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ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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<b>24/7/365 Assistance/Operator</b>	<b>658-3333</b>	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

## MAY 1, 2026

Friday	5/1	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<b>Fifth Annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt—Harmony Center</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	5/2	<b>9:15 &amp; 9:30 a.m.</b>  <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bus Trip: Wildflower Festival in Live Oak—DH &amp; LAP</b> <b>Supper Potluck—RDR</b>
Sunday	5/3	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> 11:00 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission—OPR</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	5/4	1:00–3:00 p.m. <b>1:30 p.m.</b> <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <b>Coping with Low Vision Support Group—OPR</b> <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	5/5	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	5/6	<b>National Nurses Day</b> 8:15 & 8:30 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>VCBI: What is the Purpose of Miracles?—VC Room 5</i> <b>GSC Monthly Memorial Services—GSC</b> Ceramics—PCS Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	5/7	<b>9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <b>10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Suwannee Tax Collector—VS</b> Village Artists Guild—KC <b>Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS</b> Plarn Ministry—CMH <b>Hoedown Theme Dinner—Camp Suwannee Pavilion</b>
Friday	5/8	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	5/9	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR</b> <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR</b>

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

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Martha Kropp, who was a resident of GSC, died April 5. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Robbie Robertson, who was a resident of Dowling Park North and GSC, died April 3. There will be a joint Celebration of Life service held at First Methodist Church of Live Oak on Saturday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. for both Robbie and his wife, Virginia. He will also be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Broward Holsey, who was a resident of GSC, died April 3. He will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Anne Donohoe, who was an off-campus member and a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, Dacier Manor and GSC, died April 2. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

### TRANSFERS

Erma Blackburn has transferred from Dacier Manor to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Celeste Cook has transferred from Dowling House to Dacier Manor. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4564.

Barbara Kile has transferred from Butterfield Acres to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Barbara Marcum has transferred from Dacier Manor to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

### MOVE-OUT

Dee Weimann has moved from ACV.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Message from the  
President's Office  
-Craig Carter*

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE

Over the past several weeks, our team has had some difficult conversations with residents about Medicare supplemental plans. These conversations are especially hard when they happen unexpectedly — such as when a bill is due or when we are unable to accept a particular insurance plan for services.

Medicare plans have changed a great deal in recent years. While many plans may look similar, there can be important differences that are not always clear. Medicare Advantage plans often operate within provider networks and may require prior authorization for certain services. Additionally, though we have tried, ACV is unable to accept some plans. For example, Humana limits how many providers they allow in a certain geographic area, which has prevented ACV from being approved as an in-network provider. We continue to work on this issue, but at this time, there has been no change.

For residents with plans we do not accept, this means you are unable to return to ACV for rehabilitation following a hospital stay and instead may need to receive care at another facility farther from home and family.

Some Medicare plans advertise attractive benefits up front such as low premiums, over-the-counter allowances, and lower prescription drug costs. However, when more extensive care is needed, such as skilled nursing care, out-of-pocket costs can be much higher than expected. In some cases, deductibles may be as high as \$200 per day.

As the saying goes, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. What matters most is how your plan supports you when you truly need care.

We understand that Medicare open enrollment is still months away. Even so, now is a good time to review and understand your current coverage. Knowing what your plan does and does not cover can help prevent unpleasant surprises, especially during times of illness or recovery.

As open enrollment approaches, ACV plans to promote informational sessions to help you better understand your options and make confident, well-informed decisions. Until then, if you have questions or concerns about your coverage, please reach out to your

service coordinator. We are here to help and support you every step of the way.

### **Klump's Komments**

-VP for Independent Living David Klumpenhower

### HOEDOWN THEME DINNER

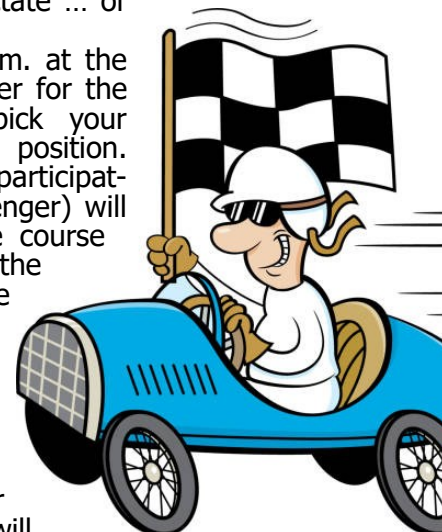
Howdy, partners! Dust off your boots, grab your denim, strap on your chaps, and don't forget your cowboy hat — because we're fixin' to serve up a top-notch Western Hoedown that'll make even the laziest ranch hand hoot and holler! Come on out to the Camp Suwannee Pavilion on Thursday, May 7. The chow bell rings at 5:00 p.m., and we'll be servin' up the best grub this side of the Mississippi. We'll have barbeque chicken prepared by Steve Bridges of the Grill Team, along with corn on the cob, baked beans, garden salad, some mighty fine pies, and plenty more from our chuck wagon crew. And it ain't just about the food. There'll be toe-tapping music, line dancing (no experience required; just bring your best boot-scootin' spirit), and a whole lot of good times with your fellow cowboys and cowgirls. Yeehaw! Gather up your posse and get your tickets today — just \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Y'all come on down now!

## ACV EVENTS

### FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING GOLF CART RACE AND SCAVENGER HUNT Friday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. Harmony Center

ACV members, staff and friends, you are invited to the fifth annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt. You may participate, spectate ... or both.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Harmony Center to register for the golf cart race or to pick your preferred spectating position. Beginning at 9:30, each participating duo (driver and passenger) will take turns navigating the course in an attempt to finish the quickest. This is a time trial against the clock and not a typical race, and there is one more twist: each driver will be blindfolded, and it will be up to the passenger to verbally tell the driver where to go! The route will



be marked by the morning of Wednesday, April 29, so you can practice. (Maps will be left on the picnic tables.)

Following the race, everyone who wants to participate is invited to join in on the scavenger hunt. How many of the 30 items on the list can you find around ACV? You'll have 30 minutes to find and take a picture of (with a cellphone or digital camera) as many as you can. Get back early? Bonus points! Get back late? Penalty! It'll be a race against time, observation and luck.

Feel like a winner? Perhaps you just enjoy participating in fun activities with other friendly people. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll plan to join us at the Harmony Center on Friday morning, May 1, for the fifth annual Spring Golf Cart Race and Scavenger Hunt.

**BUS TRIP: WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE IN LIVE OAK**

**Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**  
**1004 Helvenston Street SE, Live Oak**  
**9:15 a.m. - DH & 9:30 a.m. - LAP**

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

The bus is scheduled to transport riders to Live Oak's Wildflower Festival and Plant Sale at the Heritage Park and Gardens in Live Oak on Saturday, May 2. Live music, speakers, local vendors, food trucks, activities and games, and more are being advertised. Lunch options are as follows and will be decided by consensus by those who go: stay and eat at the festival, leave and go to an area restaurant to eat in, or stop to get food to go on the way home. No food or drinks (except for water) may be consumed on the bus. Sign up at the Information Center.

**SUPPER POTLUCK**

**Saturday, May 2, 5:00 p.m. - RDR**

We will have the next potluck on Saturday, May 2. Please come to the Rumph Dining Room before 5:00 p.m.; tables will be ready by 4:30 p.m. Turns out several people appreciated the ingredients list of each dish to help with various health issues, so we'll go back to that if you are willing. The last potluck was fantastic — almost gourmet! Hope you can come to this one.

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

**Monday, May 4, 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.



**SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR**

**Thurs., May 7, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS**  
**Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

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



**STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS**

**Thurs., May 7, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS**

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

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

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need to bring specific items to prove your identify. Visit [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](http://flhsmv.gov/whattobring) for the entire list.

**HOEDOWN THEME DINNER**

**Thursday, May 7, 5:00 p.m.**

**Camp Suwannee Pavilion**

**\$10 members, \$20 non-members**

You are invited to a Hoedown theme dinner on Thursday, May 7, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Camp Suwannee Pavilion. Western wear is encouraged.

The chuckwagon buffet will consist of barbeque chicken, homemade potato salad, Tom's coleslaw, Arlene's broccoli salad, garden salad, baked beans, grilled corn on the cob, rolls, and for dessert there will be a selection of pies and vanilla ice cream for pie a la mode. During dinner and following, country music will heighten the experience. Line dancing and more will follow dinner.



Tickets are available at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours.

Shuttle bus transportation will be available from Dowling House beginning at 4:30. If you need transportation to Camp Suwannee from anywhere else on or near campus, get on the shuttle prior to 4:30.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Terry Fall. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Tickets for the ladies' and Men's Fellowship breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Joel Evans. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets are purchased at the Lopin'

**Weekly Game Schedule**

**Monday**

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



**Tuesday**

- 1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

- 6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room

Gopher. Tickets for the Men's Fellowship and ladies' breakfasts will still be available for purchase on the day of the event, but we strongly encourage everyone to buy their tickets in advance. This will assist our food service staff in estimating the amount of food to prepare. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT**

**Thursday, May 14**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - VS**

Shred-it will be at the Village Square from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. This service is complimentary for members. Please plan to drop off the paper you wish to be shredded — in boxes or bags. Remove all paper clips or binder clips; staples are OK. Your safety and that of your neighbors is important, so always patiently follow the parking lot's traffic patterns. Shred-it will only be collecting paper to shred.



**BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT AT THE LIVE OAK GATHERING**

**Thursday, May 14**

**5:00 p.m. - DH & 5:15 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$5.00 members, \$8.00 non-members**

Thursday, May 14, the trip bus will be going to the Live Oak Gathering restaurant for dinner. The Live Oak Gathering is a family-style restaurant serving a variety of American dishes ranging from \$9.00 to \$22. Bus cost is \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

**RECEPTION & PIANO CONCERT**

**Monday, May 11**

**9:00 a.m. Reception - SMR/DR**

**10:00 a.m. Concert - VC**

ACV's Coffee Concerts began in 2006 as a community tradition inspired by the Jacksonville Symphony's Friday Coffee Concerts. These morning programs offered refreshments, fellowship, and great music — a tradition we're proud to continue with pianist John Beggs.

Madison native John Beggs has performed at ACV a few times in the past few years, most notably as part of the 2022-23 artist series, and as a replacement artist series performer last June. He is an award-winning young musician who is currently in school to further his talent.

A fellowship reception will begin the event in the Sawmill and Depot rooms at 9:00 a.m., and the concert will follow at 10:00. This event is free, and you are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors.

Donations will be accepted for the artist.



**MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**Thursday, May 14, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

Join us for the May member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with May birthdays will receive special recognition. The entertainment guest will be local award-winning musician Joe First. You won't want to miss it. See you there!

**BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT AT THE LIVE OAK GATHERING**

**Thursday, May 14**

**5:00 p.m. - DH & 5:15 p.m. - LAP**

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

Thursday, May 14, the trip bus will be going to the Live Oak Gathering restaurant. The Live Oak Gathering is a family-style restaurant serving a variety of American dishes ranging from \$9.00 to \$22. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the Information Center.

**BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: PROJECT TRIO**

**Friday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.**

**Florida Gateway College**

**Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center**

**149 SE College Place, Lake City**

**5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP**

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

Project Trio is an electrifying chamber music ensemble that includes a beat-boxing flutist, a bass player, and a cellist/sax player. They combine the virtuosity of world-class artists with the energy of rock stars.

This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting [communityconcerts.info](http://communityconcerts.info). Individual ticket prices are \$30 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the Information Center.



**BUS TRIP: VALDOSTA SHOPPING**

**Saturday, May 16**

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

**Bus: \$8.00 members, \$16 non-members**

The trip bus will be going to Valdosta to visit the mall and surrounding shopping centers on Saturday, May 16. The bus will leave from Dowling House at 8:45 a.m. and from the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Valdosta restaurant. Bus fee: \$8.00 for ACV members and \$16 for non-members. Sign up at the Information Center.

**EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

**VETERANS MEETING**

**Friday, May 1, 12:00 noon - DR**

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, May 1, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

**Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

Drug or alcohol problems? If you or a loved one is having a problem, help is available at the Lighthouse at 23594 NW CR 250 in Dowling Park on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call (305) 407-0895 for more information.



**Friday and Saturday Soup: Split Pea with Ham**

**Friday, May 1**

Lunch only: Top Round of Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt on a Sub with a Choice of Side, \$14.95

All day: One Crabcake with Confetti Rice and Garlic Spinach, \$18.95  
Two Crabcakes, \$21.95

**Saturday, May 2**

Lunch only: Crispy Chicken Cutlet on a Brioche Bun with Lettuce and Tomato, and a Choice of Side, \$12.95

All day: Sweet and Sour Chicken with White Rice and Two Veggie Spring Rolls, \$17.95

## **DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP**

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

**23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods**

If you are a caregiver to a family member, or have a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility with dementia/Alzheimer's, you are warmly invited to a "Meet & Greet" at the Campbell home (23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods) with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn from one another, and realize that we are not alone. Our policy is "What is said here stays here." We would love for you to join us!

## **WALKING WITH GOD**

**Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - Lake Aquilla**

Join us at Lake Aquilla Tuesday nights at 6:30. Together, we will better our health and strengthen our relationship with Christ. Until May 26, we'll be meeting for devotion and a low impact walk around ACV! Bring a friend or come solo; either way we'd love to have you!

## **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

**Wednesday, May 6**

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening will be at ACV on Wednesday, May 6, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, you can register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

Special pricing of \$129 for carotid artery disease screening, atrial fibrillation screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, peripheral artery disease screening.

To book, call 1-800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001, visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC, or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607.

## **PRAYER FOR ISRAEL**

**Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 p.m. - VC Room 5**

The next monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in Village Church 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 Jesus the Messiah as Savior, for Biblical mission organizations, and for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome to attend.

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. - CCC**

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. Meeting days this month are May 12 and 26. Come and join us. The Bible study is on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

## **WONDERS OF CREATION**

**Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 p.m. - DR**

One of the Wonders of Creation that our grandkids are being taught in school is dinosaur evolution. Have they been told the Biblical truth of these marvelous animals that God created on the same day that He formed Adam and Eve? Come see a video of Dr. Gary Parker and Tribal Trails ministry discussing dinosaurs and their fossils. His wife, Mary, developed the first creation science museum. We will meet from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on May 12 in the Depot Room. Contact MaryAnn Stuart at (863) 558-1395 with questions.

## **PIZZA PARTY**

**Saturday, May 22, 5:15 p.m. - SMR/DR**

There will be a pizza party Saturday, May 22, at 5:15 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. You can come at 5:00 p.m. to get your drinks and salad and have a seat. Pizza will arrive at 5:15 p.m. As soon as the pizza is set up on the tables, everyone can start eating. There will be cheese, all meat, garden veggie, and supreme. There will possibly be pepperoni or their deep dish special. Those needing gluten-free should let the Information Center know when you buy your ticket. Be sure to give your name as well. Tickets are available at Information Center for \$9.00. You can eat as much as

## *At the Village Square*

Shop gift certificates are available in each shop. Bless someone with this special gift!

### **Riverside Gifts**

Find gifts for all ages, along with a wide selection of cards and jewelry for both adults and children. You'll also discover beautiful gifts to honor graduates and to thank the teachers who helped them reach this milestone. The children's section is filled with books, games, art projects, toys, and stuffed animals — including many new items we've never carried before.

Celebrate the seasons with bright spring and summer flags in a variety of sizes, including USA 250 Years anniversary flags.

With warmer weather arriving, stop in for DEET-free insect-repellent spray, wide-brimmed adjustable hats, sunglasses, and cooling towels. Stay prepared for the heat with a small wearable neck fan, and pick up an ACV-branded umbrella for those much-needed rainy days.

Vintage chiming wall clocks are looking for new homes. We also offer watch and clock repair, plus battery replacement for timepieces, car fobs, and garage door openers — all at reasonable prices.

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

### **Rustic Shop**

Mother's Day is coming soon. Have you picked out a special card or gift to honor her? We offer beautiful vintage and rare jewelry, spring shawls, flower arrangements, and other thoughtful gifts. Our staff would be happy to help you choose the perfect item.

We also carry a fine selection of graduation cards and gifts, including pen and pencil sets. New arrivals include cellphone holders made by our Connecting Threads artisans, and sweet knitted jackets for infants. Find unique toys for youngsters.

Watch and clock repair, plus battery installation for timepieces, car fobs, and garage door openers, are available at reasonable prices.

658-5273. Open Wednesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### **Twice Nice Shop**

You can't beat the prices on clothing for all ages and every occasion. Whether you need something casual or dressy, you'll find it here — including swimsuits, bathing trunks, sleepwear, shoes, and scrubs at excellent prices.

Shoppers' alert! **All Book Nook shelf items — except those in the Collectible section — are buy one, get two free. The overstock sale runs through the end of May. Buy one paperback and choose two softbacks or two hardbacks free. Buy a DVD and get any two additional shelf items free. Select five CDs for \$1.00 and receive five more free.** And remember, Bibles are always free.

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

## *On CR 250*

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

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

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

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

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We will be open this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Four lovely china closets, ranging from small to very large, are available, and we'd love to help you fill them with china cups, teapots, and knickknacks. There's always a special on "first Saturday" — I'm not sure what Larry has planned, so come and see!

we have, but we will start with three squares for the first plate so everyone has choices. If you have questions, contact Debbie at (719) 464-3639.



**JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
386-658-2670

Website: [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.org)

Email: [dpark@neflin.org](mailto:dpark@neflin.org)

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday & Sunday

**What's Happening This Week:**

Chair Yoga, Level 2	Mondays	9:00 a.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Mondays	10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Kids Corner	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

**Mother's Day Display — We Need Your Help**

We're creating a special Mother's Day display and would love your help! Share a photo of your mother (be sure to include her name and yours) along with a memorable phrase she always said or lived by, whether it makes you smile, laugh, or think of home. Drop off your photo at the JKPL or send it to us at [dpark@neflin.org](mailto:dpark@neflin.org) to be part of this heartfelt celebration. Photos will be displayed for the month of May on our Gallery Wall.

**Starbooks Café**

Come join everyone at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee and conversation. Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., we sip coffee, chat, and share thoughts and experiences in a casual and friendly environment. We'll kick things off with the topic "What's the worst advice you've ever been given?"

**Financial Literacy by First Federal**

Set yourself up for success on April 30 at 2:00 p.m. with Financial Literacy by First Federal Bank, presented by Pam Cochran and Wendy Dickinson. Come learn about banking information, budgeting, tips for saving money, and more!

**Tech Talk**

Feeling overwhelmed by all of the streaming options out there? From Netflix and Hulu to Prime Video and YouTube TV, it's easy to get lost. Join us on May 1 at 2:30 p.m. for Tech Talk, where Jeremy will break down the different streaming services, explain how they work, and help you figure out which ones might be right for you. Perfect for beginners and anyone looking to make sense of it all!

**Living the Gluten-Free Life**

As more people are experiencing gluten allergies and sensitivities, you may be wondering if going gluten-free is right for you. Join us on May 4 at 11:00 a.m. at JKPL as Shawn Johnson shares insight into living a gluten-free lifestyle. You'll learn what gluten is, how gluten sensitivity can show up, and pick up practical tips to help you take those first steps with confidence.

**Star Wars Day Movie Matinee**

Celebrate Star Wars Day with us by watching a movie from the iconic franchise! On May 5 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a showing of *Rogue One!* Enjoy the movie on the big screen with fresh popped popcorn in our very own library "theatre." The film is rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action.

**History of Suwannee County**

Eric Musgrove visits the JKPL on Thursday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. to captivate us with local history! If you enjoy his presentations, grab one of Eric's books while you are here: *Reflections of Suwannee County* or *Lost*

*Suwannee County*. Miss a session? Check out the SRRL's YouTube page and look for the History of Suwannee County playlist.

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

The book for next month's book club is *Chaos* by Iris Johansen! *Chaos* is a high-stakes thriller that follows a rogue CIA agent as she tries to save kidnapped schoolgirls in Africa. Grab your copy today! The next meeting will be May 7 at 2:00 p.m.

**Mother's Day Craft**

Come one, come all! Prepare a Mother's Day gift for someone special in your life on May 7 at 4:30 p.m. Open to all ages, choose from several different craft options with all the supplies provided.

**The Book Sale Cart is Overflowing!**

Thanks to a very generous donation, our book sale cart is overflowing with Western paperbacks: novels by Louis L'amour, Ralph Compton, Charles G. West, and more! Come by the JKPL to check it out and go home with a new addition.

**Save the Date**

- May 11 — Intermediate Canva
- May 14 — UF/IFAS Lunch and Learn: Homesteading with Livestock
- May 19 and 21 — Painting with Liz



**BUS TRIPS**

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

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the Information Center in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

**WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS**

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

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

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

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

- **May 6 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **May 6 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 13 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at 12:00 noon.
- **May 13 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 20 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at 12:00 noon.
- **May 20 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

**Village Cashier's Office**  
**658-5343**

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

**SERMON:** "What Is the Truth About Jesus?"  
**TEXT:** John 5:19–30 NIV '84  
**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

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

**Friday, May 1**

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

**Sunday, May 3**

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)  
11:00 a.m. — VCBI: Unfolding the Great Commission,  
Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)  
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
4:00 p.m. — Regeneration  
5:00 p.m. — ALIVE  
5:00 p.m. — Youth (Lighthouse)  
6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Doug Nichols (VC)

**Monday, May 4**

1:30 p.m. — VCBI, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

**Tuesday, May 5**

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

**Wednesday, May 6**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: Books of Acts, Michael Saunders  
(Room 5)  
5:30 p.m. — Prayer for Israel (Room 5)  
6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)  
6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 8**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, May 10**

6:00 p.m. — Mother's Day Ice Cream Social (RDR)

**Sunday, May 17**

6:00 p.m. — High School Graduation Recognition:  
Landon Chapman and Jordan Coombs (RDR)

**Sunday, May 24**

12:00 noon — Memorial Day Potluck (Camp Suwannee  
Pavilion)

**CONFERENCE & RETREAT**  
**Doug Mabey—386-658-5200**

This summer, Wee Care is only using the outdoor pool from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I could arrange to have it opened on Tuesday and Thursday during those times if residents want us to, but I will require at least three people to say yes. If you would like for the pool to be open Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings this summer from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., please call the Lodge office at 658-5200.

**COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**Katie Nanuseski—386-658-5555**

Things are changing at Copeland Community Center! While the CCC schedule is usually only included in the FNN once a month, because new classes and activities have been added since last week's FNN, another schedule has been included with this FNN. If you kept last week's schedule, feel free to throw it out and keep the one included this week.

**MEMBER SERVICES**

**James Sutter—386-658-5400**

**Member Services Tip of the Week**

We are in the process of making some changes to both the ACV Members app and the (photo) Directory app.

1. The photo directory option has been removed from the Members app. It was inferior to the other Directory app (Instant Church Directory). Please use the Directory app instead. If you need help installing it, visit Member Services. To download/use it, visit [www.acvmembers.net/photodirectory](http://www.acvmembers.net/photodirectory). That link works for Apple, Android and PC.

2. The FNN and TV2 Guide are now available to view in the Directory app. Click on Additional Pages to view them.

**Scam Tip of the Week: Phishing Scams**

"Phishing" is a term that describes when online scammers copy the format and look of a legitimate company's website or emails in an attempt to trick unsuspecting individuals to share their usernames, passwords, account numbers, credit card numbers, or other sensitive personal information. They often do this by saying the individual must "confirm" or "update" their account information. If you receive an email asking for personal information, do not click any links or reply. Instead, contact that business using a phone number or web address you know to be genuine and confirm whether the email originated from them.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com) or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State's consumer complaint clearinghouse, at [www.floridaconsumerhelp.com](http://www.floridaconsumerhelp.com). (Source: The Florida Attorney General's Office)

**Member Benefit of the Week**

Weekly shopping trips to Live Oak are offered four times a month at no charge to members — usually on each Wednesday. When there is a fifth Wednesday of the month, a special shopping trip is usually scheduled that includes a Dutch treat lunch. Bus transportation for these special trips is still free for members.

**TV2**

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

- In Ezekiel 37, dry bones came to life. Did this really happen? What did God mean by it?
- If Jesus paid for the sins of the world, are all people going to heaven?

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

## ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

**BRIDGE CLUB**

**Dottie Stone, Reporter**

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday. Congratulations to our April 22 winners: 1st high was Jim Varnell, and 2nd high was Cindy Hett.

**CONNECTING THREADS**

**Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC**

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, May 4, 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

**CRAFTY CREW**

**Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

**Carter House Common Room**

Last Friday, Arbor Day, we had a great time making trees out of paper and air dry clay. Each tree was different — some realistic, some fanciful. Two new people joined us, and it was great to meet them. After finishing their trees, some worked on crochet. Connie worked on cat toys.

### **Alert Suwannee**

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



This Friday, Kathy Loftus will be teaching us to make cards with the goal of making some to go into baskets given to new ACV residents. Kathy has great card-making ideas, and we're sure to have an interesting time!

Come join us for creativity and fellowship! Feel free to bring along your own projects to show us and to work on as well. Get in on the fun!

If you have questions, contact Sister Maria Ann at [sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly at [SueWDonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:SueWDonnelly@gmail.com).

### **DOWLING PARK ASTRONOMY GROUP**

**Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. - VC**

The Dowling Park Astronomy Group May meeting will be Monday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Village Church Room 5 (Chapel entrance).

We will see what is happening in the skies for the month of May and see video of the recent Atlas V launch from Cape Canaveral, filmed from the Harmony Center.

This is an enjoyable, non-technical look into astronomy and space. Come and learn with us — ask any questions you may have about what is out there. If you have a question, send a text or call Steven Reas at (386) 688-1096.

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

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

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

A few years ago, Hellmut and Gloria Seidenberg made a remarkable book available to the Village through our library. It is the diary that Hellmut's mother, Otilie Seidenberg, kept during their years in Germany under Russian occupation from 1944 to 1951. She was just 29 when the account begins, with three small children in her care.

The book, *My Only Führer Is Jesus*, tells the story of how her faith deepened and how she believed God sustained her through the many trials and hardships of those seven difficult years.

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 pick-up date, which is also the last pick-up date for this school year, is Friday, May 1.** Get your letters to the Information Center or Carter House desk before 11:30 a.m.

Please turn in all of the letters you received this school year to me ASAP for assessing. If you don't, your pen pal will not be considered for our awards. My address is P.O. Box 4011. They will all be returned to you when we are done.

Thank you to all the pen pals who contributed to the awards we will be presenting. You have all outdone yourself this year. THANK YOU!

The awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium at the Ranch. You do not need to RSVP with the Ranch as I will be calling the total count on May 4. The bus will leave Carter House promptly at 5:00 p.m. The cost to ride the bus is \$5.00, which must be paid to the Information Center by Friday, May 1. If you need more information, feel free to text or call me at the number listed below.

If you would like to be a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

**Christ Caring for People Through People**

**Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

Someone recently shared with me a new business I hadn't heard of. Did you know there is actually a

profession called professional cuddler? Apparently, for \$100 an hour, a lonely person can hire a stranger to come and hold them — nothing else. No talking, no intimacy, just a warm embrace for an hour. It shows how disconnected and hurting our world really is.

In a sense, this is what Stephen Ministries is about — although this ministry is free, and Stephen Ministers do not do any physical cuddling. It is about being a loving presence to those who are lonely, sad, or going through trauma of some kind. They bring love and comfort, and the peace of the Lord. Even the non-Christian world recognizes that people are hurting and need a compassionate touch. Why do we so often try to "power through" alone when we are hurting?

Too often, people who are lonely resist seeking help — like that offered through Stephen Ministries — and instead turn to unhealthy relationships or vices to fill the void. This doesn't work because they are looking for something those things cannot provide. They need healing and peace that can only come from the Lord, and they need time. Stephen Ministers give hurting people the gift of time and a caring presence without expecting anything in return. They are there simply to listen and pray for the person as they allow the Lord to heal their heart.

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

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

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

First and foremost, I want to thank all our ACV family for the prayers (please keep them coming), cards and phone calls. Never did I imagine that such a small matter would turn into a three-week hospital stay, weeks of therapy, and more hours of crying than I care to admit. Yes, crying — I'm a sensitive and emotional person.

I am now living in Dacier Manor and may be moving to GSC for additional therapy. My dear wife has been my rock, doing everything she could to keep me on the right track. There were times when I was completely out of it and don't remember how or why certain things happened, but she was right there with me, living through it all.

I am recovering as best and as quickly as I can. Please continue to pray for Barbara and me as we seek the Lord's guidance and remember who is in charge. My voice is weak due to a procedure involving an apparatus down my throat, and talking is uncomfortable. For now, I've been advised to speak as little as possible, so please understand if we keep our conversations to email.

Thanks, over and over again, to Jackie and Ray Campbell for taking Barbara by the hand and guiding her through the insurance issues and hospital red tape that were so difficult for her to understand and manage.

Gail Chapman has also been a pillar of strength, taking care of our mail and the mounds of paperwork that come with this mess called life. Gail, you will never know how much peace of mind you've given us through everything you've done — and continue to do.

Thanks to Steve Shuman for the many visits to fix the things at home that need a man's touch. Steve is always there at our beck and call, ready to help whenever he can. Thank you, Steve, our good and faithful brother in Christ.

I'm sorry for neglecting Butterfield Acres in the FNN, but like the trooper he is, Bob Copeland has been

right there leading us through the dark times. Thank you, dear brother, for being so dependable and dedicated to the cause.

I will need transportation to doctor's appointments in Lake City and Gainesville. Right now everything is covered, but I can't speak for the future. Barb isn't comfortable with long-distance driving, so I may need help in the weeks ahead.

As I understand it, we still have two black hounds roaming the neighborhood and getting into garbage. If these are your dogs, please be responsible and keep them leashed or in an enclosed area.

Let us never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

**Mary Gamble-334-790-9066**

Hey, everyone! I hope you've had a fantastic week. We have birthdays to report: Joe Brooks and Peggy Stillman on May 4, and Sue Odem on May 12. Happy birthday, Joe, Peggy and Sue!

Please feel free to contact me with any information you'd like to share in our FNN.

We do have sad news this week. We lost two members of our Carter House family: Martha Porter on April 18 and Donna Willberg on April 21. Please keep their families, friends and loved ones in your prayers as they navigate the days ahead.

Remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. If you believe someone is violating ACV rules or policies, please report it by contacting the Information Center at 658-3333. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out.

The Spring Fling was held this past weekend. We had several vendors offering homemade items and food for sale, and the weather was beautiful. It looked like everyone had a great time.

I found the following quote on Facebook. I couldn't locate the original author, but I liked it enough to share: "Never forget, nothing is more powerful than prayer, nothing is stronger than faith, and nothing is greater than God" (author unknown).

Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week.

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

**Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113**

Dear friends and neighbors, "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20).

Waiting can be difficult, and when prayers seem unanswered, it's easy to feel defeated or forgotten. But when we focus on God's love, we remember we are never truly alone.

My daughter and I recently enjoyed a beautiful day at Market Day. She found lovely plants for her flower beds and jellies and treats for her grandsons. I picked up a few African violets and a powdered-sugar treat. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors out enjoying the event.

Lake Aquilla's whistling ducks have returned in great numbers, which is a beautiful sight. On a recent walk with Scoots, we came upon a large flock of buzzards perched along the gazebo walkway. They were so settled they didn't move until we were quite close, leading me to believe they've claimed the railing as a new roosting spot. Seeing them up close really shows how large they are.

We have several wonderful upcoming events you won't want to miss, including the golf cart race and scavenger hunt, the hoedown theme dinner, and the bus trip to the Wildflower Festival in Live Oak. I recommend posting these dates where you will see them so you don't forget them.

Please join me in welcoming our new neighbor, Murwin Bevis, to Dowling House. When you see him, offer a smile and a handshake to help him feel at home.

Let us unify in prayer for our community. Much of our greenery is wilting due to the lack of rain, and the lake level is quite low. I'm concerned about oxygen levels for the fish and turtles. Please also keep our neighbors facing health challenges or recovering from illness in your prayers. Prayer truly changes people and situations.

And now, a bit of laughter — always good for the heart: A criminal lawyer woke up from surgery to

find all the blinds drawn in his room. When he asked the nurse why, she replied, "There's a large fire across the street, and I didn't want you waking up thinking the operation had failed."

Until next week, let us remember what we all have in common: we are still blessed with breath.

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

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

Good morning, neighbors. Happy birthday to Albert Yale on the 6th. May you be showered with blessings of health and happiness.

Ron and I were blessed to have our daughter visit last week. She came to help me get ready for the Spring Fling. One of our favorite things to do while she's here is ride in the golf cart at dusk and look for "friends." She loves spotting wildlife.

On the first night, we were returning home by way of the Lake Aquilla bridge when an armadillo jumped in front of us near Robyn's open door. I hit the brakes, and my daughter tried to exit the golf cart by climbing over me and the steering wheel. The armadillo just looked at us. With nowhere to turn around on the bridge, I had to inch forward slowly until the creature moved on. Every night after that, we looked for friends — and she prayed for no armadillos.

Please keep the momentum of neighborhood kindness going and check on one another. If something doesn't seem right, follow through with a call or a knock on the door. If necessary, contact the Information Center and report your concerns. Let's do all we can to prevent accidents and possible tragedies.

### **GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR**

**Bruce Arnold-386-658-5550**

When God calls us to serve him, we should expect that there will be times of suffering. In 1 Peter 2:20, Peter says that if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is commendable before God. Then we read, "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

This doesn't mean we will suffer every day, but it does tell us that suffering is part of following Jesus. He is our example in suffering as well. The next verse explains this example: "When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:23).

How do we measure up to this example? Often we're quick to get back at those who treat us badly, or look for ways to retaliate. But the example of Jesus teaches something different — and as difficult as it is, this is how people see Jesus in us.

Here in the U.S., we have not experienced persecution to the degree that believers do in countries more hostile to the gospel. Still, we can be an example by the way we live.

The May Employee of the Month is Katelynn Hurtado. Katelynn works night shift at GSC as a CNA. Everyone I've spoken with tells me how hard she works, how she helps other CNAs, and how big her heart is for the residents. We celebrated Employee of the Month on Thursday morning before Katelynn went home after her shift. Thank you, Katelynn, for your good example, and for all you do at GSC.

Please take note: Due to a change in our May schedule, the May memorial service has been moved to Wednesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. During this time, we will give thanks for the lives of Anne Donohoe, Herbert "Robbie" Robertson, Broward Halsey and Martha Kropp.

Sue Donnelly will be away for the month of May, and we are grateful that Caroline Welkley is willing and able to play for the GSC/Dacier Manor worship service until Sue returns. Our volunteers at that worship service are such a blessing, and we thank God for each one of them.

### **RIVERWOODS**

**Patty Gianceski-386-658-2024**

Greetings from my view of the meadow. I want to begin by offering a warm Riverwoods welcome to our new

neighbor, Nancy Stearns-Hauk. We hope you are settling in comfortably and enjoying your home.

The April meeting of the HOA board was held on Thursday, April 23. Craig Carter and David Klumpenhower both addressed the group. Craig noted that we are now emerging from "an incredibly challenging five years," which is certainly good news. David spoke about procedures regarding rules in the Village. These are not new rules, but until recently they have not been consistently enforced.

We are in the midst of a dangerous drought. Lawns may be watered only once each week. If your address is an odd number, water on Saturdays; if it is an even number, water on Sundays. Watering is prohibited between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you are unable to reset your irrigation timer, you may call 658-5155 for assistance.

Yard maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner. The Village will pick up debris, but they ask that leaves and similar materials be contained.

The issue of fencing along Wildwood Drive and Circle was discussed. Research showed the cost could be around \$25,000. Since that is a significant expense, we will look into alternative solutions. One suggestion was signage specifying that the easement is not a hiking, biking or golf cart trail. Additional signs could be placed to mark yards as private property.

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good" (Romans 12:9).

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

For May Spa Days, May 2 and 5: Special offers for couples or groups of five or more! Whether you're relaxing solo, with a partner, or bringing your friends together, we've got the perfect facial treatment for you. Take \$5.00 off 30-minute facials, and \$10 off 60-minute facials for couples or groups of five.

We also offer spa pedicures, spa manicures, hot stone leg and foot massages, and our signature hand-wrapped treatment. Call or text (386) 205-3791 for booking.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: May 8 and 22 and June 5 and 19. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 114

### **FIRST FEDERAL BANK**

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

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

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

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

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

### **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON**

**Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

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

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

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

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

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

### **WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS**

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

## **THANK YOU**

The program at church Sunday night was amazing! Traci and Randy manage to produce programs with our young people that challenge all of us to think BIG! I was so happy that I decided to attend. Thank you to everyone who helped them with sound, lighting and set, and thank you to their parents who work behind the scenes to give us such great "kids on campus"!

Marge Reach

Thank you to everyone who has given me cards, presents, phone calls, and blessings for my 97th birthday.

Mary Jane Klements

My words are so inadequate to express how much I am grateful to so many of you in the Village for your continuing love and support, not only on my birthday, but all year long.

Your prayers, words of encouragement, beautiful cards (some even homemade), emails, gifts, Christian fellowship, meals, presents, presence, and too much more to list. I feel God's love and very presence from all of you. Thank you with love and sincere appreciation.

Donna Robb

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOR SALE:** 10-cup coffee pot in box, \$5.00. Sonic ice maker, makes small ice cubes, \$50. Toaster oven, used one time, in box, \$20. Air fryer, never used, in box, \$40. Call 689-252-1786.\*\*

**IN SEARCH OF:** Large or small portable DVD player, 9" screen would be okay. Contact Kathy Kessel at 386-678-1082 or 658-3333.\*\*

**FREE:** Duracell hearing aid batteries #312. I have seven 8-packs from Amazon and new aids don't take them. Take some or all. Call 865-441-5380.\*\*

**IN SEARCH OF:** A portable gas generator, small enough to ride on the back deck of a golf cart. Will be used to power tools for maintaining the Village golf cart trails in the woods. Contact Dale at 520-780-6725.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** New electric lift chair for \$200, and a new electric sooter with loading ramp for \$2000 that a GSC resident is selling. Please contact Tommy Combass at 850-464-3290 for more information.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Ryobi portable gasoline-powered generator, 6500 running watts, 8125 starting watts. Excellent condition. Call Earl Skidmore at 304-268-5589.\*

**FOR SALE:** Like-new bicycle, kept inside, 26" woman's huffy wide tires, \$99. Call Ninan at 386-688-6610.\*

 **Remember to Wave** 

Prices effective 5/01-5/07



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

## GROCERY

Ragu Traditional Pasta Sauce	24 oz.	\$ 4.20
Del Monte Mixed Fruit	4 pk.	\$ 4.00
Campbell's Pork and Beans	11 oz.	\$ 1.00
Knorr Vegetable Dip Mix	1.4 oz.	\$ 1.50
Triscuit Originals	8.5 oz.	\$ 5.80
8.5 oz. Insulated Cups	51 ct.	\$ 5.00
Mt. Olive Kosher Dill	16 oz.	\$ 5.50
8 pk. Powerade Sports Drink	20 oz.	\$ 6.00

## DAIRY

Simply Orange Juice	46 oz.	\$ 5.70
Daisy Sour Cream	14 oz.	\$ 3.20

## PRODUCE

Yellow Onions	per lb.	\$ 1.29
Fresh Lemons	2 for	\$ 1.00

## FROZEN

IGA Texas Cheese Toast	13 oz.	\$ 4.00
Banquet Family Size Dinners	26 oz.	\$ 5.70

## MEAT

Whole Chicken	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Boneless Beef Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 8.00
Lean Baby Back Ribs	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Boar's Head Thick Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 5.50
Oscar Meyer Beef Franks	15 oz.	\$ 6.30
Legacy Shrimp Steamers	10 oz.	\$ 7.50

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Cheddar Cheese — \$7.50 per lb.

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

Full chicken \$7.00, Half chicken \$4.00

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

## This Week's Verse

Anxious hearts are very heavy  
but a word of encouragement does wonders!

Proverbs 12:23

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

ACV TELEPHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please complete the form below and return to the Information Center by **May 27, 2026**. You may drop it off, send it through Village mail to PO Box 4304 (mailing the form on campus requires no postage), or send the information via email to [cnoble@acvillage.net](mailto:cnoble@acvillage.net). **Please complete this information even if you believe there have been no changes.**

☞ **If you'd rather type in the information, visit [acvmembers.net/directoryupdate](http://acvmembers.net/directoryupdate)**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you want it/them to appear in the directory)

Landline Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (his if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (hers if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

911 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Building/Area/Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment Number \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Email (his if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (hers if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

If you email your information, **please indicate whether you want your email address listed in the directory. If you do not list an e-mail, and I have one already listed, it will be removed.**

Please do **NOT** call the IC with any information.

Thank you for your help in making sure we have the correct information for our directory. The ACV Telephone Directory is free to all ACV members and Village Church members. Non-members can be added to the directory for a fee of \$8.00.

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN  
ACV'S PRIVATE ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORIES  
UNLESS YOU INDICATE OTHERWISE BELOW**

**Remove me completely** from ACV's private online photo directories. I understand this means I will not be included in ACV's photo directory app, the ACV Members app photo directory, nor the printed photo directory.

If you'd like to be included, you may indicate any specific information you'd like EXCLUDED from the online photo directories:

- Landline number\*
- 911 street address
- Email address(es)\*\*
- Cellphone number(s)\*
- Mailing address

\*Currently in the Member app, you can either show both numbers or neither number.  
\*\*You must have an email address included in your online listing to access the directories, but the address can be hidden from view. Simply note this preference above.

**May 1–8, 2026**

**FRIDAY, 5/1**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Torpedo Coconut Shrimp, Pepperoni Lasagna, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Mixed Greens, GF Yellow Squash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 5/2**

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Potato Salad, Brownie à la Mode, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 5/3**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, BBQ Pork Loin Ribs, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Green Beans, Carrots, Roasted Squash, Salad, Fried Apples, Potatoes au Gratin Soufflé, Macaroni and Cheese
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 5/4**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Split Pea with Ham
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Italian Sandwich on a Hoagie Roll, Ham Salad Sandwich on a Croissant with Chips, Chicken Livers
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Peas and Carrots, Three Bean Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 5/5**

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$2.75 Soup:** Garden Vegetable
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Rotisserie Chicken Breast, Country Fried Steak
- \$1.40 Sides:** Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

May 1—8, 2026

## WEDNESDAY, 5/6

**\$2.75**     **Soup:** Cook's Choice

**\$6.95**     **Entrées:** Spaghetti with Turkey Meat Sauce, Fried Chicken

**\$1.40**     **Sides:** Cabbage, Malibu Vegetable Blend (Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Orange and Yellow Carrots), Cold Salads, Bake Potato, GF Pasta, Spaghetti Noodles

**\$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 5/7

**\$6.95**     **Entrées:** Hawaiian Huli Chicken, Sweet Pineapple Chili Meatballs

**\$1.40**     **Sides:** Hawaiian Luau Rice, Capri Vegetable Blend, Hawaiian Fruit Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Hawaiian Luau Rice, Sweet Potato Soufflé

**\$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

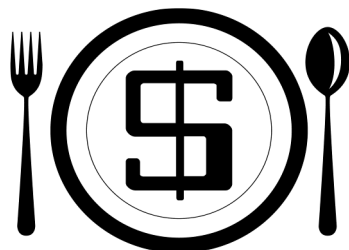
## FRIDAY, 5/8

**\$2.75**     **Soup:** Lobster Bisque

**\$6.95**     **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish; GF Garlic Butter Shrimp; Rice, Beans and Cheese Taco Casserole; Fried Catfish

**\$1.40**     **Sides:** Mixed Greens, Chuck Wagon Corn, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits

**\$3.00**     **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



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

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



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Split Pea with Ham

Friday, May 1

Lunch only: Top Round of Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt,  
with a Choice of Side, \$14.95

All day: One Crabcake, Confetti Rice, and  
Garlic Spinach, \$18.95; Two Crabcakes, \$21.95

Saturday, May 2

Lunch only: Crispy Chicken Cutlet on a Brioche Bun with  
Lettuce and Tomato and a Choice of Side, \$12.95

All day: Sweet and Sour Chicken, White Rice,  
and Two Veggie Spring Rolls, \$17.95



**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm



**658-5259**

**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm

# May

**Copeland Community Center – (386) 658-5555**

**Monday–Friday, 6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. & Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**

## Indoor Pool Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:00	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
8:00–8:30		Open Swim		Open Swim		
9:30–10:20	Aquafit (Kristie)		Aquafit (Kristie)		Water Aerobics (No instructor)	
10:30- 11:00	Aqua Gentle Flow (Kristie)		Aqua Gentle Flow (Kristie)		Aquatone for Arthritis (No instructor)	
11:00–12:00	Open Swim		Open Swim		Open Swim	
12:00–2:30		Open Swim		Open Swim		
2:30–3:00						
3:00–5:00		Water Volleyball		Water Volleyball		

## Multipurpose Room Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:30	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
8:30–9:15	Walk & Stretch (Kristie)	Stretching with Joyce Berra (DVD)	Zumba Gold (Kristie)	Stretching with Joyce Berra (DVD)		
9:15–5:00	Open	Open	Open	Open		

\*Call 658-5555 to inquire about using the Multipurpose Room during unscheduled times.

# Copeland Community Center

## WATER ACTIVITIES

**AQUAFIT:** Get your heart pumping with this fun, energizing, full-body water workout! Aquafit is a moderate-paced class designed to improve cardiovascular endurance, strength, and overall fitness while being gentle on the joints.

**AQUA GENTLE FLOW:** Move with ease in this calming, low-impact water class designed to improve flexibility, joint mobility, and overall comfort in your body. Aqua Gentle Flow uses slow, controlled movements in the water to support range of motion, reduce stiffness, and promote relaxation — making it ideal for all fitness levels, especially those with arthritis, joint concerns, or anyone looking for a soothing workout.

**JACUZZI:** Water temperature ranges from 100–110 degrees. Please limit time to 15 minutes per session. No children 5 and under. Please observe posted rules.

**LAP SWIMMING:** Lap swimming is excellent exercise for toning and strengthening the entire body. It is also great for your heart! Lap swimmers have priority during designated times; check the front side for lap swim times. 88 lengths = 1 mile.

**WATER VOLLEYBALL:** This group plays every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 p.m. You do not need to join a team; just come! If you are 18 or older, come join us! We need all the help we can get! Copeland membership is required.

## WEIGHT ROOM

**FITNESS BASICS:** Copeland Community Center staff is available to assist members with the machines in the exercise room. If you are interested, please call the CCC at 658-5555.

## WALKING

**1¼ LOOP:** Start at Copeland — end at Copeland. This great beginner's trail is well marked for you.

## SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard is a game played by pushing a disk with a long-handled cue over a marked court. The Copeland Community Center has a great shuffleboard court available for you to use any time we are open! Come on in to the front desk and ask us about it!

## TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

Table Tennis helps you build strength and coordination, and it sharpens your brain without risking serious injury. It is a fun and easy way to burn calories and enjoy social time.



## Monday & Friday, 8:00–11:00 a.m.

Played on the court located near Keepers Cottage, Polk Ceramics Shop and Watkins Hobby Shop. In inclement weather (cold, windy or rainy) this team plays in the Camp Suwannee Pavilion.

## Wednesday, 8:00–11:00 a.m.

The pickleball team travels into Live Oak and plays at the Suwannee County Coliseum.

## Contact

Cindy Hett (658-2683) or CCC (658-5555)

Pickleball is a racquet sport for all age groups and levels. It combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Come out and watch, or join in the fun!

## EXERCISE by VIDEO

**EXERCISE WITH SHIRLEY on TV2:** Exercises are done seated or standing by a chair for support. If you are just beginning an exercise program, or if you are recovering, this is a great class to try! Airs Monday–Friday at 2:00 p.m.

**SIT AND BE FIT on TV2:** An exercise program designed by registered nurse Mary Ann Wilson for older adults and physically limited individuals, focusing on strengthening, stretching, and improving functional fitness from a seated position. Airs Monday–Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**STRETCHING WITH JOYCE BERRA on DVD:** Stretch and strengthen your body, release tension, and ease your mind! This is a gentle class that focuses on posture, breathing and relaxation. Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room at CCC.

## TENNIS

Tennis strengthens the body, sharpens the mind, and relieves stress. It improves endurance, coordination, and focus while offering a fun, social way to stay active at any age. Call the Copeland Community Center at 658-5555 to schedule a game.

## BOCCE

Bocce is an Italian lawn-bowl-like game where players, often in teams, throw large bocce balls to get closer to a smaller target ball called a pallino or pino. See the CCC front desk for more information.