



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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MARCH 28, 2025

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 AC Conference Service—VC
Saturday	3/29	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Florida AC Conference Annual Meeting—BC Gospel Sing—CH Activity Room
Sunday	3/30	<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—VC</i>
Monday	3/31	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m. 6:30 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 Easter Cantata Rehearsal—VC
Tuesday	4/1	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 3:00–5:00 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Spring Membership Fellowship—RDR
Wednesday	4/2	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 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.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH 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	4/3	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS Village Artists Guild—KC Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS Plarn Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House Lunch & Learn: Quilt Codes—SMR/DR Sign Language Class—OPR
Friday	4/4	The Village Cashier's Office is Closed Today <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. 11:30 & 11:45 a.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH Bus Trip: Lunch Dine-Out to Dixie Grill—DH & LAP

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

- Roland Greenwood (husband of Grace), who was a resident of GSC, died March 26. His memorial information will be provided when available.
- Blanche Benoit (wife of Normand), who was a resident of CT/MT, died March 25. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Ida Godbold, who was a resident of GSC, died March 24. Her memorial information will be provided when available.
- Alan Peterson, who was a resident of DH, died March 23. His memorial information will be provided when available.
- Linda Varnell (wife of James), who was a resident of ET, died March 23. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

ACV EVENTS

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

Thursday, 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 and no ticket to pick up. Simply go through the line and buy a lunch, or bring a lunch from home, and join us in SMR/DR at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 3.

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.



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.

**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.

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

Monday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

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



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 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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Come celebrate the beginning of spring and those with April birthdays at our next monthly member birthday party. This month's entertainment will be a vocal quartet: Sam and Leigh Worley, Dick Grillo, and Richard Cole. They were such a crowd favorite when they played at the ACV's Got Talent contest, and they've agreed to perform a set of favorites at the party.

Everyone is invited; members with April birthdays will receive special recognition. Join us at 3:00 p.m. in SMR/DR on Thursday, April 10.



**CLUBS, ACTIVITIES &
VOLUNTEERING FAIR**

Friday, April 11, 12:00-2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

ACV offers clubs, activities and volunteering opportunities to add enjoyment, purpose and growth to each member's life here in Dowling Park. Perhaps you are brand new and don't know what's available. Perhaps you are already involved, but you have time in your schedule for something else. Perhaps it's time to make a change.

Please plan to come to SMR/DR on Friday, April 11, between noon and 2:00 p.m. to browse the tables of opportunities. Come see in what new ways you can be involved at ACV. Perhaps you'll join a new club or pick up a new activity that looks interesting. And ACV can always use more volunteers to help support our ministries.

If you would like to have a table at the fair to advertise your club, activity or volunteer opportunity, contact MS at 658-5400.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. We will be joining the men for this meeting. Our guest speaker will be Bryce Whiting. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The ladies will be joining us for this meeting. Our guest speaker will be Bryce Whiting.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

**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.

**PRAYER FOR ISRAEL
Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.
Village Church Room 5**

The monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. in VC Room 5. All those interested in praying for the salvation of Jewish souls, for those missionaries who are laboring for the purpose of Jewish souls coming to their Messiah as Savior, and for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome to attend.

**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, 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.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY
Tues., April 8, 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.

**YOUTH MISSIONS
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER
Friday, April 11, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
First Advent Christian Church of Live Oak**
The Youth Ministry at First Advent Christian Church of Live Oak is having their Annual Spaghetti Supper and Cake Auction Fundraiser for Penny Crusade and the Padens of SEND International, the other missionaries we support. It's \$8.00 a plate. The dinner begins at 4:30 p.m., and the Cake Auction starts at 6:00.

**PASSION PLAY
Madison Church of God
771 NE Colin Kelly Hwy., Madison, Florida**
The Madison Church of God's Passion Play is fast approaching. The Madison Passion Play is a community sponsored event with over 100 cast members. This year's Passion Play will be presented April 12 and 13 at 6:00 p.m., April 18 at 6:30 p.m., April 19 at 6:00 p.m., and April 20 at 10:30 a.m.



**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.

**2024 tax forms are now available
at our front desk.**

**There will not be a History of Suwannee
County in April. Eric will be back in May.**

Sea and Stone Wall Art
Explore your creative side on April 1 by making a beautiful wall hanging with a piece of driftwood and a combination of shells, stones, sea glass, and trinkets. Bring your own items, or feel free to use ours to make your vision a reality. Two classes are available: 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Class sizes are limited, so call or sign up online. We look forward to seeing you!

Photo Contest Voting
This is the last week to cast your ballot for our Nature Photo Contest! Come to the JKPL and peruse the photos and vote for your top three favorite adult and youth submissions. The photographs with the highest rankings will be awarded first, second, and third place in their respective categories.

As the Page Turns Book Club
It isn't too late to pick up your copy of *The Choice* or *The Search* by best-selling novelist Suzanne Woods Fisher. These April ATPT book selections are both from her popular Lancaster County Secrets series about an Amish community, a subject in which the author is well-versed. Get your copy today and prepare to attend the next book club meeting on Thursday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m.

Mission Argentina
Join Peter and Jean Ard on Friday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m. as they detail the many adventures that they experienced while on their ministry in Argentina. This is your chance to live vicariously through the ministry of others, and see what mettle and perseverance was necessary to spread the Word of God on foreign soil.

Free VITA Tax Preparation
VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax preparation is coming to the JKPL on Thursdays until April 11. 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.



Tomato Tortellini Soup Friday & Saturday.

Friday, March 28

Lunch only: Prime Rib Philly Cheese Steak with Steak Fries \$14.95
All day: Vegetable Lasagna with Fresh Dinner Rolls \$16.95

Saturday, March 29

Pulled BBQ Pork with Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, & Cornbread \$17.95

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 Needed for the Book Sale

Volunteers play a key role in making the book sale a success — if you'd like to lend a hand, please contact the JKPL at 658-2670. Volunteer for a couple of hours or the whole week.

Dementia Support Group

The Dementia Support Group, led by Ginger Calhoun, meets on the fourth Thursday of every month (March 27) from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Just a Small Collection of Words

"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you" (Louis L'Amour).



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, 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 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.

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

- **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.
- **Tuesday, April 15 (different day of the week) 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.
- **Tuesday, April 15 (different day of the week) 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 at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

- April 4 — Lunch Dine-Out to Dixie Grill
- April 5 — Friends of Music Concert: Guitar and Violin
- April 8 — Lake City Shopping

At the Village Square

Riverside Gifts

Our focus is on Easter in this gift shop. There are small-to-medium-sized plaques with "He is Risen!" boldly proclaimed. Crosses with purple or white clothes and Easter lilies, a gray ceramic tomb, and a devotional titled *An Easter Celebration: His Resurrection, Your Joy* are near the front door. Celebrate spring with small Easter eggs, plaques, and small bunny doodads.

New keychains have arrived! Each is attached to a round holder with an encouraging Psalm. Another great gift is sending flowers by mail. There are unique blossoms in a card that open up when you open the envelope.

There are new Bible covers that zip, with pen loops and brushed silver hardware in stock. The beautiful lake scene proclaims, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Have you seen the Clearance Sale area? There are plenty of bargains to make you happy!

Watch and clock repairs 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

Our Easter display window focuses on the joy of the Resurrection. Come inside to see the other beautiful items to help you celebrate this season.

Stop in to guess how many eggs are in the container, and you just might be the one to win the prize!

Cheery kitchen towels, potholders, intricate quilts, and cozy crocheted blankets show off the handiwork done here in the Village.

Beautiful antique platters, China sets, and crystal glasses are some of the pieces for sale. The Flow Blue 14" platter is rare as is the Hall's Kitchenware American-made creamer, sugar bowl, and salt-shaker. The Heisey Glass baroque jam jar with its cover is still available.

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

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

Change up your wardrobe with the newly arrived women's blazer/skirt sets and blouse/skirt sets. They also have vests and lightweight jackets for springtime. The children's department now includes socks, a bunny headband, and sets of outfits.

There are white, mint green, and light blue colors in men's long and short sleeve shirts to welcome spring.

The scrubs slacks and tops are \$3.00 each.

In the Collectible and Rare Books there are First Editions, author-signed, old, rare editions, and a few gaming manuals. These are individually priced.

In the Book Nook there are new arrivals of cookbooks! **BOGO continues for paperback westerns, romance, and fiction.** Board games are always in stock.

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, April 5, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

April 14 — Dine-Out to Cracker Barrel

**BUS TRIP:
DINE-OUT TO CRACKER BARREL
Monday, April 14
4:00 p.m. - DH & 4:15 a.m. - LAP
Bus: \$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members**

Monday, April 14, the bus will be taking passengers to enjoy a delicious Southern meal at Cracker Barrel in Lake Park, Georgia. Cracker Barrel offers dinner and all-day breakfast options ranging from about \$8.00 to \$25 depending on dish and portion size. After eating, some time will be given for shopping at the Old Country Store. Bus cost is \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

SERMON: "Paul's Prayer for the People of God"
TEXT: Ephesians 3:14-21 NIV '84
SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, in RDR. The speaker will be Rev. Bryce Whiting. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.

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, and 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 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 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 AC Conference Service (VC)

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. — Florida AC Annual Meeting (BC)

Sunday, March 30

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School Classes for All Ages
4:00 p.m. — Alive and Youth (VC)
6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Adult and Youth Handbells Program (VC)

Monday, March 31

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)
6:30 p.m. — Easter Cantata Practice

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

Friday, April 4

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

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

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

GROUNDS

Rick Yeager—386-658-5155

Grounds will be spraying the dog park Tuesday, April 1, for sandspurs. Please avoid the dog park that day.

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

Last week's Health & Wellness Fair went very well. Thank you to everyone who attended. We had 111 sign up for the door prize drawing, which means we had about 120 people attend.

Door prizes went to George Wilson, Fred DeVane, Ellie Ensign, Paul Cook, Frank Hall, Doug Nichols, Tom Spannagle, Jo England, Mary Ann Wilson, Kenny Wood, Donna Carbaugh, Mary Jane Holler, Jan Hendrickson, and Lisa Moore. They won everything from gift bags to gift cards, and from plants to blood pressure monitors.

Tuesday, April 1, is our Spring Membership Fellowship. I hope all of you ACV members are planning to attend. Come to RDR between 3:00 and 5:00 to enjoy the festivities. The theme is Masquerade. At 4:00, there will be a small presentation. Please pick up a ticket from the IC so we know about how many people are coming.

This year's Clubs, Activities & Volunteering Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 11, from noon to 2:00 to coincide with lunch. You do not have to be a Village resident. Please come. You never know what you might learn.

Member Services Tip of the Week

Caution to all who are operating power chairs. While indoors, operate at the lowest speed and watch for pedestrians. Safety for all is the goal.

**Scam Tip of the Week:
STOP CLICKING ON LINKS!!!**

Unless you are **expecting** a text or email from someone (a person or a business), NEVER CLICK ON A LINK INCLUDED IN A TEXT OR EMAIL. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER!!!

We are now in a time when you cannot trust anyone. I'm sorry, but it's the truth. There are so many scammers out to get you. They are trying very hard to steal from you. You have to be suspicious of everyone in order to protect yourself.

It is better to be safe than sorry. Never click on an included link (including phone numbers). If the message is about your bank, call your bank. If it's about a credit card, call your credit card company. If it's about another kind of account, call the institution that holds your account. Get the truth from the horse's mouth, not from the text or email (unless it's a monthly statement you regularly get or if you've set up automatic text notifications — but even then, be careful).

We want to help you be safe. If you're not sure whether you should trust a text or email (or even a letter), speak to your service coordinator or someone else in MS. We'll help you make a safe choice.

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.

Village Cashier's Office
658-5343
Monday-Friday • 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, 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.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The sewing center at KC will be open on Monday, March 31, 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, April 4**. Our pen pals will be on spring break April 12–19, so 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.

Reserve the date Tuesday, May 13, for the Awards Banquet at the FSyr. More details will follow.

Thank you everyone for your committed support of this program. If you have not yet contributed for the awards presented at graduation, please send your contribution to me at PO Box 4011. 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. "When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to the happiness that you can give out" (Eleanor Roosevelt).

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

Lonely? Experiencing a difficult time? Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to

listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, contact the Stephen Ministries office at 658-5378 or stephenministries@acvillage.net. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptations to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure" (1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT).

Just as sure as Satan was alive and well in the Garden of Eden, he is still trying to tempt us today as he did Eve over 2000 years ago. I feel his tempting works on me every day, but you and I must be strong and rebuke his evil attempts to bring us down. No one is stronger than our God.

I hope you were able to attend our potluck dinner last Friday night. I believe a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who helped make it happen. We appreciate Robin and Bob Copeland, Paula Lucas, and Carlene and Carroll Polk, and everyone else who chipped in on the clean-up.

I mentioned at the potluck that on Monday, April 21, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a very important meeting that you will not want to miss. We have the opportunity to join the folks in RW for a very important session from MASA MTS (Medical Air Services' Association) located in Plantation, Florida. Barbara and I have been members for about six years and fortunately never had a need for their services until the last week of November when I was air lifted from here to Gainesville with cardiac complications. I enjoyed the flight looking down at all the farms we were flying over, but my biggest happy thoughts were that I had MASA covering my expenses to fly, and as a result, I paid \$0 for the transportation. The copy of the \$35,000 receipt I received was marked paid in full. Having coverage like this is a no-brainer to me. Come and listen to their presentation on April 21 and make your own decision.

I found out at the potluck that we have a new addition to the BA family — little baby boy Coombs who belongs to Josh and Fawn. Congratulations to them and grandparents Jennifer and Erick.

Coach and Sandy were missed at the dinner because Sandy is recovering from knee surgery. Sandy, we pray your recovery is swift.

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, just like someone demanding a raise.

When I was a child we were poor, but we didn't know it until someone told us!

There is nothing better than the encouragement of a friend.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the oh-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Be kind to yourself and also to others, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have one anniversary and one birthday to celebrate this week. Happy anniversary to Richard and Evelyn Gillette on March 29. "Wishing you a very happy anniversary! It's been amazing watching you two together. May your anniversary be filled with joy and good memories" (anniversary quotes). "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2–3 NIV).

We wish all the best to Sister Maria Ann Decker on April 3 as she celebrates her birthday. "May God continue to bless your path ... May guardian angels watch over you today and always. Happy birthday" (goodhousekeeping.com)!

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.

Congratulations to Linda (Randall) and Ken Forrest. They got married just over a week ago and have been settling in to married life here in CH. Linda will now be going by her married name of Forrest. Make sure to wish them well when you see them around. Blessings and joy to you both.

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

It has been a great week. My granddaughter and her husband, Nate, and two boys, Riley and Owen, from Sarasota, Florida, came for a visit. My great-grandsons are so smart — beyond their ages. They love to come out here and ride the elevator. They love to eat lunch in RDR on Sunday. They love the fried chicken. For two little boys, they can put away some fried chicken.

I introduced them to a toy I played with as a girl. It is called a button whiz. It is a big coat button with a piece of twine/string through the holes. The thread needs to be 25 inches long or however long you can handle, knotted together on the end. You, then, pull the string with your thumbs until the string winds up and it becomes like elastic. As you pull the string it starts whizzing or singing. All the adults had to try it. We all had fun with the button whiz.

Happy birthday to Patricia-Adele Lyons. Hope you had a good one, and all your wishes come true.

There was a big birthday celebration in the DH lobby on Friday. I saw the banners and balloons being hung. When they finished it looked like it was party time. Happy birthday, Gary Quigley. You are so good at helping us in DH — doing the mail, keeping check on boxes, and putting our name on them so we can easily see if it belongs to us. Thanks, Gary, for all you do.

March 20 was the first day of spring. No matter what Mother Nature does, remember spring has sprung.

We have a new member in DH, Mary Jane Holler. Be sure to make her feel welcome.

Easter will soon be here with pretty colored eggs, chicks, and bunnies. New life representing Jesus' resurrection. I know with the price of eggs this year, we may have to color little potatoes (ha ha), or get the plastic eggs to hide.

Market Day was great. When I came out of the house I saw one of my friends eating a big funnel cake. It looked so good I bought me one as soon as I could. Oh, it was so good. I found so many things I wanted to bring home. I kept trying to visualize where I would put them, but, I could only see a place for one or two that I could squeeze something. I love plants and stuff. I saw so many of my friends looking and buying stuff. My daughter Peggy, and her husband, Earl, came to the Market Day. He had a funnel cake, then we went over to the Bistro and had lunch. Good food. If you missed Market Day, you missed a good time.

I met Sue Odem, a new resident in CH. She is really nice. She has the prettiest white natural curly hair. I welcomed her to the Village.

May the Lord Jesus walk with you and you find favor in his eyes.

Remember to give me news and birthdays.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

Good morning, neighbors. I hope everyone is enjoying this glorious weather. Spring is definitely here with flowers blooming and young animals appearing. Driving through the Village in the wee hours this morning, I came across several family members of the deer herd. The fawns are so cute running across lawns. And I was told that there is a new duckling near Lake Aquilla. I love this time of year!

Happy birthday to Debbie Davis and Marilyn Yale, both on the 29th. Blessings of happiness and health for the next trip through the calendar. Happy anniversary to Tommie and Mary Jo Stanaland. Best wishes for another year of wedded happiness.

It's here! This is the weekend of ET's Dessert/Game party. We're meeting at Cleo's Meeting House at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday afternoon. Come expecting to have a terrific time of fellowship with neighbors, fun playing a new or favorite game, and/or working a puzzle. All this while enjoying a variety of yummy desserts!

Perhaps you will meet a new neighbor or two and at the very least, catch up with folks you haven't seen in a while. I'm expecting to see Cleo's bursting at the seams with laughter and fun this Saturday. See you there!

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the works of his hands." On Monday, March 24, Bob Horton, a friend of mine from way back in junior high and high school in R.I. came to speak at GSC. His talk was titled "Adventures of a Star Gazer". Bob told of his interest in astronomy and the wonder of God's beautiful creation. He also showed slides of his travels as he and his wife, Bette, traveled around the country to view solar eclipses and other astronomical events. The residents were enthralled by his presentation, and even some visitors came by to hear his very interesting presentation.

With the coming of spring this past week, we are witnesses every day of the beauty of God's creation, here on the earth and even in the heavens. Romans 1:19 tells us that God's nature is evident through all He has created. Go outside on these beautiful days and nights, and look around in wonder of God's creation!

On Sunday, March 23, the Alpha Ringers and Te Deum Ringers from the VC came to GSC to share a time of music and worship. Many residents and friends came to enjoy the beautiful music and hear the Scriptures that introduced each song. We are thankful to Traci Nissley and the ringers for coming to visit us. We hope to have them back again!

On Sunday, we recognized our volunteers who come each week to help at the GSC/DM worship service. Richard McClaine, Jack and Barbara Dixon, Arlene Hodge and Evelyn Arnold come out each Sunday to help move tables and chairs in the Magnolia Dining Room, and to assist in bringing residents out and taking them back after the service. We also want to remember our pianist, Mrs. Catherine Grim, who is one of our residents who has played the piano for us for the past two and a half years. These people help to make the morning worship service a time when we can turn our hearts fully to God in worship! Thanks to each who come to help us in so many ways.

Penny Crusade, the annual Advent Christian mission emphasis, continues for the next four weeks at the morning worship service at GSC. We encourage our residents and staff to contribute if you can to help with AC missions around the world.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

RW needs a new neighborhood reporter. Is it you? Contact MS if you are interested. Thanks to Katie Khan, Bob Maxwell, Janet Groene, Ellie Foerste and the Ensigns for quotes and information used in the articles I've written over the past four years.

"Only when one is connected to one's own core is one connected to others, I'm beginning to discover. And, for me, the core, the inner spring, can best be refound through solitude" (Anne Morrow Lindbergh).

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:

During its open season, ACV members and employees may swim in the outdoor pool for free after showing their ID badge. Guests of the Conference & Retreat Center may swim for free after showing their room key. Family members need a pass, which may be purchased at the Village Lodge office. The outdoor pool usually opens as schools close for the summer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GRAPEVINES

Grapevines have been cut and are ready to be picked up and used in your wreaths, etc. The vines are on the ground at the Village vineyard.

FROM BAGS TO BEDS Kay Schmook, Reporter

Plarn will be on vacation for the next two weeks. There will be no meetings on April 3 and April 10. We will resume on April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Cleo's Meeting House. Please remember to leave clean plastic grocery bags at the IC. I will try to have a sample for everyone to see at the next meeting.

APRIL 8 ARTIST SERIES CONCERT

The April 8 artist series concert has been postponed. There is no artist series concert on April 8. More information will be publicized in late April or early May. The May 17 artist series is still on schedule.

UPCOMING ELDER OPTIONS CLASSES

Visit <https://agingresources.org/events/> to read more about and to sign up for the following online classes:

- Medicare Basics, April 8, 10:00 a.m.
- Savvy Caregiver Training, Wednesdays beginning April 9, 10:00 a.m.

There are also in-person classes listed in and around Gainesville, Florida.

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: 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 speakers 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.

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: April 4 and 18, May 2 and 16, and June 6 and 20. 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.

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.

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: Did they finally repair the VS clock tower?

A: After years of speculation and at least one debate about whether it was just a really slow sundial, the mystery was finally solved. It turns out the clock tower had been stuck in "Demo Mode" since installation — displaying a perfect example of a broken clock being right twice a day. The solution? One of our retired engineers read the original manual (written in Old English) and discovered a hidden reset button located ... inside a squirrel's nest. After negotiating with the squirrel, the button was pressed, and the clock immediately started working again. As a bonus, the squirrel has since been promoted to timekeeper. April Fools!

THANK YOU

Hello, hello and hello to all. So many greetings and so much welcoming warmth. Thank you for being you. My return to the Village has been a true homecoming. There's no place like ACV. Love to you all.

Mary Jane Holler

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.

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: Hill-Rom electric hospital bed, 850 model series, capacity 500, frame 42 x 93, weight 375, mattress size capacity 36 x 82. Existing mattress NP100 36x80x6 capacity 350. Everything works. Came from school system. Very good condition, \$495. 386-658-2834.*

FREE: I have a Golden lift chair to give to anyone who needs it. The motor that operates the foot positions needs replacing, but everything else works on the chair. It cost about \$200. It is clean and without any wear. It would be easy for anyone with repair skills to replace the motor. The original cost of this chair was \$1,500. Call Sue Todd at 937-999-9170.*

IN SEARCH OF: The therapy department at GSC is in need of used tennis balls. If any member is able to donate some, we would be grateful. They can be dropped off at the rehab department of GSC.*

IN SEARCH OF: Old Crocks (shoes), any size. Will pick up or drop off at TNF&M. Contact Verna at 386-208-1967.*

HOME FOR SALE: POP, 11012 Azalea Lane, \$35,000. Move-in ready. For more info. or to see home call 386-658-1716. 16'x60', insurable, 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer, dryer, water softener, tank-less water heater, AC/heating system, 2 screened porches, carport, and climate controlled storage area. Corner lot. New owner must apply for membership with ACV and be approved before moving in.*

MOBILE CAR DETAILING: Exterior wash/wax and interior detail. **FOR A CAUSE:** \$150, a portion of the proceeds go toward the Alpha Delta Kappa SHS and BHA Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available by calling 386-249-2792. I have four of these tickets left.*

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES **Submitted by Betsey Ruehl**

Spring is when the monarch butterflies in Florida head back north. The weather is getting warmer, and trees are already blossoming. Every year millions of monarch butterflies travel over 2,000 miles to make the migration for winter. The Monarch migration is especially important, not just because of the migration path from central Mexico, but also because they have been choosing Florida as their home, too. It's one spectacular spring phenomenon you don't want to miss!

Floridians can still witness the spring breeding for millions of butterflies looking for warm weather. We are lucky enough to have millions of monarch butterflies not only call our state home but also use us as a stopping point during the spring months.

One of the most beautiful places in Florida to see the monarchs is St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, which encompasses more than 83,000 acres spread between Wakulla, Jefferson, and Taylor counties. This is the last stop for thousands of butterflies before they venture across the Gulf.

You can also prepare your garden to receive these spring beauties. Planting milkweed is the best way to attract butterflies. Milkweeds are essential for your garden as they are the primary plants used to lay their eggs. The plant also serves as a food source for the butterfly larvae. Adding colorful plants like zinnias bring your garden to life, and they're also a major source of nectar for the butterflies.

One of the most important things to remember is to plant your flowers in a sunny area. The butterflies need the sun to keep their muscles and bodies warm during the season. So don't hesitate to start your own

garden to welcome the monarch butterflies to Florida this spring. (Excerpts from an article written by Marisa Roman.)

BITS

Submitted by Patricia-Adele Lyons

Two prisoners stood side by side looking out through the barred window. One prisoner saw mud, one prisoner saw stars.

By the time a man finds those greener pastures he's been seeking, he's too old to jump that fence.

God's grace is far greater than your worst sin.

I recently called an old engineering buddy and asked him what he was working on these days. He said that he was working on aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment. I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

You will see me once in June, and then twice in November, but never in May. What am I?

I'm grateful that thoughts don't appear in bubbles over our heads.

There's not enough room in your mind for worry and faith. You must decide which one gets to live there.

It is better to read a little and ponder a lot, than to read a lot and ponder a little.

The answer to the riddle above: The letter E.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.

I was wondering why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger, and then it hit me.

Worrying works! Case in point: 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know which one comes first.

What do you call a line of men waiting to get haircuts? A barber-queue.

I was going to tell you a time traveling joke, but, you didn't like it.

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Lot 11 W. Wildwood Cir.: \$20,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS 120450.

10497 Wildwood Dr.: \$359,000; 2,412 sq. ft.; built in 2005; 3 br.; 2 bath. Designed with entertaining in mind. Open floor plan; breakfast and Florida rooms share a 2-sided, propane fireplace; vaulted ceilings; great room; kitchen with Corian countertops and under cabinet lighting; can lighting; front porch and covered patio; plus easy-to-care-for wood laminate floors; carpet in guest bedroom; large master suite with tray ceiling and walk-in closet; and a new, high impact shingle roof make this home exceptional. MLS #124132.

10429 Riverwood Dr.: \$310,000; 1,378 sq. ft.; built in 2018; 2 br.; 2 bath. Shown by appointment only, this breath-taking home with 1-car garage in Cottages at River Hammock has open floor plan, kitchen with custom cabinets, under cabinet lighting, upgraded granite countertops, and Pergo flooring, wood laminate

flooring throughout home with high ceilings, can lighting, ceiling fans, upgraded light fixtures and window treatments, in-wall safe, automatic night lights in master bath, self-closing drawers, whole-house generator, built-in storage in garage, fenced-in yard, and so much more. MLS #124134.

10454 Wildwood Dr.: \$259,900; 1,235 sq. ft.; built in 1989. Cozy 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home, this beautiful brick and hardy board home has a new shingle roof, vinyl plank flooring, tile in bathrooms, screened back porch, front porch, lots of storage, mud room and bonus room, an office/den could be bedroom #3. Plus 1 car carport and driveway parking for convenience. Under termite warranty with Live Oak Pest Control, will transfer to new owners. MLS #125125

23350 Meadow View Dr.: \$335,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. This brick home is on one of the larger lots in the Riverwoods subdivision. The interior features a split floor plan with 3 spacious bedrooms, 3 full baths, and a galley-style kitchen. Additionally, the home includes an attached 2-car garage and raised garden beds with daylilies and native azaleas scattered throughout the property. MLS #123514

Birthdays

1. George Wilson, Peggy Zachow; **3.** Sister Maria Ann Decker; **4.** Lavonne Wynn*; **5.** Joan Babinuea*, Phyllis Gladu, Shawn Kuse; **6.** Kerry Burke-Mackenzie; **7.** Lee McGauley; **8.** Debbie Welling, Erich Quigley*; **9.** James Harvin*, Roger Swift*; **10.** Jimmy Knowles, Ruth Shields; **11.** Pat Sinclair, Phyllis Doty, Sue Paris; **12.** Michele McSweeney*, Susann Riedel; **13.** Carroll Polk, Cindy Goodman, Rita Robinson*; **14.** Ann Perry, Barbara Rawls, Earl Martin, Gina Race, Joyce Slack, Mary Ann Wilson, Phil Martin; **17.** Rob Crankshaw; **18.** Audrey Murray, Gail Geer, Teresa Pahl; **19.** Elaine Brennan, Judy Hatch, Owen Ellis; **20.** Jerry Owen; **21.** Mary Jane Klements, Sandi Nicholls, Shirley Boyd*; **22.** Eleanor Klemesrud; **23.** Jorge Gonzalez*; **24.** Donna Robb; **25.** Marsha Summerlin*, Steven Amodie; **26.** Buddy McCall*; **28.** Celeste Cook, David Hall, Jim Hollister; **29.** Betty Dobbins*; **30.** Evan Spangler.

Anniversaries

6. Susann & Peter Riedel, Robbie & Virginia Robertson;
9. Elaine & Mark Brennan; **16.** Phil & Gaye Martin;
30. Carolyn & Russell Wadsworth.

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How precious it is, Lord,
to realize that you are thinking about me constantly...

Psalm 139:17

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March 28–April 4, 2025

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: Green Beans, Okra and Tomatoes, Beets, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, Cheesy and Plain Grits
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 3/29

- \$2.53 Soup:** GF Garden Vegetable
\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special: Lasagna, Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, and Bell Peppers), Garlic Knots, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 3/30

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** GF Sausage Broccoli Cauliflower Casserole, GF Pork Roast, Fried Chicken
Sides: Capris Vegetables (Green Beans, Carrots, Zucchini, and Squash), Side Salad, Sweet Corn, Fried Apples, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 3/31

- \$2.53 Soup:** Potato
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Pork Chops, Chicken Livers
\$1.21 Sides: Succotash, Three Bean Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice, Gravy
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 4/1

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
\$6.44 Entrées: Turkey Club on a Croissant, Country Fried Steak
\$1.21 Sides: Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potato, Breaded Okra
\$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

March 28–April 4, 2025

WEDNESDAY, 4/2

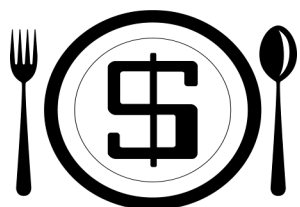
- \$2.53 Soup:** Chicken Poblano
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Ham Vegetable Quiche, Fried Chicken
\$1.21 Sides: Cabbage, Peas and Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 4/3

- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Chicken Fajitas, GF Beef Tacos
\$1.21 Sides: Cauliflower, Chuck Wagon Corn, Seasoned Black Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, Cilantro Rice
\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 4/4

- \$2.53 Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Catfish
\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, California Blend (Broccoli, Carrots, Cauliflower, Zucchini), Cold Salads, Fruit, Plain and Cheesy 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.



RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Tomato Tortellini Soup Friday & Saturday

Friday, March 28

Lunch only: Prime Rib Philly Cheese Steak with
Steak Fries \$14.95

All day: Vegetable Lasagna with Dinner Rolls \$16.95

Saturday, March 29

Pulled BBQ Pork with Macaroni and Cheese, Cole
Slaw, & Cornbread \$17.95



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Sat: 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



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Fri–Sat: 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm