ 4.99
Legacy Food Shrimp Grillers	9.5 oz.	\$ 6.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

American Cheese per lb. — \$5.99

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

... If God is for us — who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Feb. 28–March 7, 2025

FRIDAY, 2/28

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Pork Loin, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 3/1

- \$2.53 Soup:** Tomato Bisque
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Beef Tacos, Mexican Street Corn, Tortilla Chips and Queso Cheese, Fruit, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 3/2

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Pork Roast, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Chicken
Sides: Broccoli, Honey Glazed Carrots, Baked Beans, Salad, Fruit, Fried Apples, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 3/3

- \$2.53 Soup:** Garden Vegetable
\$6.44 Entrées: Liver and Onions, GF Rotisserie Chicken with Cheese Sauce
\$1.21 Sides: Okra and Tomatoes, Butter Honey Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 3/4

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Meatloaf, Country Fried Steak with Gravy
\$1.21 Sides: Five-Way Vegetables (Corn, Carrots, Peas, and Green and Lima Beans), Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
\$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

Feb. 28–March 7, 2025

WEDNESDAY, 3/5

\$2.53 Soup: Split Pea and Ham

\$6.44 Entrées: BBQ Meatballs, Fried Chicken

\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Honey Glazed Carrots, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 3/6

\$6.44 Entrées: Chicken and Dumplings, Shepherd's Pie

\$1.21 Sides: Green Beans, Zucchini Squash Mix, Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes Au Gratin

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 3/7

\$2.53 Soup: Lobster Bisque

\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Pepper Steak with Rice, Fried Catfish

\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Red Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits

\$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.



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Chili while it lasts.

Vegetable Beef Noodle Soup Fri. and Sat.

Friday, Feb. 28

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

All day: Grouper Francese with Wild Rice,
and a Vegetable \$17.95

Saturday, March 1

Homemade Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable \$17.95



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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