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JANUARY 9, 2026

Friday	1/9	10:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	WHFMS Annual Meeting—SMR/DR <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Model Railroad Club Open House—CB Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	1/10	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR Model Railroad Club Open House—CB Potluck Supper—RDR LIVE! at Dowling Park: Simon, Croce & Taylor Tribute—VC
Sunday	1/11	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 7:00 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> VC Pal Meeting—RDR
Monday	1/12	1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	1/13	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> LifeSouth Bloodmobile—VS Model Train Club—CB <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i>
Wednesday	1/14	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH GSC Memorial Service—Magnolia Dining Room <i>VCBI: Discovering the Meaning and Purpose of Your Life — A Personal Growth Workshop—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Practice—VC Easter Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	1/15	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>VCBI: Book of Acts—VC Room 5</i> Plann Ministry—CMH Membership Association Meeting—RDR
Friday	1/16	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR What Does The Bible Say About ...?—DR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

Sarah Faircloth, who was a resident of GSC, died Dec. 26. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Freeman Roberts, who was a resident of GSC, died Dec. 24. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Elizabeth Boyd, who was a resident of Riverwoods, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Dec. 21. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Phyllis Mastro, who was a resident of Carter House, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Dec. 19. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Nancy Davis (wife of Bill), who was a resident of GSC, died Dec. 14. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Lorraine Casey (wife of Marvin), who was a resident of Dacier Manor and GSC, died Dec. 10. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

NEW MEMBERS

Joann and Sam Banks of Molena, Georgia, have moved to Riverwoods. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4743.

ACV EVENTS

WHFMS ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m. - SMR/DR

The annual meeting of the Village Church WHFMS groups will be held Friday, Jan. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. This is a joint meeting of the Vesta Clothey and Christina Baker groups. However, everyone, not just WHFMS members, is invited to attend! The guest speakers will be Bryce and Barbara Whiting. Special music will be provided by Candy Hall and Rob and Pam Buchanan.

Please bring a salad to share; drinks and desserts will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Phipps, Becky Mahler or Karen Hall. We hope to see you there!

LADIES' BREAKFAST

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

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. The guest speaker will be Shirley Minster. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Art Carter.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: AMERICAN TUNE: SIMON, CROCE & TAYLOR

Saturday, Jan. 10, 7:00 p.m. - VC

Tom Glynn's American Tune: Simon, Croce & Taylor will take you on a magical trip back to the 1970s to experience the timeless music of these three prolific singer-songwriters. Relive the intimate storytelling, intricate chord changes and breathtaking melodies of these gifted artists — their work building on and transcending the more traditional folk-influenced acoustic music of the previous decade.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$140 (ACV member) and \$210 (non-member). Those with season passes may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2:00 p.m. - RDR

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room. All ACV members are encouraged to attend. This month's speaker will be VP for Independent Living Operations David Klumpenhower.

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?
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.

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

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.



N O R W A Y

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.

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.



EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

POTLUCK SUPPER

Saturday, Jan. 10, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

The next potluck supper will be on Saturday, Jan. 10 (postponed from the previously advertised Jan. 3), at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. 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!

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.

GIVE BLOOD

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. - VS

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked at the Village Square Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donating blood is a selfless act by one person to help save the lives of others. Blood cannot be manufactured, and local hospitals rely on LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is on the shelf. LifeSouth provides 100% of the blood needed for patients at HCA Florida Lake City Hospital, all UF Health hospitals, North Florida Regional Medical Center, the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, South Georgia Medical Center, the Lake Butler Hospital, Starke ER, and Suwannee ER.

All blood donors will receive a LifeSouth sweat-shirt. Platelet and double red cell donors will also receive a \$40 e-gift card. Earn \$10 for joining their research program. All donations receive both a cholesterol and a diabetes A1C test.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

Start off the new year in fellowship with Christian friends! The Ladies' Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Copeland Community Center. We will be examining Jesus' words in Luke 6:17-49. Hope to see you there!

WONDERS OF CREATION

Wonders of Creation (WOC) invites you to TWO events this month.

1. Florida fossil teeth of various animals are the highlight of a WOC display at the nearby Jo Kennon Public Library throughout the month of January. Stop in anytime to view the display.

2. The regular monthly meeting of WOC is on Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. We will ask ourselves, "What legacy am I leaving as I go through life?" We'll hear a good example in Ken Ham's story of how God is using him and others to build the Creation Museum, the life-size Ark Encounter, and another planned "Answers in Genesis" production. Feel free to bring questions.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed.–Fri. 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Yoga	Mondays	9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Starbucks 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.



Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Thai Chicken Curry

Friday, Jan. 9

Lunch only: Crispy Chicken Cutlet BLT on a Brioche Bun, with Homemade Chips, \$12.95

All day: Beer Battered Cod, Coleslaw, and Chips, \$18.95

Saturday, Jan. 10

All day: Chicken Pot Pie and a Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$16.95

JKPL Closures

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

On Display in the JKPL

Come in and enjoy a collection of real Florida fossils this month in the JKPL! Provided by MaryAnn Stuart, this display highlights Florida's past with fossils from over 10 different species! There is also one fossil that is not from Florida; can you guess which one?

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's your best joke?"

Crochet Moving to Wednesdays

New year, new day! Crochet Creations is moving to Wednesday afternoons — same time, same smiles, just a day earlier in the week. Our yarn stash is ready ... are you?

As the Page Turns Book Club

The book for January is *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn! *Gone Girl* follows the disappearance of Amy Dunne and the media frenzy that unfolds as suspicion quickly turns toward her husband, Nick. As the story alternates between their perspectives, dark secrets and lies surface, revealing a twisted marriage built on manipulation. The result is a gripping psychological thriller where nothing — and no one — is quite what they seem. Prefer to read on your Kindle or phone? Check out the CloudLibrary and Libby apps. Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the book club will meet on Jan. 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Bullet Journaling Workshop

Start the new year off organized with the bullet journal technique! Come learn about this highly versatile productivity system on Jan. 12 at 2:00 p.m. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refresh your journaling routine, we'll provide tips, supplies, and ideas to get you started. Come and discover how a simple notebook can transform your planning!

Dungeons and Dragons Club

On Jan. 13 at 5:00 p.m., enter into a world of adventure at the D&D club here at the JKPL! Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy adventure tabletop game where you create your own story. Whether you have never played or you've completed several quests, all are welcome to attend! Sign up today and start your journey!

Tech Talk

Have you found yourself unsure on how to use technology like phones and computers? Starting on Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m., learn the basics of phone and computer navigation here at JKPL! The theme for this tech talk will be "iPhone Basics." Come get acquainted with your iPhone, whether it's brand new or you've had it a while.

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. No need to struggle through on your own. Come in and ask the experts. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Did You Know?

Your library card is basically a VIP pass! The Suwannee River Regional Library system has nine branch libraries that share books and movies, so your next great read might come from just down the road — or the next county over. You can check out up to 25 items at a time; keep books for three weeks and DVDs for one week; and renew with ease online, in the SRRL app, or with a quick call to the JKPL. More choices, more convenience, more library fun!

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. 14 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.
- **Jan. 14 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.
- **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.

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: "A Word from Above"

TEXT: John 1:1-18 and John 20:26-31 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The **Annual Meeting of the Village Church WHFMS** groups will be held Friday, Jan. 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. This is a joint meeting of the Vesta Clothey and Christiana Baker groups. However everyone, not just WHFMS members, is invited to attend! The guest speakers will be Bryce and Barbara Whiting. Special music will be provided by Candy Hall and Rob and Pam Buchanan.

Please bring a salad to share; drinks and desserts will be provided. If you have any questions please

contact Barbara Phipps, Becky Mahler or Karen Hall. We hope to see you there!

The **Village Church Easter cantata choir** will begin practicing this Wednesday, Jan. 14. We will practice for 45 minutes each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:15. All are welcome to join the Easter cantata choir. You do not have to be a regular attender of the Village Church to participate.

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

Friday, Jan. 9

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)
10:00 a.m. — WHFMS Annual Meeting (SMR/DR)

Saturday, Jan. 10

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Art Carter (RDR)

Sunday, Jan. 11

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, Bryce Whiting (Bixler Chapel)
7:00 p.m. — Pal Meeting (RDR)

Monday, Jan. 12

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

Tuesday, Jan. 13

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. 14

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

Thursday, Jan. 15

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

Friday, Jan. 16

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

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

I was speaking with someone recently who thanked me for making Christmas such a special time at ACV. I quickly told them that I am only a small part of a much larger team that works hard to spread Christmas cheer throughout our community. Because I attend many of the holiday events, it's easy for the thanks to land with me — but I hope you will also take a moment to reach out to the many others who helped make the end of 2025 so joyful.

The Environmental Services team (maintenance, grounds, housekeeping, and water/wastewater) began their work in October and continued through early December to prepare the campus for the season. Their efforts included everything from clearing cobwebs and washing windows to wrapping garlands, hanging lights, planting new bushes (upon which they strung more lights), and decorating both indoors and outdoors. Their behind-the-scenes work truly set the stage for the beauty we all enjoyed.

Dining Services worked almost tirelessly from before Thanksgiving through after New Year's, planning, preparing, and serving everything from small platters of cookies to a full rafter of turkeys (yes, that really is the name for a group of turkeys!) at Thanksgiving. The old saying goes, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," but I think that applies to nearly every ACV resident and guest.

The Village Church staff is made up of loving, thoughtful individuals who help ensure we never forget the true reason for every season: God the Father, Son,

∞ *At the Village Square* ∞

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

Riverside Gifts

The 20%-off sale on remaining Christmas items continues.

This shop features Bibles and devotionals, gifts, and greeting cards for all ages. It also has books to help make downsizing easier. *Maximizing Your Small Space* and *The Clutter Fix* are filled with practical ideas.

The card department includes age-related cards all the way up to 105 years old! There are also boxed sets of cards with different themes.

A multi-pocket holder for your walker or bedside has proved very helpful for our customers. Keep items such as glasses, keys, tissues, books, and phone close at hand.

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

Chat with the helpful staff about items in this unique shop, which include vintage collectible jewelry, new Anchor Hocking Fire King cups and saucers in milky green, and very reasonably priced small table settings in other styles of China. Ask the volunteers for help if you are looking for extra pieces for your sets.

New handmade wall hangings, Friendly Face kitchen cozies, and lovely dish towels are just some of the items other volunteers have created just for you and your family. Choose a new handmade quilt or crocheted and knitted blanket made right here at ACV by Connecting Threads crafters.

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

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 sales continue! Visit the games and jigsaw puzzles department and fiction/nonfiction room, too. There are children's books, non-fiction, 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.

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

First Saturday of 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!

and Holy Spirit. Their services are always meaningful and require a great deal of planning and organization. Traci begins planning the Christmas cantata even before the previous summer begins! I've heard wonderful feedback about the new Blue Christmas service this year, which was thoughtfully suggested and led by the church staff. This moving service was just one of many meaningful events offered by our pastoral team.

The Conference & Retreat team often serves as the first point of contact for guests visiting ACV during the holidays. They assist with reservations, planning visits, answering questions, and solving problems along the way. Without their friendly and helpful demeanor, our Lodge, guest cottages, and camp would not be nearly as welcoming or well utilized. They also assist with outdoor event setup — such as last month's dog park dedication — and even helped decorate the Village Square.

Finally, our volunteers — members, guests and staff alike — are indispensable, especially during the holidays. So many decorated, served at parties, delivered gifts to those who might not otherwise have received one, provided transportation, sent cards, cleaned, visited others, attended rehearsals, and helped plan events ... and so much more than I can list here.

ACV is made up of an incredible group of hardworking people, and it makes our efforts even more meaningful when they are received by a grateful community. **Thank you** for making ACV such a wonderful place to work and live.

Scam Tip of the Week: Grandparents Scam

Imposters pose as law enforcement officers and call grandparents claiming that a grandchild is in jail. They then demand immediate payment to bail the grandchild out of jail. In another iteration of the scam, a person claiming to be the grandchild will call saying they have been mugged or otherwise detained in another country and are in need of money to get home. To avoid falling victim, verify through another means the grandchild's whereabouts and avoid acting immediately.

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

TV2

Next week's episode of *What the Bible Says About ...* is an interview with Dr. Sam Warren, President of Far More Consulting.

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.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Cindy Beaver—386-658-3333

At ACV, we are blessed to be a community made up of individuals with many different abilities and mobility needs. We understand that electric mobility carts, electric wheelchairs, and golf cart-type vehicles are essential for many residents and play an important role in maintaining independence and quality of life.

Recently, there have been some injuries and concerns shared regarding the speed and operation of certain mobility devices. These concerns come from a place of care and a desire to keep everyone in our community safe — both those using these devices and those walking nearby.

To help support a safe and welcoming environment for all, ACV has updated its Rules, Regulations, and Standards for the Operation of Electric Mobility Carts, Electric Wheelchairs, and Golf Cart-Type Vehicles. These guidelines are available at Member Services, and we kindly ask all operators to take a moment to review them.

By being mindful of our surroundings and following these safety guidelines, we show consideration and love for our neighbors. Please know that ACV may, when necessary, place restrictions on the use of mobility or golf cart-type vehicles if it is determined to be in the best interest of community safety.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and for helping keep ACV a safe and caring place to call home.

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 Dec. 31 winners: There was a tie for 1st high between Henry Simonds and Jim Varnell.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, Jan. 12, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

CRAFTY CREW

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

After a little holiday break, Crafty Crew is back to meeting every Friday. Yay! Do you love to make things, show others your projects, and have fun meeting people? Get in on the fun with Crafty Crew! This is an opportunity to be with other crafty folks to work on your own projects or to occasionally join us in a mini class to learn something new.

On Jan. 9, Sue has a new craft to introduce us to, and we'll be talking about some future ideas. Come join us — whether to work on a common project or to bring your own. We love to see what others are making! Questions? Contact Sister Maria Ann Decker (sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly (SueWDonnelly@gmail.com).

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Three books were recently donated and are in the New-to-Us section ready for check-out: *Why We Need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit* by Rick Renner, *Discover Your God-Given Gifts* by Don and Katie Fortune, and *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Grow Your Church* by C. Peter Wagner.

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

All aboard! The ACV Model Railroad Club is having an open house in the Chriss Building on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 9 and 10, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to see what the club is doing, to see the model trains in operation, and to ask questions. We will have the different scales of trains and the layouts. We invite any one interested in learning more about the club to come. We can especially use people with electrical skills and carpentry skills.

PEN PAL PROGRAM

A Committee of the Membership Association Monica Serlick, Reporter

The next pick-up date is **Friday, Jan. 9**. 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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon—386-658-2113

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).

Please be extra cautious when driving after dark. We have seen more deer than usual in and around the Village, as well as along the highway. Recently, a friend here in the Village struck a deer on CR 136 just north of the Butterfield Acres entrance. The initial damage estimate was \$4,500, but the final out-of-pocket cost came to \$11,345. Ouch! That would certainly put a dent in anyone's Christmas budget.

While we're on the subject of driving conditions, many of you have likely noticed that traffic on 102nd Trail often exceeds the posted speed limit. I don't have an easy solution, but I do wish we could enjoy a little more peace, quiet, and safety in our neighborhood. I have spoken directly with the sheriff and members of his staff. Unfortunately, I understand that it is not cost-effective to station an officer here unless someone is caught breaking the law. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome and much appreciated.

Carroll and Carlene Polk will be celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 15th. We wish them a very happy anniversary and many more years of blessings together. More birthday announcements will be shared at a later date.

Always remember, it is better to give than to receive, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless!

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick—386-3304865

Due to the lack of neighborhood news during the holiday season, the following birthdays cover the end of December and the beginning of the New Year:

We had four birthdays to close out December 2025. Best wishes go to Linda Kirby and Olivia McCullers on Dec. 28, Donaline Brown on Dec. 29, and Minerva Rieger on Dec. 30.

Welcoming 2026, we had three birthdays at the start of the year: Susan Todd and Patti Page on Jan. 5, and Barbara Collins on Jan. 7. Upcoming birthdays include Terry Setzer on Jan. 10, Barbara White and Helmut Seidenberg on Jan. 14, and Linda Forrest on Jan. 15. Blessings to each of you for a fabulous birthday and many more years filled with joy, laughter and happiness.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. "Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon me; may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength ... Amen" (Cope by Faith, womansday.com).

Happy New Year to all residents and staff. As the holiday season comes to a close, decorations are being taken down and stored away, and we begin a new year together. Hopefully, we will carry the spirit of peace and forgiveness in our hearts throughout the year ahead.

The next holiday is Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which honors his work as a minister and a prominent leader in the civil rights movement in the United States. Born in 1929, Dr. King rose to national prominence in 1955 after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus. He advocated for social change through nonviolence in an effort to end racial segregation and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was tragically assassinated in 1968 (Britannica.com).

This campus was chosen by you to be your home. Just as you would not throw trash on the floor of your home, please do not leave trash in hallways or laundry rooms. Dryer sheets and lint left behind dryers can become fire hazards. Please use the trash bins provided and keep laundry room doors closed, as they are fire doors.

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.

NOTE: This event is held in the fields on the Ranch's campus. The ground is hilly — not level — and might be a problem for some folks with walkers or power chairs.

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.

"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions" (Stephen R. Covey). "One of the differences between some successful and unsuccessful people is that one group is full of doers, while the other is full of wishers" (Edmond Mbiaka).

POLK CERAMICS SHOP

Susann Riedel, Reporter

The Marion Polk Ceramics Shop begins its 2026 season on Monday, Jan. 12. We will resume our regular hours: Mondays, 2:00—4:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, 9:00—11:00 a.m.

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.)

Mr. Powell has asked that all pet owners review the pet policy included in their lease. Pet owners who walk their pets outdoors are required to pick up pet waste, tie the bag securely, and dispose of it in a trash receptacle. No one walking or using a mobility device wants to encounter pet waste or track it into our buildings. If you need assistance, please make arrangements with someone who can help.

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113

Here it is, a new year — 2026. I wonder what this year holds for us. "Light shines in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, compassionate, and righteous" (Psalm 112:4).

I know you must have some great news after two weeks — where is it?

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a festive New Year. It felt strange not posting before or after Christmas — nothing about where you spent the day, who you spent it with, or the excitement of finishing preparations and shopping. All of that is good news worth sharing.

On Christmas morning, we gathered at my oldest grandson, Isaac, and his wife, Lorie's, home, along with my lovely great-grandchildren Caden, Emma and Micah, for a family breakfast. We enjoyed hot biscuits, a delicious Christmas casserole, and deer sausage. My great-grandson Micah got the deer before Christmas. We spent the morning talking, laughing, and making more memories.

Later, we had a full day at my daughter Peggy's house. The table was filled with delicious food and desserts, and the tree was partly hidden by stacks of beautifully wrapped gifts. We were truly blessed with an abundance of food and presents. We played the white elephant game, trading and stealing gifts ranging from blankets and antler hats to gag gifts like shocking pens, leaking cups, and even a horse head mask. I ended up with a bait bucket, traded it twice, and finally landed a horse mask and some lottery tickets. My son-in-law Earl kept eyeing those tickets, and I thought I might lose them, but I held on. I won \$5.00 on one ticket, and we shared lots of laughter and fun.

Now I am waiting for news from all of you. Christmas is over until next year, but the memories are safely stored.

Please continue praying for those who are in the hospital or rehabilitation.

A dose of laughter: A young blonde woman was pricing a pair of shoes made from alligator hide. "Too expensive," she told the clerk. "I'll just get alligator shoes myself." Later, the clerk passed a swamp and saw her waist-deep in water with a gun. An alligator came close, and she shot it, dragging it onto land beside two others. The clerk heard her exclaim, "He hasn't got any shoes on either!"

Do you remember when Dottie Stone went to Norway? The group she traveled with has put together a wonderful presentation with slides and information about the country and would like to share it with the Village. More details will be coming later.

Don't forget to look for the purple envelope. Until next week, walk tall and be proud of who you are.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237

Good morning, neighbors, and happy new year!

A happy belated birthday to Allan Wittmeyer on Dec. 26. With the holidays, we had no neighborhood news to print, but you were not forgotten. May this year bring the promise of dreams fulfilled. Happy birthday to Carol Rosser on the 10th and to Ron Oberg on the 11th. May blessings of health and happiness come your way throughout the year.

This Christmas season was especially beautiful around ACV. The lights shining at the Phillips Center and the Village Square illuminated the darkness and were simply lovely. My favorite sight, however, was the walk around the lake with the pathway lit by luminaries. My family enjoyed a Christmas Eve walk by candlelight, and it could easily become a new tradition!

Residents of Lawrence House, Taylor Commons, and Millsite Lane should be watching for information

about our next potluck, planned for the spring. The theme will be "Breakfast for Dinner," which should be a fun and tasty gathering.

Let's not forget to check on our neighbors and report anything that seems out of the normal. Take time to welcome new residents and perhaps invite a few folks over for coffee and conversation.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

The lighting of the Advent wreath was completed on Sunday, Dec. 21, as Dick McClaine of Park of the Pines and Jeanne Florence of Dowling House lit the Candle of Love. At the close of the service, David Vignali of GSC and Cliff Randolph from Dacier Manor lit the Christ Candle. Sue Donnelly also shared a special song. I noticed that we almost had more visitors than residents that day! It was truly a blessing to see loved ones joining their families to celebrate the birth of Christ.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, we reflected on the Magi who visited Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Although we do not know much about these "wise men," we do know that they brought their very best to the Christ Child and did not give up in their search for Him. While Scripture does not tell us how their lives unfolded afterward, tradition holds that they faithfully followed Jesus, even to the point of martyrdom. From their story, we are reminded of who Jesus truly is and are encouraged to make Him the Lord of our lives. We can know about His birth, do good works, and give sacrificially, but unless we receive Him as our Savior, that knowledge alone will not change us. God sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place so we would not have to bear the penalty for our sins. Because of this great gift, we shared in the Lord's Supper at the close of the Jan. 4 service and gave thanks for God's unspeakable gift, Jesus.

We have received several bags of bird seed, for which our residents, birds and squirrels are very grateful. Thank you to all who have helped with this special project. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to contact me at (386) 249-2792 or barnold@acvillage.net.

The next GSC memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Magnolia Dining Room. Friends, family and staff are all welcome as we remember the lives of Lorraine Casey, Nancy Davis, Phyllis Mastro, Elizabeth Boyd, Freeman Roberts, and Sarah Faircloth.

RIVERWOODS

Doug Nichols—425-329-5769

Sunday, the Lord's Day: This was a day centered on God's Word and fellowship with other believers at the Village Church. It concluded with an inspiring service of music and praise led by Joel and Charlotte Evans.

1. Christmas and New Year's at the Village: This season has been filled with wonderful activities at the Village, all thoughtfully planned to bless the residents. The President's Reception was exceptional. Years ago, I attended special receptions hosted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace and by the President of the Philippines for a British missionary, yet neither compared to the warmth and excellence of the reception hosted by our Village President, Craig Carter. Praise be to our wonderful Lord!

2. Special Thanks: Heartfelt thanks go to Arlene Yow and her food service team for another outstanding buffet and for the many special meals provided throughout the season.

3. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Due to the absence of FNNs for two weeks, several birthdays were not previously mentioned. Best wishes go to Donald Kiefer (Dec. 29), Pat Bryant (Jan. 1), James Chreitzberg (Jan. 7), George Thomson (Jan. 15), Marcia Price (Jan. 16), Tony Massengill (Jan. 18), and Al Durrell (Jan. 19).

4. Appreciation for Our HOA Board Chair: Let us take time to thank our HOA Board Chair, Donna, who faithfully devotes many unpaid hours each week to HOA matters. Consider sending her a note of thanks or a small love gift as an expression of appreciation. Such gestures would be a great encouragement.

5. Remembering Our Savior in the New Year: "Christ is the anointed priest who alone can forgive

sinner ... He is the way, the door, the light, the life, the Shepherd, the altar of refuge. He that has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son has not life. May we all strive to understand this, as no man ever thought too much of Christ" (J.C. Ryle, 1816–1900).

6. Riverwoods HOA Board Announcement: The Riverwoods Annual Meeting will be held 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.

MEMBER BENEFITS

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

This week's member benefit of note:

ACV Conference & Retreat has canoes and kayaks that are available to be borrowed for free by members. Fees apply for any necessary off-campus transportation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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. 9 and 23, and Feb. 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.

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: Has another theme dinner been scheduled?

A: Yes. You can go ahead and mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 10. The theme and menu will be announced in the next few weeks.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who have expressed their condolences to us in this difficult time of the loss of our loving wife and mother, Lorraine Casey. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness, your cards, and your prayers.

The Casey and Reas Family

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: Limited edition, signed by the artist paintings. \$50 each. Contact Bruce at 727-271-1093.*



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



Prices effective 1/9-1/15



THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

GROCERY

Calhoun Bend Mill Crumble Mixes	8 oz.	\$ 3.50
Ragu Pasta Sauce	45 oz.	\$ 5.50
IGA Corn Flakes	18 oz.	\$ 3.00
Castleberry's Chili with Beans	15 oz.	\$ 3.00
Barilla Whole Grain Spaghetti	16 oz.	\$ 2.00
IGA Soup & Oyster Crackers	9 oz.	\$ 3.00
Ocean Spray Cran-Apple Juice	64 oz.	\$ 5.20
Powerade 8 Packs	20 oz.	\$ 6.50

DAIRY

Pillsbury Crescent Rolls	8 oz.	\$ 4.80
Texas Roadhouse Soft Butter	7.4 oz.	\$ 4.20

PRODUCE

Red Salad Onions	per lb.	\$ 1.50
Iceberg Head Lettuce	each	\$ 2.50

FROZEN

Pictsweet Cut Green Beans	12 oz.	\$ 2.50
Mayfield Ice Cream Sandwich	21 oz.	\$ 4.20

MEAT

Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 4.00
Lean Ground Beef	per lb.	\$ 5.50
Lean Beef Liver	per lb.	\$ 8.99
Nathan's Beef Franks	12 oz.	\$ 6.50
Bar-S Corn Dogs	37 oz.	\$ 7.50
Seabest Swai Fillets	16 oz.	\$ 5.00

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$4.50 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

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test and know my anxious thoughts.

Psalm 139:23

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Jan. 9–16, 2026

FRIDAY, 1/9

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Meatballs Marinara, 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, 1/10

- \$2.75 Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Loaded Baked Potato Bar (Nacho Cheese, Chili, Bacon, Shredded Cheese, and Sour Cream), Broccoli Spears, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 1/11

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, Pork Roast, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Caribbean Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, and Red Peppers), Yellow Squash, Salad, Fruit, Roasted Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 1/12

- \$2.75 Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Beef Stew, Chicken Tenders, Chicken Livers
- \$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Lima Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 1/13

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken Fajita on Rice, Country Fried Steak with Country Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** Pickled Red Beets, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, 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. 9–16, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 1/14

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Cook's Choice
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Cabbage, Catalina Vegetable Blend, Superfood Broccoli Salad, Carrot Salad, Fruit, Dirty Rice, Baked Potato
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 1/15

- \$6.95** **Entrées:** Roast Beef with Mushroom Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, BBQ Pork on Brioche Bun
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Green Beans, Cauliflower with Zesty Cheese Sauce, Cucumber Salad, Broccoli Salad, GF Mashed Potatoes with Mushroom Gravy
- \$3.00** **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 1/16

- \$2.75** **Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Swedish Meatballs, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40** **Sides:** Mixed Greens, Caribbean Vegetable Blend, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cold Salad, 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 Thai Chicken Curry

Friday, Jan. 9

Lunch only: Crispy Chicken Cutlet BLT on Brioche Bun,
with Homemade Chips, \$12.95

All day: Beer Battered Cod, Coleslaw, and Chips, \$18.95

Saturday, Jan. 10

All day: Chicken Pot Pie Over Rice and a
Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$16.95



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Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm