



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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## JANUARY 16, 2026

Friday	1/16	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR <b>What Does The Bible Say About ...?—DR</b> Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Sunday	1/18	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	1/19	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b> <b>The post office, JKPL, and First Federal Bank are closed today.</b> 1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. <b>4:15 &amp; 4:30 p.m.</b>	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS <b>Bus Trip: Dine-out to Mama's Italian Restaurant—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Tuesday	1/20	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. <b>2:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> <b>Garden Club Meeting—DR</b> <b>SongFarmers—SMR/DR</b>
Wednesday	1/21	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Workshop—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Practice—VC Easter Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	1/22	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC <i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i> Plann Ministry—CMH <b>Norway Photo Presentation—SMR/DR</b> <b>Dementia Support Group—JKPL</b>
Friday	1/23	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room <b>Live! at Dowling Park: Clara Barton: Between the Bullet and the Hospital—BC</b>

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

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

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Sherwood Sawyer (husband of Ruth), who was a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Taylor Commons, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Jan. 11. His memorial information will be provided when available.

## NEW MEMBERS

Grace Bailey of Sarasota, Florida, has moved to Carter House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4125.  
Ted Rowell of Bradenton, Florida, has moved to ACV. His mailing address is P.O. Box 4116.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Medical Moment

-VP for Health Services Keri Hilliard

### COPELAND MEDICAL CENTER WELCOMES PREMIER CARDIA TO ACV!

Premier Cardia is dedicated to delivering high-quality, compassionate, patient-centered cardiovascular care. Under the direction of Dr. Morhaf Ibrahim, a team of advanced practice providers will begin seeing patients at Copeland Medical Center this February. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Copeland Clinic at 658-5300. Please specify that you are requesting an appointment with cardiology when you call.

### Klump's Komments

-VP for Independent Living David Klumpenhower

### DONUTS WITH DAVID

It's time for another Donuts with David — a sweet way for us to connect, share, and spend some time together. Please join me, along with our Independent Living leadership team, for coffee, tea, donuts, and good conversation. This will be a relaxed opportunity for you to hear what is happening at Advent Christian Village and to ask questions or share concerns. We will talk about topics such as the upcoming elevator repairs at Dowling House, pet policy enforcement, community wellness inspections, what to expect in the next few months, our goals, plans, and more. This event will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the dining room, so whether you are a fan of glazed or chocolate covered, you "donut" want to miss this!

## ACV EVENTS

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

**Friday, Jan. 16, 1:00 p.m. - DR**

On Friday, Jan. 16, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Muslims have become common in government. They promote Sharia law. What is it? Is it found in the Bible?
2. What does the Bible say about doubt?

### Weekly Game Schedule

#### Monday

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH  
6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

#### Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

#### Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR  
2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

#### Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



3. How do you know your religion is the right one?
4. Are people basically good or bad?

They will share their thoughts and listen to yours. Bring your questions and comments!



### BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO MAMA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Monday, Jan. 19**

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

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

Mama's Italian Restaurant in Perry has opened a location in Madison, Florida. The menu is the same: all your favorite Italian dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$29. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the Information Center to go on Monday, Jan. 19.

### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2:00 p.m. - DR**

The next Garden Club meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. Everyone is invited.



## NORWAY

### NORWAY PHOTO PRESENTATION

**Thursday, Jan. 22, 1:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

Dottie Stone recently visited Norway with friends Steve and Rita Dopp. Steve has put together a PowerPoint photo presentation they would like to share with the ACV community. Join us on Thursday, Jan. 22, to journey to the Land of the Midnight Sun. Lefse, a traditional soft Norwegian flatbread, will be sampled.

### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, Jan. 22, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL**

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

### LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: CLARA BARTON: BETWEEN THE BULLET AND THE HOSPITAL

**Friday, Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m. - BC**

Follow American hero Clara Barton to the battlefield as she tends to wounded soldiers, and find out why they thought of her as their "Angel." Along the way, learn how a childhood experience with family tragedy, early lessons in arithmetic and composition, and a love of adventure led her to volunteer her nursing services during the Civil War.

This program consists of a monologue in-character by Storysmith Susan Marie Frontczak, followed by Q&As with "Clara Barton" and then with the scholar/presenter.



**LIVE!**  
AT DOWLING PARK

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member). Call 658-5400 for more information.

**GOSPEL SING POSTPONED**

The Gospel Sing, which normally takes place the fourth Saturday of the month in the Carter House activity room, has been postponed for this month. It will take place on the 31st.



**SPRING GARDENING WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, Jan. 29, 1:30-3:00 p.m. - OPR**

Join the Garden Club and friends of the Hidden Garden for a Spring Gardening Workshop on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Old Pavillion Room. We will walk (and roll) out the door into the Hidden Garden after the discussion.

North Florida's winter climate supports many cold-adapted vegetables, while warm-season crops like tomatoes and peppers should wait until after the average last killing frost on March 19. We will share planting guides, demonstrate the grid garden technique for small spaces, and discuss sun requirements and the cut-and-grow harvesting method.

Garden Club member Cindy Hett will also provide information on the Community Garden, raised beds, meetings, and membership.

The Hidden Garden is located in the courtyard next to the Village library and Smith Riverview apartments. It is open for rest and relaxation and gardening for all regardless of your mobility or gardening abilities.

Unlike the Community Garden, visitors are welcome to harvest whatever is ready in the Hidden Garden.

Call Marge Reach at (706) 897-2965 or Ellie Foerste at (407) 908-4379 for a tour of the Hidden Garden. Call Cindy Hett at (386) 209-4706 for information on Garden Club activities.

**ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC**

**Friday, Jan. 30, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
SMR/DR**

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm dedicated to the provision of quality legal assistance to the poor, abused, disabled and elderly, and empowerment through preventive legal education. They plan to come to ACV monthly beginning Friday, Jan. 30, to provide assistance to those needing legal help. If you have generic legal questions, drop in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have specific questions about your own legal situation and want one-on-one help, please call Member Services to be assigned a timeslot.

**EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

**Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
The Lighthouse on CR 250**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. here in Dowling Park at the Lighthouse, 23594 CR 250. **There is a solution.** For information you can call (305) 407-0895.

**BUS TRIP: FLORIDA SHERIFFS  
YOUTH RANCH TOUR**

**Friday, Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m. - CH**

Open to any resident at ACV and particularly pen pals who have wondered what the FSJR is all about: The ACV bus will take a group for a personal tour of the Ranch on Friday, Jan. 30. The cost is \$5.00 to ride the bus, which will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. from Carter House and should return by around 1:00 p.m. The group will have the opportunity to get on and off the bus for close-up visits in the school and some other areas. Sign up at the Information Center by Wednesday, Jan. 28. For further information please call Monica Serlick at (386) 330-4865.

**END TIMES BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25  
10:00 a.m. - OPR**

Bob Copeland will lead an enlightening four-week Bible study focused on the end times titled "Signs of the End and Hope for the Future." This engaging series will take place on the four Wednesdays of February from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Old Pavilion Room.

**VETERANS MEETING**

**Friday, Feb. 6, 12:00 noon - DR**

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to (850) 371-6068 or (850) 672-3303 by Jan. 30.



**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.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Wednesdays	3:00 p.m.
Yoga	Fridays	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

**JKPL Closures**

The JKPL will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**JKPL's Top Books of 2025**

On our display wall for the month of January, you can see what books, both fiction and nonfiction, our community enjoyed the most last year. Our top fiction book was David Baldacci's *Strangers in Time. While Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey topped nonfiction. How many have you read?

**Share Your Interests**

Have something you're passionate about? Share it with your neighbors at the JKPL! Anything from trips that you've taken and hobbies you enjoy, to topics that you're an amateur expert in. We're inviting community members to present programs on topics they love — contact the JKPL if you'd like to get involved.

**Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Cowboy Soup**

**Friday, Jan. 16**

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

All day: Braised Short Ribs with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and the Vegetable of the Day, \$18.95

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

All day: Two Homemade Chicken Enchiladas with White Rice and Black Beans, \$16.95



### Seed Library

Our seed library returns with the new year and a new look! Come enjoy the multitude of fruit and vegetable seeds that have been generously donated by the UF/IFAS extension office, the Seed Ranch, and community members. While you're selecting your seeds, grab a "Planting a Salsa Garden" flyer, complete with growing instructions for five traditional salsa ingredients and two salsa recipes!

### Food for Fines

For the month of January, all libraries in the Suwannee River Regional Library System are participating in Food for Fines. Donate food for those in need while taking fines off your library account. All food donated must be unexpired, unopened, and shelf-stable items. One food item is equal to \$2.00 of overdue fines. Don't have fines on your account? You are welcome to participate as well! All the donated food will benefit the communities we serve.

### Tech Talk

Have you found yourself unsure how to use technology like phones and computers? Twice each month Jeremy will be presenting different tech-related topics. On Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2:30 p.m., the theme for January's Tech Talk will be iPhone Basics. Come get acquainted with your iPhone, whether it's brand new or you've had it a while.

### Starbooks Café

Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.! We'll kick things off with the topic "What is a quote or saying that you find meaningful?"

### Family Game Night

Start a new family tradition this year with family game night! Kids, bring your parents or grandparents to the JKPL and enjoy a fun atmosphere, snacks, and a plethora of board games and activities! Let the games begin on Jan. 20 at 4:00 p.m.!

### SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, Jan. 26, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions.

### As the Page Turns Book Club

*The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins is a gripping psychological thriller that follows a woman who becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation after witnessing something shocking from her daily train commute. As memories blur and unreliable perspectives collide, secrets unravel and suspicion spreads in unexpected directions. Prefer to read on your Kindle or phone? Check out the CloudLibrary and Libby apps. The next book club meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 2:00 p.m.

### Did You Know?

The JKPL will mail books and DVDs directly to ACV residents — making it easy to enjoy library materials without leaving home! Books check out for three weeks and DVDs for one week. Need more time? Simply call the JKPL or use our website or app to renew your items anytime. More choices, more convenience, more library fun!

### Need Newspaper?

Need old newspapers for pet care, gardening, cleaning, or crafting? The JKPL has plenty of past issues available. Stop by, and we'll be happy to share!



## BUS TRIPS

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

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the Information Center in person or

by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

### WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

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

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

- **Jan. 21 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 21 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 28 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 28 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 4 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 4 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Jan. 19 — Dine-Out to Mama's Italian Restaurant

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

**SERMON:** "To All Who Received Him"

**TEXT:** Luke 20:9-19 and John 1:9-13 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

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

#### Friday, Jan. 16

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

#### Sunday, Jan. 18

9:40 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship Service (Church)

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

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration (Church)

5:00 p.m. — Alive! (Church)

5:00 p.m. — Youth Meeting (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Bob Copeland (Bixler Chapel)

#### Monday, Jan. 19

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: The Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells

#### Tuesday, Jan. 20

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

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

#### Wednesday, Jan. 21

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Workshop, Paul Cochrane (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. — Easter Cantata Choir Rehearsal  
You do not have to be a regular attendee of the Village Church to participate in this choir.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 22**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Book of Acts, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

#### **Friday, Jan. 23**

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

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

#### **James Sutter—386-658-5400**

When someone pulls their emergency cord, an alarm should sound in their home as well as at the Information Center. If you hear this sound, take a minute to call the Information Center (658-3333) to make sure the alarm has reached them. There have been times when technical problems have interfered, and a call from a neighbor may aid in providing a timely response.

Verizon representatives are planning to start coming to the Village Square professional offices (down the corridor past Twice Nice) on the third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting Jan. 20. They will be available to answer questions about their products; offer technical support; perform account analysis to make sure you're paying the best price; streamline your account; add new lines; and sell upgrades, home internet, and devices.

There is no artist series concert in Lake City this weekend on the 17th. After I created the sheet that lists all of our artist series performances along with all of Lake City's, they rescheduled one of their concerts. The following are the remaining Lake City concerts:

- 2/20 - Duo Beaux Arts Four Hands One Piano
- 3/27 - Ring Sarasota Handbell Choir
- 4/18 - Moanin' Frogs Sax and Vocal Sextet
- 5/15 - Project Trio "SuperFun" Chamber Music

#### **January Member Birthday Party**

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the January member birthday party. We were entertained by a variety of piano duets by Traci Nissley and Rosemary Humbles. We also enjoyed cake to eat.

We were blessed to have 11 persons with January birthdays present, and a total of 62 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Hellmut Seidenberg, Ron Oberg, Lisa Moore, Russell Wadsworth, Joseph Humphries and Tommie Stanaland. The oldest birthday guest was Barbara White, and the youngest was Pam Hurley. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

#### **Scam Tip of the Week:**

##### **Final Notice Warranty Scam**

You may have received a "Final Notice" in the mail in reference to a vehicle or residence you currently own or formerly owned. The letter most likely contains legitimate details about the vehicle or residence that are available in public records, including your name, address, and other information about the vehicle or residence. A "Registration Fee Voucher" — a check — may also be attached. Cashing this check is your acceptance to the scam program and will result in you owing the scam company thousands of dollars.

A letter received by a Village resident included information that made it appear to be from ACV. The warranty company listed on her letter, 4EverHome, is a legitimate warranty company, but the number included in the letter is not their number; it is a scammer's number.

If you receive one of these letters or one that is similar, do not call the number, and do not cash the check if one is included. Shred the letter and forget about it.

#### **TV2**

In next week's episode of *What the Bible Says About ...*, the following questions are answered:

- Do the dead sleep in their grave until Jesus comes?
- Did the Roman Catholic Church add books to the Jewish Old Testament?

*What the Bible Says About ...* airs Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Wednesday at 2:30 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

## **At the Village Square**

Looking for a gift suitable for any occasion? Gift certificates in any amount are available at each store!

### **Riverside Gifts**

This shop features Bibles, devotionals, gifts, and greeting cards for all ages. The card department includes age-related cards all the way up to 105 years old. You can also stock up on boxed sets of cards for birthdays.

Is it time to update your purse? We have lovely purse sets and individual purses in a variety of sizes. There are also long and short scarves to bring a new look to an outfit.

The children's section has a great selection of toys, stuffed animals, books, and creative activities. There are also Bibles for young children.

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

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

### **Rustic Shop**

Looking for a new game to play with friends? We have handmade Senior Citizen Frisbees! These can be used inside or outside. Get together with friends for a gentle and fun game.

Other spectacular items include the Noritake Crystal vases from Germany, which catch the sun's rays beautifully.

There are small sets of China dishes for everyday use and at budget-friendly prices. Check them out on the tables in the front room. There are also beautiful lamps in a variety of sizes and sure to fit your decor.

Now is a great time to purchase new scrubbies! Remember, these come in two sizes. If you need a larger one, talk with the helpful staff.

We're in the new year and are rearranging the vintage jewelry and beautiful watches. Stop by to check out the rings, necklaces and bracelets!

Currently no alterations are being accepted.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs, and garage door openers are available at 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**

Visit this shop for wonderful clothing bargains for children, teens, women and men. There are shirts and blouses, pants, bathing suits and cover-ups, sleepwear, and active wear. The shoe department has all sizes and styles.

The Book Nook has wonderful, collectible books, including children's vintage books. Visit the games and jigsaw puzzles department and fiction/nonfiction room. There are children's books, nonfiction, fiction, Bible studies, cookbooks, CDs, and DVDs. Check out the shelf of very collectible books at exceptional prices.

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

## **On CR 250**

### **Twice Nice Furniture & More**

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

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

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

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

It's still winter, so be prepared. We can warm you up for only \$2.00. There are lots of jackets, sweaters and sweats. To keep you warm all night, we have a good supply of jammies and bathrobes. See you soon!

# **ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

**Dottie Stone, Reporter**

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

Congratulations to our Jan. 7 winners: The 1st high was Dottie Stone, and the 2nd high was Jim Varnell.

## **BROOKS ARCHIVE**

**Millie Griswold, Reporter**

### **New History Window Presentation**

Choo choo! The Live Oak, Perry & Gulf railroad is coming. It's 1898, 127 years ago, and you're waiting for the train to pull into the Dowling Park depot.

Visit the History Window at the Village Square for a trip back in time with the LOP&G railroad or "the Lopin' Gopher." Enjoy a five-minute visual presentation and artifacts. The window is located near the Village Grocer entrance.

Have you visited the Brooks Village Archive? It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Archive adjoins the Kennon Public Library.

## **CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY**

**Esther Bruckel, Reporter**

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, Jan. 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

## **CRAFTY CREW**

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

**Sue Donnelly, Reporter**

On Friday, Jan. 16, we are going to have Show and Tell! We'll be bringing in items that we have made to show each other. It will be interesting to see different types of handiwork and to learn how they were made. We hope you'll join us and bring in some items for us to "ooh and aah" over!

Questions? Contact Sister Maria Ann Decker at [sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly at [SueWDonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:SueWDonnelly@gmail.com).

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

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

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

In 2025, we had a total of 2,340 individual visits to our library. This week, two books by Barbara Johnson are featured in a display: *Pack Up Your Gloomies in a Great Big Box* and *Then Sit on the Lid and Laugh* and *Fresh Elastic for Stretched Out Moms*.

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 Old Pavilion Room and Information Center. 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.

## **MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**

**Ron Oberg, Reporter**

A big thank you to all the members of the club for all the hard work that was done to get the train layouts up and running for the open house that we had on Jan. 9 and 10. A special word of thanks to George Brisbin who got the club started over the last two years. The open house was a big success. A great big thanks to all those who stopped in.

## **PEN PAL PROGRAM**

**A Committee of the Membership Association**  
**Monica Serlick, Reporter**

The next pick-up date is **Friday, Jan. 23**. Get your letters to the Information Center or Carter House desk

before 11:30 a.m. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

The 68th Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches Open House and Horse Show is Friday, Feb. 20, through Sunday, Feb. 22. There will be two buses going from ACV on Saturday, Feb. 21. The Ranch will be sending their school bus to pick up a load, which will depart the Lake Aquilla parking lot precisely at 10:00 a.m. for all folks who don't use any mobility devices; it is not handicap accessible. The school bus will leave the ranch at 3:00 p.m. to bring everyone back by 3:30 p.m.

The ACV bus will also go for those who need extra help. That bus will most likely return earlier than 3:00 p.m.

The cost to ride either bus will be \$5.00, and you must sign up at the Information Center in order to ride.

Those traveling on the buses will be allowed complimentary entry and a free ticket for the barbeque lunch. Anyone going in their own car will have to pay the entry fee and will have to buy their lunch.

Sign up until Feb. 16, so I can let them know how many are coming.

Folks going on their own, in the past, were charged a one-time cost of \$10-per-car entry for the weekend and \$5.00 for Saturday's barbeque lunch.

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.

"Belief creates the actual fact" (William James).  
"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" (Winston Churchill).

## **POLK CERAMICS SHOP**

**Susann Riedel, Reporter**

We will be open on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for those who would like to work on something on the weekend. We look forward to seeing you all.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

**Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The following quote from *New York Times* columnist Maureen Dowd is fitting for Stephen Ministers, but also for any Christian. She wrote the following after the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre: "I don't expect comfort to come from afar. I really do believe that God enters the world through us; and even though I still have the 'why' questions, they are not so much 'why God' questions. We are human and mortal and we will suffer and die. But how we are with one another in that suffering and dying makes all the difference as to whether God's presence is felt or not and whether we are comforted or not. What I do know is that an unconditionally loving presence soothes broken hearts, binds up wounds, and renews us in life."

Our recent Stephen Minister class about grief taught that it is not unchristian to experience grief and that each person's healing has its own timeline. Clichés, advice, or even a poorly timed scripture verse can be hurtful, no matter how well-intentioned. It's best to just be there and let the grieving person do most of the talking. Validate their feelings instead of trying to cheer them up or rush them through the grieving process. Those are a few of the ways we can be the unconditionally loving presence that brings the "God of all comfort" close to the brokenhearted.

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

# **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

## **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

**Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113**

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it" (Mark 8:35 NLT).

It has been shared with me that we have had another run-in with an adult deer on CR 136. Russell Yoon was traveling on 136 around 5:30 a.m. in the rain when a herd of deer entered his path. He swerved as best he could but still struck one deer, resulting in approximately \$9,000 in damage to his truck. Deer seem to be most active while feeding between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., as well as at dusk. For your safety — and for the safety of our deer population — please be extra cautious when driving during these times.

I saw Roy Ames at Good Sam's church service yesterday, and he asked me to tell everyone hello. Please keep him, along with our other residents, in your prayers for healing and understanding. I also saw Jeannie Florence. She sends her love.

Did you hear about the man who went to see a psychiatrist? The doctor asked why he had come, and the man replied that he thought he was a dog. The doctor asked how long he had felt that way. The man answered, "Ever since I was a puppy!"

I have found that it matters not how long we live, but how we live. Have you ever taken the time to think about that? And remember — "Opened by mistake" applies more often to mouths than to mail!

Let us thank God daily for His goodness, mercy, and grace, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

## **CARTER HOUSE**

**Monica Serlick—386-3304865**

We have no birthdays or anniversaries to report for the coming week.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. We send blessings for good health and quick recovery. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome home to our newest residents: Mary Gamble and her dog, Bella, and Grace Bailey. Grace was a resident here previously and has returned. When you see them out and about, be sure to offer a friendly word of welcome. It is always comforting to feel seen and acknowledged by your neighbors. Don't be shy — say hello! "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud" (Maya Angelou).

Much of our daily experience comes down to perspective and respect. When we pause to think before we speak — rather than reacting to someone else's words — we demonstrate true self-control. Most people would resist the idea of someone else controlling their behavior and, by extension, their lives, yet we often hand over that control without realizing it. "Not having the best situation, but seeing the best in your situation is the key to happiness" (Marie Forleo).

Respect — for people, places, and things — matters deeply. Without it, we risk losing our sense of self, our environment, and even our spirit. Scripture reminds us to "do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed" (openbible.info).

God has placed humanity in a position of responsibility over creation. Genesis 2:15 tells us that the Lord God put man in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. We recognize that all created things

belong to God and that we are accountable to Him as stewards of His creation (Geneva College, geneva.edu).

Let us not lose ourselves over temporary situations that will not matter in the long run. Do what is right, do what you can, and then let the rest go.

Lastly, if you see anything that appears out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home — if you see something, say something.

## **DOWLING HOUSE**

**Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning, friends and neighbors.

"O Lord, send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill" (Psalm 43:3).

The holidays have passed so quickly. Looking back, it's easy to feel nostalgic about the many activities, the hustle and bustle, the decorations, and the wrapping of gifts. When it's all over, there can be a bit of a letdown. But as the saying goes, life goes on. We now step into a new year and all that it holds for each of us.

Let us continue to pray for all who are dealing with health issues.

It has been fairly quiet around the Village lately, and no one has shared any news with me. However, the lake has been lively. I've watched the white ducks swimming, gathering duckweed, and preening. I also spotted a great blue heron on two or three mornings. I tried to get a picture, but he was skittish and wouldn't let me get close.

I'm happy to hear that we are beginning to have some eat-out dates again. Those were always something I looked forward to.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, Jan. 22, for the Norway presentation by Steve and Rita Dopp. Norwegian flatbread (lefse) will be shared. Plan to come and learn about the Land of the Midnight Sun.

I continue to hear great things about our Village Church choir. Their rehearsals for the Easter cantata are already sounding beautiful, and the Christmas cantata was superb. I am sad that Jeanne Florence hasn't been able to perform. She loves singing in the choir and is still recovering. Get well soon, Jeanne. Your voice and presence are greatly missed.

Medicine for the soul: Two mafia members are walking through a cemetery at night when an owl lets out an eerie screech. One turns to the other and says, "I'm scared." His friend replies, "What do you mean? I've got to walk out of here by myself!" So much for friends.

Do you remember the old "Lucy" movies? Lucy and Ethel were good friends most of the time, but sometimes they got mad at each other. In one talent show scene, they came out wearing the same dress. Their anger ended with both dresses in shreds. Friendship is a delicate balance of give and take — if you have a good friend, treasure them.

Keep your eyes on the prize; it may be worth it. Until next week, walk with your head held high and be proud of who you are.

## **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

**Cathy Oberg, 386-658-3237**

Happy birthday to Verna Piper on the 17th. May your dreams become blessings, and may happiness be your companion in the year ahead.

Have you met our newest neighbors? James and Linda Morgan, formerly of Hudson, Florida, have moved

## **The Village Post Office**



**Monday-Friday**

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**658-5270**

## **Village Cashier's Office**

**Monday-Friday**

**10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**658-5343**

in on Millsite Lane. I had the pleasure of meeting them at the Model Railroad Club open house. They are excited to be living here and are looking forward to enjoying the many opportunities our community offers.

Details about our next neighborhood potluck will be shared in next week's FNN, so stay tuned.

Let's continue to be the best kind of neighborhood — checking on one another, sharing a treat or two, inviting someone for coffee, and offering love and hospitality whenever we can.

## **RIVERWOODS**

**Doug Nichols—425-329-5769**

Lord's Day: It was wonderful to welcome Pastor Sam "Lazarus" Worley back to the pulpit on Sunday after a long illness. May our Lord be praised!

1. Volunteers: Following the church service, seven of us hosted Steven and Joyce Parlette for the Village buffet lunch and had the opportunity to hear about their ministry with Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS). Steven and Joyce will be serving at the Village for five months, and several other couples are expected to join them soon for volunteer ministry.

2. Birthdays: Robert Maxwell (Jan. 21) and Evelyn Walden (Jan. 21).

3. Staff Needs: Please remember in your prayers the ongoing need for additional staff. As a large and active community, this is an important and continual need.

4. Riverwoods HOA Board Announcement: The Riverwoods Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Agenda items include Call to Order; Invocation; approval of the Dec. 15 minutes; transition to the 2026 Annual Meeting; approval of the Jan. 22, 2025, Annual Meeting minutes; introduction of candidates; call for ballots (if needed); Board Report; Treasurer's Report; announcement of the 2026 Board of Directors; Benediction; and transition to the Organizational Meeting.

5. Introducing the new Riverwoods Correspondent: Longtime Riverwoods resident Patty Gianeskis will now serve as our neighborhood correspondent. She will serve our community well. It has been an honor to serve Riverwoods; however, due to time constraints related to our mission work in the Philippines, I will be stepping aside.

6. Scripture: "Let those who love Your salvation say continually, 'Let God be magnified!'" (Psalm 70:4).

## **MEMBER BENEFITS**

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

### **This week's member benefit of note:**

Members are given priority placement on the waiting list for Dacier Manor, provided the member's needs match the services offered. Priority placement specifically means that when a room becomes available in the assisted living facility, ACV makes the room available to a member if approved. Admission is based on the level and severity of need as determined by ACV.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **ART GALLERY EXHIBIT**

**Chuck Eckel, Reporter**

Alisa Staats is the featured artist in the Art Gallery. Her beautiful displayed works represent a style called diamond art. Diamond painting is the affixing of colored resin rhinestones to a canvas printed with the design. Alisa says that this is a great way to relax and it takes

her mind off back pain. She loves giving her artwork to family and friends. Alisa says, "It is like giving a small piece of your heart to special people in your life."

Alisa is from Jasper, Florida. She moved into Dowling House in 2020.

## **BOB COPELAND'S LATEST BOOK**

Bob Copeland's latest book, his 20th, is now available on Amazon in both Kindle and paperback formats. Titled *The Fever of Life* and subtitled *The Autobiography and Testimony of Rev. Bob Copeland*, this work shares Bob's life journey. He draws a poignant comparison between our earthly existence and a fever that burns brightly for a brief period before it dissipates. His narrative serves as a powerful reminder that while our lives may be fleeting, they provide ample opportunity to encounter and serve Jesus.

## **VERIZON**

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

## **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

**12:15 to 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

## **WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS**

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

## **HAIR CROPPERS**

At Hair Croppers we strive to build a space where beauty is curated, not rushed. We are a full-service salon with exceptional results.

Need a New Year's reset? Unwind, refresh and renew without leaving your community. Enjoy our spa day, where expert beauty services meet a tranquil, spa-like escape. Upcoming spa days are Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 7, by appointment. Call or text (386) 205-3791 to schedule an appointment.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and 20 and March 6 and 20. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114.

## **FIRST FEDERAL BANK**

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

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

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

## FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

## RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour or pleasure ride, call Member Services 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 does James Sutter in Member Services do?

A: Like every member of administration at ACV, James Sutter has a number of responsibilities. His job title is Community Life Coordinator, and he is sometimes referred to as "the cruise director" because many of his duties allow him to make living at ACV more fun, educational, and meaningful.

He organizes ACV's main events calendar; organizes (or is consulted on) most Village events and activities in Independent Living; constantly communicates with Housekeeping and Dining Services to make sure spaces and events are getting the appropriate attention; helps with ACV's social media, website, video boards, and LED sign; oversees the online photo directory and member website and app; organizes and implements the artist series; oversees TV2; oversees all bus transportation and trips; is the go-to person for Member Services and Volunteer Services; works with all Village clubs, neighborhoods, and the Membership Association; oversees the Village library and Brooks Archive; is a sometimes graphic designer; is the senior editor of the FNN; manages all member benefits and the membership and Lifestyle Club programs; supervises interior seasonal decorations in most Village buildings; organizes Village parade floats; organizes the grave flags; is the go-to person for Village politics policy enforcement; and several more "duties as assigned."

He is able to do all of this because of the great team he is a part of that supports and encourages him every day.

## THANK YOU

Just want to say thanks to all that sent me birthday cards and well wishes. Again, thank you.

Ron Oberg

Last Tuesday the topic for the Starbooks discussion group at the JKPL was "If you could choose, what second language would you want to learn?"

We had fun and a bit of serious thinking. My contribution was to confess past failures with language learning. A second language just is not in my skill set.

This evening my dear neighbor showed me to be wrong. She struggles with English, but as she wheeled her cart down the hallway, she dispensed soup portions to her neighbors. This was delicious soup made from her home country recipe.

So this is my prayer: Thank you, God, for those who live your language of love. May I learn how to live this beautiful language so as to lift the hearts of others as my heart has been lifted by this loving gift of a bowl of soup. Amen.

Mary Jane Holler

## MISCELLANEOUS

**FREE:** DVDs for collectors. Call Earl at 386-658-3196.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Extra large metal cat carrier, \$50; small metal cat carrier, \$30. Both like new. Large cat playpen — allows cats to be outside and yet contained, good condition, \$50. Contact Alice at 386-658-3058.\*\*

**WANTED:** A functional marble rolling pin. Please call MaryAnn Stuart at 863-558-1395.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** I have 7 brand new shelves for sale. They are still in unopened boxes. These shelves can be used in your garage, carport, or storage unit. Multiple storage uses and easy to assemble. \$12 ea. Call Debbie Hoffman at 954-309-9475.\*

**FOR SALE:** HP Envy 6400e printer: single-page, color, \$30. Epson ET 2700/2750 Echo tank printer: high-capacity with cartridge-free printing; double-sided printing; wireless; can print, scan and copy. Asking \$75 OBO. Call Bruce Harris at 850-209-6746. Please leave a message if I don't answer.\*

**FOR SALE:** One brand new pair of ladies' white jeans by Ruby Red size 14, \$15; denim skirt size 14 only worn a few times, like new, \$10; Member's Mark coffee pods, Colombian regular coffee and decaf coffee, approximately 100 in the box, \$10. 919-271-7534 or 386-658-2437.\*



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Our photo directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our ACV and Village Church households better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please call 658-5400.

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Prices effective 1/16–1/22



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day! \* 658-3130  
The Village Grocer will close at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

## GROCERY

Crisco Olive Oil Spray	5 oz.	\$ 6.00
Chi-Chi's Salsa	16 oz.	\$ 3.50
IGA Pancake and Waffle Mix	32 oz.	\$ 3.00
Toll House Semi-Sweet Morsels	12 oz.	\$ 6.00
Lipton Noodle Soup Mix	4.5 oz.	\$ 2.00
Musselman's Apple Butter	17 oz.	\$ 4.00
Mt. Olive Bread & Butter Spears	16 oz.	\$ 5.10
Kraft Tartar Sauce	12 oz.	\$ 2.80

## DAIRY

Boar's Head Tzatziki Dip	12 oz.	\$ 3.00
Dutch Farms Whipped Topping	6.5 oz.	\$ 2.80

## PRODUCE

Whole Carrots	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Ripe Tomatoes	per lb.	\$ 2.00

## FROZEN

Stouffer's French Bread Pizza	11 oz.	\$ 4.70
Mary B's Biscuits	26 oz.	\$ 4.00

## MEAT

Split Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 3.00
Boneless Shoulder Roast	per lb.	\$ 7.00
Lean Beef Cubed Steak	per lb.	\$ 7.00
Swaggerty's Breakfast Sandwich	12 ct.	\$ 6.00
Bar-S Thick Bologna	16 oz.	\$ 2.20
Seabest Tilapia Fillets	16 oz.	\$ 5.00

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Swiss Cheese — \$6.00 per lb.

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

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

## This Week's Verse

From the rising of the sun to the place where it set —  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

**Jan. 16–23, 2026**

**FRIDAY, 1/16**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder  
**\$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Swedish Meatballs, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Caribbean Vegetable Blend, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cold Salads, Fruit, Plain and Cheesy Grits  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 1/17**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Potato  
**\$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Sloppy Joe on a Brioche Bun, Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Tater Tots, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 1/18**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** GF Chili, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Chicken  
**Sides:** California Normandy Blend, Honey Glazed Carrots, Salad, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 1/19**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chicken and Dumplings  
**\$6.95 Entrées:** Salisbury Steak, Chicken Tenders, Liver and Onions  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Cheesy Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes, GF Rice with Gravy  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 1/20**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Butternut Squash and Apple  
**\$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar  
**\$6.95 Entrées:** GF Beef Pot Roast, Country Fried Steak with Country Gravy  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Prince Edward Blend Vegetables (Green and Yellow Beans, and Carrots), Sweet Corn, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Jan. 16–23, 2026

## WEDNESDAY, 1/21

- \$2.75 Soup:** Italian Wedding Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Spaghetti with Meat or Meatless Sauce, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Cabbage, Green beans, Superfood Broccoli Salad, Carrot Salad, Fruit, GF Noodles, Spaghetti Noodles
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 1/22

- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Creamy Garlic Chicken, GF Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions
- \$1.40 Sides:** Garlic Spinach, Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Broccoli, Carrots, Green Beans, and Red Peppers), Cucumber Salad, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Rice Pilaf
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 1/23

- \$2.75 Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Loaded Hot Dog (Chili, Cheese, Onions, and Relish), Fried Catfish
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cold Salads, Fruit, Plain and Cheesy Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Don's Cowboy Soup

Friday, Jan. 16

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

All day: Braised Short Ribs with Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy and the Vegetable of the Day, \$18.95

Saturday, Jan. 17

All day: Two Homemade Chicken Enchiladas  
with White Rice and Black Beans, \$16.95

Ann & Quinton  
*Rumph*  
DINING ROOM

**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm

**THE LOPIN' GOPHER**  
D E L I

**658-5259**

**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm