ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064 **"Where People Enjoy Living"**

"The mission of Advent Christian Village, Inc. is to express Christ's love by providing compassionate care and quality comprehensive services for senior adults, families with special needs, and children, in a secure, supportive residential setting and in the surrounding communities."

MAY 12, 2023

Need help over the weekend? Call the Information Center at 658-3333.

Friday	5/12	**9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**	**Veterans' Services—Member Services**
		10:00 a.m.	*Bible Study—VC Room 5*
		1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club for Beginners—OPR
		2:00 p.m.	Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	5/13	**8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**	**Market Day—VS**
		8:30 a.m.	**Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR**
		8:30 a.m.	***Men's Fellowship Breakfast—OPR***
Sunday	5/14	**Happy Mother's Day!**	
		9:40 a.m.	*Worship Service—VC*
		11:00 a.m.	*Sunday School for All Ages*
		2:00 p.m.	Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby
		6:00 p.m.	***Mother's Day Program—VC***
Monday	5/15	1:30 p.m.	VCBI: How Do I Fix the Church?—VC Room 5
		2:00–4:00 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS
		3:00 p.m.	**Shutterbug Camera Club—OPR**
Tuesday	5/16	*8:30 a.m.*	*Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5*
		11:30 & 11:45 a.m.	**Bus Trip: Valdosta Cinemas—DH & Lake Aquilla**
		12:00 noon	**Garden Club—SMR/DR**
		1:30 p.m.	*Voice of the Martyrs—OPR*
		6:00 p.m.	**SongFarmers—SMR/DR**
Wednesday	5/17	**Village Cashier's office is closed today.**	
		8:45–9:00 a.m.	Bus Tip: Walmart—CH & DH
		9:00–11:00 a.m.	Ceramics Shop Elves—PCS
		10:00 a.m.	VCBI: Fellowship with Jesus in His Temples—VC Room 5
		11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	**Community Shred-It Event—VS**
		1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club—OPR
		1:15 & 1:30 p.m.	**Bus Trip: Save A Lot—CH & DH**
		6:00 p.m.	*Prayer Meeting—BC*
Thursday	5/18	**Village Cashier's office is closed today.**	
		9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC
		2:00 p.m.	**Membership Association Meeting—RDR**
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BA	Butterfield Acres	DH	Dowling House	IC	Information Center	RDR	Rumph Dining Room
BC	Bixler Chapel	DM	Dacier Manor	JKPL	Jo Kennon Public Library	RV	Smith Riverview Apartments
CH	Carter House	DMA	Dowling Manor	KC	Keepers Cottage	RW	Riverwoods
CCC	Copeland Community Center	DR	Depot Room	OPR	Old Pavilion Room	SMR	Sawmill Room
CMC	Copeland Medical Center	ET	Edgewood Terrace	PCS	Polk Ceramics Shop	VC	The Village Church
CT/MT	Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace	GSC	Good Samaritan Center	POP	Park of the Pines	VS	Village Square

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Barricklow, who was a resident of GSC, died May 7. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Martha Gaskins, who was a resident of GSC, died May 6. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

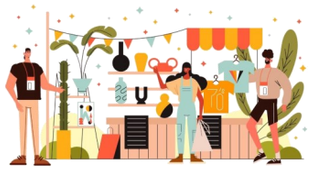
NEW MEMBERS

Verdell Smith of California has moved to RV. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4621.

ACV EVENTS

SUWANNEE COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE
Fridays, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Member Services

Suwannee County Veterans' Service Officer (CVSO) Lee Abersold will be in the Member Services Conference Room from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each Friday beginning, May 12, to discuss VA benefits. This is a new schedule to better serve ACV's and the surrounding community's veterans. He is also available by phone at 364-3403.



MARKET DAY RETURNS!
Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Village Square

A Market Day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 13, at the VS. If you have wares you would like to sell, you may reserve a space by calling the Village Lodge at 658-5200. Spaces are $15 each. The cost to rent a table is $10, and chair rental is $2.00 each. For more information, contact the Village Lodge.

LADIES' BREAKFAST
Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. in SMR/DR. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Phipps. Barbara and her husband, Rick, were missionaries for over 25 years in Japan. She will share her heart with us. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

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, May 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. Our guest speaker will be ACV and VC member Errol Gillette, who will share his testimony and some life experiences.

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!

SHUTTERBUG CAMERA CLUB
Monday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. - OPR

The Shutterbug Camera Club will meet on Monday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the OPR. All persons interested in the club need to attend so we can discuss the future of the club. Bring your photos for sharing with all of us. Also bring any questions or problems with photography or cameras. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please contact Gary Kueppers at 658-6442 or gkuep1945@windstream.net with any questions about the club or meeting.

BUS TRIP: LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!
Tuesday, May 16
11:30 a.m. - DH & 11:45 a.m. - Lake Aquilla
Bus: $8.00 members, $14.00 non-members

A trip to the Valdosta Cinemas GTC movie theater in Valdosta, Georgia, has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. The bus will leave DH at 11:30 a.m. and Lake Aquilla at 11:45 a.m., and arrive at the theater at about 12:45 p.m. The two movies of focus, both of which begin at 1:15, are *Book Club: The Next Chapter* starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen; and *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret,* based on the 1970 middle-grade novel by Judy Blume. Tickets are $6.00 per person.

Following the movies, the bus will stop at Big Nick's BBQ, Soul Food and Wings for supper before returning to ACV. The IC will collect the bus fee ($8.00 for members and $14 for non-members), but each rider is responsible for their own ticket and food.

COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT
Wednesday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Village Square

Shred-it will be at the VS from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. 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.

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. - RDR

All ACV members are encouraged to attend the next monthly Membership Association meeting, which will be held Thursday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. in RDR. (Please note the change in time and place. This will be a permanent change until further notice.) The guest speaker will be Suwannee County Spay and Neuter Representative Cassie Branske, who partners with the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office/Animal Services Division. Ms. Branske will talk about the feral cat issues in the county, the Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) program in the county, and how ACV's program has been successful in reducing the feral cat population in our area. She will also talk about caring for your dog in a community like ACV. Please join us to learn more about these topics.

BUS TRIP: GAINESVILLE MUSEUMS
Friday, May 19
9:00 a.m. - DH & 9:15 a.m. - Lake Aquilla
Bus: $9.00 members, $16 non-members

Hop on board the ACV trip bus for an easy ride south to Gainesville. The first stop will be to Butler Town Center for an early lunch. There are a plethora of choices ranging from Taco Bell to 4 Rivers Smokehouse to Cheesecake Factory. Following lunch, the bus will drop everyone off at the Florida Museum of Natural History and/or the Harn Museum of Art (they are next door and an easy walking distance to each other). General admission to both museums (separately) is free (they do accept donations). The Museum of Natural History is the home of the famous Butterfly Rainforest, and they charge $14 for that exhibit ($12.50 for Florida residents with ID).

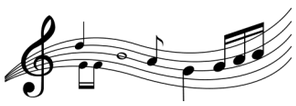
They also have a limited-time, separate Spiders Alive exhibit right now, and a ticket to that is $8.00 ($7.50 for Florida residents). When everyone's ready to leave, the bus will make a final stop back at Butler Town Center for a sweet treat from Kilwins before heading home. All passengers will be responsible for their own money for food and any desired exhibit upcharges. Bus cost is $9.00 for members and $16 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK ARTIST SERIES: GAINESVILLE POPS
Saturday, May 20, 3:00 p.m. - VC

ACV favorite, the Gainesville Pops, is a performing wind ensemble comprised of professional musicians, music educators, and serious hobbyists — all from the Gainesville, Florida, area. This group was conceived to provide an enhanced opportunity for musicians to perform and entertain at a high musical level. This ensemble works together to promote musical excellence and enhance the overall entertainment value of the group, and to ensure a professional presence and presentation of the music.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event, as space allows, for $18 (ACV member) and $24 (non-member).

SAFE MOBILITY FOR LIFE WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. - SMR/DR

Attend this hour-long workshop to learn how to achieve safe mobility for life. The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition will help attendees understand the impact aging has on driving, help them be proactive about safe driving skills, and help them plan for a safe transition from driving. This is not the Driver Safety Course from AARP.

GRACE HARMONY CONCERT
Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m. - VC

As Christian singers/songwriters, Mike and Sue Filisky have been singing for Jesus since they were young children, but in 2001, they began singing as Grace Harmony in a ministerial capacity, offering hope and encouragement through their music to others. In 2003, having resigned from their careers to work for the Lord in a full-time capacity, they started their annual Journey for Jesus. "Our music is our testimony of faith and trust in God and has a unique style all its own; an easy-to-listen-to sound with deep, spiritual, Bible-based lyrics that come straight from our hearts." Grace Harmony will be here at the VC on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. with their Journey for Jesus Christian Music Ministry. A love offering will be thankfully accepted.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP
Thursday, May 25, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

Being a caregiver for a loved one with dementia can be a huge commitment along with many struggles. Come meet, share and listen to others that share the same challenges.

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.

BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO ROY'S RESTAURANT
Thursday, May 25
3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - Lake Aquilla
Bus: $5.00 members, $9.00 non-members

Thursday, May 25, the trip bus will be going to Roy's Restaurant in Steinhatchee, Florida. Roy's Restaurant is located on the banks of the Steinhatchee River overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. They serve salads, sandwiches, seafood and steaks ranging form $7.00 to $36. They also advertise an $8.99 salad bar. Bus cost is $5.00 for members and $9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

HEARTHSTONE GARDENS WORKSHOPS
3300 134th Place, Wellborn, FL 32094
hearthstonegardens.org

- **Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. — Stepping Stones** — Bring cake pans or other pans to use for forms as well as gloves and any items like beads, shells and/or glass to customize your stones. $15.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!
Daniel O'Donnell Show
Easy listening, folk, country, gospel
Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m. - OPR

Please join us to sing along with this charismatic Irish singer! After rising to public attention in 1983, Daniel O'Donnell has since become a household name in Ireland, Britain and Australia. He also has a lot of dedicated fans here in the U.S., performing in many states — regularly in Iowa, Missouri and Tennessee. He sold over 10 million records to date, and his audiences consist mainly of elders. He is known for his close relationship with his fans. Come and watch this very entertaining show with good old songs, dedicated also to mothers! Everyone is welcome! See you Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR!

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG
May 11–13 - `Dosta Playhouse

This hilarious comedy presented by Theatre Guild Valdosta takes place in the historic `Dosta Playhouse, 122 N Ashley Street, in downtown Valdosta, Georgia. For ticket information, visit theatreguildvaldosta.com or call (229) 247-8243.

LADIES RETREAT
Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.
Beachville Advent Christian Church

"Choose Joy", a one-day ladies retreat, will be held on June 24 at Beachville Advent Christian Church. Ladies will be reminded that God's plans for our lives are full of purpose, and we can have joy even when our circumstances are challenging or different from what we imagined. Our lives can shine in this world of darkness. Come be encouraged and bring a friend, too.

The one-day retreat begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Leesa Gonzalez, with worship and praise led by Beth Johnston. A catered lunch will be provided. You may contact Jackie at (352) 812-6622 to RSVP, or you may RSVP by going to the Beachville Advent Christian Church Facebook page. The Church's number is (386) 935-0723, and its address is 24815 CR 49, O'Brien, Florida.

JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY
386-658-2670
Website: srrlib.org
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Monday, Wednesday–Friday 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

The JKPL will be closed on May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Star Wars Movie Mondays

On May 15 we will continue the fight against the "dark side" with *The Empire Strikes Back*. Join us at 3:00 p.m. to watch the movie that many believe is the best in the Star Wars saga. This second movie in the Star Wars trilogy was released in 1980 and has a cast of some of the most iconic characters on screen. The movie runs approximately two hours. All attendees will receive free popcorn and bottled water.

- May 15, 3:00, *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*
- May 22, 3:00, *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*

SongFarmers

On May 16, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., join SongFarmers in the SMR/DR for a relaxing evening of great, multi-genre music! These talented musicians also welcome guests to join them to play a tune or sing a song. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy great entertainment close to home!

As the Page Turns Book Club

Forever Island and Allapattah by Patrick D. Smith is a book club selection that contains two different stories of Seminole men living in the Florida Everglades. Although the men differ greatly in age, both are caught in a struggle to defend a land and way of life that they love. They are fighting the businesses that would damage the environment and, as a result, their heritage and culture. Grab your copy of Smith's book and get ready to discuss their stories.

The Space Race on Display

The glass display case and surrounding area is featuring an impressive collection of rare signed photographs of space race era astronauts. Also on display is an original newspaper announcing the historic event, "Man Walks on the Moon". Several additional pictures and lithographs complete the display. Many thanks to John Nicely for loaning these pieces of history to enhance our space theme for May.

Check It Out

JKPL would like to encourage you to come in and take a look at the many programs that are available. Some, like the seed library and spice of the month, have existed for some time, but others, like the book swap rack, are just beginning. For those of you that prefer to get out and enjoy nature, we have access to Citizen Science kits on various topics. These kits include all the tools and information that you need to explore your environment. Come in and see if any suit you, and while you are here, check out a book, magazine or movie!

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Do you need advice or assistance in navigating your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On May 22, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. No need to struggle through on your own, come in and ask the experts. No need for an appointment; walk-ins are always welcome!

Tai Chi at the JKPL

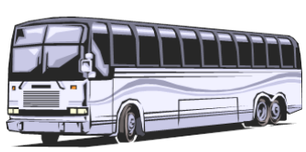
Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in the upcoming Tai Chi program. The classes are full and no longer accepting participants. Be on the lookout for future sessions later this summer or in early fall.

Starbooks Café Topic of the Week:

Describe your closest experience with your own death.

Weekly and Monthly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30–11:00 a.m.
Preschool Storytime	Wednesdays	9:00–10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00–4:30 p.m.
Player vs. Player Gaming	Fridays	4:00–5:00 p.m
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon



BUS TRIPS

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 Member Services at 658-5400.

If you ride to town to shop one week, expect to be put on the waiting list if you sign up again the very next week to give those who did not go the week before priority.

Please remember to bring your own bags to Walmart, Publix and Save A Lot to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

- **May 17, Wednesday a.m.** — Walmart — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **May 17, Wednesday p.m.** — Save A Lot — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Save A Lot at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 24, Wednesday a.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **May 24, Wednesday p.m.** — Walmart — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **May 31, Wednesday** — Fifth Wednesday special shopping trip to Perry. Leave from CH at 8:45 a.m. and from DH at 9:00 a.m. Return to the Village in the afternoon.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

May 16 — Valdosta Cinemas and Big Nick's BBQ
May 19 — Gainesville Museums
May 25 — Dine-Out to Roy's Restaurant
May 31 — 5th Wednesday Shopping to Perry

BUS TRIP:
5TH WEDNESDAY SHOPPING IN PERRY
Wednesday, May 31
8:45 a.m. - CH & 9:00 a.m. - DH
Bus: Free for members, $11 non-members

On the fifth Wednesday of months that have one, the schedule deviates from the regular Wednesday shopping schedule to include other stores. On May 31, the fifth Wednesday of November, we will be shopping in Perry. We will visit stores such as Walmart, Dollar Tree, and Goodwill. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Perry restaurant (most likely C&J Buffet). The bus will depart CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Sign up at the IC. There is no charge to members for this trip; non-members must pay $11.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

SERMON: "Contentment"
TEXT: Psalm 131:1–3; Phil. 4:10–13 NIV 1984
SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The following VC events are happening this week:

Friday, May 12
10:00 a.m. (new time) — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (VC Room 5)

Saturday, May 13
8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

Sunday, May 14
9:40 a.m. — Worship Service
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School
4:00 p.m. — Regeneration
6:00 p.m. — Mother's Day Program (VC); Ice Cream Social (RDR)

Monday, May 15
1:30 p.m. — VCBI Bible Study (VC Room 5)

Tuesday, May 16
8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (VC Room 5)

Wednesday, May 17
10:00 a.m. — VCBI, Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)
6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Friday, May 19
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)

Upcoming Events:
Grad Night for Hunter Vann — May 21

Memorial Day Picnic — May 28, 12:00 noon, at the Camp Suwannee pavilion

VILLAGE CASHIER
Lynn Mabey–386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Wednesday–Friday, May 17–19. If you have a financial emergency on one of those days, please call the Finance Department at 658-5450.

DINING SERVICES
Arlene Yow–386-658-5260

The Sunday buffet lunch in RDR is now open 30 minutes longer, which also affects when the Lopin' Gopher opens. The following are the Sunday afternoon and evening hours; please take note:

Sunday RDR lunch hours:
10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Sunday Lopin' Gopher supper hours:
3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

MEMBER SERVICES
James Sutter–386-658-5400

This Sunday is Mother's Day. For many, this is a wonderful holiday full of happy memories and showers of love from your children. For many others, however, enduring the day is difficult. Some have lost their mothers, who they miss deeply. Some have lost children. Some have never been mothers for a variety of reasons, despite their desire. And for some, motherhood was not what they were expecting, and they were left with scars. To those of you who are grieving this Mother's Day: I'm sorry for your loss. Loss isn't something you get over; it's something you try to learn to live with. It's something else that becomes a part of you. And grief isn't wrong; it isn't bad. Grief serves a purpose; it is a product — proof — of love. If you are feeling especially lost this Sunday, I encourage you to reach out to someone who makes you feel safe. Talk about who you lost or who you never got to know. Seek a way to talk about it in a healthy way. Share precious memories. Talk about how God may have used your circumstance for His glory. Dwelling on negative feelings will not help you or your confidant. If the pain is too deep to talk about, ask your friend if the two of you can simply do non-Mother's Day activities together. You don't need to feel ashamed that Mother's Day isn't a happy day for you. You're not alone.

Member Services Tip of the Week

As you head out of town for your summer travels, don't forget to stop by Carter Village Hall to pick up copies of marketing materials to share with those you see in your travels. Remember, as Craig Carter says, "Let's not keep ACV in Dowling Park the best-kept secret in north Florida." Also, if someone you refer takes a tour and moves in and lists you on their application as their referrer, you will receive a monetary thank you from ACV.

Scam Tip of the Week: Utility Scams

Imposters claim to be from one of the utilities in Florida and threaten to turn off the power, gas or water unless a payment is made. Should you receive such a call, hang up and contact your utility provider using the phone number that appears on your bill to determine the status of your account. Report any fraudulent utilities calls to your utility provider.

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

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Please remember to submit your volunteer hours using the blue Volunteer Hour Reports.

From Bags to Beds

From Verna Piper: I need your help in order to continue this project. Folding 500 bags by myself is not the best use of my time. If you have any interest in this, please consider donating an hour or more of your time this Friday afternoon. My home will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 for you to drop in and help. Stay an hour, come or leave when you want, or stay all afternoon; your choice. That's 11052 Dowling Park Drive in Taylor Commons.

CLUB 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 Dottie Stone by noon on Monday at 352-316-5161. If you cannot reach Dottie, call Betty Driggers at 658-1043. We really need more players for back-up of regulars.

Congratulations to our April 26 winners: 1st high, Linda Gessler, and 2nd high, Betty Driggers.

GARDEN CLUB
Sandra Kelly, Reporter

Plants, plants and more plants will be available at the Garden Club plant sale on May 13, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. We have lots of thornless blackberry plants. Some already have berries on them. Have you ever heard of Society garlic? We have some. Do you want tomato or cabbage plants? We have some. Do you enjoy seeing the beautiful amaryllis blossoms? We have the plants. Do you want a hanging basket or some peppermint? We have it. Sunflower plants, Christmas cactus, sweet basil, or salvia? We have the plants!

Come by the Garden Club table at Market Day to see the varieties of growing things that you might want for your enjoyment. Come early! Some plants are in limited amounts. And, THE PRICE IS RIGHT!

HIDDEN GARDEN FRIENDS
Janna Shamlaty, Reporter

Thanks to Liz Reynolds, we now have a number of monarch and queen caterpillars in the butterfly display near the RV mailboxes. Check daily to see if butterflies have emerged. (They have to be released the same afternoon.)

We are in need of parsley and dill plants that have been grown without insecticides. If we get enough, we can continue the butterfly display through the summer. If you can donate those plants, or if you can do some occasional, light care, please call Janna Shamlaty at (352) 226-5500.

VILLAGE LIBRARY
Monday–Friday
10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.
Brenda Reas, Reporter

We are open in our new location to ACV members and staff. 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 has been moved down the hall closer to the IC and the library (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

The computers still do not have internet access, but the one connected to the printer can be used as a workstation. To use the computer lab when the library is closed, you must check out the key from the IC. Please, again, have your ID available.

VILLAGE VOICES
Nancy Seale, Reporter

Greetings to you, the readers of this column. It's May! I cannot believe it. There is no way that it can possibly be May. Where in the world did April go? Along those same lines, what about February and March?

If you are a regular reader of your FNN and of this column, you know that the theme for the 2023 edition of *Village Voices* is "Strength and Courage". It's my hope that you know this little tidbit of information. I am always thinking of ways to inspire you, the readers, to get on board the "*Village Voices* train".

This week I had a paradoxical "strength and courage" thought that really caused me to slow down and ponder. It did not take long for my brain to begin to short circuit. How could it be that I had never considered this before?

∞ *At the Village Square* ∞

After enjoying a delicious lunch at River Landing Bistro, why not stop in at the three VS shops? Burn a few calories by browsing the great new, gently used, and handmade items for sale.

Riverside Gifts

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Have you chosen that special card to express your gratitude to your mother, wife, grandmother, or adult daughter? There are also beautiful gifts in a variety of prices. Check out the new jewelry that has just arrived.

As the school year draws to a close, consider gifting teachers with a card and book to show your appreciation for the hard work they do. There is a nice selection of Florida-themed books to encourage the teachers to rest.

The newest release from Christian suspense authors Diane and David Munson is now available. *Justice Assured* is an exciting and wholesome suspense set partly on a timber farm in northern Florida and includes action in Panama City, Tallahassee, and Suwannee County. This Saturday, the Munsons will be signing copies of *Justice Assured* in front of Riverside Gifts. Stop by to chat with them and purchase this great book.

A "flock" of hen and chicks succulents is now in stock. The larger plant is the hen, and the babies are the chicks. These are easy to maintain inside. When you purchase this plant, you will be given instructions for care.

Open Monday–Friday from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Rustic Shop

When you are looking for a unique card to send, check out the new selection on display here! These cards are hand-painted artisan notecards. No two are the same so not only are you sending your sentiments, but a gift as well.

A new collection of Southwest items is now available for purchase. There are small- to medium-sized statues, cloth coasters, detailed turquoise jewelry, and leather barrettes with their stick. All are authentic in design and color.

Don't forget to update your kitchen with great hanging towels. The Rustic Shop has plenty of these handmade towels that come in a variety of designs.

Open Monday–Friday from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Twice Nice Shop

June means weddings, and what better place to shop? There are two wedding gowns on display, and I'm told that the price is negotiable. Also check out the beautiful dresses for wedding attendees.

There is a small selection of brand-new clothing with the labels still attached. They have been marked half their original price.

If you are looking for a casual sleep or work shirt, check out the t-shirts in the men's section. There are many sizes and colors available at very reasonable prices.

A large donation of cookbooks has arrived in the Book Nook. There are also more new puzzles just waiting for you to get started on as our weather gets hotter and staying inside is preferable.

Open Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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I usually think of strength and courage being needed to accomplish a task or feat. My new-fangled thought threw me for a loop. This time I thought of all the times those two traits have kept me safe from myself or from doing or saying something that I would regret later. Like the time recently I wanted to go hang gliding off of Lookout Mountain. Or trying to swim across the Suwannee River and back, like I did 50 years ago. Or the times I want to solve a problem that is not mine to solve.

So now, I put this bee in your bonnet or cap so that you can think of ways that you have utilized these traits in situations where inactivity was the better option. Strength and courage can be needed to accomplish an activity. They are also necessary in accomplishing inactivity, thus keeping you from acting.

Hoping this "new-fangled thought" will start your brain going down a different path that will result in a time when "I remember the time when I did not … because I had the strength and courage not to."

The submission envelope is on the counter in Member Services awaiting your submission. You may also email me at basketcasenan51@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

Yeah, yeah, yeah, so I missed a week in reporting to you fine folks. I apologize, however, I was so busy getting ready for our potluck and the garage sale that I didn't know which direction I was going in, and the time just slipped away. Again I apologize and hope it doesn't happen again.

I feel our potluck was a great success even though the computer hook up to the speakers would not cooperate. I believe everyone had a good time and enjoyed all the food, especially the pulled pork. Thanks to Arlene and Dining Services for a delicious meal. Thank you to all our members who participated and especially to Carroll and Carlene Polk for taking charge and to Steve Reas who worked so hard to get the entertainment hooked up. I am not going any further with names of folks that helped for fear I will omit someone. I'll just say a BIG thank you to everybody.

If anyone out there ever hears me say I am having another garage sale, please call the first responders and have me committed. This past one just about did me in with all the preparation. Barbara told me just to call Larry and have him pick it all up and be done with it. Men, why don't we listen to our wives?

There are three good things that came out of it, however. One, I got the man cave emptied out; two, I have a lot more room to now organize things; and three, I made $300! God is good all the time because yesterday our dish washer died, and the $300 came in real handy towards the new one. They have not told us yet when it will be delivered and installed, but I'm hoping it is real soon; doing dishes is NOT our favorite past time.

I want to thank all our friends and neighbors who stopped by and relieved me of our treasures. Would you believe I have to borrow Alan Smith's little cart trailer to take the leftovers to the thrift shop? I refuse to put it back in the shed! God has blessed us so much now that we have moved to BA. We now have a "he shed" and a "she shed". That translates into more places to store stuff!

Don't you just hate it when you are told to press for English, and they transfer you to someone you can't understand? I really get upset when I can't figure out how to operate my iPad, and my tech support person is already asleep. (He is five, and it is past his bedtime.) I have found that today three-year-olds can switch on a laptop and open their favorite apps. Heck when I was three, I was eating mud! My therapist told me my people skills are just fine, it's my tolerance for idiots that I need to work on!

Good news: One of our very own, Eli Nissley, has graduated with an associate's degree in theater and entertainment technology from Santa Fe College in Gainesville. Upon graduation he landed a part-time po-

sition in the summer stock theater with *The Stephen Foster Story* in Bardstown, Kentucky. What, you have never heard of Bardstown? I'll just bet no one in Bardstown has ever heard of Dowling Park, either. I just can't help but think how great our God was at providing this position for such a deserving kid that hails from north central Florida, the home of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.

Congratulations to the entire Nissley family and especially Eli, the new, bright and upcoming star of entertainment. May God continue to bless and protect you all. And that includes you too, "Grandma Nancy"!

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever so smooth and dust free 102nd Trail in BA: Share the love of Jesus with all you know, let His love shine through you, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless!

CARTER HOUSE
Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have no anniversaries, but five birthdays to celebrate this upcoming week. We extend very happy birthday wishes to Jeanette "JJ" Parrish on the 14th; Gloria Keller on the 15th; Diane Starke on the 17th; Janet Pinder on the 18th; and our main anchor at the front desk, Charles Johnson, on the 19th. "Another adventure-filled year awaits you. Welcome it by celebrating your birthday with pomp and splendor. Wishing you [all] a very happy and fun-filled birthday" (shutterfly.com)!

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and in recovery from surgeries or treatments as they are restricted in their activities. Special prayers going out to Moe Krause and Kathy Groves as they continue to recover.

Hot weather is here, and that means we should be careful as wildfire season has arrived. It is also the time of year that our wildlife are active, and it is mating season for alligators through June. Be careful where you wander or hike and with your companion animals (more on that next week).

We are all excited to see the new flooring that has gone down in the lobby: beautiful vinyl plank flooring combined with carpeting. I know we are all excited for the day when the entire downstairs will be completed. Hopefully, every floor gets refreshed. Let's remember to be careful about keeping it clean. If you spill anything, please clean up after yourself or ask the front desk to get you help. If it is after regular business hours, call the IC to get help in getting it taken care of. No one will be more pleased than your neighbors to know you are taking responsibility for an accident and getting it taken care of. "Leave footprints of love and kindness wherever you go" (unknown).

The campus was buzzing with folks out and about during the Village-Wide Yard Sale this past weekend. Lots of goodies, both new and used, were found by many buyers, and sellers felt good about selling or recycling some of their favorite items.

"Aloha!" to all! Please remember to wave and be respectful of all our 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!

"Father, please make my days useful, my nights restful, my home peaceful and my efforts fruitful. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen" (unknown).

Pen Pal Program

More senior pen pals are needed for next school year! There are approximately 10 more children expected to be enrolled at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch school this coming August. Please contact me (Monica Serlick) at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back. New senior pen pals will need to complete a form and return it as soon as possible.

School is coming to a close, and I would like to remind everyone that many of the pen pals at the Ranch will be going home for summer break. Some will also be graduating, moving on to college, or returning home permanently. Please do not expect to get letters during this off-school season. The program will start up again in August when school starts again. During this off time I will be working to match up new and old pen pals and to iron out minor quirks discovered during this past year. I will keep you all posted here so stay tuned.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples" (Mother Teresa).

DOWLING HOUSE
Dan Hodge, Reporter

I want to start by wishing all a happy Mother's Day! Some facts about Mother's Day:

1. Mother's Day isn't always on the same date each year. It is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May. This year it is May 14.
2. More telephone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year — approximately 122 million calls are made on that day every year.
3. Mother's Day is the third highest selling holiday for flowers and plants, after Christmas and Hanukkah.
4. According to the National Restaurant Association, 48% of people made plans to go to a restaurant for Mother's Day, making it the busiest day of the year.
5. Ann Jarvis started a committee in 1868 that established the first glimmer of today's holiday: "Mother's Friendship Day". Ann's daughter, Anna, continued her legacy by creating the official holiday. Woodrow Wilson signed Mother's Day into law in 1914.

As I look at the birthday list this week, I find our only birthday is Joel Rutter on the 12th. The list also reveals that every room in DH is now occupied! I don't think that has happened since we moved in a year and a half ago.

Continue in prayer for our neighbors and friends who are in the hospital and nursing home, as well as those who are struggling with health problems. I used to see front license plates that read, "Prayer Changes Things", but I once heard a preacher say in a sermon, "Prayer doesn't change things. Prayer changes the people whom God uses to change things."

More May dad jokes! Why don't monkeys fall from the sky in May? That happens during the "Ape"-ril showers! I called to speak to my doctor and the receptionist asked, "May I ask who's calling?" I replied, "Yes you may; go right ahead and ask!" An employee asks his boss, "Can I have two weeks off for Christmas?" His boss replied, "It's May." The employee said, "Oh, sorry. May I have two weeks off for Christmas?"

Make it a great week!

EDGEWOOD TERRACE
Sandra Kelly, Reporter

There Is No Light Without a Dawning

Helen Steiner Rice

No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing ...
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day

We need to remember and to celebrate the life of Marilyn Herbert who has passed into a brighter day. Our sincere condolences to the family. Please include them in your prayers as they deal with this loss.

Hello again, ET! Al Yale's birthday has been celebrated royally this past week. He had two parties on Saturday. Bill Storey hosted an ice cream social for him in the afternoon and Alice Rumbaugh hosted a dinner in his honor that evening. Friends and neighbors were happy to wish him many happy returns as he celebrated his 90th birthday.

Keep Smiling, Y'all!

In honor of May 9, National Lost Sock Memorial Day: "I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints. They're upstairs in my socks" (Groucho Marx). "Never put a sock in a toaster" (Eddie Izzard). "I'm not very materialistic — I don't have a whole lot of stuff. But I do always like a pair of really weird socks" (Taylor Kinney). "I like colorful socks. I'm a sock man" (George H. W. Bush).

May is full of special event dates. Pick a new one every day and find something to celebrate!

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER & DACIER MANOR
Bruce Arnold, Reporter

John 14:1–14 is a familiar scripture to many. Take time to read it, and consider how it can speak to you today. Jesus had just finished washing the disciples' feet, and then He told them some things that probably struck fear in their hearts. He told them that one of them would betray Him, and Peter would deny Him three times. But then He says, "Don't let your hearts be troubled ..."

Wow! How can He say such a thing after such sad news? It's a matter of perspective. Jesus had definitely told them some things that would upset them — things that actually happened. But He prepared them for those things by telling them that even though there is trouble in this world, He is going to prepare a place for those who love Him, and they can look forward to that.

The things that really matter are not going to be found on this earth. It doesn't mean that we don't take life seriously; we still hold it to be precious, because life is precious. But Jesus is saying that our greatest comfort will come by recognizing that He has promised us something greater beyond this life.

His promise is that He is going to prepare a place for the disciples (and us), and He will come back and take them (and us) to be with Him there. Thomas was intrigued and yet asked, "How do we get there?" Jesus told him of the path, and that path to the place He told them was He, Jesus. "I am the way, the truth and the life ..." Jesus pretty much said, "Follow me, and you'll find the way to this place I am going."

Jesus said He would come back, so what do we do until He comes? This is where the plan comes in. Jesus had promised a place, He told of the path, and now we see the plan we follow until He comes. In Verse 12 He tells the disciples that if they have faith in Him, they will do greater things because He goes to the Father. Their time on earth isn't to be spent waiting around for Him to come.

On Sunday, May 7, we had what seemed like a homecoming celebration at GSC. Morning worship began at 9:45 a.m. as residents from DM and GSC came together to worship for the first time since March of 2020! It was great to see people reconnecting with friends who had moved to either DM or GSC. We had 11 residents from DM come to join the worship service. We are looking forward to continuing these worship services each week.

People have asked if I will still go to DM during the week for our singalong and for Bible study/devotions. My answer is YES! I still plan to go on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. each week.

Mark your calendar for Monday, May 29. Many around the Village have received Large Print KJV Bibles provided by Alms Ministry, Inc. On May 29 Alms Ministry will be at GSC at 2:30 p.m. to honor our military and to share a program of music. Mr. TJ Hicks will provide music on the piano, and Jennifer Johnson Jamison, founder of Alms Ministry, will share about the ministry. Bibles are still available by contacting (386) 249-2792 or barnold@acvillage.net.

RIVERWOODS
Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

There is a whole lot of eating going on in RW this week. River Birch neighbors had a gathering, hosted by the McLeskeys, to pass along the "Ugly Mug" they received when they moved in. The new recipients can keep it for a little while, then pass it on again. I will report on the international dinner next week. I am sure we will have some interesting tastes from all over.

The Hog plum tree, I think, needs a new name. The "plum" actually is about the size of a pea! Makes me wonder how they come up with the names for trees.

"Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact" (William James). "You don't need too many people to be happy. Just a few real ones who appreciate you for who you are" (Wiz Khalifa).

Have you taken some activity photos at ACV you'd like to share? Send them to photos@acvillage.net with a little description. They may be featured on ACV's Facebook page.

SMITH RIVERVIEW
Marge Reach, Reporter

You are invited to sit a spell on the 200 Wing porch of Smith Riverview apartments! The flowers are blooming. Feel the breeze blowing. It is very pleasant just sitting here, enjoying the gentle sunny porch. Come and witness the geranium buds popping! Visit the sweet little Blue Daze flowers and the small miracles of the Mexican heather ... how heartwarming! The porch is public with plenty chairs to sit on. Everyone is welcome! Any day, any time!

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:

The purpose of the ACV Membership Association is to provide a channel of communication between members and the administration of ACV concerning matters or issues affecting both members and ACV. Every member of ACV is a member of the ACV Membership Association and may attend meetings and special functions, vote, and hold office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASS

The AARP Safe Driver Class has not been offered for several years at ACV because there are no volunteers in the area to conduct the class. AARP is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to conduct the class a few times a year at ACV (see the article below), but in the meantime, AARP is willing to send a volunteer from Jacksonville if we have 20–30 people who need to take the class now. Many people taking this course report receiving savings on their auto insurance. If you are interested in taking the AARP Safe Driver Class (it lasts approximately six hours, and — in 2019 — cost $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-AARP members), call Member Services at 658-5400 so we can see if there is enough interest to warrant a volunteer coming from Jacksonville.

DRIVER SAFETY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Would you like to help Village residents drive more safely and perhaps save money on their auto insurance? AARP is looking for a local volunteer willing to serve as an AARP Driver Safety volunteer. As an AARP Driver Safety volunteer, you'll find lasting fulfillment teaching Dowling Park residents proven techniques that can help make them safer and more confident behind the wheel. Whatever your background — teaching, marketing, organizing, training, and much more — AARP needs your experience to help make drivers safer and more independent on the road.

Experience the rewards of:

- organizing and teaching classrooms full of engaged drivers;

- receiving all the support, supplies and training you need;
- choosing your own schedule and level of involvement; and
- using and gaining valuable skills while creating lasting friendships.

AARP furnishes everything you need to become successful. The commitment is yours — whatever you want to give. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/volunteernow.

BOB COPELAND'S NEWEST BOOK

Bob Copeland's fourth and final book is now available from Amazon in Kindle format only. It is titled, *The R Word,* and subtitled, *Why All This Fuss About Revival?*

Bob says, "This is the book that I always wanted to write, and I smiled as I wrote every word. I was moved to tears as I wrote the last word. They were tears of joy and gratitude to God for allowing me to dip my pen in ink and write this book."

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: May 12 and 26; June 7 & 21; July 7 & 21. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

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If you would like to make an appointment with Kutana or Danielle at Hair Croppers, please call or text (386) 205-3791 or (386) 249-3515. You can also email us at haircroppers@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, CRPC®, CDFA®, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC 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.

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Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment.
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SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT

Due to the river level falling below 23 feet, we have had to suspend all Belle of the Suwannee pontoon boat trips until further notice. We're sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment. When the river rises again, we will announce that trips may once again be scheduled.

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: The Shred-it Event article says that Shred-it will be "collecting" materials to be shredded on the 17th. Will they be shredding onsite where we can see them being shredded, or will they be taking our materials away to shred later?

A: According to Shred-it, the materials will be shredded onsite like last year.

THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, to the great friends who really helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. The cards, calls, emails, food, gifts and parties were all appreciated with love.

Albert Yale

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. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

IN SEARCH OF: Looking for a good musical keyboard. Please contact Jerry at 386-688-0128.**

IN SEARCH OF: The person who purchased a red broom/vacuum at 23379 Elmwood, PLEASE call Jackie at 210-410-2113. I have some important information for you.*

FOR SALE: Craftsman 10.5 hp manual gear, 30-inch riding lawn mower with mulching ability. Used only 8–10 hours due to shoulder problems. Call 658-688-4168. Asking $1100 OBO.*

FREE: Frameless corner glass shower 42" square with one side knee wall. All hardware and fittings. Available for pickup only in RW. Contact Ben at 386-658-1167.*

FOR SALE: Electric wheelchair, barely used. Needs a battery. MAKE OFFER. Call CrackerJack, and please leave a message at 386-658-2113.*

A TRIBUTE TO MY MOM

Helen Brooks

I joke a lot about being raised in the community of Log Pile. It really was (and is) a *real* place, and the folks, I suppose you could say, didn't have a whole lot of "fetchin' up" (as my dad would say). But my mom had a heart of gold. Honestly!

Often, I saw Mom handing bread and beans or soup to someone who just jumped from one of the boxcars that traveled daily up through the hillside above our row of houses. No one came or left her house without being fed. I didn't know until years later that there were symbols left by the travelers moving on down the line. Mom's generosity was depicted by a childlike drawing of a cat, meaning a kind lady lived there.

When a family lost all their possessions in a fire, Mom always gave of our excess. Everyone said she was a good woman. She was the first one called on if there was a real need for doctoring! She was wise beyond her years.

Every time she listened to us crying, she said, "Well, if you really want something to cry about, I can pull out my checkered apron and give you lots to cry about!" I never saw her checkered apron, but I knew it was an evil garment that she could wear while she inflicted bodily pain! Many times I waited for her to go shopping so I could find that apron and rip it to shreds! I NEVER found it!

My sister said recently, "You do know she never really had a checkered apron, don't you?" I gulped, "Oh, of course," I lied. So ... this was just a trick she played on me?

Why should this surprise me? She once said, "Stop trying to cross your eyes! And NO, your Uncle Diddle did NOT invent eye crossing. And stop being so dumb!" And then there was, "Don't blow your nose so hard! Afore ya know it, your brains will blow up and run out yer ears! You can't afford to lose any, ya know?"

Then, "You kids stay outta the road! If them crazy drivers don't get ya, then I will!" If a hurt or pain brought Mom to the scene, she'd say, "Get on outside and play! It'll be well before you're married."

On Sunday morning, she was always ready to chase me out the door quickly to send me to the church! To this day, I can still hear her sigh as she grabbed her coffee cup and wiped her forehead, "You go on to church. Listen to that preacher. I just know you are going to need all the help you can get! Go on now!"

My Mom ... The woman with sage advice! How blessed could one child be? She raised me, and we both lived to tell about it!

Happy Mother's Day, neighbors!

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Dutch Farms Sliced Cheese, all varieties	6 oz.	$ 2.99
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Red Ripe Tomatoes	per lb.	$ 1.99
Broccoli Florets	per lb.	$ 3.49

FROZEN

Banquet Patty or Link Breakfast Sausage	6 oz.	$ 2.89
Marie Callender's Pot Pies, all varieties	16 oz.	$ 4.99

MEAT

Carolina Pride Black Forest Ham	10 oz.	$ 2.99
Swaggerty's Breakfast Patties	12 oz.	$ 3.99
Oscar Mayer Bun Length Wieners	16 oz.	$ 3.99
Lean Baby Back Pork Ribs	per lb.	$ 3.59
81% Lean Ground Beef	per lb.	$ 4.59
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The Grill Team will be at the VS for Market Day on May 13. Place your order now.

This Week's Verse:

I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

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Midday Dining Menu

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SERVED AT THE LOPIN' GOPHER DELI

$2.53 Soup of the Day

$7.59 Saturday Special: Open-Face Turkey Sandwich (slice of bread topped with turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy), Pea or Macaroni Salad, Fountain Drink, Homemade Cookies

SUNDAY, 5/14

♫ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♫

Lunch Buffet
Members $12.63 | Non-Members $17.81 | Beverage Included

Entrées: GF Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sides: Seasoned Green Beans, Carrots, Side Salad, Fried Cabbage with Bacon, Mixed Fruit, Pasta Salad, Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Rolls

Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 5/15

$2.53 Soup: Soup of the Day

$6.44 Entrées: GF Ham, Stuffed Peppers

$1.21 Sides: Broccoli, Three Bean Blend, Side Salad, Cheesy Cauliflower, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Fruit, Home Fries with Onions and Peppers, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 5/16

$7.70 Special: Salad Bar

$2.53 Soup: Soup of the Day

$6.44 Entrées: Smothered Pork Chops, GF Sloppy Joe

$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Brussels Sprouts, Beets, Fried Apples, Stuffing, Pasta Salad, Macaroni Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

May 12–19, 2023

WEDNESDAY, 5/17

$2.53 **Soup:** Soup of the Day

$6.44 **Entrées:** Broccoli and Bacon Quiche, Fried Chicken

$1.21 **Sides:** Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Cabbage, Baked Beans, Baked Potato

$2.76 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 5/18

$6.44 **Entrées:** GF BBQ Boneless Thighs and Breasts, Turkey Stuffing Roll-Ups

$1.21 **Sides:** Asparagus, Zucchini and Squash, Broccoli Salad, Cucumber Salad, Fruit, Roasted Red Potatoes, Stuffing

$2.76 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 5/19

$2.53 **Soup:** Clam Chowder

$6.44 **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Fried Catfish, Country Fried Steak

$1.21 **Sides:** Mixed Greens, California Vegetable Medley, Beets, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Hush Puppies

$2.76 **Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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

Ann & Quinton Rumph Dining Room

658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sun: 10:45 am–1:30 pm

The Lopin' Gopher Deli

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Sun: 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm
Mon–Fri: 7:30–10 am | 2:05–7 pm
Sat: 7:30 am–1:30 pm | 3–7 pm

River Landing Bistro

658-5777

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