

ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK



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HISTORY  
MONTH**

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

"Where People Enjoy Living"

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

## FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Friday	2/2	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> VCBI: The Roman Road—CCC Bridge Lessons—OPR Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	2/3	<b>9:45 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bus Trip: All Aboard Festival—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Sunday	2/4	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>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	2/5	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	<b>Low Vision Support Group—OPR</b> VCBI: Studies in First Peter—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	2/6	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <b>3:45 &amp; 4:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <b>Episcopal Eucharist Service—BC</b> <i>Voice of the Martyrs—OPR</i> GriefShare—VC Room 5 <b>Dine-Out to Red Ginger—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Wednesday	2/7	8:45 & 9:00 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS VCBI: Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity—VC Room 5 <b>GSC Monthly Memorial Service—GSC</b> Bridge Club—OPR <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	2/8	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Watkins Hobby Shop Meeting—SMR/DR</b> Village Artists Guild—KC VCBI: What's the Reason and Purpose for Missions in Our Church?—VC Room 5 <b>Monthly Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR</b>
Friday	2/9	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

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

Richard Hersey, who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 25. His memorial information will be provided when available.  
Elvena Johnson, who was a resident of DM and GSC, died Jan. 14. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10:00 a.m.  
Wilma Cox, who was a resident of ET, DM and GSC, died Jan. 10. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10:00 a.m.  
William Hunter (husband of Evelyn), who was a resident of GSC, died Dec. 8. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10:00 a.m.

### TRANSFER

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

### MOVE OUTS

Rhonda Andrews has moved from DH to 883 Keller St., Starke, FL 32091.  
Jeanne Dow has moved from DH to 1701 San Pablo Rd. S, Jacksonville, FL 32224.  
Iva Staley has moved from CH to 1021 Coliseum Ave. SW, Live Oak, FL 32064.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION SIGN-UP — RENTAL RESIDENTS ONLY —

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**

**9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

**9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**

**Old Pavilion Room**

Florida statutes allow rental residents of homes for the aged to claim a Homestead Exemption on their apartment or home. Claiming this exemption will reduce the amount of Ad Valorem taxes you are charged on your rental property. To file for this exemption you must sign and have notarized an Affidavit for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Form. These forms MUST be filled out EVERY year. Even if you filled one out last year, you must fill one out again this year to continue to get your exemption. Married couples who reside in the same residence are required to provide both signatures (please come when both spouses are available). These forms must be submitted to the Property Appraiser's office by Feb. 28, 2024.

**Residents of DH, CH and POP are NOT included.**

To assist you in filling out these forms, a member of the Finance Department and a notary will be available in the OPR on Feb. 13, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and 1:00–4:00 p.m., and on Feb. 14., 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.

If you are unable to come on either of these days, please contact Christina Jones in the Finance Department at 658-5450 no later than Feb. 14 to schedule a date and time to come to the Finance Department in Carter Village Hall.

Steve Hett, Vice President of Finance/CFO

## ACV EVENTS

### BUS TRIP: ALL ABOARD FESTIVAL

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

**9:45 a.m. - DH & 10:00 a.m. - LAP**

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

All aboard! Suwannee Festivals presents the All Aboard Festival on Feb. 3 featuring music, food, vendors, and more at Heritage Square and the Suwannee County

Museum. Dick Grillo is also scheduled to perform. Please sign up at the IC.

### COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

**Monday, Feb. 5, 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: DINE-OUT TO RED GINGER

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

**3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 - LAP**

**Bus: \$5.00 members & \$9.00 non-members**

Whether you like Japanese, Chinese or Thai cuisine, you will find something you'll love at Red Ginger in Lake City. And their sushi menu is quite large. Prices range from under \$10 to \$50+. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.



### WATKINS HOBBY SHOP MEETING

**Thursday, Feb. 8, 9:00 a.m. - SMR/DR**

On Thursday, Feb. 8, a meeting of the Watkins Hobby Shop will take place at 9:00 a.m. in SMR/DR. If you haven't submitted your 2024 dues, this would be a good opportunity to do so. Any questions? You can reach Jack Dixon at 658-2113. We look forward to a full house in attendance.

### MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Thursday, Feb. 8, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

Join us for the February member birthday party. The entertainment will be music by Candy Hall. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with February birthdays will



## JOHNSON'S BAKERY DONUT SALE

**Friday, Feb. 9, starting at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pick up from the lobby of GSC.**

**\$2.00 each or \$20 for a dozen.**

**Glazed only. Preorder: 658-5573**

receive special recognition. Come and bring a friend. See you there!

### LADIES' BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in SMR/DR. Our speaker will be Ethel Randolph, who, with her husband, Ken, has been a resident only a few months. They have expressed interest in serving and are already involved in several volunteer ministries. 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, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The guest speaker will be Rev. Robin Buchanan.

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!

### BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: THE HUMDINGERS

**Saturday, Feb. 10, 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**

The Humdingers barbershop quartet entertains with tight four-part harmony, soft shoe tap dancing, comedic bits, and antique musical chimes. They've been singing turn-of-the-century barbershop tunes in "Mouseland" for over 30 years.

This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting [communityconcerts.info](http://communityconcerts.info). Individual ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

### MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Thursday, Feb. 15, 2:00 p.m.**

If you are an ACV member, please plan to join us at the next Membership Association Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 2:00 p.m. in RDR. The speaker will be Vice President of Independent Living Operations Mark Edquid.

### LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:

**WILLIAMSON BRANCH**

**Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m. - VC**

Songs that are mostly new, with age-old themes, Williamson Branch's music is mostly bluegrass, sometimes country, often times gospel, but always fresh and exciting. There vocals soar with a closeness that can only be found in family members. Their instrumentation is impressive, their laughter is contagious, their clog dancing is exhilarating, and their personalities are sparkling. There music is rooted in tradition and cultivated with creativity.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$120 (ACV member) and \$180 (non-member). Those with season passes may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



### BUS TRIP: GAINESVILLE SHOPPING

**Friday, Feb. 16**

**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. 16. 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.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

**Thursday, Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Old Pavilion Room**

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Course held on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a 30-minute lunch) in the OPR. Those interested in attending should contact MS. Many who complete the course receive a discount on their auto insurance. Everyone attending will need to bring their AARP card (if a member), valid driver license, lunch, snacks, drinks, a sweater, and a pen. The fee per person is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Bring your payment to the class. Checks and money orders *only* accepted for payment; absolutely no cash or credit cards. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

## EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

### VETERANS GATHERING

**Friday, Feb. 2, 12:00 noon - RDR**

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Feb. 2, 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!

### ANDRÉ RIEU AND HIS ORCHESTRA

**Saturday, Feb. 3, 2:00 p.m. - OPR**

This is the 25th Anniversary Concert in Maastricht, recorded in 2013. Light classical music with singers and endless waltzes makes this summer evening concert so lovely.

Come join us on this coming Saturday, Feb. 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR, and enjoy this cinema classic. Everyone is welcome.

### FOOD GIVEAWAY

**Monday, Feb. 5, starting at 11:00 a.m.**

**Dowling Park Church of God**

A free food giveaway will be held Monday, Feb. 5, starting at 11:00 a.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. Please bring boxes or bags for your food. Food giveaways will be held the first Monday of each month; the next one is scheduled for March 4.



## LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Tom's chili all week!**

**Friday, Feb. 2**

Grouper Francese with Wild Rice and Vegetables

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

Jumbo Stuffed Pepper Parmesan with Garlic Bread



## EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST SERVICE

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m. - BC**

You are invited to the monthly Episcopal Eucharist service at ACV held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next service is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 11:30 a.m. in BC. Rev. Ken Johnstone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak will officiate. All are welcome.

## HARBINGER BIBLE CONFERENCE

**Thursday, Feb. 8–Saturday, Feb. 10**

The next Harbinger Bible Conference will be held Feb. 8–10 in BC. The theme is "Being Renewed in the Blessed Assurance". The speaker will be Dr. Sam Warren, the Bible teacher will be Rev. Bob Copeland, and workshops will be lead by Dr. Michael Saunders. The schedule is as follows. Please note the book signing by authors of ACV and Harbinger Friday afternoon and the concert by guest artist Charlie Stevens Saturday afternoon.

### Thursday, Feb. 8

6:00 p.m. — Dr. Sam Warren (BC)

"Advancing the Gospel through our Lives!  
(Philippians 1:12–19)"

After Service — Bakery Buffet (SMR/DR)

### Friday, Feb. 9

10:00 a.m. — Rev. Bob Copland (BC)

"Moving from General to Personal Revival"

11:00 a.m. — Coffee Break (VC Room 5)

11:30 a.m. — Workshop: "What Will Happen at the Second Coming of Jesus?"

12:30 p.m. — Lunch

12:30–1:30 p.m. — Book Signing (RDR)

6:00 p.m. — Dr. Sam Warren (BC)

"The Full Effect of the Gospel (James 1:1–18)"

After Service — Bakery Buffet (SMR/DR)

### Saturday, Feb. 10

8:30 a.m. — Men's Breakfast (RDR)

10:00 a.m. — Rev. Bob Copland (BC)

"Characteristics of Personal Revival"

11:00 a.m. — Coffee Break (VC Room 5)

11:30 a.m. — Workshop: "Is Death Really a Blessed Hope for the Christian?"

12:30 p.m. — Lunch

3:00 p.m. — Concert with Charlie Stevens (VC)

6:00 p.m. — Dr. Sam Warren (BC)

"The Perfect Storm (Matthew 28:16–20)"

After Service — Bakery Buffet (SMR/DR)

Ladies are needed to help Sandy Peters with the refreshments that will be served each evening after the Harbinger services. Please call (413) 822-1524 or 658-1393 if you are able to help.

If you are part of the Village and have written a book, you are invited to participate in the book signing on Friday, Feb. 9. Tables will be set up, just bring your books and come.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT

**Monday, Feb. 12, 3:00 p.m. - VC Room 5**

Human trafficking awareness and internet safety is a very important topic for all of us, but it is especially vital for our children and grandchildren. When we think about how to deal with this topic, we can easily become overwhelmed! Pastor Randy Lamb will be providing training for us who are interested in how the internet is used in human trafficking and what we can do to protect our grandchildren. He will be using some of the training materials provided by the Tim Tebow Foundation as well as other information. You may bring your laptop or cellphone to the training, but that is not required. This free session, sponsored by the WHFMS, will be offered Feb. 12, at 3:00 p.m., in VC Room 5. The sessions will be limited to 15 people so you MUST preregister. Additional sessions will be scheduled as needed. For questions, or to preregister, call Karen Hall at 658-3210. Feel free to leave a message.

 **Remember to Wave** 



## JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**386-658-2670**

**Website: srrlib.org**

**Email: dpark@neflin.org**

**Monday, Wednesday–Friday 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**

### All Aboard Festival

Suwannee Festivals presents the All Aboard Festival on Feb. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Get ready for a day filled with live music, arts and crafts, food vendors, historical presentations, and local authors. There will also be fun activities for children including games, crafts, a Storytrail, free books, Touch-a-Truck, a kiddie train, and a train display! This event will be held at Heritage Square and Suwannee County Museum at 208 Ohio Ave. N in Live Oak. Admission is free so let's make some unforgettable memories together!

### History of Suwannee County

Thursday, Feb. 1, join Eric Musgrove from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for his expert presentation on the history of Suwannee County. Every month, Eric details the events and people that impacted this area by using images from various time periods and his extensive knowledge of local history.

### As the Page Turns

The ATPT Book Club will be meeting to discuss the Terry Blackstock titles on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 2:00 p.m. March's book club selection is *Full Disclosure* by Dee Henderson.

### Large Print Westerns

Grab your hats and mount up with new-to-us large print Westerns! A herd of books have arrived at the JKPL and are just waiting to be checked out. Choose from popular authors like Louis L'Amour, J.A. Johnstone, Nelson Nye, William Johnston, William Raine, and Max Brand. Is your favorite Western author not in the roundup? Let us know, and we'll scout them out for you. Look for these books on the top shelf of the Western book display.

### SongFarmers

On Feb. 20, at 6:00 p.m., give yourself a late Valentine's Day outing in SMR/DR to join SongFarmers and enjoy a relaxing evening of music and fun. SongFarmers blesses ACV every third Tuesday of the month with their acoustic talents. This is a great way to escape everyday life; join in by playing, singing, or just enjoy watching this entertaining group of musicians!

### A Novel Romance

Do you have a book crush? A character that is so beautifully written that they have found a place in your heart? Honor your hero/heroine by decorating a Valentine's Day heart with their name and the book title (decorating supplies are in the children's section). Give others a chance to get to know your book sweetheart! They will be placed in front of the main desk to be admired by all, so put your "heart" into it!

### Hot Topics Discussion Group

The next Hot Topics discussion will center around socialized medicine. Are you an advocate or critic? What are the benefits versus disadvantages? Join the discussion group on Thursday, Feb. 8, 10:00–11:00 a.m. for another friendly, in-depth talk about a relevant issue facing our great nation!

### Just a Small Collection of Words

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, many are strong at the broken places" (Ernest Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*).

### Starbooks Café Topic for Jan. 16

What legacy would you like to leave behind? What would you like people to remember about you?

### Weekly JKPL Meetings:

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



## **BUS TRIPS**

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

### **WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS**

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

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

- **Feb. 7, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 7, Wednesday p.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **Feb. 14, Wednesday a.m.** — Publix — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Publix at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 14, Wednesday p.m.** — Walmart — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 21, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 21, Wednesday p.m.** — No shopping trip.

### **UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**

- Feb. 3 — All Aboard Festival in Live Oak
- Feb. 6 — Dine-Out to Red Ginger Asian Bistro
- Feb. 10 — Community Concerts of Lake City: The Humdingers
- Feb. 16 — Gainesville Shopping
- Feb. 22 — Dine-Out to Cornerstone Café in Lee
- Feb. 24 — Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show

### **DINE-OUT TO CORNERSTONE CAFÉ**

**Thursday, Feb. 22**

**4:15 a.m. - DH & 4:30 a.m. - LAP**

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

We will be trying out a (relatively) new restaurant in Lee, Florida, Cornerstone Café. It comes highly recommended. Cornerstone Café offers wings, salads, ribs, chili, burgers and sandwiches, a salad bar, and more ranging from \$4.99. Thursday night is steak night. Sign up at the IC to try out Cornerstone Café on Thursday, Feb. 22.

### **FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH OPEN HOUSE AND HORSE SHOW**

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

**9:15 a.m. - DH & 9:30 a.m. - LAP**

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

We have once again been invited to attend the annual Open House and Horse Show at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in Live Oak. The bus will arrive in time for the 11:00 Grand Entry at the arena. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon. Tours and other events will take place including a tractor parade.

The bus will leave DH at 9:15 a.m. and LAP at 9:30 a.m. There is a bus fee of \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members, and the Boys Ranch will cover the cost of entry and lunch for those who ride on the bus. (If you drive yourself or ride in another vehicle, you will have to pay the regular prices.) The bus will leave the Boys Ranch by 4:00 to return to ACV by 4:30. Sign up at the IC.

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

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

**SERMON:** "The Supremacy of Christ"

**TEXT:** Colossians 1:15–20 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

The following VC events are happening this week:

#### **Friday, Feb. 2**

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

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

#### **Sunday, Feb. 4**

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship

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, Rev. Bob Copeland (BC)

#### **Monday, Feb. 5**

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

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells Practice

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells Practice

#### **Tuesday, Feb. 6**

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

2:00 p.m. — GriefShare Class (VC Room 5)

#### **Wednesday, Feb. 7**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI, Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, Feb. 8**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI, Paul Cochrane (VC Room 5)

#### **Friday, Feb. 9**

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Rev. Bob Copeland (VC Room 5)

### **CONFERENCE & RETREAT**

**Doug Mabey—386-658-5200**

The following people from Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS) will be here until Friday, Feb. 23, volunteering mostly at Twice Nice Shop: Steve and Joyce Parlette (leaders), Dirk and Julie Small, Jerry and Linda Sammet, and Betsy Fehn.

### **DINING SERVICES**

**Arlene Yow—386-658-5260**

River Landing Bistro will be closed during regular operating hours (lunchtime) on Wednesday, Feb. 14, to prepare for our special Valentine's Dinner that evening.

The last day to purchase tickets for the Valentine's Dinner is Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Bistro. Seating is limited. The first seating begins at 3:30, second at 5:00, and the third at 6:30. The third seating has the most availability at this time.

Join us for a romantic evening filled with delicious food and romantic music.

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**James Sutter—386-658-5400**

At the end of last week, the Finance Department requested the number of volunteers who reported hours during our last fiscal year (7/1/22–6/30/23). Turns out, we report that number on the annual IRS Form 990 we are required to file. What is the IRS Form 990? In searching for the answer to that question, I was presented with an article by A. Michael Gellman on se4nonprofit.com that gives the following information:

"Good first impressions are precious. They often come from brief encounters that might not grab our attention. Page 1 of the Form 990 is one of the main drivers of a nonprofit organization's first impression with the public. Each line on Page 1 of Form 990 provides an opportunity to tell your organization's unique story and set a positive tone for how your organization is perceived.

"Thoughtful reporting of the number of volunteers on Page 1, Line 6, of the Form 990, along with a detailed explanation on Schedule O, speaks

## ☞ At the Village Square ☜

### Riverside Gifts

We have many new brooches, bracelets, necklaces, anklets, rings and earrings in many styles and colors. Springtime earrings are in pierced and clip-on styles. Lightweight springtime scarves are on display. Each includes a card showing different ways to tie them. A few warmer and longer shawls are still available.

Horse-related items are beginning to cantor into the store. Stop in to see the unique heavy metal horse bell that hangs on the wall.

If your cat or dog needs to eat more slowly or needs more stimulation, stop in to see the new slotted mats. You put food on the mat, and your pet must work to get the food out of the tracks. You can also purchase a utensil for cleaning the mat. Travel water bowls are still in stock.

One of the many new items is the pack of springtime flower note cards. Enclose a sweet magnet as a special gift.

Reminder: Watch batteries can be replaced for a reasonable price. Ask for details.

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

Another guessing jar has appeared. Guess the number of Kisses in the crystal jar, and if you're the closest, you win the jar and the Kisses! Stop in to talk with our volunteers about a custom-designed gift basket. Jewelry, candy, and surprise gifts can be added!

The newest dinnerware set, Rosenthal Pompadour Baroque Gold, is on display. There are seven-piece place settings for 12 people. The set includes platters, a vegetable bowl, a soup tureen, and many other items.

There is a set of 12 calendar angels holding an item related to its month; cream pitchers in a variety of sizes, eras, and designs; and a complete tea set for one, which comes with a tray, tea pot, creamer, sugar, and lightweight mug.

We have handmade cozy afghans. Or choose a quilted pillow to brighten up your couch.

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

**The shop will be closing for renovations starting Monday, Feb. 5, until March. Come in this weekend before it's too late.**

The men's department continues to grow with large selections of casual shirts, shorts, pants and jackets.

Women, colorful spring fashions are now on display. A lightweight scarf, purse, and matching shoes will complete your outfits.

**Cookbooks and mystery books continue to be on sale.** Solve a whodunit while your casserole cooks! There are still plenty of CDs and DVDs in the Book Nook, too. Bibles and hymnals are always free.

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Yes, we are keeping these morning hours. (They make Larry happy!) We will be open this Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00. If you haven't been to the shop recently you'll be surprised at how neat, clean and organized we are. We have a newbie on staff who is amazing! Come and meet her. While here you just might find something you've always needed (bureau, lamp, cane, frame, bed, can opener, blanket, clothing ... the list goes on and on).

volumes about a nonprofit's culture, impact, and outreach."

"Who besides the IRS is seeing this form?" you may ask. The answer is whoever wants to see it. The IRS requires all nonprofits like ACV to make public their three most recent Form 990 or 990-PF annual returns and all related supporting documents.

Thank you to all of you who take the time each month to report your ACV volunteer hours. The number we reported to Finance this time around was 157 individuals, by the way. That's a good number.

Would you like someone to check on you every day? In CH, DH, Wilson Gardens and RV, a daily check-in is required to make sure everyone is safe and sound. Those living elsewhere on campus (and members living off campus) are left up to their own devices. Sometimes neighbors work out a signal to let each other know the other is safe. Even if your health is fine, and you have no problem taking care of yourself, having that extra safety net in case of some unforeseen circumstance might make the difference between life and death.

One of the services ACV makes available is the Reassurance Caller program. If you sign up for this service, someone will call you on the phone number you provide every morning. The call can be as short as "Good morning, how are you today?" "I'm fine, thank you." "OK, good-bye." In some cases, however, reassurance callers develop friendships with those they call, and the calls are a time to chat. It's up to you.

If you are interested in having a reassurance caller check on you daily, call MS. There is no charge for this service.

### Member Services Tip of the Week

Did you know ACV has an Obituary Line? The phone number is 208-1772 and is listed on the first page the Village Telephone Directory. In the case of the death of an ACV member, once the information is verified, a message is recorded and can be accessed by calling that number.

### Scam Tip of the Week: Imposter Scams

You get a call or an email. It might say you've won a prize. It might seem to come from a government official. Maybe it seems to be from someone you know — your grandchild, a relative or a friend. Or maybe it's from someone you feel like you know, but you haven't met in person — say, a person you met online who you've been writing to.

Whatever the story, the request is the same: wire money to pay taxes or fees, or to help someone you care about. But is the person who you think it is? Is there an emergency or a prize? Judging by the complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the answer is no. The person calling you is pretending to be someone else.

Here's what you can do:

1. Stop. Check it out before you wire money to anyone. Call the person, the government agency, or someone else you trust. Get the real story. Then decide what to do. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money.
2. Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls or emails, but the chances are you know someone who has.

## ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

VILLAGE ARCHIVE  
Millie Griswold, Reporter

### Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day, Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, is the annual event where people gather to witness the prediction made by a groundhog at sunrise regarding the arrival of spring. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, is the site of the groundhog's appearance. While the tradition is rooted in folklore and is not a scientifically accurate way to predict the weather, it remains a beloved and lighthearted tradition. For over 135 years, Punxsutawney Phil has been prognosticating either early spring or six more weeks of winter. So far, he has seen his shadow 78 percent of the time. The reveal by the groundhog is made public around 7:20 a.m. each year.



## **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. If you cannot reach Betsey, call Betty Driggers at 658-1043.

Congratulations to our Jan. 24 winners: 1st high, Lew Gessler, 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.

## **THE HIDDEN GARDEN**

### **Ellie Foerste, Reporter**

Join the friends of the Hidden Garden on Wednesday mornings. We meet from 8:00 to 10:00, but as it is so cold lately, we get moving closer to 9:00 a.m. as the sun warms us up. Join us to plant new cold-hardy herbs, leafy greens, and flowers. Learn about the grid garden technique for intensive harvest in small spaces. Most veggies need at least six hours of direct sun, but leafy greens and herbs still produce in partial sun. We use the cut and grow harvest technique; only harvest a few lower leaves at a time and allow the plants to keep growing.

We have a unique squirrel-proof feeder. Sit on a bench and enjoy the variety of birds at the feeder. As the weather warms in the middle of the day, butterflies visit. Sunset is at about 6:00 p.m., and it is very peaceful watching the sky to the west over the river. Read a book, write a note, or chat with a friend in the serenity of the Hidden Garden.

The Hidden Garden is located in the courtyard next to the Village library and RV. It is open for rest and relaxation and gardening for all regardless of your mobility or gardening abilities. Call Marge Reach at (706) 897-2965 or Ellie Foerste at (407) 908-4379 for a tour or to learn more.

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

### **Monday–Friday**

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

### **Brenda Reas, Reporter**

New-to-us movies on DVD have been added to our collection lately with more to come. From time to time, you can check the list in the blue folder on top of the DVD carousel for the new additions that have been written in.

If you would like to learn more about square-foot gardening, another book on that subject has joined the group of Hidden Garden reference books to the left of the card catalog.

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**

We have set the date for hosting the youth here at ACV for a luncheon, bingo party, and walk around Lake Aquilla on March 11, in the SMR/DR, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

I am still waiting for one person (you know who you are) that did not attend the meeting to mail or give me your contribution towards the award we will be presenting in May.

The annual 66th FSyr Open House and Rodeo will be held Feb. 23–25. The Village is invited and is going for the day on Saturday, Feb. 24. Only the people on the bus will have complimentary admission and lunch. If you go by car you will have to pay the entry fee of \$10 per car, and you will have to buy your lunch ticket. Please pay your bus fee of \$5.00 at the IC and reserve your seat (note: the price increased). If you go by car, PLEASE do not tell the gate people that you are with the bus from the Village and would like your free entry and lunch tickets. They won't have any available as this is pre-arranged.

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**

Recently I had the joy of holding an infant. I was reminded how amazing and wonderful God's workmanship is! It was easy for me to see His image that she bears. Yet, there are times when it is difficult to see God's image in ourselves or another person, especially when we are hurting. Yet, all human beings are created in His image according to Genesis 1:27. Understanding and applying this truth impacts our relationships. We choose to treat every human being with respect and dignity. We are created in the image of God. Every person has the right to be treated with respect. God values each person. You can read more about our basic human rights in the book *Speaking the Truth in Love*, which is available on Stephen Ministries St. Louis (headquarters) website at [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org). If you are interested in becoming a Stephen minister, contact me or Dr. Michael Saunders at 658-5378 or [stephenministries@acvillage.net](mailto:stephenministries@acvillage.net).

## **VILLAGE VOICES**

### **Nancy Seale, Reporter**

TICK-TOCK! TICK-TOCK! The clock is ticking, and the envelope is empty. Drop in your submission as soon as you finish. We are in the "fourth quarter" of the *Village Voices* activity. Please don't be left out. My email address is [basketcasenan51@gmail.com](mailto:basketcasenan51@gmail.com). The envelope awaiting your submission is in MS.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

#### **Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter**

When I was younger, I would always see older people (you know old like what we are now) sitting and rocking on the front porch. At that time in my life I would envy them for having the time to just sit and watch the traffic go by. Barbara and I would always toot the horn and wave to them and the expressions on their faces as they turned to each other and probably said "who the heck was that?" The smile and looks on their faces were priceless. And if for nothing else we put a smile on their faces and of course we were smiling too. Now I realize that I am one of those older people but no one rides by and waves at me!

The sounds of the workers hammering and sawing throughout the Village are becoming second nature. I especially like the noise that the crews make when they are using air guns to nail down the shingles. Have you had the chance to go by the church on campus and watch the acrobats working on those steep roofs? It is very entertaining to watch as they must tie ropes around their waist so they can move from side to side to do their work; I was very impressed as I watched.

Another new mobile doublewide has moved in on 102nd Trail across from the Mabeys. I don't have anymore information at this time. There are a couple of places for sale at this time, which means we are running out of space in BA.

I heard a very cute and profound statement at lunch last Sunday. We were talking about the thrills and disappointments of growing older and Nancy Shields piped up and said, "Ya know there is no dress rehearsal for growing old!" You know since then I have given a lot of thought to what Nancy said and I have come to the conclusion that as born again believers, we do not need a rehearsal because there is one who has gone before us and left us with the most complete rule/guide book, our Holy Bible. As long as we ask Him into our hearts and follow those rules/commandments, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior will lead, guide and direct us to Glory.

From the veranda overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Smile and wave at all you see, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless!

## **CARTER HOUSE**

### **Monica Serlick, Reporter**

We have three birthdays coming up for the rest of February. We extend birthday wishes to Virginia “Ginny” Ballard on Feb. 12, Pat Moseley on Feb. 14, and Glynn Dasher on Feb. 15. May all your wishes come true and your birthday year be full of wonderful surprises.

It is wonderful to have Lynn Harris back home while she continues her recovery. Please continue to keep all those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your thoughts and prayers. If you know they may need a helping hand be the first to show your kindness to them.

If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

Time to remind everyone: Carts must be returned to their appropriate place so that other residents will have access when they come back with groceries to carry upstairs. It’s easy to think that one cart missing won’t make a difference, but when six or seven people have that same thought it leaves many folks without a way to get their groceries upstairs. We only have six small carts and one big one, which has been missing for over a month! This does not apply only to Wednesday shopping days as many people shop throughout the week. DON’T keep the carts in your apartment or leave them in laundry rooms!

The time to clear out extra storage areas has been extended for ONE more week. Please make sure to let Jim Powell know what your storage number is. All storage areas not registered with Jim Powell will have their contents removed by Twice Nice.

The cooler winter weather has many people staying indoors and pursuing quieter hobbies for me and many others that would be reading. I came across a quote from Queen Camilla of the United Kingdom that I found interesting and thought I would share it. She said, “In a hectic world so dominated by short-form social media messages — and giving us attention spans of a gnat — it is a noble aim to encourage children and adults to enjoy a good, long read.” Think about how many people you see, grandchildren included, who are glued to their phones and don’t know how to read words that are not abbreviated. I encourage everyone to make use of our wonderful libraries here in the Village. You can even have books delivered if you can’t get out to pick them up.

Peace to everyone, and remember kindness 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!

## **DOWLING HOUSE**

### **Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter**

No news from DH residents. Continue to pray for the roofers that God will keep them as they work so hard, especially now on the church roof as they work with ropes and harnesses.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24–25 NLT).

Have a very blessed week in Christ Jesus, and get out and enjoy the beautiful weather.

## **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

### **Sandra Kelly, Reporter**

Hello again, ET! Happy birthday to Joyce Zoellner on Feb. 4. Here’s to a year filled with new adventures, exciting opportunities, and lots of love. Happy birthday on your special day and every day thereafter.

Do you remember the song sung by Hank Williams, Ricky Nelson, and others, “My Bucket’s Got a Hole in It”? February always reminds me of that musical complaint. Not that I’m looking for a bucket of beer, but the general feeling of the song is that something just ain’t right. My energy level and my ambition level have kind of wound down after trying to erase any evidence of the holidays from my house. The weather is unpredictable at best with freezing temperatures one day and summer temperatures the next interrupted by intermittent wind and rain.

But there are ways to get back into the swing of things. The gym is open with many opportunities available to improve our muscle tone. If you need an input of sociability, Cleo’s House has the answer. Scrabble on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; dominoes on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Hand and Foot card games on Tuesdays, 1:00–4:00 p.m.; and bingo on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It may be hard to get our enthusiasm going but it’s worth the effort. There are many other activities and opportunities for Bible study or for physical activity.

Have you noticed the work being done on the church roof? How could you miss it? Those are mighty brave guys up there clinging to that steep rooftop. It amazes me that they are willing to challenge gravity that way. It reminds me that there are so many reasons to be thankful to others for the work they do to make our life more pleasant. The workers who keep the electricity humming, the water gushing, or the groceries on the shelves, and so many more. What would we do without them? I see news films detailing the terrible toll that war is taking in the Ukraine and in Gaza, and I must take a shaky breath and thank God for living where I do. My bucket may have a hole in it, but I am truly blessed in all the ways that count.

COVID is still making itself felt in our area so take the precautions suitable for your situation. Be safe and be in prayer for those affected.

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it” (Charles Swindol).

## **GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER**

### **AND DACIER MANOR**

#### **Bruce Arnold, Reporter**

Mark 1:22, “The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.”

The teachers of the law were experts; they had the knowledge and the ability to be able to explain the truth of God’s Word. The Scribes had the high privilege of taking care of the scrolls in the synagogue, and the people all had a high respect for them. But when Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum, people noticed that there was something different about his teaching; it had authority. So, what was the difference between the teachers of the law, and Jesus?

Knowing facts about something is much different than living what we know. The teachers of the law had much knowledge, which is good. Today, there may be many people who have much knowledge about God’s Word, but that’s as far as it goes. The knowledge is not put into practice. To have much knowledge about a subject and not put it to practice is fruitless. People noticed a difference in Jesus because he was not only a teacher of the law, but Jesus was — is — the living word of God (John 1:1).

When we come to God’s Word, we come to a Living Word. The Word of God brings real life to us, more than just facts, stories and laws. Jesus exercised the authority he had later in Mark 1:25 as he cast a demon out of a man who was in the synagogue. This was something the teachers couldn’t do! When we have only facts and knowledge, we are limited. But having the Living Word, Jesus, we then can speak with authority in Jesus’ name.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, we celebrated along with Dorothy (Dot) Morey as she turned 100 years old! What a joy and a blessing it is to celebrate milestones like this!

Calling all crocheters! I’m looking for someone who can make two doilies for the plates that hold the bread in our communion set at GSC/DM. If you would



like to help with this, please contact me at (386) 249-2792 or barnold@acvillage.net.

For the month of February, GSC will hold the Memorial Service on the first Wednesday, Feb. 7, instead of the second Wednesday. We will remember and thank God for the lives of Wilma Cox, Elvena Johnson, and William Hunter. Mr. Hunter's family has requested we remember him since they were not able to be at the December service. The family of Rosa Strumbeck has requested that we wait until the March 13 memorial service to remember her so they will be able to attend. At that time the family also requested we remember Rosa's husband, Ronald, since we were not able to have a service when he passed away in September of 2020 due to COVID restrictions.

Please feel free to stop by the chapel at GSC; it is located just inside the main entrance as you turn left in the main hallway. It will be the first door on your right. We recently had a prayer group from ACV use the chapel for their monthly prayer meeting.

If you need some time to be quiet and meditate, or if you'd like some reading material, there are books and magazines on the table, which are free for the taking. I have some various versions of Bibles in the chapel, as well as some giant print KJV Bibles, please email barnold@acvillage.net or call (386) 249-2792 and I will get one to you.

### **RIVERWOODS**

#### **Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

My husband, Gary, and I were discussing the amount of cigarette butts on the streets in RW. Being in a wooded area, there is always a concern about fires. If I see one while out walking my dog, I pick it up. I also pick up discarded bottles, scraps of paper or Kleenex, if I can do it without going too far on someone's lawn. I somehow think it may not be our residents dropping things, but perhaps debris flying out of trash bags. I also have picked up other dogs' leavings, which are bad for grass mowers and other dogs, not to mention a mess on your shoes. Please, people, be more considerate; don't let your dog ruin it for everyone else.

Update on the cats available — pictures will be posted this week at CH, DH and RV. Both are about 10 years old. I have also posted a picture on my Facebook account. Call me at 658-1766 or Ellie Foerste at (407) 908-4379 to get more information.

The RW Social Committee is in the planning stages for your next event. If you have an idea or suggestion, contact someone on the committee: Barbara Bertolino, Ann Thompson, Steve and Sharon McLeskey, Phyllis Rand or myself. We are looking for new committee members. Nancy Hallberg, Pete and Jean Ard, and Donna Plant are considering this.

A few quotes worth thinking about: "Do not judge by appearances; a rich heart may be under a poor coat" (Scottish proverb). "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them" (Maya Angelou). "If we all did the things we are really capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves" (Thomas A. Edison). "The deepest sin against the human mind is to believe things without evidence" (Thomas Huxley).

## **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 receive a 20% discount when purchasing a burial plot in Bixler Gardens East (beside The Village Attic).

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **ART GALLERY EXHIBIT**

The display of colored pencil paintings is by Keith French, resident of POP and GSC. Most of his work is of animals, birds, people, Native Americans, and airplanes. He finds a picture he likes within a calendar or magazine and freehand copies it to paper! He says when copying something, always start in the middle and work your way out.

Keith Gordon French was born in Miami in 1953 and moved to the Orlando area in the early '60s. He always liked drawing but started taking a special interest in drawing during middle school. In the 10th grade he took a course associated with Norman Rockwell called "The Famous Artist School".

Ray and Jackie Campbell met Keith when they moved to ACV, discovered his wonderful art work, and helped arrange for an Art Gallery display in 2012.

It has been a while since he had done anything with art and is VERY excited to be part of the Village Artists Guild. The Village Artists Guild is pleased to share his work again this year, Keith's 70th.

Chuck Eckel and Jackie Campbell

### **DOWLING PARK ASTRONOMY GROUP**

The Dowling Park Astronomy Group will have its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in VC Room 5. Unfortunately, this first Monday, our normal meeting night is predicted to be cloudy again so no observing in the field next to the Harmony Center. Cold fronts bring clear skies so when our fearless leader, Steve Reas, gets to feeling better, he will send a text or email announcement to join him outside. Be sure he has your contact information if you are interested in joining us. At the meetings, we find out about night sky objects and the best times for viewing this month.

Novice to experienced star gazers are welcome. ACV membership is not required. Adults and mature interested youth are welcome. Bring your own binoculars or telescope, or learn what to shop for. Experienced astronomy enthusiasts are available so you can learn where to look for night sky objects. We are an informal group, and those present are happy to teach and share their view through their equipment to inspire others.

When we go outside, wear appropriate clothes for the weather, bring a portable lawn chair or recliner, and a flashlight or headlamp with a red lens cover. The red light is critical for navigating the uneven ground and allows your eyes to adjust to the darkness so you can see more sky objects. Keep looking up!

Ellie Foerste

### **LILLIAN SHUMAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Lillian Shuman of POP turns 100 on Feb. 16. A drop-in party is planned for Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the DR. Come join the fun or just drop in to say hi. Friends and family, please RSVP by Feb. 7 by calling Dot at (207) 651-2281. No gifts, please.

### **FROM BAGS TO BEDS**

Good morning and happy Thursday! Since this is a new venture for me, there may be some changes from time to time until I see what works best for the benefit of the group. I know it is impossible to fit everyone's schedule. I greatly appreciated those who showed up last week but learned something — my apartment is too small, so future meetings will be held at Cleo's Meeting House. I am still looking to get the volume of bags stored down so we will meet at Cleo's on Thursdays, Feb. 1 and 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Linda Warner (Douglas)

### **NANCY HARRISON, CPA**

Nancy Harrison, CPA will be holding office hours — by appointment only — for meeting with tax clients and for document drop off on the following dates: Feb. 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Clients should contact Nancy at (386)

249-2944, (850) 212-6799 or nfharrisoncpa@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Nancy welcomes any tax questions you might have either by phone, text (850-212-6799 only) or email.

### **PHOTO DISPLAY IN PHILLIPS CENTER**

New photos have been posted in the photo gallery next to the Lopin' Gopher. The theme is "Windows" or one's interpretation of it. These will stay awhile. The next themes are "Sunrises/Sunsets" and "Fowl & Foul". If you have any photos you have taken that fit these themes, please let me know. You can email a copy to me at gkuep1945@windstream.net or phone me at (386) 249-9992. I can also scan a printed photo if needed.

Gary Kueppers

### **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is now making appointments. You can make your appointment at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park. Volunteers will be at First Baptist Church of Dowling Park on Saturdays during income tax season to assist people who make less than \$75,000 per year.

VITA volunteers make tax returns simple. Any help you can give would be appreciated for this calling. For information, contact Jim Broten at (386) 209-6831 or JMB013@live.com.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

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

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

We appreciate your patience, prayers and get well wishes. Kutana is home recovering from an adverse reaction to a medication that created some health challenges. She is on the mend! In the meantime, we have Brenda Baker filling in for her.

If you would like to support Kutana on her journey to wellness, or send her blessings for a speedy recovery, please send cards via mail to Kutana Baker, c/o Hair Croppers or feel free to swing by the shop on Fridays.

Schedule your appointment today by calling or texting (386) 205-3791.

### **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE**

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**

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

Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment.

Kindly give 12-24-hour notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply.

### **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: Feb. 2 and Feb. 16; March 8 and March 22; April 12 and April 26. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

### **SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT**

The dock used to board the Suwannee Belle is damaged and needs to be repaired before we can offer pontoon boat rides again. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

### **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: Why doesn't the Village want us to feed the ducks at Aquilla Lake?

A: Feeding the ducks presents a number of issues. First of all, when ducks are fed, they become dependent upon their feeders, and it's possible they may not migrate when they naturally would. Secondly, when ducks become comfortable around humans, they can put themselves in danger when they approach humans. Thirdly, when ducks approach humans to be fed, they can leave droppings in locations where humans also walk such as sidewalks.

According to sugarlandtx.gov, "If you care about ducks and geese, do not feed them. They can live longer, healthier lives by relying on natural food sources such as aquatic plants, seeds, grasses, and insects rather than taking handouts from well-meaning humans."

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and dine-outs for my birthday. I appreciate your kindness. May God bless you all.

Vilma Oman

First of all, I would like to send out a BIG thanks to the person or persons who were kind enough to pick up my fallen horse statue. She was knocked down in a recent blowing storm. I had tried to right her myself, but quickly realized that I needed a strong arm to help me. Then, to my surprise, I look out my window, and she is up! A HUGE thank you goes out to that secret act of kindness. This is exactly why I love living in ACV. Please let me know who you are as I have a small "gift" for you.

I would also like to thank the person who recently sent out a thank out in the FNN to the mystery person who "decorated the stumps" for the Christmas holiday. Yes, you guessed it, I was the secret "Stump Decorator". I have tell you, decorating those stumps was such a labor of love. And the pleasure was all mine. But, most of all, I was thrilled that so many people enjoyed them. Thank you, Mr. Carter, for allowing me to do it! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Debbie Hoffman

P.S. Let's keep waving, and we will soon be deemed "the friendliest neighborhood in Suwannee County"!

## **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:** Valentine's specials: Valentine heart guest soaps, one free with purchase of bar soap (5 guest size for \$5.)—cold process bar soap. Handcrafted with shea butter, cocoa butter. 2½-3 oz. half bar, \$2.50/ea., 5-6 oz. full bar, \$5.00 each. Real pressed flower Valentine cards \$5/each (quantity limited for special holiday occasions). African violet starter plants, mini, semi-mini and standard, \$4-\$5 each. Call 352-249-4748.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Hi-Tech Oxygen Concentrator \$500. Brand Inogen G4, model 10-400. New AC adapter plug, internal concentrator columns. Good for 3000 hours of operation. Small compact, portable with two batteries, and new breath tubes. Original price around \$3000. Contact Joel at 658-1313.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Kindle 2nd edition paper white with case \$50. Little Giant Ladder System, Type IA, Model 22 \$150. Contact Petey at 630-730-0489.\*

*We're celebrating*  
**American HEART Month**  
at Advent Christian Village



## *Learn*

- **Heart-Healthy Tips in FNN**
- **Free Blood Pressure Screening**



## *Move*

- **Get Your Heart Healthy Fitness Class with David**
- **Heart Walk**



## *Eat*

- **Cooking Demonstration - Eating Healthy**
- **Heart-Healthy Specials** at our dining outlets
- **Recipes**

*Join us  
to keep  
your heart  
healthy!*

*Watch your FNN for dates  
and details to come!*

- Copeland Medical Center
- Copeland Community Center
- Advent Christian Village

# CROSSWORD

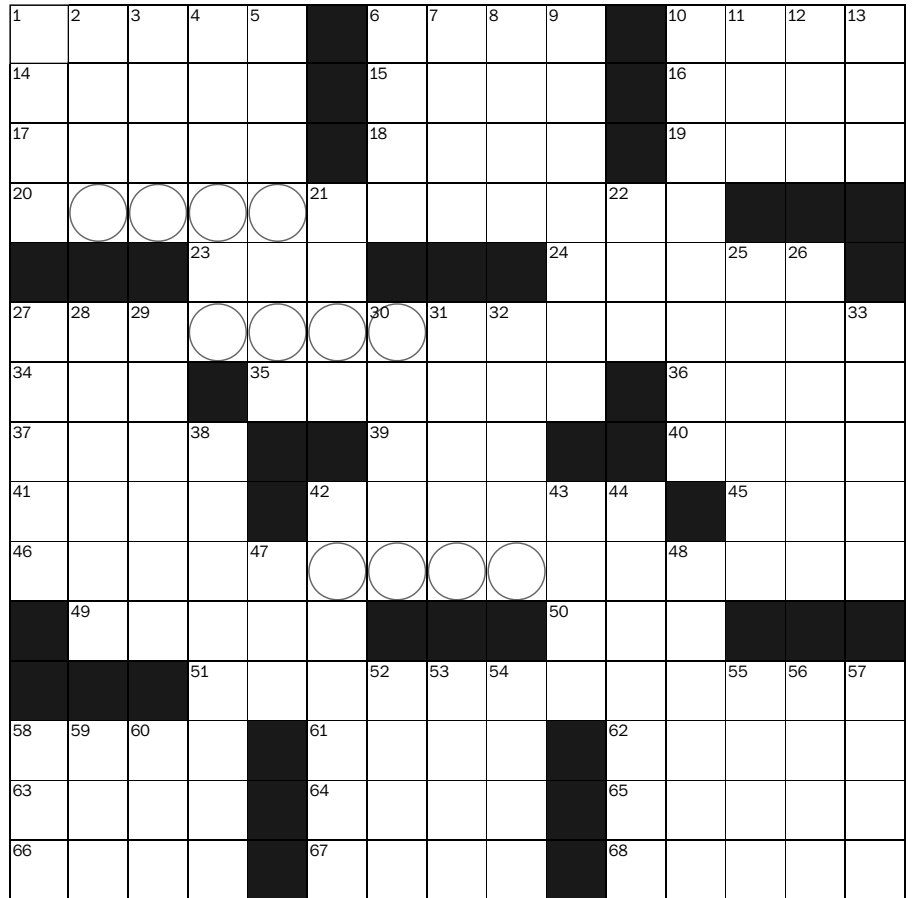
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- 6 Car-buying necessity, for many
- 10 Degs. for some entrepreneurs
- 14 Stuffy "Me too"
- 15 Competent
- 16 Noble rank above viscount
- 17 Stuck in the muck
- 18 French champagne brand
- 19 "Well, would you look at that!"
- 20 Make a polite visit
- 23 "\_\_ whiz!"
- 24 Runs easily with long strides
- 27 False start punishment, in football
- 34 County Clare's nat.
- 35 Internet letters
- 36 "The Banana Boat Song" opener
- 37 Trails behind
- 39 Color TV pioneer
- 40 "Barbie" actor Liu
- 41 La \_\_: Real Madrid's division
- 42 Frank on the grill
- 45 Naught
- 46 Incredibly hard to hold
- 49 Photo app filter shade

- 50 Time period often named for a monarch
- 51 Celebratory shout heard before "Auld Lang Syne" is played, and an apt title for this puzzle?
- 58 Crèche trio
- 61 Moisturizer brand
- 62 Missouri River tributary
- 63 Minnesota representative Ilhan
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- 65 Spoke wildly
- 66 Shepherding pig in a 1995 film
- 67 Smack
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## DOWN

- 1 Training \_\_: NFL preseason practice time
- 2 Tibet's continent
- 3 "Your mileage may \_\_"
- 4 Come to light
- 5 Judgmental glance
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- 9 Invasive plants with stinging hairs
- 10 Note-worthy purchases?
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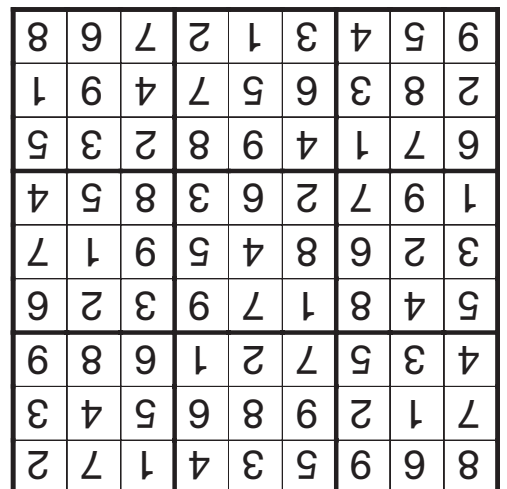
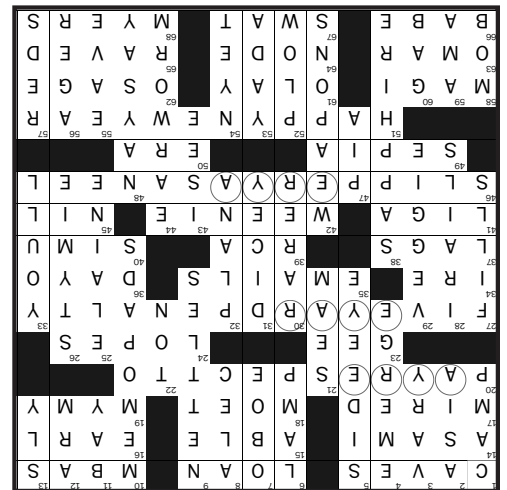
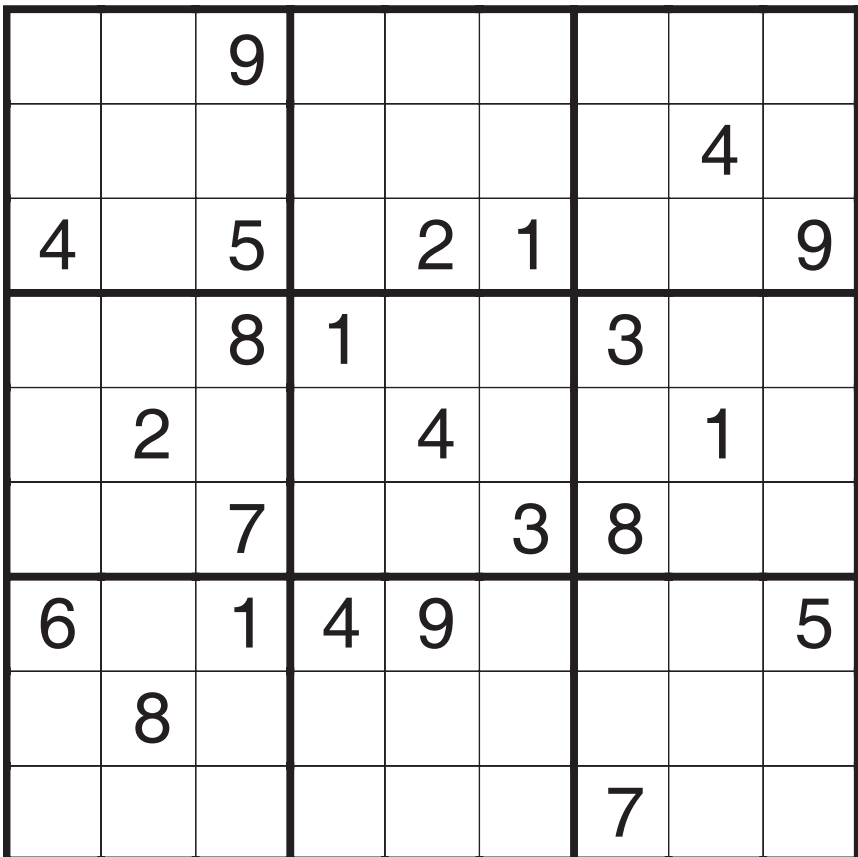
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- 25 "Seinfeld" character who worked for Pendant Publishing
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- 29 Carrot or celery, informally
- 30 Not so common
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- 32 Initial strategy
- 33 "\_\_ be sorry!"
- 38 Blue gem
- 42 Some cards in the board game Clue
- 43 "Now it's clear!"
- 44 Overly catchy song
- 47 Actress Zadora
- 48 Come out against
- 52 Furrow former
- 53 When tripled, phrase spoken by 25-Down
- 54 No, in Russian
- 55 Icicle site
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- 57 Cincinnati MLB team
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# SUDOKU

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Very Hard



ANSWERS



Price Effective 2/2-2/9



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

## GROCERY

IGA Black Beans	15 oz.	\$ .99
Southeastern Mills Peppered Gravy Mix	4.5 oz.	\$ 1.39
Vigo Mexican Rice	8 oz.	\$ 1.99
Sue Bee Honey	8 oz.	\$ 2.99
IGA Cranberry Juice Cocktail	64 oz.	\$ 2.99
Mt. Olive Sweet Relish	10 oz.	\$ 3.29
Ragu Spaghetti Sauce, all varieties	24 oz.	\$ 3.89
Musselman's Apple Butter	28 oz.	\$ 4.59

## DAIRY

Dutch Farms Cream Cheese	8 oz.	\$ 2.49
Florida Natural Orange Juice	52 oz.	\$ 3.99

## PRODUCE

Fresh Whole Mushrooms	8 oz.	\$ 1.99
Fuji Apples	per lb.	\$ 2.79

## FROZEN

Mckenzie's Chub White Corn	20 oz.	\$ 2.19
Gorton's Crunchy Fish Fillet	11 oz.	\$ 5.69

## MEAT

Land O Frost Shaved Sandwich Meats	9 oz.	\$ 2.99
Lean Baby Back Pork Ribs	per lb.	\$ 3.59
Sunset Farms Smoked Sausage, all varieties	16 oz.	\$ 3.99
Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.59
Boneless Beef Shoulder Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.99
93% Lean Ground Chuck	per lb.	\$ 5.99
Seabest Cocktail Shrimp	10 oz.	\$ 6.79

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Provolone Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

### DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

\*\*\* The Grill Team will be at the VS on Saturday, Feb. 3,  
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Place your order now. \*\*\*

### This Week's Verse:

Before anything else existed, there was Christ, with God.  
He has always been alive and is himself God. He created everything there is —  
nothing exists that he didn't make. John 1:1-3

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Join us at the River Landing Bistro for

# Valentine Dinner

Wednesday, February 14

It's our one-year anniversary and we're celebrating with a romantic dinner for Valentine's Day! Enjoy your choice of three menu selections, all come with house salad, dessert and beverage, \$24.95 per person.

We offer three seating times for your convenience: 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm.

## *Menu Choices:*

### **Prime Rib (8 oz)**

*with Baked Potato & Vegetable*

### **Bourbon-Glazed Salmon**

*with Confetti Rice and Vegetable*

### **Chicken Piccata**

*over Linguini with Garlic Toast*



This is a special event by **reservation only**. Please purchase your tickets with menu selection at the Bistro by February 7th.

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**February 2–9, 2024**

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**FRIDAY, 2/2**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Beets, Salad, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 2/3**

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Side Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 2/4**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Mix, Peas and Carrots, Mushrooms, Cold Salads, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 2/5**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Liver and Onions, Hamburger, Beef Patty on Side Salad
- \$1.21 Sides:** Beets, Corn, Fruit, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, French Fries
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 2/6**

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Creamy Chicken Enchilada, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.21 Sides:** Broccoli, Honey Glazed Carrots, Black Beans, Cheese Grits, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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**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

February 2–9, 2024

## WEDNESDAY, 2/7

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** Beef Tips, Fried Chicken  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Cabbage, Squash Mix with Tomatoes and Onions, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 2/8

- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Wings, GF Meatloaf  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Asparagus, Succotash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf, Onion Rings  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 2/9

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Lasagna, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, California Vegetable Medley, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Cheese 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

Tom's chili all week!

**Friday, Feb. 2**

Grouper Francese with Wild Rice and Vegetables

**Saturday, Feb. 3**

Jumbo Stuffed Pepper Parmesan with Garlic Bread

Ann & Quinton  
*Rumph*  
DINING ROOM

**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm

**THE LOPIN' GOPHER**  
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**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm