

ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Welcome to
Spring

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

MARCH 21, 2025

Friday	3/21	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	Health and Wellness Fair—SMR/DR <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	3/22	8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Spring Fling Market Day—VS
Sunday	3/23	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	3/24	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	<i>VCBI: Stranger on the Road to Emmaus—OPR</i> Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	3/25	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 10:15 & 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Bus Trip: Suwannee County Fair Senior Day—DH & LAP Acoustic Open Mic Night—SMR
Wednesday	3/26	9:00–11:00 a.m. <i>1:00 p.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Easter Cantata Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	3/27	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House Dementia Support Group—JKPL Sign Language Class—OPR Florida Conference WHFMS Meeting—BC
Friday	3/28	8:30 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Florida Conference WHFMS Meeting—BC <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH Florida ACC Conference Service—VC
Saturday	3/29	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Sing—CH Activity Room

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

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

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Jane Holler of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, has moved to DH. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4235.
Sue Odem of Kennesaw, Georgia, has moved to CH. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4002.

ACV EVENTS



**Friday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Sawmill/Depot Room**

Annually, ACV invites local agencies, health service providers, and various ACV departments to the annual Health & Wellness Fair at ACV. It's time for the next fair. This year's theme is Wild West of Wellness.

We expect to have another good group of exhibitors who will provide the latest educational information on matters of health and wellness including finances, safety, and senior services. There will also likely be health screenings offered by various area health providers. You will have the chance to learn more about the services available in our area.

Come enjoy a continental breakfast in RDR from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will also be door prizes. (Register at the door to enter for a door prize; you do not have to be present to win.)



SPRING FLING MARKET DAY

**Saturday, March 22, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Village Square**

Make plans to join us for our Spring Fling Market Day on March 22 at the VS for vendor booths, games and fun! Vendors can sign up online at acvmembers.net or by calling the Village Lodge at 658-5200.

GOSPEL SING POSTPONED

~~Saturday, March 22~~

The March gospel sing has been postponed until Saturday, March 29.



BUS TRIP:

**SUWANNEE COUNTY FAIR SENIOR DAY
Tuesday, March 25**

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

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

It's time again for the Suwannee County Fair in Live Oak. Annually, the fair opens early one day for Suwannee County seniors to enjoy the exhibits and a free lunch. The bus is scheduled to leave at 10:15 a.m. from DH and 10:30 a.m. from LAP. Sign up at the IC.

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC NIGHT

Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. - SMR

Play your instrument, sing a song, read a poem, tell a CLEAN story or joke, lead a singalong, or just come to listen. We'll do as many rounds as time permits, so have a few numbers prepared. All instrumentalists will play along, jam session style, **only if requested** by the performer. Please limit each number to five minutes at the microphone. Members and non-members alike are welcome to come and be part of the audience, but performers are limited to ACV members only. For more information or if you have questions, contact Joel Evans at (865) 441-5380 or jnevans43@yahoo.com.



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, March 27, 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.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Thursdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m. - OPR

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

GOSPEL SING

**Saturday, March 29, 1:00 p.m.
CH Activity Room**

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the CH activity room on Saturday, March 29.



SPRING MEMBERSHIP FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Tuesday, April 1, 3:00–5:00 p.m. - RDR

This year's Spring Membership Fellowship Event has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 1. All ACV members are invited to drop in between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. to enjoy finger foods, music and fun. This fun and free event is one of the ways ACV says thank you to its members.

This year's theme is Masquerade. All attendees are encouraged to wear costumes including masks. There will be prizes for the "best dressed".

At 4:00, a program will include an address by ACV President/CEO Craig Carter; the recognition of new members since last year; and the recognition of "Silver Villagers", a new membership classification. After that, we'll enjoy a short game show — Who Am I?

This event is restricted to ACV members and any out-of-town guests who might be visiting them. While the event is free, we do ask that each of you who intends to attend pick up a ticket from the IC so we can plan appropriately. Pick up your ticket by Friday, March 28.

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

**Thurs., April 3, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS
Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

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



STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thurs., April 3, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS

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

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

For driver licenses and ID cards, in order to verify your address, you will need one item from Group

A and one item from Group B below. Both items will need to include your physical address.

Group A:

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

Group B:

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

Residency letters issued by ACV are no longer being accepted.

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



LUNCH & LEARN: QUILT CODES

Thursday, April 3, 11:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

Come, have lunch, and learn! Pat Hines returns to speak on another very interesting bit of Suwannee County history: quilt codes. Sometimes a quilt is more than just warmth and decoration; sometimes there are hidden messages within the patterns.

There is no need to sign up. Go through the line and buy a lunch, or bring a lunch from home, and join us in SMR/DR at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

BUS TRIP:

LUNCH DINE-OUT TO DIXIE GRILL

Friday, April 4

11:30 a.m. - DH & 11:45 a.m. - LAP

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

Friday, April 4, travel on the trip bus to eat lunch at a Live Oak staple: the Dixie Grill. The Dixie Grill offers a variety of Southern dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$15. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tues., March 25, 10:00–11:00 a.m. - CCC

Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m., at CCC. Come and join us for a Ladies Bible Study, the Book of Judges.

Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesdays, April 8 and 22, at 10:00 a.m., at CCC.

MAINERS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 26, 12:00 noon

Harmony Center

The next Maine potluck luncheon will be held at noon at the Harmony Center on Wednesday, March 26. For more information, contact Judy Hatch at 658-2833.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Thursday–Saturday, March 27–29

The annual meetings for the Florida Conference of Advent Christian Churches will be held in Dowling Park Thursday–Saturday, March 27–29.

Thursday, March 27

- 7:00 p.m.: The WHFMS will be in charge of a service in BC followed by refreshments in RDR.

Friday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m.: The WHFMS Annual Meeting will be in BC.
- Throughout the day: Various committee meetings for FLCACC will take place.
- 7:00 p.m.: FLCACC will hold a program in the VC that will focus on the Church. The title of the program will be "Awake, O Church!" The service will include music, a short message by Conference President Randy Henderson, and a panel discussion. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in RDR.

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 a.m.: Registration for the FLCACC Annual Meeting in BC foyer.
- 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon: FLCACC Annual Meeting will be in BC.

These events are for all Advent Christian Church members in the Florida Conference. Anyone may attend the programs/annual meeting, but only delegates have a vote at the Annual Meeting.

Delegate positions with voting privileges are limited. If you would like to serve as a delegate for Bixler for the Saturday FLCACC meeting, please contact Cindy Hett at 658-2683 or the church office.

FREE CONCERT

Sunday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

3976 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL

Online: <https://www.youtube.com/live/sgwwZoTk6XA>

San Marco Chamber Music Society is going to Italy! This concert will feature clarinetist Giovanni Bertoni performing the Mozart Clarinet Quintet, and oboist Eric Olson performing selections from Bill Douglas's *Songs and Dances*. It will also feature the wonderful Adelya Nartadjieva and Igor Khukhua, violins; Ellen Olson, viola; and Ben Fryxell, cello. Also on the program are pieces by Piotr Szewczyk and Giacomo Puccini. This is a free concert and is available to stream if you can't make it in person.

LIFE LINE ARTERY SCREENING:

FOUR TESTS FOR ONLY \$149

Wednesday, April 2 - Youth Lodge

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Life Line will perform four screenings — carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease (PAD), abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), and atrial fibrillation — all for only \$149. If you are interested in undergoing only ONE of those four screenings, come to MS for a coupon that will reduce the price from \$85 to \$55. You must register to participate by calling 1-844-591-7101. Getting screened is simple; it is painless, non-invasive, and you can keep your clothes on.

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, April 4, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, April 4, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military memento. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, April 7, 2:00 p.m. - Harmony Center

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches invites you to an ice cream social at the Harmony Center on Monday, April 7,



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

at 2:00 p.m. Special guest speakers will be President Maria Knapp and Donor Relations Officer Joanne Thomas from the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Stop by to hear about a great program helping Florida youth and have a delicious bowl of ice cream. You must register by April 1 by calling Joanne at (386) 688-4336. Shuttle bus transportation is available by getting on at a regularly scheduled stop or by calling (386) 208-2584.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srrlib.org

Email: dpark@neflin.org

Mon., Wed.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

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

There will be NO yoga class Friday, March 21. 2024 tax forms are now available at our front desk.

Photo Contest Voting Has Begun

Voting continues throughout March for our Nature Photo Contest! Come to the JKPL and peruse the photos, then cast your ballot for your favorite Adult and Youth submissions! The photographs with the highest rankings will be awarded first, second or third place in their respective categories.

CPR Training

On Friday, March 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Suwannee County Fire and Rescue will be joining us to teach a skill that could be a real lifesaver! Getting certified to administer AHA Hands-Only CPR (or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) is such a benefit in rural areas. Performing CPR can double the chances of survival for a cardiac arrest victim by keeping blood flowing to the brain during those crucial minutes before EMS arrives. Pre-registration is required, so call or register online for this program.

Women Pilots in WWII

Margaret "Peg" DiBenedetto will be visiting on Wednesday, March 26, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to discuss the history of the WASPs of WWII. The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) provided essential support during the war, and DiBenedetto is the descendant of one of these remarkable ladies, as well as the author of the book *Silver Dollar Girl*, in which the main character discovers the part that her great-grandmother played during the war. Join Margaret as she imparts the facts of this little-known piece of America's history.

Free VITA Tax Preparation

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax preparation is coming to the JKPL on Thursdays until April 11. The VITA program is sponsored by the IRS and provides free tax preparation and filing for individuals with simple tax returns. This program is by appointment only. Please call the JKPL to schedule your appointment, or come by to schedule it and pick up a list of the documents that you will need to bring.

Library Plant Swap

Calling all plant lovers! The JKPL is hosting a plant swap on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, during normal JKPL hours. This is the perfect opportunity to trade plants, cuttings, and gardening tips with fellow enthusiasts in the community. Whether you have extra succulents, houseplants, or garden perennials, bring them along and exchange them for something new. It's a great way to expand your collection. The event is free and open to all, so mark your calendar and join us at the JKPL for some green-thumb fun!

Dementia Support Group

If you are a caregiver or a loved one of a person suffering from dementia the responsibility can seem overwhelming at times. On the fourth Thursday of every month (March 27), from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the Dementia Support Group and surround yourself with others who understand your daily challenges. The group is led by a compassionate professional who can advise you on moving forward and the possible aid available to ease your journey.

As the Page Turns Book Club

Fans of best-selling novelist Suzanne Woods Fisher will be pleased to know that the April ATPTs book selections are both from her Lancaster County Secrets series. Fisher has written both fiction and non-fiction books about the Amish community and is hailed for her positive messages, quality writing, and character development. Come get your copy of *The Choice* or *The Search* and see what makes her writing so popular!

Save the Date

The Friends of the Library are bringing the Traveling Book Sale to JKPL April 21-25! This scaled-down version of the annual fall book sale in Live Oak will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers play a key role in making the sale a success; if you'd like to help, please contact the JKPL at 658-2670.

Just a Small Collection of Words

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand" (Confucius).



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

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

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



Friday, March 21

Lunch only: Beer Battered Cod Wrap with Lettuce, Tomato and Tarter Sauce, side of Coleslaw \$12.95

All day: 7 oz. Smothered Chicken Breast with Mashed Potatoes and a Vegetable \$17.95

Saturday, March 22

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

All day: Baked Ziti with Homemade Meatball and Garlic Toast \$16.95

Beginning April 2025, only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

- **March 26 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **April 2 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **April 2 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **April 9 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **April 9 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

March 25 — Suwannee County Fair Senior Day
April 4 — Lunch Dine-Out to Dixie Grill
April 5 — Friends of Music Concert: Guitar and Violin
April 8 — Lake City Shopping

BUS TRIP: FRIENDS OF MUSIC: GUITAR AND VIOLIN

Saturday, April 5

6:15 p.m. - DH & 6:30 p.m. - LAP

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

The next Friends of Music concert on Saturday, April 5, will feature guitarist Silviu Ciulei and violinist Tania Moldovan. All Friends of Music concerts are free to attend and are held at Covenant First Presbyterian Church at 421 White Ave. in Live Oak. A reception will follow. Ride the bus for \$5.00 (members) or \$9.00 (non-members). Sign up at the IC.

BUS TRIP: LAKE CITY SHOPPING

Tuesday, April 8

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

Bus: \$7.00 members, \$12 non-members

Tuesday, April 8, the trip bus will be going to the Lake City mall area. Some of the stores at the mall are Belk, JCPenny, T.J. Maxx, Cato Fashions and Bath & Body Works. Nearby are stores such as Big Lots, Ross Dress for Less, and Hobby Lobby. Dutch treat lunch will be at an area restaurant. The bus will leave DH at 8:45 and LAP at 9:00 a.m. The trip bus cost is \$7.00 for members and \$12 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "Ministry and Mystery"

TEXT: Ephesians 3:1-13 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The Florida Conference WHFMS will hold a special service Thursday evening, March 27, in BC at 7:00 p.m. It will be sponsored by the ladies of the Western District. Rob Buchanan will lead the music. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Phipps, Becky Mahler or Karen Hall.

Creation Arts Camp will be Monday-Friday, June 9-13, with a public art show on Friday evening. We need adults willing to teach one 50-minute class a day. We need teachers for arts & crafts, painting, 3D art, woodworking, mosaics, ukulele, or singing. As a teacher, you can prepare your own lesson plan, or Pastor Traci can prepare lesson plans for you.

Creation Arts Camp is our alternative to VBS. We provide a place for elementary age children to learn of

At the Village Square

Riverside Gifts

We have plenty of gifts such as sweet sentiments that plug in to provide light. You'll also find humorous books such as *I've Never Been This Old Before* and the joys those years bring. Check out the reading glasses, sunglasses, magnetic eyeglass holders, and eyeglass chains.

Fishing season is here so look in the men's section for the kit with many fishing helps. You can also purchase Fisherman's Handmade Soap, Gone Fishing keychains, fisherman mugs, and hats with netting attached. There are also mosquito head nets to put over your own hat. Check out the inexpensive but handy gifts such as tape measures, emergency whistles, paper cutters, and many different sizes of flashlights.

Montanawest handbags are back in stock. Choose from medium sizes in beautiful spring green or white, or the large brown bag. There are stylish 100% silk scarves to complete your spring look.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very 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

Beautiful estate jewelry is always available here at great prices. There are pierced and clip-on earrings, long necklaces, choker-style, pins, brooches, and bracelets. It's one way to dress up an outfit at a low price.

New clear dessert plates with pink flowers and sweeping green leaves are on sale. Dress up your table with Enesco napkin rings. Each has a bouquet of delicate summer flowers held with a creamy white porcelain bow. Complete the table with beautiful, stemmed water glasses.

A new find in the store is a Heisey Glass baroque jam jar with cover. This can also be used for condiments. The green plates with meaningful quotes by Maya Angelou are still available.

Clothing repairs and alterations can be dropped off here. Please wash the items before bringing them in for repairs. Attach your name and phone number to the bag.

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

A nice supply of women's shawls and scarves has arrived, including a unique Randy Travis scarf. Check out the women's blouses and tops department. Women can find nightwear in the room overlooking the Suwannee River. Dressing rooms are available to try on outfits.

Men, check out the handsome spring and summer suit jackets and nicely pressed men's shirts for both casual and more formal attire.

Collectible and rare books continue to increase. Each is individually priced. You'll find books that are First Editions, author-signed, old, and rare. There are also gaming manuals in excellent condition.

In the Book Nook, paperback fiction, romance, and paperback westerns are BOGO. There are also board games including regular bingo, Retirement Bingo, and the deluxe edition of Rummy Royal.

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.

Open Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

God's love and salvation. The students have an opportunity to explore the arts, the gifts God has given us, and how our gifts can be used for His glory. Please contact Traci Nissley or Randy Lamb to sign up or find out more information.

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 23

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School Classes for All Ages

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration

5:00 p.m. — Alive

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

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Doug Nichols (BC)

Monday, March 24

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus, Ken Randolph (OPR)

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters, Mike Cuddy (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

1:00 p.m. — VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible ..., Michael Saunders (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice

Thursday, March 27

7:00 p.m. — Florida Conference WHFMS Meeting (BC)

Friday, March 28

8:30 a.m. — Florida Conference WHFMS Meeting (BC)

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

7:00 p.m. — Florida ACC Conference Service (VC)

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. — Florida ACC Annual Meeting (VC)

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Friday, April 4, and Monday, April 7.

DINING SERVICES

Arlene Yow—386-658-5260

RDR has been booked for an event Friday, April 4, and will be unavailable for seating during lunch. Those who dine in Phillips that day are welcome to eat at the Lopin' Gopher tables or in SMR/DR after going through the line.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

I love it when those who have moved away from ACV return. Recently, the Chreitzbergs moved back to RW. Brenda was such a vital volunteer; it was hard to watch her leave. I'm so glad she and Jim are back with us. And now Mary Jane Holler has moved back to ACV. It's nice to have this good-natured, smart lady back in our midst. Welcome back, Mary Jane!

A few other Villagers I've gotten to know pretty well are planning to move away soon. Once again, it's hard to see them go, but I hold on to hope that they will move back once they come to their senses. Ha ha!

It would be interesting to know who has moved away and returned the most number of times. I think that honor might go to the late Ann Hartley. If you have another nomination, let me know.

Jo England, Sybil Gillette, Jan MacNeill, Scarlett Petroff and Mary Ann Reach have been helping me plan April 1's Masquerade-themed Spring Membership Fellowship. I hope you are planning to attend this free-for-members event. Arlene Yow has put together a great menu of finger foods including MANY gluten-free options. You don't have to dress for the theme, but it does give you many options. You could come in fancy dress with a stately mask, in costume, or in casual dress with an equally relaxed mask. Again, if you don't want to dress up, that's fine, too. Attendance is limited

to members and their out-of-town guests, and tickets are available at the IC. Please pick up a ticket so we can plan accordingly.

March Member Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the March member birthday party. We were entertained by some St. Patrick's Day and Ireland trivia. We had a key lime pie and a mixture of nuts and skittles as refreshments.

We were blessed to have 14 persons with March birthdays present, and a total of 71 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Blanche Benoit, Verdell Smith, Kathy Kemp, Sue Whitmore, Betty Meringola and Marilyn Yale. The oldest birthday guest was Meg Burden (who turned 100 years old), and the youngest was Sue Whitmore. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Please pay your bus reservation fee in cash or by check at the IC. The IC is not equipped to accept credit cards or your Village ID card for payment.

**Scam Tip of the Week:
Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams**

Imposters claiming to be with the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office or a private law firm will call or email a potential victim and tell them they have won the Publisher's Clearing-house sweepstakes, a foreign sweepstakes or a foreign lottery. Victims are told they need to pay customs duties or taxes before the winnings can be sent to them. Legitimate sweepstakes do not require you to pay anything to receive the prize you have won. If you are told that you must pre-pay taxes, you are probably being scammed. Taxes can either be withheld from a cash award or, more commonly, are reported by the company to the IRS, and you declare the prize on your annual tax return. Also, know that participating in a foreign lottery is against federal law.

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)

Volunteer Opportunities

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

1. **Grape vineyard workers.** Volunteers are needed to help maintain ACV's small vineyard located near the POP back entrance.
2. **Outdoor beautification volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV's grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
3. **CH front desk attendants.**

VILLAGE GROCER

Jordon Harmon—386-658-3130

The Grill Team will be in the VS on Saturday, April 5. Get your order on the list in the Village Grocer: smoked ribs, Boston butts, sausage, and/or Brunswick stew.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call me at 658-1766 or Dottie Stone at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

We really need more bridge players. We are at the point where we now have to ask two players to sit out each week. If you need a refresher or want to learn bridge or Mahjong call me at 658-1766.

Congratulations to our March 12 winners: 1st high, Sue Todd, and 2nd high, Betsey Ruehl.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The sewing center at KC will be open on Monday, March 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come and help with a group

project, no sewing skills needed, or bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

Several more books have been added to the library, and among them is *Darwinism Under the Microscope* by James P. Gills, MD, and Tom Woodward, PhD, which shows how recent scientific evidence points to divine design. Also, on DVD, we now have seasons 1–3 and 7–9 of the TV show *NCIS on the Sets* and Collections carousel.

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

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

PEN PAL PROGRAM

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

The next letter pick-up date is **Friday, March 21**. Our pen pals will be on spring break April 12–19, so there will be regular letter pick-up and delivery on Friday, April 4, but then the next pick-up and delivery day will be Monday, April 21. Regular delivery times will resume on May 2. Make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon.

Thank you everyone for your committed support of this program. If you have not yet contributed for the awards presented at graduation, you can send your contribution to me at PO Box 4011, Dowling Park, FL 32064. In order to choose our top three candidates to receive the awards, I request that you put all the letters you received from your pen pals in date order and send them to me by the week of April 21.

Please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message if you want to become a pen pal. I will call you back. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact on a child's future.

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

POLK CERAMICS SHOP

Sue Riedel, Reporter

Polk Ceramics Shop will be open Saturday, April 5, 9:00–11:00 a.m. We have spring and summer projects ready for someone to work on.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Robin Copeland, Reporter

Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!

Stephen Ministers are members of ACV who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need

persists. If someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Michael Saunders, Darleen Hinrichs, or me. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care to those in need.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"Let us come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help us in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). May God's grace and peace be with you all always.

Ann Carpenter has shared with me that her sister in Arizona is now under Hospice care, and she requests prayer for her and the family. I know in an area the size of ours, there must be other sickness and prayers needed. Please lift them up in your prayer time.

I was invited to attend the HOA meeting over in RW yesterday and thought I would be hearing a presentation by a company called Masa Mobile Transit Systems. When I arrived I found out that they were to address that subject next month. I did find out some good information on elder law from an attorney from Lake City. Her presentation was very enlightening and interesting. She discussed the ins and outs of handling things like Durable Power of Attorney, and last will and testament. These are topics that — at our age — need to be addressed in a timely manner.

On the 21st of next month, the RW folks will be having another meeting, and that is when the folks from Masa will be there. We along with anyone else in the Village will be invited to come and take part in that presentation. I will keep you posted as to the time and location of that meeting.

I urge any and all to try to attend that meeting with me as Masa is a company we should all be a part of. Come and hear how they can save us thousands of dollars should we require helicopter or ambulance transportation. Barbara and I are members, and as you know I was air lifted to Gainesville with a heart condition in late November. Because I am covered by Masa, I had NO out-of-pocket expenses for the \$37,000 bill! That's right; zero dollars out of my pocket. So mark your calendars for April 21, and I will keep you posted.

I find that now, once you put two and two together, you have to add state and local taxes.

By the time we appreciate how important youth is, youth isn't!

Think about this for a minute: Doctors and weathermen are much alike. They both want to be paid whether they are right right or wrong.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the oh-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: To avoid trouble, breathe through your nose. It keeps your mouth shut. And never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have four birthdays to celebrate this week. We wish all the best to Susan Lewis on the 23rd, Kathleen Kemp and Donna Willberg both on the 27th, and Kathleen Groves on the 28th. "May you have all the love your heart can hold, all the happiness a day can bring, and all the blessings a life can unfold. Cheers to another year!" Birthday wishes.

The Village Post Office



Monday–Friday

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Saturday

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

658-5270

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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



Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. We come to you, Father, trusting in your grace and mercy and believing in your power for healing. Grant them strength and endurance to face their challenges and fill them with your peace and comfort.

Do you miss gardening? We are looking for someone to take over the care of the rose bushes on the Wilson Gardens side of CH. Please get in touch with Hellmut Seidenberg of Wilson Gardens.

Jim Powell has asked that this reminder be put out to residents using the laundry facilities in our building: There should never be any giveaways or food placed on the folding tables. They go in the downstairs TV room. No kitchen trash, food or drinks should be thrown in the laundry room open trash cans at all, as it attracts roaches.

When washing any pet linens or bedding, these items must be free of any pet feces! Never put these items in a washer or dryer without removing feces as it does not disintegrate and wash away but gets muddy and makes the washers and dryers unusable for other residents. Rinse these items before laundering them. It is unsanitary and quite disgusting! Be aware that your neighbors know and will not tolerate it. Use common courtesy.

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate please contact the IC at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba, Reporter

As I was reading last week's newsletter there was nothing written for DH. "What your hands find to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or reward in the grave, where you will go" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). So, I felt God was leading me in the endeavor of doing the news for my house. With God's help, and your input of news, I will do my best to do this.

I am happy for the comments on my bird and squirrel feeding station. The squirrels are so funny, hanging on the bounce feeder, trying to get corn or seed stored in their jaw before jumping down and running to hide. A lot of you have commented about how much you enjoy it. I am so happy you do.

Happy birthday to all of you with birthdays in March. I hope all your wishes come true.

We have a lot of new people in the Village. When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them. It is always nice to see a smiling face.

Carmen, my neighbor, went on a two-week trip. She came back a few days ago. Wherever she went, I want to go, as she looks even younger than she did before. It seems she has gotten a new lease on living.

Now for a little jest: There was a Christian woman who was noted for never saying anything bad about anyone. Some pranksters figured they could change that, so they planned what they wanted to do. They approached the lady and said, "We want to ask you what you think about this man? The town drunk. He beats his wife and children. Spends all his money on drink and women. He is rotten to the bone. What can you say good about him?" The lady put on her thinking cap. She thought and thought. They were sure they had broken her record. She held up her hand and triumphantly said, "He sure does whistle a pretty tune." So, find something good to say about everyone.

I know this may be a little late, but if you missed going to Red Lobster you missed a scrumptious meal, and the bus driver was so nice.

Now don't be shy. If you have a tidbit of news you want to share, get it to me before next week. The words of our Lord, "I will never leave you or forsake you. I will go all the way with you" (Hebrews 13:5).

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

Good morning, neighbors. It seems yo-yo weather is upon us. One day is so warm, and the next day we

need coats. Be careful going in and out that you don't catch a cold or get sick with something more serious.

We need to be thanking God for once again protecting ACV from Mother Nature's fury. Last week's horrible stormy weather went further north of us, and we were left with the fringes. Yes, we needed the rain, and we were under a tornado watch Sunday morning. But other than a rain deluge, which happened while we were in church, God was gracious and merciful in bypassing us with the worst of the storm. FYI: The rain had stopped when we left church. Thank you, dear Lord!

I've been informed that it's time to get the hummingbird feeders out. The beautiful little birds have been seen in ET but seem to be elusive in RW area. They are so small that they may be hard to see yet so beautiful that once seen their actions are almost hypnotizing. Did you know that the hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backwards? They can also fly upside down and hover in place. They are amazing little creatures!

Ok, folks, we have a little over a week left before our quarterly get-together on Saturday, March 29, at Cleo's Meeting House at 1:30 p.m. ET's Dessert and Games is looking to be quite an event, and I'm sure you won't want to miss it. There is an assortment of games being provided, but if you have a favorite, please bring it with you. Come have some fun, enjoy fellowship with neighbors, and relish the great desserts being prepared to tantalize your palate. See you there!

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Ephesians 6:10-18 identifies to us the armor of God. Paul's words remind us that we are to put on the full armor of God, not just a piece or two. When we put on the full armor, then we are fully prepared to stand our ground when the enemy, Satan, attacks. If we don't put on the full armor, we leave ourselves vulnerable to attacks in whichever area is left exposed. The belt of truth (vs. 14) reminds us that we must rely on the Word of God for our only source of truth. The breastplate of righteousness (vs. 14) reminds us that God's righteousness, through Jesus, protects our heart and keeps us right with God. Our feet are fitted with the message of the gospel of peace (vs. 15), which tells us that wherever we go, we take this truth and righteousness with us. The shield of faith (vs. 16) protects us from the accuser, Satan. All his lies hurled at us have no power because we trust in God, and we have his truth and righteousness. The helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit remind us to dwell on God's word at all times.

Chaplain Judy came to visit GSC last Thursday morning, and in the afternoon, the residents enjoyed smoothies for National Nutrition Day.

On Monday, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with cupcakes, mini corn dogs, and punch. Joe First came by to play the piano and accordion for us as we enjoyed the refreshments and good company. Joel and Charlotte Evans were at DM sharing songs and testimony as we were partying at GSC!

The warmer weather has allowed us to enjoy traveling around ACV on "The Turtle". Some of our residents even went for a ride over to the JKPL to participate in "Adult Tie Dye Day".

Once again, like last year, GSC and DM are participating in Penny Crusade. Penny Crusade is the annual mission giving for the Advent Christian General Conference. Last year GSC/DM raised over \$500 to help with missions. We're two weeks into Penny Crusade, with four more weeks to go. We're hoping to reach at least \$500 again this year.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

Monday, March 17, elder care attorney Roberta Getzan was our guest speaker at this RHOA Board meeting. She gave an excellent presentation on the pitfalls of not planning ahead for situations.

Keep April 21 as a date to remember. The speaker at the RHOA meeting will be from MASA. This company can provide transportation for you and your family (even your pet) if you experience a serious

health episode. We know of at least three people who have had such a situation occur, including while on vacation outside of the country, and who were grateful to have this coverage.

RW needs a new reporter effective the beginning of April. I hope you have enjoyed my column over the past four years, but I must turn it over to someone new. Is it you? It doesn't take more than two hours of your time per week, depending on information provided by your neighbors or happenings in the subdivision. Sometimes you need to do a little research, but we can all still learn a thing or two.

"Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots. Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your unique natural beauty. Keep growing" (Joanne Raptis).

MEMBER BENEFITS

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

This week's member benefit of note:

Members needing transportation to medical appointments may pay to have a Village employee drive them using a Village vehicle. This is called medical transportation. Fees vary by location. Those with questions or who are ready to schedule a trip should call the IC at 658-3333. Some low-income individuals may qualify for assistance; check with your service coordinator.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS Kay Schmook, Reporter

Meeting Thursday, March 27, at Cleo's Meeting House, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. If you have any questions about "plarn" (plastic yarn), contact me at (858) 395-4038. Remember we need clean plastic grocery bags. They can be left in the box at the IC.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics anonymous meetings are returning to Dowling Park starting Monday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse (23594 CR 250). Call Ralph for more information at (305) 407-0895.

NANCY HARRISON, CPA

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

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

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

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

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

VITA service helps low- to moderate-income individuals (\$67,000 annually per household), persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speak-

ers file their taxes each year. IRS awards matching funds to partner organizations throughout the country.

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

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

HAIR CROPPERS

We are open every first Tuesday and Saturday for facials and body treatments. Thursdays are a mix of scheduled appointments and walk-ins for hair services. Fridays are by appointment only for hair and nail appointments. For nails, call Danielle at (386) 205-3791. For hair and facials, call Brenda at (386) 249-1323.

LEGAL SERVICES

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the VS professional offices: March 21, April 4 and 18, and May 2 and 16. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and most Fridays 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Square Cuts and More Salon specializes in all your hair care needs. Call (386) 647-6240 for appointments. Kindly give 12-24 hours notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply. Walk-ins are welcome, but all great hair happens by appointment. I appreciate your business. Thank you, Amy Hancock.

RIDE-ABOUT

If you're interested in utilizing the Ride-About (ACV's red, 10-passenger golf cart) for a tour of some kind, call MS at 658-5400.

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Did you see something curious or hear something you'd like confirmed? Submit your question to Member Services, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here. You must include your name with the question because follow-up information may be necessary.

Q: Why does ACV continue to include "and children" in their mission statement when no children live here anymore?

A: In 1913, the Advent Christian denomination established an orphanage and home for retired ministers and missionaries in Dowling Park. Although it faced many hardships, ACV's intergenerational ministry flourished. However in 2001, the painful decision was made that it was no longer feasible to continue a residential children's program due to government restrictions and changes in public policy. However, administrators made the firm commitment that ACV would continue ministering to children and families.

Different programs targeting specific needs were launched. Leadership Development Training was among the first. It teaches selected high school students important leadership skills and offers them a college scholarship upon graduation. Adventure Camp is a program for children being raised in the foster care system. It offers them and their foster parents a time of respite, and the activities are designed around their needs. Most recently, a mentoring/scholarship program launched that pairs a student with a mentor throughout high school. These graduates are offered a scholarship toward college or trade school.

Through a variety of endowments, ACV also offers multiple scholarships to local students, staff members, and their children seeking higher education. And of course, Wee Care continues to offer quality day

care to young families, and Camp Suwannee continues to be a vital outreach to youth.

ACV's generous friends make these ministries possible, and we are so grateful!

THANK YOU

Sarah and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and thoughts for our anniversary.

Jack and Sarah Sisk

MISCELLANEOUS

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Ads may be dropped into the box near the IC, or emailed to fnn@acvillage.net. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

FOUND: Did anyone happen to lose a pearl earring at the CampbellKids' house? Just found it; not sure how long we have had it. Please call to claim at 210-410-2113.**

FOR SALE: Stainless steel food scale, weighs items up to 11 lbs, \$5. Wood TV tray table, \$10. Contact Pam 386-344-4566.**

FOR SALE: Brand new Hamilton Beach 20" microwave. Never used, in box, \$70. Contact Dottie at 352-316-5161.**

LOOKING FOR: Village friends, we are praying about trusting the Lord for a "good used vehicle" to have available for those in the Village who may need the

"free use of a car" for 1-2 weeks. Please pray with us for a donated vehicle or one at a very low price. (We will cover insurance and upkeep.) Doug and Margaret Nichols (nichols.doug@gmail.com).**

FOR SALE: Full/queen white bedspread with small flowers at the top. Excellent condition. Asking \$50 OBO. Contact Ellen at 386-658-1937.**

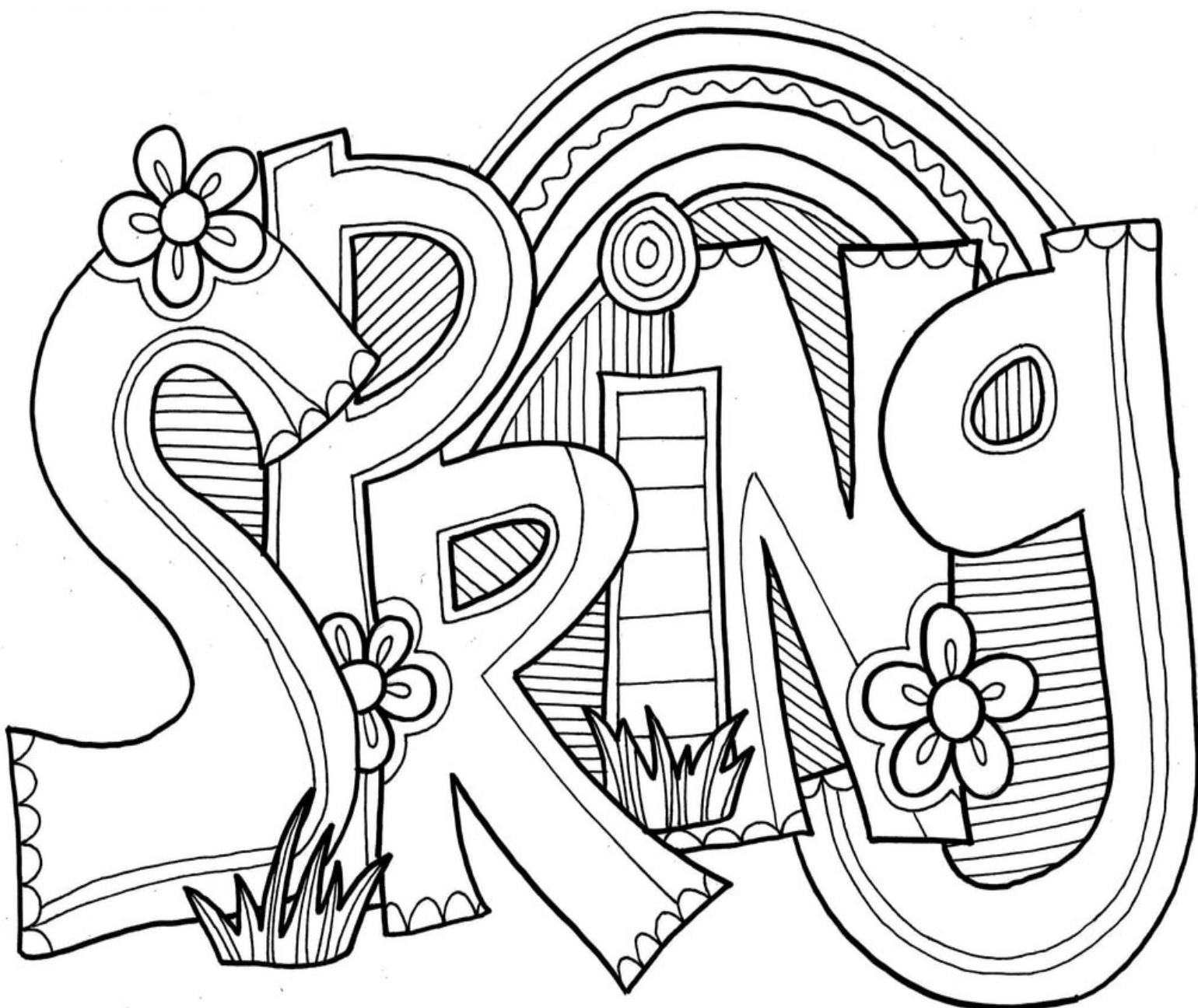
YARD SALE: Saturday, March 22, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., in BA at the corner of 229th Lane and 102nd Trail. Items include twin bunk beds with full beneath, two full size beds, one queen bed, general household items, and toys. Please come see us; stuff has got to go! Hosted by Nicely family.**

FOR SALE: Like-new furniture: comfy lift chair, nice cabinets, bedroom set, rattan dining table with six chairs, and various household items. Call Janna at 352-226-5500 to set up an appointment from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

FOUND: A pair of ladies glasses was found in the church sanctuary. They have a pink-colored frame and are bifocals. They can be picked up at the church office.**

MOVING SALE: Getting rid of a rocking/reclining love seat, filing cabinet, desk, two night tables, five drawer chest of drawers, electric power chair with leg rest, and a queen size bed (Craftmatic with box spring and mattress). Make a fair offer and call for more details at 386-678-1040.*

FOR SALE: Cuisinart Prep Express manual food processor. Chop, blend, mix and store in the bowl. Good for making salsa, hummus, etc. Barely used, pretty much brand new, still in the box. Asking \$15. Call 386-249-2792.*



Prices Effective 3/21-3/27



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Jiffy Apple Cinnamon Muffin Mix	7 oz.	\$.99
IGA Kosher Dill Sandwich Slices	16 oz.	\$ 2.79
Silver Floss Shredded Kraut	14.4 oz.	\$ 2.29
Hormel Corned Beef	12 oz.	\$ 6.49
Honey Bunches of Oats Chocolate	12 oz.	\$ 6.49
ReaLime 100% Lime Juice	8 oz.	\$ 1.99
Better Value Paper Plates	100 ct.	\$ 3.29
Chi Chi's Fajita Tortillas	17.5 oz.	\$ 3.49

DAIRY

Dutch Farms Horseradish	8 oz.	\$ 1.99
Philadelphia Soft Cream Cheese	8 oz.	\$ 5.69

PRODUCE

Seedless Red Grapes	per lb.	\$ 4.59
Red Salad Onions	per lb.	\$ 1.79

FROZEN

Nestle Hot Pockets	9 oz.	\$ 3.99
Athens Baklava	16 oz.	\$ 6.49

MEAT

Boneless Chicken Thighs	per lb.	\$ 3.79
Beef Boneless Shoulder Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.99
Lean Baby Back Ribs	per lb.	\$ 4.29
Gwaltney Thick Sliced Bologna	16 oz.	\$ 1.99
Ball Park Bun-Sized Franks	15 oz.	\$ 3.99
Big Easy Entrée Bowl	12 oz.	\$ 3.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

I will teach you the way you should go;
I will instruct you and advise you.

Psalm 32:8

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

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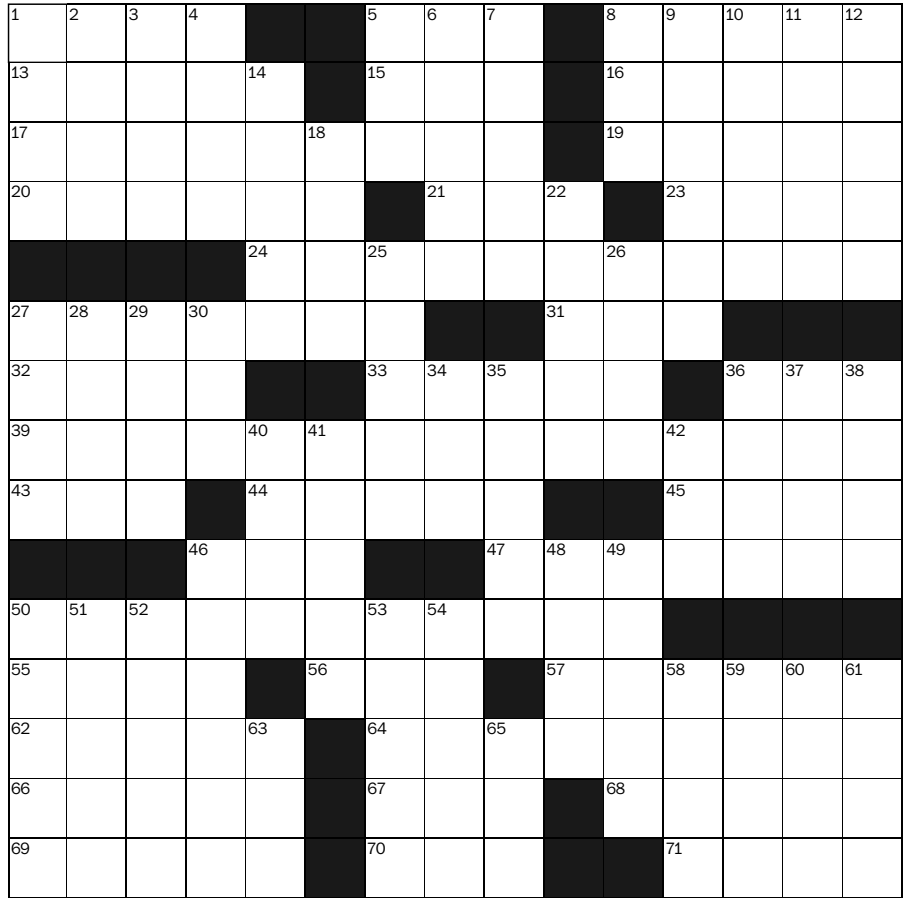
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- 47 1960s TV role for Diana Rigg
- 50 Like chocolate with a high cacao percentage
- 55 Textbook section
- 56 "___ la la!"
- 57 Philadelphia NFLers
- 62 Fixed prices
- 64 Molar, or a feature of 17-, 24-, 39-, and 50-Across
- 66 Drum kit component
- 67 "Mr. Blue Sky" gp.
- 68 ___ Monica, California
- 69 On edge
- 70 Raspberry shade
- 71 57-Across, for one

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- 1 Kissing pair
- 2 Sunburn soother
- 3 Fashion's Christian
- 4 Christmas season
- 5 Spanish Mrs.
- 6 Upper body
- 7 Jabbed
- 8 Orioles great Ripken
- 9 Temporary break
- 10 Colorado ski town
- 11 Beseech
- 12 Exchanges for cash
- 14 Rachel Maddow's network
- 18 In fine fettle
- 22 Quadriceps locale
- 25 Synthetic fabric pioneered by DuPont
- 26 "Garfield" dog



- 27 Trivial lies
- 28 Object of adoration
- 29 Too wriggly to get hold of
- 30 Rodent in a subway tunnel
- 34 College Park sch.
- 35 "Who's there?" reply
- 36 French pronoun
- 37 Olympics sled
- 38 Lunch or brunch
- 40 Chimney part
- 41 Fashionable again
- 42 Jazz style
- 46 Playful river mammals
- 48 Really stink
- 49 Data for a sports analyst
- 50 Sudden outbreak
- 51 Vapid
- 52 Pre-Olympian god of Greek mythology
- 53 Temperate
- 54 Mammal that feeds on krill
- 58 One looking after the kids?
- 59 One and only
- 60 "At Last" singer James
- 61 Phony
- 63 "What'd I tell ya?"
- 65 Massachusetts cape named for a fish

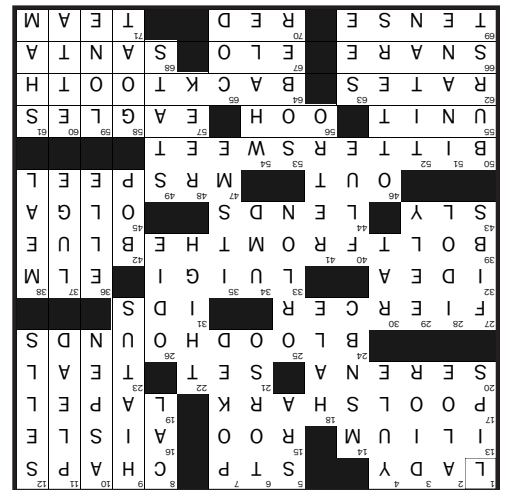
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ANSWERS

March 21–28, 2025

FRIDAY, 3/21

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Okra and Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 3/22

- \$2.53 Soup:** Potato
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Loaded Hot Dog, Coleslaw, Onion Rings, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 3/23

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** Pot Roast, Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Italian Green Beans, Zucchini and Squash Medley, Side Salad, Fried Peaches, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 3/24

- \$2.53 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Cheesy Spinach Ravioli, Liver and Onions
- \$1.21 Sides:** Five-Way Vegetables, California Vegetable Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheesy Grits
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 3/25

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Grilled Cheese and Tomato Roasted Soup, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.21 Sides:** Cauliflower, Succotash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf with Gravy
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

NOTE: Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

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WEDNESDAY, 3/26

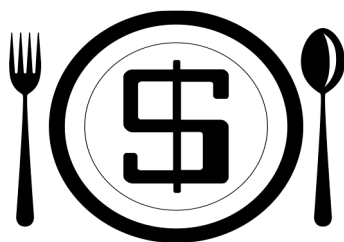
- \$2.53 Soup:** Moroccan Lentil Soup
\$6.44 Entrées: Broccoli Cheese Cordon Bleu, Fried Chicken
\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Corn, Coleslaw, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 3/27

- \$6.44 Entrées:** Italian Curry Chicken Thighs, Sloppy Joe on a Bun
\$1.21 Sides: Prince Edward Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Boiled Buttered Parsley Potatoes, Rice
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 3/28

- \$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Chicken Ranch BLT Wrap, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Okra and Tomatoes, Beets, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, Cheesy and Plain Grits
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,
and a fountain drink.
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday, March 21

Lunch only: Beer Battered Cod Wrap with Lettuce,
Tomato and Tarter Sauce, side of Coleslaw \$12.95

All day: 7 oz. Smothered Chicken Breast with
Mashed Potatoes, and a Veggie \$17.95

Saturday, March 22

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

All day: Baked Ziti with Homemade Meatball,
Garlic Toast \$16.95



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Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm
Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm
Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



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Wed–Thurs: 11 am–2 pm
Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm