



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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## MAY 29, 2026

Friday	5/29	<b>The Cashier's office is closed today.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR <b>What Does the Bible Say About ...?—DR</b> Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	5/30	<b>1:00–4:00 p.m.</b> <b>10:15 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Aquila (Outdoor) Pool Opens for the Season</b> <b>Bus Trip: Lunch Dine-Out to Red Ginger—DH &amp; LAP</b>
Sunday	5/31	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians—VC Room 5</i>
Monday	6/1	<b>Hurricane Season Begins Today</b> 1:00–3:00 p.m. <b>1:30 p.m.</b> 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Ministry—VC <b>Low Vision and Support Group—OPR</b> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	6/2	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB
Wednesday	6/3	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. <b>5:30 p.m.</b> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: How to Live in God's Sovereignty—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH <b>Prayer for Israel—VC Room 5</b> <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>
Thursday	6/4	<b>9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <b>10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS</b> Village Artists Guild—KC <b>Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS</b> Plarn Ministry—CMH
Friday	6/5	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room
Saturday	6/6	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Supper Potluck—RDR</b>

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Alice Cornick, who was a resident of GSC, died May 25. Her memorial information will be provided when available.  
Donna Willberg, who was a resident of Carter House, died April 21. Her memorial service will be held in Bixler Chapel on Tuesday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m.

### NEW MEMBERS

Tanya Green of Keystone Heights, Florida, has moved to Dowling House. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4227.  
Paula Lucas of Butterfield Acres has become an off-campus member. Her mailing address is 10246 229th Lane, Live Oak, FL 32060.  
Nancy and Dale Sult of Jennings, Florida, have moved to Riverwoods. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 4761.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Darleen's Corner

### WHAT IS CORNERSTONE PARK?

With just a few minor finishing touches remaining, Cornerstone Park is, for all practical purposes, complete. What a blessing it is to see this long-anticipated project come to life alongside Lake Aquilla.

This meaningful new feature was funded entirely through a generous gift from Bill Nickerson in memory of his mother, Anna Nickerson. Anna was the very first resident to move into Carter House when it opened, and she made her home there until her passing in 2008. We are deeply grateful to Bill for making Cornerstone Park possible and for honoring his mother's memory in such a lasting way.

Cornerstone Park was created as a place to celebrate the generosity and legacy of those who have invested in the ministry of Advent Christian Village. Its columns recognize donors whose generous gifts have helped make important infrastructure projects possible — many through thoughtful legacy gifts arranged during their lifetimes. The brick pavers surrounding the columns recognize those who gave at a designated level during the previous capital campaign.

The park was intentionally designed with room to grow, allowing future supporters to be recognized as well. Moving forward, those who give \$25,000 or more toward a cornerstone project — our infrastructure initiatives — will have their name, or the name of someone they wish to honor, etched on a panel on one of the columns. Those who give \$2,000 or more to the current capital campaign will have their name, or the name of someone they choose, etched on one of the brick pavers.

If you would like to learn more about funding a cornerstone project, please call me at (386) 658-5110. I would be glad to talk with you.

The completion of Cornerstone Park has not come without challenges — including delays caused by COVID, hurricanes, and contractor shortages — making it especially gratifying to see it now standing as a beautiful and lasting tribute to those recognized there. We look forward to its official dedication at a future date.

## ACV EVENTS

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?

**Friday, May 29, 1:00 p.m. - DR**

On Friday, May 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Some well known Christian teachers are controversial, such as T.D. Jacques, Kenneth Copland, Joyce Meyer, and Joel Osteen. Should we pick out the correct things they say and disregard what we believe to be errors?
2. Why did God tell Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree in Gen. 2:16-17? Shouldn't we want to know the difference between good and evil? How can food produce knowledge? Is this a figurative statement, and not literal?
3. How could Jacob wrestle with God and win? Was that good? Can we do that?
4. What happens to the soul after a person dies?

Guests Patricia-Adele Lyons and Bruce Harris, hosted by George Brisbin, will share their thoughts and listen to yours. Bring your questions and comments!

**Remember to Wave**



### BUS TRIP: LUNCH DINE-OUT TO RED GINGER

**Saturday, May 30**

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

**Bus: \$5.00 members & \$10 non-members**

Whether you like Japanese, Chinese or Thai cuisine, you will find something you'll love at Red Ginger in Lake City, Florida. And their sushi menu is quite large. Prices range from under \$10 to \$50+. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the Information Center.

### COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

**Monday, June 1, 1:30 p.m. - OPR**

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



### SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

**Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS**  
**Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

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



### STATE OF FLORIDA: FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

**Thurs., June 4, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS**

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

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

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

### SUPPER POTLUCK

**Saturday, June 6, 5:00 p.m. - RDR**

We will have the next potluck on Saturday, June 6. Please come to the Rumph Dining Room before 5:00 p.m.; tables will be ready by 4:30 p.m. Turns out several people appreciated the ingredients list of each dish to help with various health issues, so we'll go back to that if you are willing. The last potluck was fantastic — almost gourmet! Hope you can come to this one. This will be the last potluck this season. We will restart in October.

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



**LUNCH & LEARN: FRAUD PREVENTION, BANKING BEST PRACTICES, CYBERSECURITY TIPS, AND LEGAL RECOURSE**

**Monday, June 8, 12:00 noon - DR**

Representatives from Old Oaks Cybernetics, Ameris Bank, and the Live Oak Police Department will present very useful and necessary information at a Lunch & Learn on Monday, June 8.

While "fraud prevention," "banking best practices," "cybersecurity," and "legal recourse" might sound confusing, knowing as much about these as possible isn't a luxury in today's world. Come learn how to protect yourself.

Lunch will not be provided. You are invited to bring a lunch, go through the dining room line and eat in the Depot Room, or just come and participate.

**MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**Thursday, June 11, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

Join us for the June member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with June birthdays will receive special recognition. To keep the patriotic season going, the entertainment guest will be Dick Grillo who will sign and play guitar. You won't want to miss it. See you there!

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ...?**

**Friday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. - DR**

On Friday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion concerning biblical topics.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, June 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Jan Cuddy. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

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



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, June 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. George Brisbin will be speaking on the subject of grief. His thoughts on that subject will be applicable for couples, families and singles. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together! We will be taking offerings for camp scholarships for Camp Suwannee.

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

**EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

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

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

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

**DEMENTIA CAREGIVER GROUP**

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

**23379 Elmwood Ln. in Riverwoods**

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

**WALKING WITH GOD**

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

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

**PRAYER FOR ISRAEL**

**Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. - VC Room 5**

The next monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m. in Village Church Room 5. All those interested in praying for the salvation of Jewish souls, for those missionaries who are laboring for the purpose of Jewish souls coming to Jesus the Messiah as Savior, for Biblical mission organizations, and for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome to attend.

**VETERANS MEETING**

**Friday, June 5, 12:00 noon - DR**

All veterans are invited to attend the next monthly veterans gathering in the Depot Room on Friday, June 5, at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

**WONDERS OF CREATION**

**Tuesday, June 9, 3:30 p.m. - DR**

For the Tuesday, June 9, Wonders of Creation meeting, I'll bring four DVDs, and you can pick which one to watch! Choices are *Cloning and Stem Cells*, *Rocks God Placed Around the World*, *That Pesky Thing Called Information*, or *Simply Nine Forms of Life*. See you in

**Village Cashier's Office**

**658-5343**

Monday-Friday • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**EAT LOCAL  
EAT OFTEN**

**Weekly Game Schedule**

**Monday**

1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH

6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH

**Tuesday**

1:00 p.m. Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH

**Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR

2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH

**Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room



the Depot Room at 3:30 p.m. Contact me (MaryAnn Stuart) at (863) 558-1395 with questions.



**JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**386-658-2670**

**Website: srrlib.org**

**Email: dpark@neflin.org**

**Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.**

**Closed Saturday & Sunday**

**What's Happening Each Week:**

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

**Summer Reading Program**

**June 3–July 17:**

Elementary Program	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Tween and Teen Program	Wednesdays	1:00 p.m.
Movie Matinee	Fridays	2:00 p.m.

**Summer Reading Program Begins Soon!**

Our "Dig, Read, Discover!" Summer Reading Program begins next week, June 3! All ages can register to receive a small gift, earn prizes just for reading, and take part in the summer fun. Watch for exciting new summer programs and events throughout the season. In June, be on the lookout for Walking Stick Whittling, Button Crafting, High Blood Pressure Basics, Living the Gluten-free Life, Friday Movies, A Matter of Balance, and more!

**Summer Reading Kickoff —  
Didgeridoo Down Under**

Kick off summer reading with the amazing Didgeridoo Down Under program on Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m.! This all-ages event combines music, storytelling, comedy, and audience participation for a high-energy adventure you won't want to miss.

**Starbooks Café**

Come join everyone at Starbooks Café for a relaxed hour of coffee and conversation every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We sip coffee, chat, and share thoughts and experiences in a casual, friendly environment. At our next gathering, we'll kick things off with show and tell: Bring a photo of your younger self.

**Dementia Support Group**

The dementia support group is a space for you to share your experience with others and learn more about the resources that are available to you. The program is facilitated by Ginger Calhoun, GSC Director of Social Services. This month's meeting will be on May 28 at 1:30 p.m.

**History of Suwannee County**

Local history fans will be excited to welcome back Eric Musgrove after his hiatus for another fascinating History of Suwannee County program on Thursday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m. Join us as Eric shares stories, facts, and memories from our area's rich past in this engaging community program.

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

The book for next month's book club is *Toucan Keep a Secret* by Donna Andrews! This fun and witty mystery novel is a whodunit featuring a killer, a thief, and strangely enough ... a toucan! Grab your copy today. The next meeting will be June 4 at 2:00 p.m.

**Tech Talk**

Join us on June 5 at 2:30 p.m. for Tech Talk, where the all-knowledgeable Jeremy holds a class on different elements of technology. This meeting's theme is social media. New to using social media or looking to renew your knowledge? Drop by and learn some new tips and tricks.

**Movie Matinee**

This summer, the JKPL will be hosting a movie matinee on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. The first movie showing will be on June 5: *Indiana Jones and the Lost Ark*. Enjoy the movie on the big screen with fresh popped popcorn in our very own library "theatre." The film is rated PG for action violence and intense images.

**Weekly Summer Programs**

Starting June 10, kids can "Dig, Read, Discover" on Wednesdays at the JKPL! There will be archeology- and history-themed activities for all ages! At 10:00 a.m., there will be storytime and activities geared towards elementary-aged children, and at 1:00 p.m. there will be activities for kids ages 10 to teen. Stop by and join in on the fun!

**Railroad Display and Presentation**

Courtesy of the ACV Model Railroad Club, we have a beautiful model train exhibit in the JKPL through the month of June! Come in to enjoy the meticulously made miniatures and to learn some local history. Interested in more information? On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., a club member will be giving a presentation on different aspects of model railroad building, the history of the Lopin' Gopher, and to answer any questions you may have.



**BUS TRIPS**

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

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

**WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS**

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

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

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

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

**Friday, May 29**

Lunch only: Rodeo Burger (BBQ Sauce, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, and an Onion Ring) with a Side of Fries, \$14.95

All day: Baked Manicotti Parmesan and Garlic Toast, \$16.95

**Saturday, May 30**

Lunch only: Open-Faced Tuna Melt on Grilled Marble Rye, and Cole Slaw, \$12.95

All day: Slow-Roasted Beef Short Ribs, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$17.95



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

- **June 3 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **June 3 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **June 10 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **June 10 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **June 17 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **June 17 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

**SERMON:** "The Bread of Life"

**TEXT:** John 6:25–58 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

Next Sunday, June 7, will be Communion Sunday. All who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior are invited to partake. Individual communion elements will be available at the front desks of Carter House and Dowling House, and at the Information Center for those who watch on TV2 or YouTube.

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

##### Friday, May 29

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study: Post-it Notes from Potsherds, Gaye Martin (Room 5)

##### Sunday, May 31

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

11:00 a.m. — 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Room 5)

##### Tuesday, June 2

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

##### Wednesday, June 3

10:00 a.m. — VCBI: How to Live in God's Sovereignty, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

5:30 p.m. — Prayer for Israel (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

##### Friday, June 5

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

### CASHIER'S OFFICE

Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343

The Village Cashier's office will be closed Friday, May 29. If you need assistance on that day, you may call the Finance Department at 658-5450, and someone will be able to help you.

### CONFERENCE & RETREAT

Doug Mabey—386-658-5200

Aquila Pool (the outdoor pool) will open for the season on Saturday, May 30. Open swim will be (with a few exceptions) Monday–Friday, 12:00–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Refer to the monthly published schedule for swimming times for various groups and open swim times.

The pool is reserved for use by Wee Care, Day Camp and Camp Suwannee campers; ACV members and guests; ACV employees; guests staying in the

## ☞ At the Village Square ☜

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

### Riverside Gifts

Gifts for all ages and occasions await you here. Some notable items include zippered Bible covers, lovely ACV pens to keep in the inside pockets, and page-size magnifiers to make reading easier. Useful journals to record your prayers and thoughts come in a variety of colors and styles.

Want to be outside, but don't like that terribly bright sunshine and pesky bugs? We have low-priced sunglasses, wide-brim hats with insect netting, and Deet-free insect repellent spray. For rainy days, grab your ACV umbrella and one-size-fits-all poncho with hood. Keep your outside walks going strong with one of the hand-carved walking sticks.

Don't forget that Father's Day is June 21. We have plenty of cards and gifts to bless the fathers in your life. Hand-carved walking sticks, leather wallets, pocketknives, and cooling towels are just some of the options for him.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices.

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

### Rustic Shop

Charcuterie boards are unique ways to serve cheeses, fruits, and vegetables. They can be dressed up for your fantastic patriotic party. Choose one of the patriotic kitchen towels to continue the theme. Don't forget the 250th celebration of our nation is coming up! Take home a red, white and blue flower arrangement to decorate your home.

A big thank-you goes out to Joyce Parlette with RVICS for all the wonderful handmade items that make our shop so special.

Our low prices on cards for graduations, birthdays, weddings, and other special days can't be beat. Keep a selection of cards in your home to be ready for any occasion.

Handmade and soft baby gifts, sweaters, blankets, and bibs will be loved and passed down for generations. (Some little girls even dress their baby dolls with these lovely items.)

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation for time pieces, car fobs and garage door openers are available at reasonable prices.

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

### Twice Nice Shop

We feature low prices on clothing for men, women, and children! We also have special-occasion dresses and wedding gowns. Our casual blouses, pants, slacks, shorts, swimsuits, and bathing trunks fit the bill for relaxed living. We always have low prices and great choices on scrubs.

**Have you taken advantage of the buy one, get two free Book Nook overstock sale? It ends this week!** For example, a 50¢ paperback purchase will garner free access to two other titles, whether hardback book, boardgame, DVDs, or five CDs of choice. The only shelf item category not included is rare and collectibles, so don't miss out. Bibles are always free.

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

## ☞ On CR 250 ☜

### Twice Nice Furniture & More

23353 CR 250 • 658-5871

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

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

First Saturday, June 6, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Village Lodge, in one of ACV's cottages, at Camp Suwannee, or at 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 those who have purchased a pool pass.

ACV Board members, and ACV employee family members are eligible to purchase a pool pass. Passes may be purchased at the Village Lodge office.

**NO ONE MAY SWIM ALONE.**

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

Please note that our Group Fitness Instructor, Kristie, will be on vacation until June 7. During these days, her Monday and Wednesday morning classes will not be held. Classes will resume on Monday, June 8.

If you have any questions, please contact Copeland Community Center at 658-5555.

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

#### **James Sutter—386-658-5400**

Please make note of these July 4th ACV events:

1. The veterans group is organizing a July 4th golf cart parade similar to the Christmas Parade on Wheels that will begin at 10:00 a.m. and tour through the Village. Anyone may participate by decorating something on wheels to ride — a golf cart, antique car, scooter, etc. Participants should arrive at the Lake Aquilla parking lot by 9:30.
2. A program and party celebrating America's 250th birthday will be held at 3:00 in the dining room. The event will include readings, music, contests, food, and cornhole.
3. Bus transportation is available to take riders to Live Oak to watch the fireworks display, which is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m.

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

The Village Guest Wi-Fi is available in ACV's public spaces to provide Wi-Fi service to ACV's guests and to residents while in ACV's public spaces. It is not intended to be used by residents in their homes. If any of the electronic devices in your home can see the Village Guest Wi-Fi, we would ask you to not connect your home devices to this Wi-Fi. When residents use this public Wi-Fi for their personal TVs, home computers, etc., it slows down the service for our guests. Residents should subscribe to a Wi-Fi provider such as Kinetic or Verizon Home Internet for their personal use in their home.

#### **Scam Tip of the Week:**

##### **Publishers Clearing House Imposter Scam**

Unfortunately, there are a TON of scammers out there fraudulently posing as Publishers Clearing House (PCH), just eager to tell innocent folks like you and me that they have won a prize. But beware because these scammers are not from the REAL Publishers Clearing House. They are just trying to rob you of your hard-earned money.

- The Prize Patrol NEVER notifies major prize winners by phone.
- The Prize Patrol NEVER notifies major prize winners by Facebook. And they don't send friend requests either!
- PCH will NEVER ask you to pay a fee to claim ANY prize (and that includes buying a Green Dot Money Pak Card)!
- PCH does NOT use the phrase "US dollars."
- No one from PCH will contact you via a Gmail or Yahoo account.

Even though these are some of the BIGGEST telltale signs that someone is trying to scam you, there are always new techniques out there that scammers will use to get your money. So any time you have even the slightest feeling that you are being scammed, look for these red flag warning signs! (Source: Victoria C., PCH Creative)

#### **Member Benefit of the Week**

ACV members receive discounts on events when purchasing theme dinner and concert tickets, and artist series season passes.

### **TV2**

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

- Why did it take six days for God to create everything? Couldn't He have done it in a second?
- Please explain 1 Peter 3:7, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

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

## **ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

#### **Dottie Stone, Reporter**

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 by noon on Monday.

### **CONNECTING THREADS**

#### **Mondays, 1:00–3:00 p.m. - KC**

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet Monday, June 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage.

### **CRAFTY CREW**

#### **Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

#### **Carter House Activity Room**

Come join us for creativity and fellowship! We'll be working on a new craft adventure this Friday. Feel free to bring along your own projects to show us and to work on as well. Get in on the Fun!

If you have questions contact Sister Maria Ann (sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com) or Sue Donnelly (SueWDonnelly@gmail.com)

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

#### **Monday–Friday**

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

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

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 Cathy Oberg, Reporter**

The Pen Pal Program will restart at the beginning of August when school starts. If you would like to be a pen pal, please contact me at (574) 229-8402 or Monica Serlick at (386) 330-4865.

"I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions" (Stephen R. Covey). "Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts" (Winston Churchill).

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY:**

#### **Christ Caring for People Through People Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

It's recruitment time again! Have you been considering how God might be calling you to serve at ACV? This may be the perfect time to explore becoming a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are trained laypeople who provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing difficult seasons in life. They meet weekly with their care receiver (someone going through a difficult season of life) to offer emotional and spiritual support through compassionate listening, encouragement, and prayer. Since ACV's first Stephen Minister commissioning in March of 2025, the team has provided this special ministry for 15 care receivers.

Stephen Ministers do not give advice or try to solve people's problems. Instead, they offer one of the greatest gifts we can give another person — their presence, empathy, and a listening ear. The care receiver's identity and everything they share is held in the strictest confidence.

Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and a heart for caring for others. The process includes an application and interview. Once accepted, participants complete 50 hours of training — a meaningful time of spiritual growth, personal development, and bonding with other trainees. Stephen Ministers commit to serving for two years.

Please prayerfully consider whether God may be leading you to this important ministry. If you feel called to serve — or if you simply have questions — we would love to talk with you.

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

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

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

"These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him" (John 17:1-2 KJV).

These kind words just came in from our friendly Butterfield Acres neighbor, Ann Perry: "Paula and I returned last week from a visit with family in Georgia and Tennessee. I was happy to hear that CrackerJack has come home from the hospital and is doing well. The sad news is losing our neighbor and friend Roy Ames. On a happier note, I am thankful that I had a beautiful Mother's Day celebration with my two sweet daughters, Paula and Cynthia, and my son-in-law Charles, in Augusta. Indeed, families are a gift from the Lord."

Thank you, Ann, for these kind words, and we hope everyone had a happy Mother's Day.

My, haven't we had our share of rain and windstorms in the afternoons and nighttime hours? I'm just thankful we had no tornadoes to go along with the bad weather.

James Sutter writes, "We had an impromptu Butterfield Acres gathering at Beef O'brady's in Live Oak on Memorial Day. Mary Jane and I made plans to eat there with the Nissleys and found Jack and Barbara Dixon at the next table. Soon after the Nissleys arrived, Brittany Wendt and her son, Gideon, walked in to sit at another table nearby. What are the odds?"

Our birthday calendar gives us notice of happy birthdays to Ann Perry on the 15th, followed by Jane Burns and Carlene Polk on the 16th, and Bob Wheeler on May 18. That rounds out my list for this month. If I missed someone, please forgive me, and let me know by calling the number above or emailing me at jack-wdixon@gmail.com. Thank you.

It looks like the family of Stan and Pat Hall is ready to part with their home at 102nd Trail, as a "For Sale" sign recently went up in the front yard.

I think we are finally rid of the two stray black-and-white dogs that roamed the neighborhood recently. I do hope they were given good homes where they will be cared for and loved as they deserve.

I know there are folks in our community who need our prayers for healing and goodwill. Please

remember to keep them in your daily prayers and thoughts.

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should we? Don't put a question mark where God puts a period. People are funny — they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church! Remember to give thanks for all things, good and bad, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Mary Gamble—334-790-9066**

Good morning, neighbors. I hope you've all had a wonderful week.

Happy birthday to Linda Cywin on June 7, Gloria Seidenberg on June 9, and Sue Proctor on June 12.

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

If you missed the Membership Association meeting on May 21, you missed a good one. Cindy Beaver was the guest speaker, and she gave an excellent presentation on safety, including a fire-safety PowerPoint. It was a packed house. I encourage everyone to attend when you can — these meetings offer a lot of helpful information about ACV.

Editor's note: The recording of the meeting will air on TV2 Monday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, June 4, at 8:00 p.m.; and Friday, June 5, at 9:00 a.m.

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and took time to remember what the holiday is truly about.

Monica Serlick reported that she spent an awesome weekend with friends in Green Cove Springs. She and Mia had a blast walking on the St. Johns River pier, and Mia enjoyed playing in the backyard with the cat.

With the warmer temperatures, please remember to stay hydrated.

The Lord has certainly blessed us with some good rain lately. It's wonderful to see the river rising again.

Please remember to keep each other in your prayers. Thanks, everyone — have a blessed week. "Be the light" (Ephesians 5:8).

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

#### **Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning, neighbors. Today is a new start — clean and fresh, with nothing on the slate. We need to make it count. We can never be sure of tomorrow. It's a good day when kids wake up and can watch cartoons. It's a good day for adults when they realize it's Saturday. And it's a good day for seniors when they wake up.

Dottie Stone had the opportunity to visit a place near Live Oak called The Hummingbird Ranch. The ranch shelters many kinds of animals — alpacas, goats, chickens, miniature Jerusalem (Christian) donkeys, and more.

She was especially impressed with the beautiful Jerusalem donkeys, known for the distinct black cross marking on their backs. They have a long history, originating in the Middle East, and many stories surround them. Tradition tells us Mary rode one into Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. And from the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Kings rode horses; Jesus rode a donkey because He did not come as an earthly king. The ranch is a wonderful place to visit and learn the history of these amazing animals, and they even offer accommodations if you want to stay a few days.

I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial Day, honoring those who sacrificed their all for "America, Land of the Free." God bless America.

Please slow down on the roads in the Village. I've heard several people mention cars and golf carts going too fast, barely missing walkers and running stop signs. One of the feral cats was hit and killed near the market entrance. There is simply no excuse for that in a slow-zone area.

Did you get to visit the Village-wide yard sale? There were plenty of good bargains. I thought about setting up a table myself, but my get-up-and-go got up and went — leaving me tired and lazy.

Thank God we are finally getting some good rain. It really poured on Saturday and Sunday, and the plants are loving it. The flower bed by the church entrance was redone recently. The dusty miller was beautiful, and I hated to see it taken out — it was thriving. It will take time to fill in again.

If you have news you'd like to share, send it to me or hand it to me.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick and dealing with health problems.

My friend and I were shopping in a jewelry store and found an unusual necklace. The salesman said, "It was made with genuine alligator teeth! It costs more than pearls!" "Why?" I asked. "Well," he said, "it's dangerous to get them — and anyone can open an oyster!"

Until next week, look up. Lift your heads. Our redemption draws near. Luke 21:28.

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

#### **Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237**

Good morning, neighbors. No birthdays this week, but we do have one anniversary. Best wishes to Albert and Marilyn Yale on their May 31 anniversary. May your blessings continue to multiply and happiness abound.

Please mark your calendars for July 3 and the Annual Edgewood Terrace Patriotic Ice Cream Social. Watch coming newsletters for more information.

Clarification for new neighbors: When you see the words "Edgewood Terrace" this includes ALL residents of Lawrence House, Taylor Commons, Millsite Lane, and the homes on Dowling Park Dr. between Taylor Commons and CR 250.

Has anyone not noticed the addition of flags on Dowling Park Dr.? What a beautiful sight!

It's a glorious reflection of the memories and bravery of service people that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country's freedom.

Please welcome new residents and check on some you may not have seen for a few days. The heat has arrived, and we are more likely to stay indoors and cool. Maybe you could be the care that your neighbor didn't know they needed.

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

#### **Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550**

We observed Pentecost Sunday on May 24 as residents from Dacier Manor and GSC gathered in the Magnolia Dining Room. We read the account in Acts 2:1–21 and were reminded that even though the believers expected the Holy Spirit to come — as Jesus had promised — they likely had no idea how it would happen. Sometimes we expect things to happen, but we don't know the path God will use. Yet we can be sure of this: when God gives a promise, He never fails. We need to expect the unexpected and resist the urge to dictate how God should bring His promises to pass.

A friend recently shared a story on Facebook, and with his permission, I'm passing it along. A visitor attended the funeral of a distant friend at a large evangelical church. The sanctuary was full. The visitor commented to a man nearby that the deceased must have been well known. The man replied no — he had been shy, and few people knew him personally. "Then why are so many people here?" the visitor asked. The answer was simple: "Because he was a member of the church. When a member dies, the whole church comes to honor him as a brother in Christ."

GSC holds a memorial service on the second Wednesday of each month to honor our residents. This month it will be on June 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. If you can attend, please join our staff, fellow residents, and the families of those who have passed. As part of God's family, we rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Last Thursday, the Randy Brown Band visited GSC. We always enjoy their lively songs and uplifting messages. On Friday, Dick Grillo visited to sing and share. If you ask Dick someday, he might tell you how many years he's been coming to GSC and Dacier Manor.

Our June Employee of the Month is Brittany Wendt. Brittany is a nurse at GSC, and she is exemplary in all she does. Recently she has taken on new respon-

sibilities in addition to her regular duties, and she hasn't missed a beat. She truly cares for the residents and takes pride in her work.

### **RIVERWOODS**

#### **Patty Gianceski—386-658-2024**

Greetings from where I just watched three deer traipse from my yard into the meadow.

According to the calendar it's not officially summer yet, but it certainly feels like it. The days are longer and warmer, and some things seem to be slowing down.

So many activities are shaped by the school year. Many of us remember the excitement of hearing that last bell ring before summer vacation. What did that mean for you? For us, it meant unstructured days filled with softball or games invented by the collective imaginations of the kids on our street. Some afternoons we'd put on our bathing suits and run through the sprinkler to cool off. Back then, most houses weren't air-conditioned, and Florida summers were (and still are) hot.

Porch sittin' is a good way to cool off or simply relax. It's also the perfect spot for shelling peas or eating hot boiled peanuts. Here in Riverwoods, when neighbors see each other sitting on the porch, it's not uncommon to stop for a visit. You might catch up while enjoying a glass of tea or lemonade. That's what being neighborly is all about.

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf" (2 Corinthians 5:14–15).

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **ALHAMBRA DINNER THEATRE**

#### **Submitted by Maureen Wittmeyer**

We are hoping to put a group trip together to the Alhambra Dinner Theatre in Jacksonville, Florida, with the performance to be decided if we have enough interest. It would be a Saturday matinee. Price per person would be approximately \$75 for the show and the three-course dinner. There might be a group discount. We will work with ACV to provide bus transportation. (The bus fee would be at least \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members depending on how many go.) Please call (813) 395-5198 with questions or to express interest.

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

#### **Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

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

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

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

Ladies, we do waxing as well!

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

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

### **WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS**

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

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

For June Spa Days, June 6: Special offers for couples or groups of five or more! Whether you're relaxing solo, with a partner, or bringing your friends together, we've got the perfect facial treatment for you. Take \$5.00 off

30-minute facials, and \$10 off 60-minute facials for couples or groups of five.

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

### LEGAL SERVICES

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

### FIRST FEDERAL BANK

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

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

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

### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Traci Nissley and the others who honored us with their brass debut bringing memories from long ago — our own ACV bandstand — with a special thanks to James, our faithful emcee.

As I read the flag-draped remembrance tribute, so many memories flooded back: Girl Scouts marching with the Legion veterans, celebrating Decoration Day at the cemetery, wearing a paper poppy, learning the "Flanders Fields" poem in school ... We honored our neighbor Gold Star Mother; our veterans who came home with wounded hearts; and my baby brother, all grown up in his Air Force uniform.

Thank you for the great musical statements and the precious memories.

Mary Jane Holler

## MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE:** Bookshelf - 70" tall, 25" wide, and 11.5" deep. \$75. Contact Dottie Stone at 352-316-5161.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Large slow cook crock pot, \$10. Inogen oxygen concentrator with two batteries, portable with carry harness, \$300. Excalibur nine-tray dehydrator, \$200. Suzuki electronic instrument (Omnichord) with two-cord model 2 C-1, \$300. Contact Joel at 386-658-1313.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Riverfront home for sale in Riverwoods. Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bath split plan, remodeled quartz/stainless kitchen, remodeled guest bathroom, walk-in shower, new vanity. Luxury vinyl plank flooring throughout. Roof, fascia and soffit three years new. Stroll your very own boardwalk right down to either one of two decks and river watch. Must see to appreciate! Contact 904-210-4998 or 904-860-6140.\*\*

**FREE:** Macy's Radley 3-piece fabric chaise sofa (right arm facing), light mint green - free (pick up only, no delivery). Contact Mary Brannan at 386-678-3677.\*

### VILLAGE BOOKWORK

For the month of June in the Village Church, we are going to be worshipping around the book of Ruth in the Bible. Can a 3,000-year-old love story teach us anything today? The answer is yes!

In John Piper's *A Sweet and Bitter Providence* we explore the sovereignty of God. Through calamities and sorrows, the book of Ruth shows us we can trust and love the God who has dealt us a painful hand in life. The story overflows in radical acts of love for hurting people, and even in our darkest hours brings glory to God as we see His perfect plan work through history and bring us the greatest love story ever written ... Jesus Christ.

Pick up the book in our Village library and come join the Village Church as David Klumpenhower leads us through the timeless themes written in the book of Ruth.

Alex Kershaw is a widely acclaimed, prize-winning, *New York Times* best-selling author. Many of his in-depth stories give us vivid accounts of the remarkable courage and survival of the men who fought with bravery in WWII. The Village library has just added two of his gripping historical accounts of D-Day, *The First Wave* and *The Longest Winter: The Battle of the Bulge*.

Join the American soldiers who storm Omaha Beach and, against impossible odds, continue to fight with conviction and courage to liberate Europe from Nazi control. Weep as you experience the physical and emotional toll while following the fight, and see the many ways it could all have been lost except for the sacrifice and bravery of these soldiers. Or live through the freezing weather, lack of supplies, and constant danger the soldiers faced in the Battle of the Bulge.

Kershaw concentrates on 16 men who held the Allied lines at the beginning of the most decisive battle of the war. Without their bravery, the Allied forces would not have been able to regroup and eventually turn Hitler's last stand into just that: his failed last effort to take control of Europe.

Kershaw's writing is detailed and exciting, making the reader feel connected to the soldiers, their struggles, and the teamwork it took to endure together this time in history.

If you have a suggestion for The Bookworm, please send it to [sgermaine720@gmail.com](mailto:sgermaine720@gmail.com).

*The Village Post Office*



**Monday–Friday**  
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
1:00–3:00 p.m.


**Saturday**  
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**658-5270**

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



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# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!\* 658-3130  
No grocery deliveries on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30.

## GROCERY

China Doll Large Lima Beans	16 oz.	\$ 4.00
Mueller's Jumbo Shells	12 oz.	\$ 3.50
IGA Mixed Vegetables	15 oz.	\$ 1.50
A.1. Original Sauce	5 oz.	\$ 4.60
IGA Instant Grits	9.8 oz.	\$ 4.50
Polar Oysters	8 oz.	\$ 3.80
Nabisco Chewy Chips Ahoy	13 oz.	\$ 5.00
Ajax Dish Soap	12 oz.	\$ 1.80

## DAIRY

Dutch Farms English Muffins	12 oz.	\$ 1.80
Chobani Greek Yogurt	32 oz.	\$ 9.30

## PRODUCE

Local Bi-Color Sweet Corn	2 for	\$ 1.50
Bag Baking Potatoes	5 lb.	\$ 4.30

## FROZEN

Pepperidge Farm Layer Cakes	19 oz.	\$ 7.30
Banquet Pot Pie	7 oz.	\$ 1.80

## MEAT

Boneless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 4.70
Boneless New York Strip	per lb.	\$16.00
Lean Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Oscar Mayer Beef Bologna	8 oz.	\$ 5.80
SnowFloss Kraut	32 oz.	\$ 4.00
Boar's Head Breakfast Sausage	6 oz.	\$ 3.00

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Horseradish White Cheddar Cheese — \$6.50 per lb.

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

Full chicken \$7.00, Half chicken \$4.00

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

## This Week's Verse

A patient man has great understanding ...

Proverbs 14:29

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

# June 2026

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**Lot 11 Wildwood Cir.:** \$15,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS #120450.

**23329 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,238 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom/2-bath on .19 acre; beautiful backyard with screened back porch, and 1-car garage. MLS #126218.

**23350 Meadow View Dr.:** \$289,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. Large brick home on large lot; 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and attached 2-car garage. MLS #123514.

**10498 Wildwood Dr.:** \$279,000; 1,111 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom, 2-bath on .26 acres. 2 car garage, screened in breezeway with newer roof/carpet/paint and D/W. MLS #129695.

**23353 Live Oak Ln.:** \$239,000; 1,050 sq. ft. 2-bedroom/2-bath home with 2-car garage, has newer appliances, washer/dryer, roof, and more. MLS #130960.

**10430 Wildwood Dr.:** \$300,000; 2,247 sq. ft. well-maintained, custom-built, one-owner home. Has 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, and a 2-car garage with lots of storage, including a room above the garage. MLS #131121.

**10624 Wildwood Dr.:** \$294,500; 1,728 sq. ft.; beautiful 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with bonus room on .34 acres. Screened and heated back porch and new roof (2025). 2+-car garage with a golf cart bay. MLS #129777.

**10438 Wildwood Dr.:** \$287,000; 1,829 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths on .27-acre lot with Florida room, indoor laundry, and 2-car garage. Move-in ready. MLS #130454.

**10407 Riverwoods Dr.:** \$190,000; 1,720 sq. ft. nice 3-bedroom/2-bath home with fireplace on .3 acres overlooking the Suwannee River. MLS #129276.

**23328 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,479 sq. ft. Comfortable 3-bedroom/2-bath home with an oversized 2-car garage, living room with built-in shelving, and a nice floor plan. Home backs up to a common area. MLS #131323.

**Coming Soon - 23316 River Birch Ln.:** \$309,000; 1,994 sq. ft. This 3-bedroom/2-bath/2-car-garage home has lots of upgrades, including a newer roof, A/C, furnace, hybrid hot water tank, water softener, updated bathrooms, and more!

## Birthdays

1. Raelyn Moye, Ed Smith, Debbie Wolever;
2. Joan Wittman;
3. Buck Lombard;
4. Laurie Croce;
5. Michael Donnelly, Elizabeth Hodges\*;
6. William Futch;
7. Linda Cywin;
8. Karen Allen, Ruth Cochrane, Lynn Tedder;
9. Gloria Seidenberg;
10. Winifred Luzzi\*;
11. Donna Carr;
12. Virginia Holley, Sue Proctor, Ruth Slane;
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22. Dale Luzzi\*;
25. Marty Nickerson, John Owen;
27. Jean Ard, Sharon McLeskey, Michael Saunders;
28. Gary Kueppers, Kathy Straub, Joyce Thompson\*;
30. Marjorie Easter\*, Winona Kotnik.

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2. Evan & Peggy Spangler;
3. Paul & Ruth Cochrane;
6. Jann & Richard Loderhose, Bud & Joyce Royal;
7. Brenda & Bob Story;
8. Flora & Paul Cook;
9. Jim & Barbara Kile;
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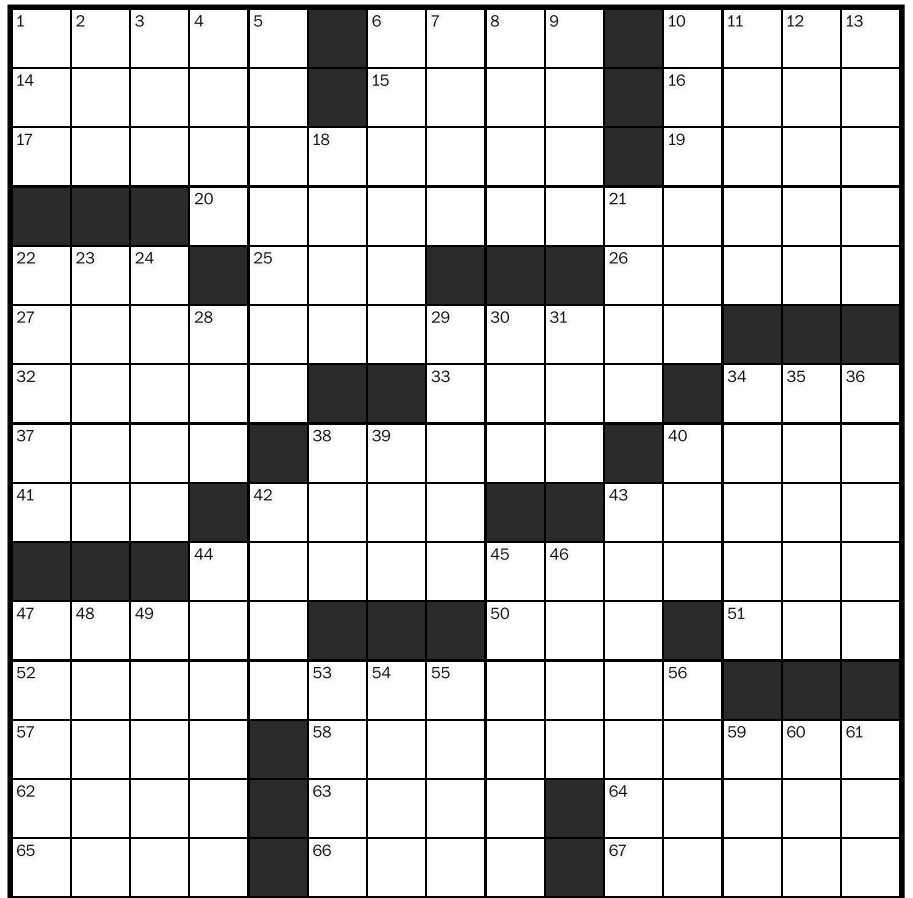
1. Sweeties
6. "Gimme a break!"
10. Like Supreme Court arguments
14. Sight-related
15. Tick off
16. Item in a hotel closet
17. One thumbing for a ride
19. Mother Earth, in Greek myth
20. Metaphor for a plan that may collapse at any moment
22. From \_\_\_ Z
25. Inc. kin
26. Phase one
27. Empire State NFL team
32. Chapel centerpiece
33. Dishwasher capacity
34. Pop-ups in a free game
37. Snow toy with runners
38. Shapewear company founded in 2000
40. "In \_\_\_ of gifts ..."
41. Cornish game \_\_\_
42. "\_\_\_ go bragh!"
43. Agreed (with)
44. Features of easy-to-read signs
47. Insurance filing
50. "There you \_\_\_!"
51. Susan of "L.A. Law"

52. Stack heading to the post office, or what 20-, 27-, and 44-Across all have?

57. Edinburgh resident
58. Rats out one's co-conspirators, say
62. Former Yankee slugger Martinez
63. Health resorts
64. The Met Gala, e.g.
65. Spread slowly
66. Org. with a white rabbit in its logo
67. Patinkin of "Homeland"

## DOWN

1. Play-\_\_\_: Hasbro toy clay
2. Allergist's lead-in to Pen
3. QB passing stat
4. Like a billionaire
5. Intellectual
6. Butter substitute, in some recipes
7. Angels outfielder Trout
8. Butter substitute
9. Backyard water fight brand
10. Instruments with many pipes
11. Laughs noisily
12. Endure
13. "That's the \_\_\_ of my worries"
18. Ship's framework
21. Frosty
22. Embarrass



23. Bridal veil netting
24. Frequently
28. Passing trend
29. Like a brand-new canvas
30. Lithium-\_\_\_ battery
31. Hardly strict
34. Supported
35. Name on much farm equipment
36. Foamy, as soap
38. B'way sign

39. Insta post
40. Held a match to
42. Ticklish Muppet
43. Women's Media Center co-founder Gloria
44. Three-ring circus setting
45. San Diego suburb whose name means "the table"
46. Historic stretches
47. Expenditures

48. Port St. \_\_\_, Florida
49. Make amends
53. Clouseau or Gadget's rank, briefly
54. Sensitive neck part
55. MBA hopeful's exam
56. Volcanic flow
59. Guys
60. Conclusion
61. Hog farm pen

# SUDOKU

No. 804

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# ANSWERS

**May 29–June 8, 2026**

**FRIDAY, 5/29**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Torpedo Coconut Shrimp, Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies
- \$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Prince Edward Vegetable Blend (Green and Wax Beans and Carrots), Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 5/30**

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Crispy Chicken Salad (Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Red Onions, and Cheese), Garlic Bread, Banana or Blueberry Muffin, NSA Lemon Cake, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 5/31**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Blend (Green and Wax Beans and Carrots), Carrots, Yellow Squash, Caprese Tomatoes, House Salad, Peaches, Potatoes au Gratin
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 6/1**

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Stuffed Peppers, Italian Hoagie Sandwich (Ham, Turkey, Salami and Provolone), Chicken Livers
- \$1.40 Sides:** Broccoli, Beets, Cold Salads, Rice with GF Gravy, Cinnamon Roasted Apples
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 6/2**

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Honey Ham, Country Fries Chicken with Country Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** GF Okra and Tomatoes, GF Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Spinach, Blueberry Pecan Salad, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

May 29—June 5, 2026

## WEDNESDAY, 6/3

**\$2.75** **Soup:** Homemade Soup

**\$6.95** **Entrées:** Cheesy Ravioli, Fried Chicken

**\$1.40** **Sides:** GF Malibu Vegetable Blend (Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Orange and Yellow Carrots), Green Beans, Carrot Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes

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

## THURSDAY, 6/4

**\$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Pork Carnitas, GF Beef Tacos

**\$1.40** **Sides:** GF Peas and Carrots, Sweet Corn, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Cold Salads, Watermelon, Fruit, Cilantro Lime Rice

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

## FRIDAY, 6/5

**\$2.75** **Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder

**\$6.95** **Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, Torpedo Coconut Shrimp, Vegetable Lasagna, Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies

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

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

**EAT LOCAL  
EAT OFTEN**



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

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



## LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

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

**Friday, May 29**

Lunch only: Rodeo Burger and Fries, \$14.95

All day: Manicotti Parmesan and Garlic Toast, \$16.95

**Saturday, May 30**

Lunch only: Open-Faced Tuna Melt on Grilled Marble Rye, and Cole Slaw, \$12.95

All day: Slow-Roasted Beef Short Ribs, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$17.95

Ann & Quinton  
*Rumph*  
DINING ROOM

**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm

**THE LOPIN' GOPHER**  
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**658-5259**

**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm

# June

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

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

## Indoor Pool Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–9:00	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
9:00–9:30		Open Swim		Open Swim		
9:30–10:15	Aquafit (Kristie)		Aquafit (Kristie)		Water Aerobics (No instructor)	
10:15–10:45	Aqua Gentle Flow (Kristie)		Aqua Gentle Flow (Kristie)		Aquatone for Arthritis (No instructor)	
11:00–12:00	Open Swim		Open Swim		Open Swim	
12:00–2:30						
2:30–3:00		Open Swim				
3:00–5:00		Water Volleyball		Water Volleyball		

## Multipurpose Room Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:30	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
8:30–9:15		Stretching with Jane Adams (DVD)	Zumba Gold (Kristie)	Stretching with Jane Adams (DVD)		
9:00–9:30	Walk & Stretch (Kristie)					
9:30–11:00	Open	Open	Open	Open		
11:00–11:30	Cardio Drumming (Kristie)		Cardio Drumming (Kristie)			
11:30–5:00	Open		Open			

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

# Copeland Community Center

## WATER ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

## WEIGHT ROOM

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

## OUTDOOR GAMES at CCC

**BOCCE** is an Italian lawn-bowl-like game where players, often in teams, throw large bocce balls to get closer to a smaller target ball.

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

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

## WALKING

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

## GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

**CARDIO DRUMMING:** An energetic, low-impact group fitness class that combines aerobic movements with the rhythmic beat of drumming. The class can be performed seated or standing using stability balls and drumsticks. Participants follow along to upbeat music, engaging both body and mind while making exercise feel like a fun, stress-relieving jam session.

**ZUMBA GOLD:** A modified, low-impact version of the traditional Zumba dance fitness program. Designed primarily for active older adults, beginners, and anyone needing a gentler approach to exercise, this class focuses on improving balance, range of motion, and coordination while maintaining the fun and energetic atmosphere of traditional Zumba.

## EXERCISE by VIDEO

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

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

**STRETCHING WITH JOYCE BERRA on TV2:** Stretch and strengthen your body, release tension, and ease your mind! This is a gentle class that focuses on posture, breathing and relaxation. Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room at CCC.

## PICKLEBALL

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
8:30–11:00 a.m.**

Pickleball is a racquet sport for all age groups and levels. It combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Come out and watch, or join in the fun! Spare equipment is available for use for those who want to try the game without making a monetary commitment. During summer, games are played on the court located near Keepers Cottage, Polk Ceramics Shop and Watkins Hobby Shop. During the other seasons, games are played in the Camp Suwannee Pavilion.

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

## TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

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