



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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## MAY 17, 2024

Friday	5/17	9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	Veterans' Service—MS <b>Bible Study—VC Room 5</b> <b>Suwannee Chorus Spring Concert—VC</b> Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Sunday	5/19	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby <b>VC Graduate Recognition—RDR</b>
Monday	5/20	1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	VCBI: Understanding 1 Corinthians—VC Room 5 Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	5/21	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> LOP&G Model RR Club—CB <b>SongFarmers—SMR/DR</b>
Wednesday	5/22	<b>The Village Cashier's office is closed today.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Watkins Hobby Shop Meeting—SMR/DR</b> Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart, Save A Lot & Winn Dixie—DH & CH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	5/23	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <b>1:30 p.m.</b> <b>3:45 &amp; 4:00 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC <b>Dementia Support Group—JKPL</b> <b>Bus Trip: Dine-Out to La Fiesta—DH &amp; LAP</b>
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### IN LOVING MEMORY

Jerry Carter, who was a resident of DPN and GSC, died May 7. Her funeral service will be on Tuesday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m., in the VC. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends a gift to ACV, P.O. Box 4305, Dowling Park, FL 32064.

### NEW MEMBERS

Kay and Jim Schmook of Sebastian, Florida, have moved to RW. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4782. Esther Bruckel of Kissimmee, Florida, has moved to ET. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4469.

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

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **RETIREMENT RECEPTION TO HONOR CFO STEVEN HETT**

**Thurs., May 30, 3:00–5:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

For just short of 22 years, ACV has been blessed to have Steven Hett serve as its Vice President for Financial Management and Chief Financial Officer. Steve has served with distinction while performing the most difficult job of managing the finances for this special ministry. He has also overseen the Human Resources and IT departments, the Village Grocer, post office, and beauty and barber shop.

For several months Steve has been trying to retire. He has graciously remained with us while we conducted a search for a new CFO. I am pleased to report that a new CFO has been hired; see the announcement below.

Therefore, effective Friday, May 31, Steve is officially retiring. A special drop-by reception in his honor is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in SMR/DR. Steve has given much for this ministry so I hope you will plan to join us as we recognize his dedication, and wish him well as he embarks on this new chapter in his life.

## **WELCOME TO ACV'S NEW VP FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Michael Willis, CPA has been named ACV's CFO and Vice President for Financial Management. Michael is originally from Fort Myers, Florida, but has been living in the Asheville, N.C., area.

Michael brings a wealth of experience to the position. He has served as an auditor, the CFO for United Way of Fort Myers, and most recently as the controller of a retirement community in Black Mountain, N.C.

Michael began his tenure at ACV on Monday, May 13. As you have a chance to meet Michael, please give him a warm Dowling Park welcome.

# ACV EVENTS

## **SUWANNEE CHORUS SPRING CONCERT**

**Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. - VC**

The Suwannee Chorus, under the direction of Tammy Michal, returns to present their spring concert at the VC on Friday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. This auditioned group of fourth and fifth graders enjoys performing for community events such as Christmas on the Square, the Suwannee County Fair, and Heritage Park celebrations. Please join us for this fun event. This concert is free, but donations will be accepted.



## **WATKINS HOBBY SHOP MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. - DR**

There will be a very important meeting for all Watkins Hobby Shop members on Wednesday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the DR. Please do your best to be there as some important decisions will have to be made that concern all members.

## **BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO LA FIESTA**

**Thursday, May 23**

**3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - Lake Aquilla**

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

iVamos! A trip to the new La Fiesta Mexican restaurant in Lake City, Florida, is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

La Fiesta offers traditional Mexican dishes at reasonable prices in a beautiful and interesting atmosphere. Bus cost is \$5.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.



## **BUS TRIP: 5TH WEDNESDAY SHOPPING IN PERRY**

**Wednesday, May 29**

**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 29, the fifth Wednesday of May, we will be shopping in Perry. We will visit stores such as Walmart 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.

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## **LUNCH & LEARN: SUWANNEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

**Friday, May 31, 11:30 a.m. - DR**

**\$10 members, \$15 non-members**

Come, have lunch, and learn! Suwannee County Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Musgrove Kinsey will be the speaker at the next Lunch and Learn on Friday, May 31. Jennifer plans to cover a number of topics related to the election process in general, and specific to Suwannee County. Be sure to bring your own questions.

A plated lunch will be served at 11:30, and the program will begin at noon. There is limited seating. You must sign up and pay at the IC by Tuesday, May 28, to attend. Due to the nature of these programs, no one will be allowed to skip the meal and attend the program. If you have dietary restrictions, call Member Services at 658-5400. If you are on the Eat Right program, let the IC know when you sign up.

## **SPRING MEMBERSHIP FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

**Monday, June 10, 3:00–5:00 p.m. - RDR**

This year's Spring Membership Fellowship Event has been scheduled for Monday, June 10. All ACV members are invited to drop in between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. to enjoy finger foods and music. This fun and free event is one of the ways ACV says thank you to its members.

This year's theme will be Polynesian. All attendees are encouraged to wear theme-appropriate attire and prepare to taste the island life. There will be prizes for the "best dressed".

At 4:00, a short program will include an address by ACV CEO/President Craig Carter, the recognition of new members, and a few other surprises.

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

# 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

To register and for more information:  
[hearthstonegardens.org](http://hearthstonegardens.org)

- Miniature Landscapes, May 18, 10:00–11:00 a.m., \$15
- Native Trees for Suwannee and Columbia Counties, May 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m., free
- Stepping Stones, May 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m., \$15
- Gelli Plate Mono Painting, May 28, 10:00–11:30 a.m., \$10

## THE BASICS OF THE FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesdays, 12:30–1:30 p.m. - DR

This discussion group on any subject concerning Christianity meets every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the DR. You can buy lunch in the cafeteria and bring it into the DR, or you can bring a bag lunch and eat and fellowship and discuss together the things of the Lord. Please come and join us. For more information call Michael Saunders at (407) 668-6509.

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, May 23, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

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

This support group is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the JKPL. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23. For more information please contact GSC's Ginger Calhoun at 658-5594.

## GOSPEL SING

Saturday, May 25, 1:00 p.m. - DH Lobby

A gospel sing is held at 1:00 p.m. every fourth Saturday of the month in the DH lobby. Everyone is welcome.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. - CCC

Come and join for a ladies Bible study at CCC on Tuesday, May 28, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Looking forward to meeting all of you.



## JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

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

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

Mon., Wed.–Fri. 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Library Closed

JKPL will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. Our online catalog, book drop, and online resources are available for your convenience.

## Dementia Support Group

If you are a caregiver or a loved-one of a person suffering with dementia, the responsibility can seem overwhelming at times. On the fourth Thursday of every month (May 23), from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the Dementia Support Group and surround yourself with others that understand the challenges that you face daily. The group is led by a compassionate professional that can advise you on how to move forward and the possible aid available to ease your journey.

## Movie Night

Join us on Friday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. for the third and final movie from the Star Wars prequel trilogy, *Star Wars: Episode 3 - Revenge of the Sith*. In this film Anikan takes his final steps to the dark side, and the

birth of Darth Vader is complete. Watch the fall with free popcorn, a drink, and tissues for our more sensitive viewers. "May the force be with you."

## SongFarmers

On Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m., SongFarmers is back at ACV in SMR/DR with the multi-genre blend of tunes that they do so well. Come in and have a relaxing evening with friends, or feel free to showcase your own musical ability with this talented group of musicians!

## American Sign Language Canceled

The ASL classes scheduled for May have been canceled due to an unforeseen emergency. We will let you know if/when they will resume. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## We're Getting Ready for Summer!

Summer Reading is coming. Be on the lookout for reading challenges, fun programs, and chances to win prizes! Kids are invited to the Adventure Begins at the Library programs during June and July. Watch the FNN for dates, times, and special programs!

## Did You Know ...

Did you know that you can place a title on hold to be delivered to JKPL by visiting [www.srllib.org](http://www.srllib.org), signing in with your library card, and placing the book on hold? Be sure to select Dowling Park as the pick-up location! Of course, we're always happy to place an item on hold for you; just call or stop in.

## Just a Small Collection of Words

"All human wisdom is summed up in these two words — 'wait' and 'hope'" (Alexandre Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*).

## Starbooks Café Topic

Do you enjoy traveling? What is your favorite or least favorite part of a trip?

## Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Hot Topics	2nd & 4th Thurs.	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.



## 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.

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

- **May 22 afternoon — Walmart, Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn Dixie and Save A Lot, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m., pick up at Save A Lot and Winn Dixie, and return to the Village at 4:30.
- **May 29** — Fifth Wednesday special shopping trip to Perry that includes a Dutch treat lunch. Leave from CH at 8:45 a.m. and from DH at 9:00 a.m. Return to the Village in the afternoon.
- **June 5 morning — Walmart and Publix** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Drop off at Publix, and park at Walmart. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m., pick up at Publix, and return to the Village at noon.
- **June 12 afternoon — Walmart and Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Publix, and park at Walmart. Leave from

Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m., pick up at Publix, and return to the Village at 4:30.

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

May 23 — Dine-Out to La Fiesta  
May 29 — 5th Wednesday Shopping in Perry

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

**SERMON:** "Honoring God in Our Relationships"  
**TEXT:** Eph. 5:21-22 & Col. 3:17-4:1 NIV '84  
**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

The VC will be recognizing Alex Mabey at our annual **Grad Night Sunday, May 19**. Join us as we celebrate with Alex and his family in the RDR at 6:00 p.m. A basket will be available for you to leave a card or note of congratulations.

On Sunday, May 26, at 12:00 noon, the VC will hold its **annual Memorial Day picnic** at the Camp Suwannee pavilion. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship in the air conditioned facility. All are welcome. Shuttle bus transportation will be available from the VC starting at 11:30.

The following VC events are happening this week:

#### Friday, May 17

9:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (VC Room 5)  
(Time change this week only.)

#### Sunday, May 19

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)  
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. — Grad Night, Alex Mabey (RDR)

#### Monday, May 20

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: 1 Corinthians 9-16, Donald Wrigley  
(VC Room 5)

#### Tuesday, May 21

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

#### Wednesday, May 22

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice

#### Friday, May 24

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

### VILLAGE CASHIER

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Wednesday, May 22; Friday, May 24; Friday, May 31; and Monday, June 3.

### CONFERENCE AND RETREAT

Doug Mabey—386-658-5200

The Aquilla Pool (the outdoor pool at the Harmony Center) will open on Tuesday, June 4. "Why so late?" you ask. I only have one lifeguard, and he is a student and a senior. He graduates on Friday, May 24, but his schedule does not allow him to begin working until June



## LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

### Friday, May 17

Spaghetti and Homemade Meatballs with  
Garlic Toast

### Saturday, May 18

8 oz. Prime Rib with Mashed Potatoes and  
Garlic Spinach

4. There are many other camps and facilities with pools also looking for more lifeguards so it's not just us. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The monthly schedule of reserved group times and open swim times will be posted on the bulletin board by the pool's entrance gate. Passes will be available for purchase beginning the week of May 27.

### Who Can Use the Pool

The pool is reserved for use by the following:

- Wee Care and day camp campers;
- ACV members and guests;
- Village employees;
- Village Board members;
- guests staying in the Village Lodge, Walker Cottage, Smith Cottage, Jones Cottage, Camp Suwannee, and Tresca Park;
- family members of a family with a Family Pass (family members refers to a spouse and children who are 17 years of age or under and living in the same household); and
- paying groups with a reservation.

Due to the size of our pool, we cannot open membership to the Dowling Park or Live Oak community. Any exceptions to this policy would need to be approved by me.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Michael Gordon—386-658-5155

There has been an alligator spotted at Horton's Landing off of River Wood Drive. Signs are being ordered to place at that location. Until then please be advised to be cautious around bodies of water, adhere to warning signs, swim in designated areas, keep leashed pets away from the water's edge, and avoid provoking or approaching alligators.

### GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Kathleen Johnson—386-658-5573

Mother Nature tried to dampen our spirits at the end of Nurses Week and the beginning of Nursing Home Week, but our spirit was stronger.

Our lady residents enjoyed receiving Mother's Day corsages that were gifted to them by Poole Realty of Live Oak. A few of their agents, including our own Jody Portbury, came to visit our ladies and to present them with beautiful wristlets that were made by Fayes Flowers. Thank you to each and every one of them.

This past Monday kicked off our week with a special group of young singers, musicians, and ministers. Patricia Cabrera, our social worker on Dogwood Court, had mentioned that her daughter and some friends were interested in coming out here and doing a devotion with our residents. Perfect timing! It was a great way to start our week. Those involved were Shadyah Cabrera, Valerie Yanez, Isabel Planas, Miguel Valdez, Javanna Rakotondramanana, Jack Masse and Elijah Kargbo. They shared very uplifting music and a wonderful message.

It looks like Mother Nature doesn't want us to have fun this week, but we know how to adapt. Tuesday, we moved our Cakewalk from out front to the Magnolia dining room and changed it into a modified musical chair game. We had a blast. Thank you to our volunteers, Larry and Kathy Black, along with numerous staff, for helping.

Weather permitting, we are expecting our mini horses to visit on Wednesday. Thursday is our big carnival out front, we hope. Then we will finish out the week with live music out front and a picnic lunch, unless we need to move it indoors. I think you get the gist of what's going on. Bottom line is that you make your own fun, no matter where it is. Be patient, be flexible, and be grateful. Have a blessed week.

### INFORMATION CENTER

Charlen Noble—386-658-3333

UPS will no longer pick up packages from the IC five days a week. Effective May 6, packages are only picked up Tuesdays and Thursdays from the IC. Should you have a package that needs to be shipped immediately, the closest drop-off locations are the UPS Store at Walmart Plaza or Pack and Ship near the corner of Ohio Ave. and Howard St. in Live Oak. You can also pay for

and schedule a pick-up from your home through ups.com.

The IC can take your package and payment and will be able to make a label for you any day of the week, but packages will only be picked up from the IC on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The IC appreciates each and every one of you. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

#### **James Sutter—386-658-5400**

It's not even hurricane season yet, and we've already been hit by a storm big enough to knock out electricity for an extended period of time. Praise the Lord we made it through without much damage.

If Friday's storm brought back some traumatic memories of last August's hurricane, Project C.O.P.E. (Caring for Our People in Emergencies) may be able to help you work through your feelings. Project C.O.P.E. is provided by Living Hope ([www.livinghope1.com](http://www.livinghope1.com)). They provide support services for stressors and trauma to strengthen communities after Hurricane Idalia through individual crisis counseling, public education, referral/resource linkage, group crisis counseling, mental health education, and assessment or mental health screenings. If you'd like more information, visit the website or call (386) 302-6990.

#### **May Member Birthday Party**

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. We were entertained by Dick Grillo playing guitar and singing. It was a good time of singing along and great music.

We were blessed to have 25 persons with May birthdays and a total of 71 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Ken Randolph, Janet Pinder, Jane Burns, Jan Cuddy, Donald Wrigley and Dorothy Brenner. The oldest birthday guest was Marjorie Hoffman, who will turn 108 on the 23rd, and the youngest was Donald Wrigley by just a few days. Both received fresh fruit baskets prepared by the Village Grocer.

Beautifully decorated cake and refreshing ice cream were served. We appreciate the assistance of ACV's Dining Services and Housekeeping departments, and our faithful volunteers.

#### **Member Services Tip of the Week**

Do you have a pet or service animal? Have you arranged with a friend to adopt your furry friend temporarily if you have to be admitted into the hospital or are faced with some other circumstance restricting you from being able to care for them yourself? If not, please make arrangements. If you have, please let your service coordinator know so they have a record.

#### **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 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)

## **ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

#### **Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

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

Congratulations to our May 8 winners: 1st high, Henry Simonds, and 2nd high, Cindy Hett.

 **Remember to Wave** 

### **CERAMICS SHOP**

#### **Susann Riedel, Reporter**

Calling all Ceramics Shop elves, all hands on deck for a special project. May 20 and 22, we're looking for Ceramics Shop elves to lend a hand glazing for a special project. Please feel free to stop by the shop during regular shop hours for details.

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

#### **Monday–Friday**

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

#### **Brenda Reas, Reporter**

If you would like to try some different recipes, come to our "leave one/take one" cookbook exchange. A large diabetic recipe book has just been added.

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**

Please remember that when school is out many of the youth go home for summer break and will not be writing, so do not write them any letters over the summer. I will be arranging another meeting of the pen pals for August, so stay tuned.

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

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

### **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

#### **Robin Copeland, Reporter**

This past Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day. For some, it brings great joy to visit their mothers and to hear from their children. I was reminded that not everyone celebrates on Mother's Day. As women came forward to be honored at church, there sat women in the pews. I heard a story from a mother who doesn't have any contact with her daughter. There are children who long to hear their mother's voice just one more time. What is celebration for one can be a painful reminder for another.

This is an opportunity for you to give the gift of empathy. Empathy is something we all need, and it's something we all can give. Empathy is looking at the world from someone else's perspective to experience what the person is feeling — and then expressing your understanding of those feelings to that person. Stephen Ministers learn how to give the gift of empathy to others who are hurting.

Feel free to contact ACV Stephen Ministries at [stephenministries@acvillage.net](mailto:stephenministries@acvillage.net) and 658-5378, and stop by the Stephen Ministries office in MS. You may also join us on Thursday, June 6, at 3:00 p.m., in the OPR to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

#### **Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter**

Waking up last Friday morning was such a surprise to have such a strong storm pelting us with rain and high winds, and leaving us without power. We knew from the weather man who told us to expect it, but "who would've thought" it would be as fierce as it was?

Jane and Miriam on the corner of 136 and 102nd Trace had a huge pine tree blown over in their yard. Thank goodness it was in the vacant lot. If it would have gone in the opposite direction, it would have been across 136.

When the power went off, the generators started running. It is very smart to have a generator for those times. If you have a well (which all of us in BA do) the generator will keep the refrigerators going, but you have to have the right kind of generator to run the pump. Consequently, you may not have water being pumped into your house.

You have probably already heard by now that our beloved Jerry Lynn Carter passed away peacefully this past week in GSC. She was a lady of smiles, a lover of our Lord, and a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed by many. Her service will be Tuesday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. Please lift up in your prayers the Carter and Harmon families.

I have good news on Allan Smith: I saw him in his front yard with Beth as they were tending the garden. Good news also from the Hitchcock home: Mike is slowly getting back to his job and is feeling good about the whole thing. I have folks asking me how I'm doing after my fall two months ago. I am doing fine, and I also go into a little speech on how they need to be very cautious when walking and moving around campus — or anywhere for that manner. I am quite aware of the fact that I am unsteady on my feet, and my balance is a real problem. I am not too proud to use a cane when it comes necessary, and you shouldn't be either. All it takes is that one fall, and if bones (hips) are broken, it could be very much a problem for you.

Ya know life is a strange thing that happens to everyone. I was just thinking the other day, when I was younger I can remember when I wanted to be what I was when I wanted to be what I am now! I have found that as we grow older, we don't feel our oats half as much as our corns. Remember when you looked forward to receiving the salary you can't live on today?

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Always do right (this will please some people and astonish the rest) and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless!

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Monica Serlick, Reporter**

We have three birthdays this coming week. We wish happy birthday blessings to Janet Pinder on May 18, Charles Johnson on May 19, and Susan Duffey on May 20. "Hope all your birthday wishes come true! It's your special day — get out there and celebrate! Wishing you the biggest slice of happy [on your day]" (shutterfly.com).

Please continue to keep all those who are ill, recovering or struggling in your thoughts and prayers. If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

A huge thank you to all the dining room staff for the wonderful Mother's Day buffet that was prepared. Many of you gave up your day for our residents and their visitors, and we want you to know that you are all greatly appreciated. Hope everyone had a fabulous day, and never forget to always be thankful to the One who makes all things possible.

All residents on the first floor, please note: The door to the trash room has been replaced so that it opens outwards. This was done to facilitate those in wheelchairs being able to easily get in to dispose of your trash. Once again you are being asked to please NOT leave any trash on the floor in hallways or in the trash room. It is your responsibility as an independent living resident to dispose of your trash appropriately or make arrangements for home care or someone else to assist you as needed.

We are rapidly approaching this year's hurricane season, which runs from June 1 until Nov. 30. This year is expected to be a very active storm season. Please remember to prepare yourself accordingly. Information for proper preparation can be found in the emergency handbook you received when you moved in. If in doubt, please request the information from your coordinator.

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

things out. This is your home, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

#### **Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter**

Jim Gutshall will celebrate his birthday on the 20th. Be sure to wish him a happy birthday!

Friendly reminders from Building Manager Jim Powell:

1. Power Outages — The red emergency outlets are not for personal use. A letter will be coming to everyone's mailbox soon with details on this.
2. Laundry Room — Pet owners, please clean the pet hair from inside the washers and dryers after use out of consideration for others (the lint filter too).
3. Storage Rooms — Last opportunity for storage room clean out. Residents will have a designated space to store personal items. If you have furniture stored in power rooms, see Jim Powell immediately, or the furniture will be removed.

The Lord put this on my heart to submit this today. "The Lord will give grace and glory" (Psalm 84:11).

God gives grace abundantly, seasonably, constantly, readily and sovereignly. His grace comforts, preserves, directs, sanctifies, instructs and assists.

No one can tell how soon we will have glory. It may be before this month is over we will see the Holy City. Whether the interval is short or long, we will be glorified soon. (Excerpt from Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* devotional.)

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

#### **Sandra Kelly, Reporter**

Hello again, ET! Happy birthday to Cathy Oberg on May 19. Sending you a bouquet of happiness on your birthday! May your birthday be as unforgettable as you are!

Al and Marilyn Yale enjoyed a week of visits. Friends from Indiana came on Wednesday and stayed through Friday. Marilyn and Al became close friends with them when they had taken care of their parents. Then Marilyn's little brothers, Allen, Clark and Dale, came on Saturday and left on Monday after enjoying some of "mother's" home cooking. Prayers for a safe journey home.

I don't want to tempt providence, but I think we have finally gotten rid of the armadillos! But our neighbors face a new challenge. They have been feeding the birds and were gifted with a squirrel proof feeder, which actually worked. Recently they filled the feeder, but it was practically empty the next day. Their cat helped them solve the mystery. She became very agitated one evening, and they went out to check what was getting her so excited. I'm sure you guessed why. Raccoons had found the feeder and were having a party!

Isn't nature exciting? We love to have the wildlife around, but they can be so annoying. Big or small they can be such a nuisance. Right now, the mosquitoes are so numerous that they can practically escort you as you walk. And did you notice the gift that came with the rain? We now have thousands of little frogs hopping everywhere. Hopefully they will survive long enough to take care of the mosquitoes.

Keep your friends and neighbors in your prayers. So many people are having health and/or emotional issues. It's always appropriate to send up a prayer for relief of symptoms with improved health. Have a great week.

May joy light your day, may peace always be with you. May grace surround you always. In your darkest moments, may hope shine its brightest. May love fill every corner of your heart. May your success be inevitable. May you find strength in every challenge you face (americanasteeple.com).

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

#### **Bruce Arnold, Reporter**

"Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast" (1 Samuel 1:18).

There are times when we just don't understand why things happen the way they do. Hannah's greatest

desire was to have a son, yet she was barren. She sought the Lord at the temple in Shiloh and poured out her heart, asking that God would give her a son, and in return she would give this son to the Lord all the days of his life (verses 10–11).

Hannah trusted in the Lord. She knew God would hear her prayer. Eli, the priest, though he at first mistook Hannah's prayer as a drunk woman's madness, blessed her as she left to go home.

I noticed in this account that no word is given to Hannah to let her know that God was going to grant this request. The only thing said by Eli was "may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." Nothing changed as far as Hannah could see, which is how we may often feel as we bring our requests before God. Yet, notice how Hannah, after not eating, and being so downcast was able to go away and eat and her face was no longer downcast.

She didn't receive a Word from the Lord — any sign, or supernatural message. Just a "God bless you" from Eli. Yet she knew that she had spoken to God!

We are the same as Hannah when we pray. We bring our prayers, we pour out our hearts, and yet there are times when we don't see what's ahead. We can be like Hannah and know that God does hear, and though we don't know the way, we don't have to be downcast any more. Psalm 42 says, "Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Put your trust in God". We can put our trust in God, even when we can't see what's ahead.

As we met for morning worship on Sunday, Mother's Day, our ladies all came to church wearing beautiful corsages. These corsages were provided by Poole Realty. We are thankful to Poole Realty for helping to make Mother's Day special.

This week is Nursing Home week at GSC. Each day has special activities planned, starting with Monday, the 13th. Shadya Cabrera, daughter of Patricia Cabrera (a social worker at GSC), was here with her college friends to share and minister for morning devotions. They spent time singing, and one of the students, Elijah, shared a message of hope from God's word. These students then took time to visit around and pray with the residents.

We're trying to work our activities around the rain this week. Some of these activities have been postponed or moved inside due to the wild weather we've been having! Residents enjoyed root beer floats as they listened to old time radio shows, also a visit from miniature horses, and an outdoor carnival with games and snacks. There was even a sock hop in the Camellia dining room on Wednesday.

Eldergrow will be here on Friday, and then Dan and Cindy will share music and songs with us later in the day.

At this time the only Bibles I have available are large print KJV Bibles, which are provided by Alms Ministry, Inc. of Fort White, Florida. If you'd like a Bible, please email barnold@acvillage.net or call (386) 249-2792, and I will make sure you get one.

## **RIVERWOODS**

### **Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

Ready to take a trip back in time? You should have received your invitation last week to our gathering on May 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Suwannee. Coming? Call me at 658-1766 by May 18, or email betseywr@yahoo.com to let us know. You can also call Barbara Bertolino, Phyllis Rand or Ann Thompson.

What crazy weather we have had lately. I am grateful for the breeze that helps those mosquitoes to stay away from my face. I am not a hat person but have taken to wearing a veil to keep those critters away. Did I mention that Riverside Gifts has mosquito hats and veils to get us through this time of year?

I was chatting with a neighbor recently, discussing how tough it is to be sick and stuck at home for days or weeks at a time. If you know someone who is going through this experience, call or visit if they want company. If nothing else, it breaks up the monotony.

Gary and I had been away visiting with friends for a few days and drove home right after the latest storm passed through. We mentioned how glad we

## *At the Village Square*

### **Riverside Gifts**

The stately grandfather clock ticks and chimes in this beautiful shop that contains gifts for children, teens, and adults. While you shop, enjoy our calming atmosphere, and stop to chat with the volunteers.

Adult ponchos are available in one-size-fits-all at a low price so you can keep one in your car or golf cart for those unexpected showers. There are also caps in a variety of styles, too.

Choices in badge holders include fancy necklace, plain ribbon or corded necklace, clip-on, retractable, and university insignia styles. Each comes with a new plastic member card holder.

Pocket knives in a variety of styles are still on display. Our volunteer will be happy to unlock the case so you can choose a new knife. There are other great tools throughout the store.

Remember, you can get your watch or clock repaired and a new battery installed here at a very reasonable price.

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

### **Rustic Shop**

Beautiful China services in a variety of styles and colors are available at very reasonable prices. If you don't see the style you want, talk with the shop volunteer who can show you other sets. We also have beautiful glassware and handsome pieces to accent your style.

Cards continue to be available at low prices and for all occasions from birthday to anniversary to friendship. Splurge and send one or more to friends and family.

Check out the handmade wooden toys and pull toys that remind you of days gone by. Your grandchildren will love getting one of these specially made unique items. Dolls in a variety of sizes are in the Children's Section. Baby quilts are on display in the Quilt and Afghan Room.

Don't forget to pick up a scrubby, potholder, or handy jar opener while you shop. You'll wish you had these helpful items when you get home!

Watch repair and new battery installations are available in this shop.

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**

**Ladies' blouses and tops continue to be on sale this week: buy one, get one free.** Choose from short sleeve or long sleeve and fancy or everyday styles. There is a large selection of nicely priced women's shoes and sandals.

The Men's Department continues to have bargain prices on trousers, shorts in a variety of lengths, and long and short sleeve shirts. Men's shoes are easy to spot in their handsome display.

Free Bibles and study guides are easy to access in the Book Nook. You'll also find great fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults.

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

## *On CR 250*

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

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

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

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

We just inherited a large selection of mostly "guy stuff". There is a LOT of fishing gear, paddles, tools, nuts and bolts, and so much more!

were to see the streets cleaned up so quickly. At the HOA meeting there was discussion on trees in common areas needing attention. With a property the size of the Village, the number of buildings that were affected, and the costs to repair them, we can understand priorities.

After Idalia, we lost 13 trees in back of our house, and we paid for removal of some that we felt still endangered our home. The stumps are trying to grow back! As we approach hurricane season again, we need to all be vigilant to potential threats. I worked in Miami when Andrew came through and saw the destruction that has taken years to fix. Thanks to all who work so diligently to maintain our community.

"Every morning is a fresh start. Wake up with a grateful heart" (Kristen Butler). "You don't need to move to a new place to begin again; a new mindset is all you need to start over" (Barb Schmidt).

## **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:**

Christmas Day, ACV invites all members to a complimentary buffet in RDR to celebrate the season together. (Guests are also welcome, but must purchase a ticket.) In the spring, every member is invited to a free fellowship event sponsored by the ACV Membership Association. There is typically a New Year's Eve celebration put on by ACV that is free for members to attend (guests pay a fee). Other special events are sometimes scheduled such as July 4th celebrations, which are also free for members to attend.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **FROM BAGS TO BEDS**

I feel our meetings have been very successful. The women have been diligently folding so many bags that there is no longer storage in my back room. I once made a statement that if we got caught up, we may go back to meeting every other week, but I was told that would never happen. Well, it has happened, so I'm asking if you're saving up bags to bring to us, we are ready for them.

Our next plarn member to meet is Kathy Black. Kathy is new to ACV. She and her husband reside in a travel trailer in Tresca Park temporarily. She is in the process of making ACV her new home. Kathy came from Alabama. Friends brought Kathy to ACV. Kathy folds bags at our weekly meetings. She has been coming for about a month. I am so glad Kathy found our plarn group in the little time she's been here. Welcome to our group, Kathy, and welcome to ACV.

We meet Thursdays at Cleo's Meeting House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. See you there. Any questions or concerns, call me at (904) 484-8796. Thank you for all your support.

Linda Warner

### **BOB COPELAND'S NEWEST BOOK**

Bob Copeland's newest book, *Cain & Abel*, is now available exclusively on Amazon in Kindle format only. This captivating story goes beyond jealousy and sibling rivalry, as it delves into much deeper themes.

### **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 24, June 14 and 28, and Aug.

9 and 23. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

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

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

Hair Croppers hours of operation are Thursdays from first to last appointment. Walk-ins are welcome for hair services on Thursday. Fridays are by appointment only. Please call or text (386) 205-3791 to schedule an appointment.

We also provide nails services, manicures, pedicures, hand and foot massage treatments, gel nail enhancements, and facial waxing.

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

**Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and most Fridays**

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

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

### **RIDE-ABOUT**

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

### **ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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

Q: Are we allowed to have visitors stay in our home? I'd like to invite my grandchild to come stay with me this summer.

A: Yes, ACV residents are allowed to invite visitors to stay in their home. We do limit the time they are allowed to stay overnight to two weeks. Visitors must abide by all of the rules of the community while they are staying in your home. We also ask that you please let your service coordinator know prior to their arrival.

## **THANK YOU**

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been" (Mark Twain).

I celebrated my 75th birthday last week, so thank you, Mr. Twain; I got myself some more wrinkles a few days ago. First, I want to thank James and MS for throwing a huge bash for all of us May birthday boys and girls. I had so much fun with special friends at my table. The whole room broke out in song with Dick Grillo. We appreciate you so much, Dick! When I see that man with his guitar, my "HUM" meter starts running.

Every time we eat at the Bistro, Tom and the gang makes dining out so delicious, and especially when they found out it was my birthday. Thank you from all my heart.

Most of all, I want to thank Environmental Services for making my actual birthday such a blessing. The storm last Friday brought both of us to our front door to see two more trees blown down. That moment could have brought another disaster mode to our still bodies. Instead, I said, "Happy birthday to me!" Best birthday gift ever that the trees fell towards the street and not our house again.



A huge "Thank you!" to all of the staff that responded so quickly to remove the trees from Elmwood Lane. Instead of feeling sorry for myself that my birthday plans got canceled, I so appreciate your birthday gift. Of course, all of you were just doing your job.

Mike and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our Maintenance crew who work so hard each and every day to make our Village so special. Blessings to all our wonderful staff here at ACV. Thanks for all the wrinkles.

Jan Cuddy

Thank you to Janet for acknowledging your teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week last week. The small gifts we found when we arrived to work everyday were thoughtful and fun! We appreciate you more than you know!

Wee Care Staff

## **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.

**FOR SALE:** Go Go Scooter, 4-wheel model, 4 years old, asking price \$800. Please contact Jackie at 386-292-6644.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Two bikes, one gas grill, extension ladder, a model train engine, and a desktop computer. Please contact Mary at 386-688-2566.\*\*

**IN SEARCH OF:** A good home for a 6-year-old, healthy, vet-treated, well mannered kitty. Pet is loved. Owner has become allergic to her. Contact Janet at 386-209-4757.\*\*

**LOST AND FOUND:** Glucose meter, drill bits in small box, and retractable dog leash found on shuttle bus; and a fob to a Chevrolet. Contact IC at 386-658-3333.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Large, full-size, multi-colored afghan, \$30. Large green and black afghan, \$25. Vision Ware glass pot, 1.5 L with lid, \$25. Ceramic Christmas tree with multi-colored bulbs, approx. 2 ft. tall, \$25. Call 386-344-4566.\*

**FOR SALE:** Sears Craftsman generator, 5600 watts with cords. New battery and carburetor. Price includes local hurricane set up and monitorial B4 master generator technician. \$600. Also, Jazzy Mobility chairs designed for larger people, new batteries, updated electronics, and battery charger. Discount to ACV residents. Call 423-240-0419.\*

**WANTED:** Electric weed eater with cord. Call 658-2633.\*

**FOR SALE:** 2019 Kia 4-door sedan, dark charcoal gray, approximately 145,000 miles, in excellent condition. I am no longer driving. Full payment at time of sale required. \$17,000. Call Judi at 386-658-1449. Please leave message.\*

### **HOW'S YOUR VISION?**

Recently a dear friend was telling me about a young child who had been diagnosed with severe vision issues. Upon realizing the problem, the parents immediately took the steps necessary to help their child by seeking a doctor whose specialty was pediatric eye issues.

When the follow-up appointment date arrived, the mother was comforting the child as the doctor placed the needed eyewear upon him. In amazement, the small tot began to look around the room, discovering the details that had not been clearly observable before. His focus problem had been corrected; his vision was now clear.

As the wee one's gaze fell upon his momma, a sweet smile spread across his little face, and he said softly, "Momma, pretty, Momma, pretty."

It was when the vision problem had been corrected that the child realized what he had been missing. It was that way for me also. As a teenager, when I came to a saving faith in Jesus, I realized what had been missing from my life. A new life in Him was the beginning of seeing life differently. Jesus provided me with different vision so that I saw my life in a new and "prettier" way. I saw my need for Him in my life.

Reading God's Holy Word and spending time in prayer improves my focus of God's true character and His desire for my life. God wants me to see Him more clearly; spending time with Him does just that.

In closing as I typed this article, the beautiful praise song began to fill my mind, "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see YOU!" I am so thankful that the "eyes of my heart" see my Heavenly Father. What about you?

Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Nancy Seale

### **YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU REALIZE**

"You have won battles that people don't even know about. These are the silent triumphs. The inner strength keeps you going.

"Take a moment to acknowledge your resilience, your courage, and the incredible journey that you've been on.

"You're stronger than you realize, and your victories, both seen and unseen, are a testament to your remarkable strength. Keep going! You have already overcome so much" (Jeff Martin).

### **LIFE LESSONS**

#### **Serious**

Anything that does not strengthen me morally is the enemy of virtue within me.

Holiness is the balance between my nature and the law of God as expressed in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Disrespect will close doors that apologies can't open. Be careful how you treat people you think you don't need.

Truth does not mind being questioned. And a lie does not like being challenged.

#### **Funny**

Sometimes what looks like a light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming train.

Mom's way: Put a small marshmallow in the bottom of the cone to prevent ice cream drips on kid's clothes. Kid's way: Bite a hole in the bottom of the cone and just suck the ice cream out!

Never underestimate the power of very crabby old people in large groups.

Indecision is the key to flexibility.

When arguing with a stupid person, make sure they aren't doing the same.

The older I get, the more I have in common with computers. We both start out with lots of memory and drive, then we become outdated, crash unexpectedly, and eventually have to have most of our parts replaced. I need an update!

Just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately!

Accordion to scientific studies, 90% of people do not realize I replaced the beginning of the sentence with an instrument. They have my symphony!

## **Village Cashier's Office**

**Monday–Friday**

**10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**658-5343**

Prices effective 5/17-5/23



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

## GROCERY

Mt. Olive Sweet/Hot Banana Peppers	12 oz.	\$ 3.19
Mott's Apple Juice	32 oz.	\$ 2.79
Martha White Pizza Crust	6.5 oz.	\$ .99
Campbell's Chicken/Beef Gravy	10.5 oz.	\$ 1.89
Simply Jif Peanut Butter	15.5 oz.	\$ 3.29
Better Value Tea Bags	100 ct.	\$ 1.49
Maruchan Ramen Noodles, 3 oz. pkg.	3 for	\$ 1.00
Cheddar Cheese	6.75 oz.	\$ 1.69

## DAIRY

Land O Lakes Butter with Olive Oil	7 oz.	\$ 2.99
Florida Natural Orange Juice	52 oz.	\$ 4.99

## PRODUCE

Onions	per lb.	\$ 1.29
Fresh Green Peppers	per lb.	\$ 1.69

## FROZEN

Healthy Choice Steamers Dinners, all varieties	9 oz.	\$ 3.99
Stouffer's Stuffed Green Peppers	15.5 oz.	\$ 4.99

## MEAT

Vernon Spiral Sliced Hams	per lb.	\$ 1.99
Fresh Boneless Pork Tenderloins	per lb.	\$ 3.49
Villari Hickory Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 3.99
Sunset Farms Smoked Sausage	12 oz.	\$ 3.99
80% Lean Ground Beef	per lb.	\$ 4.69
Resers Potato Salad	48 oz.	\$ 4.99
Boneless Beef Chuck Roast	per lb.	\$ 5.99
Boneless New York Strip Steak	per lb.	\$10.99

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Pepper Jack Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

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

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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

## This Week's Verse:

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.  
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is.  
Romans 12:2

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

**May 17–24, 2024**

**FRIDAY, 5/17**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Salisbury Steak, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Bermuda Vegetable Blend, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Plain Grits, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 5/18**

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 5/19**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** Roast Beef, Stuffed Peppers, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** California Vegetable Medley, Beets, Side Salad, Fruit, Fried Apples, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 5/20**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Liver and Onions, Chicken Salad with a Croissant
- \$1.21 Sides:** Three Bean Salad, Cold Salad, Fruit, Rice Pilaf with Brown Gravy, Fried Okra
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 5/21**

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Roasted Chicken, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.21 Sides:** Okra and Tomatoes, Prince Edward Vegetable Mix, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato, Rice
- \$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 17–24, 2024

## WEDNESDAY, 5/22

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

**\$6.44 Entrées:** Mojo Pork, Fried Chicken

**\$1.21 Sides:** Cabbage, Five-Way Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

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

## THURSDAY, 5/23

**\$6.44 Entrées:** Vegetable Lo Mein with Shrimp or Pepper Steak

**\$1.21 Sides:** Broccoli, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy

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

## FRIDAY, 5/24

**\$2.53 Soup:** Clam Chowder

**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Oven Roasted Wings, Fried Catfish

**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Bermuda Vegetable Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

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



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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

For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



### RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Friday, May 17**

Spaghetti and Homemade Meatballs with  
Garlic Toast

**Saturday, May 18**

8 oz. Prime Rib with Mashed Potatoes and  
Garlic Spinach



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