



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

24/7/365 Assistance/Operator	658-3333	Housekeeping	658-5374
Cashier’s Office	658-5343	Environmental Svcs.	658-5155
Copeland Medical	658-5300	Post Office	658-5270
Finance Department	658-5450	Security/Emergency	658-3333
Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

JANUARY 23, 2026

Friday	1/23	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room Live! at Dowling Park: Clara Barton: Between the Bullet and the Hospital—BC
Saturday	1/24	The Village Grocer will close at 5:00 p.m. today	
Sunday	1/25	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	1/26	1:00 p.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Scrabble—CMH Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS Dominoes—CMH
Tuesday	1/27	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Woodworking Work Day—Watkins Hobby Shop Model Train Club—CB Donuts with David—RDR <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH
Wednesday	1/28	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.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 Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Workshop—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Bingo—CMH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Practice—VC Easter Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	1/29	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30–3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Tax Update and Introduction of Tina Singletary, CPA <i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i> Plarn Ministry—CMH Spring Gardening Workshop—OPR Bingo—CH Activity Room
Friday	1/30	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Tour—CH <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic—SMR/DR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

- Robert Rohrer (husband of Karen), who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 18. His memorial information will be provided when available.
- Roberta Murdock, who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 16. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Joseph Barbieri, who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 14. His memorial information will be provided when available.
- Virginia Dees, who was a resident of GSC, died Jan. 14. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

MOVE OUT

Ken and Linda Forrest have moved from Wilson Garden. Their new address is 22775 102nd Ter., Live Oak, FL 32060.

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

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.



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.

TAX UPDATE AND INTRODUCTION OF TINA SINGLETARY, CPA

Thursday, Jan. 29, 9:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

ACV has arranged for Tina Singletary, a CPA with an office in Mayo, Florida, to take Nancy Harrison's place on campus now that Nancy has moved to north Georgia. Tina and her team will be here Thursday to speak on tax law changes for this year's filing as well as to introduce themselves to the community. Tina's team will be coming to the Village Square professional offices once a month starting in February.

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.

GOSPEL SING

Saturday, Jan. 31, 1:00 p.m.
Carter House Activity Room

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the Carter House activity room on Saturday, Jan. 31.

**COPING WITH LOW VISION
SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP**

Monday, Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

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



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

ROARING '20s THEME DINNER

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

Members: \$18, Non-members: \$25

You are invited to a Roaring '20s theme dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. Costumes are encouraged.

The Italian buffet will consist of lasagna with a gluten-free option, chicken alfredo, rigatoni and gluten-free penne pasta upon which you can put creamy Alfredo and/or marinara sauce, Italian salad, and garlic knots. During dinner and following, live music will heighten the experience. Dancing and more will follow dinner. Dessert will be served at 7:00.



Tickets are available at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours. Please pick up your tickets by Feb. 3 so the dining room knows how much food to make.

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thursday, Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS
Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are normally in the Village Square professional offices on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at suwtax.com.



STATE OF FLORIDA:

FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thursday, Feb. 5, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS

The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

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

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need the following items (there are a few other options, which are not listed — visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring for the entire list).

Primary Identification

Bring one (original or certified):

- U.S. birth certificate, or
- Valid U.S. passport.

Social Security Number

Bring one (must display all nine digits):

- Social Security card,
- W-2 form (not handwritten),
- Paycheck/stub, or
- Any 1099 (not handwritten).

Residential Address

Bring two (must include your Florida residential address):

- Deed, mortgage agreement, recent monthly mortgage statement, or rental or lease agreement;
- Florida vehicle registration or title; and/or
- Recent utility or medical bill or financial statement.

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.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods

Anyone who is a caregiver to a family member with dementia, OR has a family member with dementia in assisted living or skilled nursing care, is invited to a "meet and greet" every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Jackie Campbell's home (23379 Elmwood Lane). This is a venting and discussion group to help us realize we are not the only ones out there with these feelings and experiences. Come every week!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and 24

10:00 a.m. - CCC

A ladies Bible study will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

BUS TRIP: FLORIDA SHERIFFS

YOUTH RANCH TOUR

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

A personal tour has been scheduled and is open to any resident at ACV who has wondered what the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is all about. Did you know they have a cabin donated by Elvis Presley from one of his movies?! The ACV bus will take a group on Friday, Jan.

**Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Tuscan Soup
White Bean Chicken Chili all week**

Friday, Jan. 23

Lunch only: Ham and Provolone Melt on a Croissant with Homemade Chips, \$13.95

All day: Thin Sliced Top Round Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and the Vegetable of the Day, \$18.95

Saturday, Jan. 24

All day: Meatball and Sausage Lasagna with Garlic Toast, \$16.95



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 around 1:00 p.m. The group will have the opportunity to get on and off the FSyr tour bus for close-up visits in the school, a cottage, and some other areas. Folks who want to follow the bus by car may do so. There is no cost for this tour. We will be served a cafeteria-style lunch around 11:30 a.m. with the youth. Sign up at the Information Center by Wednesday, Jan. 28, whether you go by bus or car so I have a count. 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

Rev. 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.

HARBINGER BIBLE CONFERENCE
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7

The next Harbinger Bible Conference will be held Feb. 5-7 in Bixler Chapel. The theme is "A Love Like No Other!" The speaker will be Jeremy Bobos, the Bible teacher will be Rev. Bob Copeland, and the guest musical artist will be Melissa Vasquez. The event is free (a love offering will be taken).

- Thursday evening, Feb. 5, beginning at 6:00
- Friday morning, Feb. 6, beginning at 10:00
- Friday evening beginning at 6:00
- Saturday morning, Feb. 7, beginning at 10:00
- Saturday afternoon concert by Melissa at 3:00
- Saturday evening beginning at 6:00

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.

POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, Feb. 7, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

The next potluck supper will be on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. We will only be using the dining room this time. Please bring your dishes before 5:00 p.m. The tables will be prepared by 4:30 p.m.

As you kindly did last time, please write down your dish's ingredients to protect a resident with allergies. She was most grateful!



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srplib.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.

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

We are excited to announce a partnership with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled! Through this partnership, those who are eligible can have access to talking books, descriptive DVDs, braille materials, large print materials, and more! Eligibility is

for any individuals who are blind, have a visual impairment that makes it uncomfortable to read regular print books, have a reading disability, or individuals who have a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate regular print books. The application process is easy with no doctor's note required! Come in to the JKPL for more information or to get a demo of one the talking book machines.

Share Your Interests

Have something you're passionate about? Share it with your neighbors at the Dowling Park public library! Anything from trips that you've taken or 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.

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. 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.

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, "Where were you born?"

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.

Crafting and Cocoa

Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 2:00 or 5:00 p.m. for a warm drink and a winter-themed jar craft! Flex your creative muscle as you make a cute piece of home décor. All materials will be provided. Seats are limited, sign up today!

History of Suwannee County

The beloved program about our local history is coming back this February! Eric Musgrove will visit the JKPL on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 10:00 a.m. to captivate us with local history! This month will be an introduction to Suwannee County history. If you enjoy his presentations, grab one of Eric's books while you are here: *Reflections of Suwannee County* or *Lost Suwannee County*. Miss a session? Check out the @srplib YouTube channel and look for the History of Suwannee County playlist.

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.

Tech Talk

Have you found yourself unsure on how to use technology like phones and computers? Twice each month, Jeremy will be presenting different tech-related topics. On Friday, Feb. 6, at 2:30 p.m., the focus for this Tech Talk will be Windows.





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. 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.
- **Feb. 11 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Feb. 11 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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SERMON: "The Word from Above"

TEXT: Philippians 2:5-11 and John 1:14-18 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The **Vesta Clothey WHFMS group** will meet Monday, Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5 of the Village Church. This is a change from our usual meeting time due to a scheduling conflict. Karen Hall will lead the program as we begin sharing about "A Tiny Seed, a Powerful Deed." Everyone is invited to attend.

The **Annual Church meeting** will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rumph Dining Room. Annual Report booklets, coffee, and dessert will be available when you enter. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Jan. 23

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

At the Village Square

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Gift certificates in any amount are available at each store!

Riverside Gifts

Valentine's Day socks are in! There are also funny socks for golfers and armchair resting.

Ladies' watches with lovely, embossed leather bands have just arrived. There are a few watches with bands that slip on rather than have clasps. These are excellent for folks whose fingers have difficulty with agility. Check out the new jewelry on display.

With this cold weather, how about birdwatching from your window using one of our just-in bird-watching field guides? They are in the Nature section beside the walking sticks, umbrellas, and large hats. Have you picked up lip balm or hand cream? We have many scents from which to choose. We have three sizes of nail files and sunglasses.

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

Valentine's cards and gifts of love for sweethearts and friends are great gifts. There are bud vases to showcase a rose or other single bud.

Spend time in your kitchen trying a new recipe from our new collection of cookbooks. Choose a beautiful dish towel and scrubby for cleanup.

The handmade, soft senior citizen Frisbees are great for indoor use in this cold weather. How about listening to wonderful yesteryear music? We have an excellent selection of collectible music albums.

Stop in to see the gorgeous display of smaller sets of dishes. We also have larger sets of formal and informal dinner sets. Discuss your needs with our helpful folks.

Currently, no alterations are being accepted. We continue to wish good health in 2026 to our faithful volunteer alterations friend.

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

Stay toasty warm with our sweaters, vests, and jackets. There are winter nighties and robes as well as socks for men and women. The children's department has a good selection of clothing.

The swimsuits and cover-ups selection is also growing. Try a dip in the pool in a new-to-you outfit!

The Book Nook has games, jigsaw puzzles, and fiction/nonfiction books. You'll also find children's books, Bible studies, cookbooks, CDs, and DVDs. **Check out the shelf of very collectible books, all at half price.**

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.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 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!

Sunday, Jan. 25

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, Donald Wrigley (Chapel)

Monday, Jan. 26

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: The Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley
 (Room 5)
 7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells

Tuesday, Jan. 27

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. 28

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and
 Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Work-
 shop, 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. 29

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

Friday, Jan. 30

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

VILLAGE CASHIER

Lynn Mabey-386-658-5343

Starting Monday, Feb. 2, the Village Cashier's office will
 open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 12:30 p.m., Monday-
 Friday.

CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Doug Mabey-386-658-5200

The following RVICS couples will be here starting on
 Saturday, Jan. 31. They start work on Monday, Jan. 2,
 and depart on Thursday, Feb. 26. Please welcome and
 thank them while they are here:

- Steve and Joyce Parlette (leaders) — arrived on
 Jan. 2 and will be here until May 31
- Kevin and Heidi Greniger — First time here
- Jerry and Linda Sammet — Were here in 2024 and
 2025
- Bill and Donna Ufer — Were here in 2025
- Tom and Patricia Holder — Were here in 2025

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter-386-658-5400

Member Services Tip of the Week

Please remember to wear your ACV name tag when
 outside of your home. The information is especially
 helpful in case of an emergency. It's also helpful for
 your neighbors who may have forgotten your name.

Scam Tip of the Week: IRS Scam

Scammers pose as IRS agents and call or email poten-
 tial victims claiming that they owe the IRS and unless
 they are paid immediately, they will be arrested. The
 imposters demand that the victim wire money or
 provide a prepaid debit card in order to pay the taxes
 and avoid arrest.

Know that the IRS will never make first contact
 via email or over the phone. They will always make first
 contact by mail. Should you receive a letter that ap-
 pears to be from the IRS and it instructs you to call a
 number, verify online that the number listed in the
 letter is in fact a number associated with the IRS. The
 IRS also will never demand that you wire money or
 provide a prepaid debit card for payment.

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

house, at www.floridaconsumerhelp.com. (Source: The
 Florida Attorney General's Office)

TV2

When an individual who was interviewed for *Front
 Porch Conversations* dies, we like to air the episode
 soon after their passing as a memorial to the individual.
 The double episode of *Front Porch Conversations* in
 next week's double feature is an interview with Sher-
 wood and Ruth Sawyer so that you may remember (or
 learn for the first time) what a wonderful person
 Sherwood was. *Front Porch Conversations* airs Tuesday
 at 10:00 p.m., Thursday at 7:00 a.m., and Friday at
 4:00 p.m.

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

- How do we know that the New Testament is
 complete?
- Does the Bible actually claim to be the Word of God
 in so many words?

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.

Volunteer Coordinator's Note

We are in the start of a new year. I am hoping we have
 a great year of volunteering at the Village. There are
 many places that need volunteers. Volunteering is very
 rewarding. Please consider helping. Helping ACV's
 employees is good for us residents. It is rewarding to
 know that you had a part in making life at the Village
 that much better. So, if you decide to volunteer, contact
 James Sutter or Volunteer Coordinator Linda Cywin.

Member Benefit of the Week

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

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. 14 winners: 1st high
 was Glenda Hamby, and 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.

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - CH Activity Room
Sue Donnelly, Reporter

Last Friday we had such a wonderful time of Show 'n
 Tell. We admired knitting, crocheting, painted bird
 houses, pine cone art, cross stitch, needlework, and
 something new to all of us: working with air-dry clay!
 Cora showed us some of her clay creations and then let
 us all try our hand at making a rose, which worked up
 fast and easy — and now we want to play with clay
 some more! I know that two of us have since purchased
 some air-dry clay for that purpose. What fun we had!
 Thank you, Cora!

This Friday, we will make an easy, beautiful
 origami gift box. We'll also bring along some of our own
 projects to work on — maybe some air-dry clay!

We are having a lot of fun playing with crafts.
 Come join us! If you have questions contact Sister

Maria Ann Dicker (sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly (SueWDonnelly@gmail.com).

WATKINS HOBBY SHOP **Gary Kueppers, Reporter**

All members of the Watkins Hobby Shop are encouraged to attend the Jan. 27 Work Day at 9:00 a.m. I especially want all members with personal materials and projects in the shop to attend. We need to remove all unusable wood pieces and trash. If you want to protect your materials, you will want to be there. We have lots of tasks to be performed, so we can use everyone, no matter their capabilities. I anticipate working only two or three hours, depending upon the attendance. Call me at (386) 249-9992 with questions. Thanks!

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.

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**

Stephen Ministers have been called "The *After* People." They come alongside a person *after* some turning point that has made life extremely difficult for them. For example, *after* the medical test gives devastating news, *after* the funeral and the family has gone home, *after* the loss of a child, *after* the pink slip, *after* the estrangement you never thought would happen, *after* a loved one forgets your name, *after* the joys of retirement have faded, *after* your loved ones have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out, or *after* friends tell you it's time to move on but you feel stuck in the grief.

Stephen Ministers offer not friendship, but a one-sided relationship — meaning that all the care and support is to flow from the Stephen Minister to the care receiver with nothing expected in return. They simply offer emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through times like these. If you have a Stephen Minister, confidentiality, a listening ear and compassionate heart is what you can count on.

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

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no division in the church; rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10, NLT).

These beautiful words were penned by Paul to the Corinthians centuries ago, and how true this wisdom remains today in our ever-changing world. Let us all strive to follow Paul's advice.

I see that Wayne Simmons and his family have moved from Butterfield Acres. I do not know where they moved, but we wish them well as they begin this new chapter.

In an ongoing effort to keep our birthdays and anniversaries correct, please know I am working hard at it. Being able to access birthdays and anniversaries on our new online directory gives me an advantage; however, it only lists ACV members. What I really need to do is get off my big rear and visit each home in our neighborhood to gather the information, because as much as I beg everyone to send me stuff, it just does not work that way.

So if your information is not listed, it is because you have not given it to me, or I do not recognize your name in the directory. You can contact me at 658-2113 or jackwdixonis@gmail.com. I wish I could remember everybody's name in the neighborhood, but the truth is, sometimes I have trouble remembering my own.

 **Remember to Wave** 

To start our birthdays, it appears we have just missed Steve Hett's special day on the 6th of this month. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the mystery rabbit returned Steve's navy blue crock for his birthday? Benson Nissley and the Polks, Carroll and Carlene, share Jan. 15. Benson was born on that day, and the Polks were married on the 15th.

Mount Rushmore was carved in the South Dakota Black Hills by a gentleman named Gutzon Borglum, so why was it not named Mount Borglum? Who was Mount Rushmore named after, and why? [Editor's note: It's named after Charles Edward Rushmore, a NYC lawyer who visited and was enamored by the unnamed mountain. The people began calling it Rushmore Peak, and the name stuck and was recorded. It was later carved into the national memorial.)

When you think about growing your own tomatoes, it is the best way to spend three months of your life to save \$2.17. The cashier told me to strip down and face her. By the time I realized she meant the debit card, it was too late! Did you know the jellyfish has survived since creation without a brain? This gives so many people real hope!

Be kind to one another and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE **Monica Serlick—386-330-4865**

We have two birthdays to report for the remainder of the month. Our best wishes go out to Karen Waterhouse on the 23rd and to Pam Hurley on the 28th. It's your special day — may your celebrations bring many happy and fond memories.

"Count not the candles; see the light they give. Count not the years, but the life you live. Wishing you a wonderful time ahead ..." (Shutterfly.com).

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. Blessings for good health and quick healing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Please keep an eye out for neighbors you may not have seen in a while. Some folks struggle during and after the holiday season and may be working hard to overcome loneliness or depression.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him" (Psalm 103:13).

I urge everyone to take time to read, or reread, the ACV House Rules for Dowling Park Apartments you received when signing your lease. These rules are part of the lease agreement and are in place for the health, safety and well-being of all residents.

On Page 5, under Community and Common Areas, items placed in common areas are considered donated and become the property of Carter House or ACV. Unwanted items may not be placed in common areas for giveaway or sale, with the exception of approved donations in the TV room. Any space outside your personal apartment — including hallways, laundry rooms, lobbies and community rooms — is considered a common area.

Page 6 clearly states that medical or recreational marijuana, in any form, is not allowed anywhere on the property.

Page 8 outlines the dress code for common areas, reminding residents to present a clean, neat and tasteful appearance. Pajamas, sleepwear and robes are not acceptable attire outside individual apartments.

Page 20 addresses the smoking policy, which was refined following a meeting held Oct. 14, 2022. Smoking is permitted only in the designated gazebo. Smoking is no longer allowed in streets, parking lots, between vehicles or near buildings. Residents who choose not to use the gazebo may smoke only inside a personal vehicle parked at least 25 feet from any building. Smoking is not permitted in portico areas, even during rain. Medical marijuana is not allowed anywhere on the property, including inside vehicles. Three-strike consequences will be enforced.

Violations of these rules are also violations of the lease agreement and can jeopardize residency.

Enforcement will continue to ensure a safe and respectful community for everyone.

Lastly, if you see anything out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the Information Center at 658-3333. They will ensure someone checks it out. This is your home. If you see something, say something.

DOWLING HOUSE **Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning, friends and neighbors. It is time once again to share news from around our community. Writing this update is truly a joy, and I appreciate the opportunity to stay connected with each of you.

Food for the soul: "May the Lord grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your purpose" (Psalm 20:4).

Community updates and crafts: Last Friday, I attended the Crafty Crew meeting and was inspired by the creativity on display. Ordinary household items such as paper towel tubes and egg cartons were transformed into wonderful works of art. I also shared some of my own creations made from air-dry clay, flowers and Christmas ornaments. If you enjoy being creative, please consider joining us Friday afternoons in the Carter House activity room from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All you need is a little imagination and a hot glue gun.

We are happy to welcome Jeanne Florence home from rehab. She has been truly missed, and we are glad to see her back.

On Friday, Jan. 16, a group of ladies from Dowling House celebrated Lisa Moore's birthday at Cedar River, enjoying great food and fellowship. On Saturday, Jan. 17, friends of Nancy Lange gathered at the Bistro for an evening filled with laughter and friendship, though touched with sadness. One of Nancy's close friends will soon be moving closer to family and will be greatly missed.

It is also with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Paula Wilson, who moved on Saturday with her pets. Moving is never easy, especially while recovering from the flu, so please keep her in your prayers.

We also remember Virgil Fox, a dear friend who recently passed away. Virgil lived in the Dowling Park area most of his life and often shared a humorous story about the "big white house" near Dollar General. Though listed in archives as a house of ill repute, Virgil explained it was actually called the "Cat House" because a widow lived there with more than a dozen cats. His stories and laughter will be missed.

Around the Village: The new roof on the gazebo looks wonderful, and several sitting areas have also received new roofs. Our thanks go to management for these much-appreciated improvements.

If you have not visited Twice Nice Furniture & More recently, I encourage you to stop by. It is filled with furniture, clothing and shoes at bargain prices.

Medicine for the heart: Two lifelong gangster friends were walking through a cemetery at night when an owl screeched, making them jump. One whispered, "I'm scared." The other replied, "You're scared? I'm the one who has to walk back out of here alone!"

Until next week, smile, be kind, and look for the good in everything.

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

Happy birthday to Stephanie Dale on the 25th, Steve Reach and Tommie Stanaland on the 26th, Russell Wadsworth on the 27th, and Art Carter on the 28th. May health and happiness be your blessings in the coming year.

Please mark your calendars for March 21, the date of the next Edgewood Terrace potluck. The theme will be Breakfast for Dinner. The gathering will be held at the Youth Lodge, located behind the Village Grocer, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

For our newer neighbors, Edgewood Terrace includes Millsite Lane, Lawrence House, and Taylor Commons. These potlucks are held quarterly and are always a relaxing way to meet new friends and reconnect with familiar faces. As an added bonus, we are fortunate to have some of the best cooks in the Village. So put on your thinking caps, pull out those recipe cards, and get ready for a great time.

With the colder weather, many people are choosing to stay indoors — and who can blame them? After all, this is Florida, and it is supposed to be warm. Let's continue to stay in touch with one another. If you see a need, please take steps to help address it. Together, we can keep Edgewood Terrace the most loving and caring community to call home.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, 386-658-5550

In 1 Corinthians 1:1–9, Paul gives thanks to God for the grace given to the church in Corinth. This grace — God's unmerited favor — brought about a great change in their lives. Paul explains that as they followed Christ, they were enriched in both speech and knowledge (v. 5). When we truly seek to follow Christ, transformation takes place, and it becomes evident in how we speak.

I have heard people say they love Jesus, yet they continue to use foul language. If God has transformed our lives, we cannot continue living as we once did. As we grow in our knowledge of the Lord, our testimony becomes stronger (v. 6). As a result, God empowers believers so that they do not lack any spiritual gift (v. 7), gifts that God's people use as we wait for the Lord's return.

We do not have the ability to keep ourselves pure and spotless on our own. As we allow the Lord to work through us and mature in our faith, God is the one who keeps us holy and blameless until that day (v. 8). Following the Lord is much like our physical lives — we continually grow and become more like Jesus. Those who are growing in Christ will display these characteristics in increasing measure, and we can be confident this growth will occur because of God's faithfulness (v. 9).

We have welcomed several guests at the GSC morning worship service over the past two weeks. On Jan. 11, Richard Johnson joined us and shared the song "People Need the Lord." This past Sunday, Joel and Charlotte Evans sang two songs, including one written by a friend during the Jesus People movement of the 1970s. We are grateful for those who share their gifts with us, and we look forward to welcoming Richard, Joel and Charlotte again in the future.

Chaplain Judy also visited GSC on a Thursday morning, playing her guitar and singing. She returned the following week as the drummer for the Randy Brown Band, adding another joyful element to our worship experience.

We have had a great response to the request for birdseed. We currently have three 35-pound bags, which should last quite some time. We will let everyone know if additional donations are needed as the winter continues.

RIVERWOODS

Patty Gianeskis—386-658-2024

Greetings, neighbors. Many thanks to Doug Nichols for his exceptional articles in this column. They offered so much encouragement. "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). I will do my best to be both interesting and informative as I continue.

Thanks are also due to those who faithfully deliver our FNNs, despite snow, rain, heat and the gloom of early mornings: Paul Cook, Judy Hatch and Teri Pahl. The FNN is a dependable source of news for our community, and we are truly grateful to our couriers.

The Riverwoods Social Committee has planned the next get-together for March 14. Please be sure to save the date.

"... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21, NASB).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE MAINERS POTLUCK

Save the Date: The next Maine potluck luncheon will be held at the Harmony House on Thursday, April 16. Bring your favorite dish and cash for the Chinese auction. Call Judy Hatch if you have any questions. You can leave a message at 658-2833.

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.

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 cancelation. For any chemical service like perms, colors and highlights please give a 48-hours notice of cancelation, 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.

Alert Suwannee

Use the QR code to sign up for weather alerts, traffic alerts, and more from Suwannee County. You choose what you hear about through phone call, text message, and/or email message. Or visit member.everbridge.net/892807736725570/login



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.

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.

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: Sometimes it's hard to nail down Monica Crawford. What are her duties?

A: Monica oversees all rental housing at ACV — Carter House, Dowling House, Wilson Gardens, Smith Riverview, Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Edgewood Terrace (Millsite Lane, Taylor Commons, and Lawrence House), Park of the Pines, and seven Riverwoods rentals — as well as Independent Living sales and admissions. Her responsibilities are wide-ranging and vital to the community.

She ensures tenant satisfaction and oversees pest control; rental compliance; lease policies; HUD regulations, recertifications, applications, and audits; and monthly rent reporting. She sets sales goals, monitors Fair Housing compliance, reviews applications, and produces occupancy and vacancy reports. Monica also helps maintain the marketability of properties by coordinating renovations with Environmental Services and managing exterior and interior improvements.

In addition, she serves as liaison for the Cottages at River Hammock HOA and is the primary contact for Riverwoods home sales and new mobile homes entering the community. She even oversees both ACV cemeteries, including sales, burials, and headstone engraving.

To manage all this, Monica splits her time between two offices — one in Member Services and one at Carter Village Hall. If you can't reach her at one, try the other. With her dedication, ACV's housing and sales operations continue to run smoothly and efficiently for the benefit of all residents.

THANK YOU

It is with a grateful heart I send this note to our friends at ACV. The outpouring of love and care for us during recovery from knee replacement surgery was a HUGE blessing. The cards, calls, flowers, food, and other very

thoughtful gifts brought help and encouragement right when we needed it most. We are humbled at the prayers lifted to God on our behalf. He answered those prayers in so many ways: Date of surgery moved up by five months, no complications with outpatient care, excellent six weeks of physical therapy, use of ACV rollator as needed, Channel 2 church services while incapacitated, and met goal of being able to attend Christmas programs and resume "normal routine."

Rejoice with us in God's goodness. We praise Him for all this and so much more as we trust Him for ongoing healing and strength. With overflowing hearts, both Jim and I thank each one of you who has reached out to us in love. Sincerely,

Carole Rainsberger

Thank you, Jesus, and thank you to each one far and near for cards, phone calls, and well wishes. Unbelievable but grateful.

Carolyn Ward

Thank you to my Secret Santa for the lovely gifts. It really helped to make my Christmas bright and merry!

Sheila Edenfield

I would like to thank you for your support and assistance with the blood drive held at ACV on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Six of the registered donors came out to donate whole blood! Plus, three double blood red cell donations were made for a total of nine donations. What a great drive! Thank you for your support.

When you consider that one donation can save up to three lives, it is easy to see how donating blood can make a significant difference in someone's life. One never knows when the life saved may be a member of your own family, a friend, or a co-worker.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers

MISCELLANEOUS

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: Epson ET 2700/2750 Echo tank printer: high-capacity with cartridge-free printing; double-sided printing; wireless; can print, scan and copy. Asking \$60 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.**

FOR SALE: Science Diet ID will sell cheap. Power chair \$1200 or trade for golf cart. Have any questions or offers, please call 386-678-1040.*

FREE: Wheelchair. Contact Jack at 386-658-2646.*

GARAGE/ESTATE SALE: Saturday, Jan. 31, 8:00 a.m.–until at 23441 Live Oak Lane in RW. Everything in the house must go. Call Ron at 904-509-2838 with questions.*

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Extended hours starting Feb. 2:
Monday–Friday • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Prices effective 1/23-1/29



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 Kalamata Olives	7 oz.	\$ 4.80
Borden American Melts	12 oz.	\$ 4.00

PRODUCE

Fresh Romaine Lettuce	each	\$ 3.50
Red Bell Pepper	per lb.	\$ 3.00

FROZEN

Stouffer's Stuffed Peppers	15 oz.	\$ 6.40
Crav'n Crinkle Cut Fries	32 oz.	\$ 4.40

MEAT

Chicken Leg Quarters	per lb.	\$ 1.00
Boneless Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.50
Boars Head Thick Cut Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 5.40
Sunnyland Jumbo Franks	16 oz.	\$ 3.00
Dutch Farms Buffalo Chicken	32 oz.	\$ 6.00
31/40 EZ Peel Shrimp	16 oz.	\$ 7.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Pepperjack Cheese — \$5.50 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

For God is at work within you ... helping you do what he wants.

Philippians 2:13

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Jan. 24–30, 2026

SATURDAY, 1/24

- \$2.75 Soup:** GF Garden Vegetable
\$8.50 Whistle Stop Special: GF Hungarian Goulash, GF Baked Sweet Potato, Corn Muffin, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 1/25

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** GF Western Omelet, Pork Loin Ribs, Fried Chicken
Sides: Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Carrots, Broccoli, and Red Peppers), Okra and Tomatoes, Salad, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 1/26

🎵 **Piano music provided by Joan Wittman.** 🎵

- \$2.75 Soup:** GF Tomato Bisque
\$6.95 Entrées: Turkey Bacon on Croissant, Chicken Pot Pie with Baked Biscuit, Liver and Onions
\$1.40 Sides: Peas and Carrots, Succotash (Corn and Lima Beans), Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 1/27

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
\$2.75 Soup: Broccoli Cheese
\$6.95 Entrées: Fried Pierogis with Smoked Sausage, Country Fried Steak
\$1.40 Sides: Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Cheesy Broccoli, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

WEDNESDAY, 1/28

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chicken Poblano
\$6.95 Entrées: GF Meatloaf, Fried Chicken
\$1.40 Sides: Cabbage, Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Boiled Potatoes, Rice
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 1/29

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Turkey, Honey Ham
\$1.40 Sides: Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Cold Salads, Fruit, Stuffing, GF Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 1/30

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
\$6.95 Entrées: GF Baked Catfish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Fried Catfish
\$1.40 Sides: Mixed Greens, Cauliflower, Prince Edward Vegetable Blend (Green and Yellow Beans, and Carrots), Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits, Hush Puppies
\$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