



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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Copeland Medical	658-5300	Post Office	658-5270
Finance Department	658-5450	Security/Emergency	658-3333
Home Care	658-5460	Shuttle Bus	208-2584

## OCTOBER 10, 2025

Friday	10/10	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ACV Workday—VC Golf Cart Parking Lot</b> <b>Johnson's Bakery Donut Sale—GSC</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR <b><i>What Does the Bible Say About ...—DR</i></b>
Saturday	10/11	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR</b> <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR</b>
Sunday	10/12	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	10/13	<b>Federal Holiday (Columbus Day): The post office and First Federal Bank are closed today.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00–3:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m. <b>4:00 p.m.</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>Morning Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—VC Room 5</b> Connecting Threads Sewing Ministry—KC Ceramics—PCS <b>Bunco Party—OPR</b> Dominoes—CMH
Tuesday	10/14	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> <b>3:30 p.m.</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH <i>VCBI: Revival History—VC Room 5</i> <b>Wonders of Creation—DR</b> <b>Evening Missions Meeting (WHFMS)—OPR</b>
Wednesday	10/15	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. <i>11:00 a.m.</i> 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. <i>6:00 p.m.</i> 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Bingo—CMH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	10/16	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH <b>Membership Association Meeting—RDR</b>
Friday	10/17	<i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.–until</b>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR <b>Tabletop Games Time—SMR</b>

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

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Lee Herb, who was a resident of GSC, died Oct. 2. His memorial information will be provided when available.

### NEW MEMBER

William Harney of Mayo, Florida, has moved to Dacier Manor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### ACV MEMBER SURVEY

At Advent Christian Village we are continuously seeking ways to improve our service. To help gain a better understanding of what is important to you, and to gauge how we are accomplishing our important mission, it would be appreciated if you would take a few minutes to complete our upcoming membership survey.

The survey is available online, and for all of those who have an email registered with Member Services, **a link to the survey will be sent to you this Friday, Oct. 10.** Couples have the ability to download the survey twice if both want to complete their own survey.

For those without a registered email, you can sign up to receive your survey by sending a request to Michelle Pollina at [mpollina@acvillage.net](mailto:mpollina@acvillage.net). You will then be able to receive additional email communications from ACV in times of emergencies. If you have difficulties or questions about this process, please contact your service coordinator.

If you do not have an email or would prefer a hard copy of the survey, you may obtain one at the Member Services office.

Your input is important to us as we strive to improve our ability to express Christ's love through the compassionate care and comprehensive services offered in this place. Thank you.

Craig Carter, President/CEO

### Darleen's Corner

### GOLF CARTS NEEDED

From time to time, I am asked what tangible items are needed at ACV. We are so grateful to those who choose to support these needs. Currently, one of our most pressing needs is for a number of new golf carts. Golf carts are an effective, economical and environmentally-friendly way for staff to travel across the campus to serve members. Much of our current fleet is beyond repair, and several staff members are using their own vehicles to drive through the campus.

- Standard golf carts: needed: 25; cost: \$5,000 each
- Utility golf carts with a bed for hauling equipment: needed: 2; cost: \$12,000 each
- Specialty enclosed van golf cart for transporting food: needed: 1; cost: \$15,000

This is just a small sample of the tangible items on our current needs list. If you are interested in

learning more please call 658-5110 or stop by my office at Carter Village Hall.

Darleen Hinrichs, Sr. Dir. of Donor Engagement

## ACV EVENTS

### ACV WORKDAY

**Friday, Oct. 10, 9:00 a.m.–Until  
Meet in Church Golf Cart Parking**

Join us for a Village Community Outdoor Clean-Up Day. Our mission is to tame the wild weeds, wrangle the runaway flowers, and shape up the scruffy overgrown shrubs in front of Dowling House and Carter House (from the covered walkway to the entrance to Highsmith Park). Residents and staff will join forces and tackle the problem head on. The workday is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 10. We will provide snacks, drinks, and the tools necessary for the jobs. You can also bring your own tools and equipment if you have them.



We'll meet in the church golf cart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. No special skills or talents are needed.

### "WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ..." LIVE EVENT

**Friday, Oct. 10, 1:00 p.m. - DR**

On Oct. 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Millions of people pray every day — for healing, peace, success, or guidance. Sometimes those prayers seem to work; other times, they go unanswered. Believers interpret answered prayers as divine intervention and unanswered ones as "still God's plan." But is this always correct?
2. Why did God put the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden if he knew what was going to happen?
3. Do the Big Bang Theory, evolution, and neuroscience explain the origins of the universe and life?
4. Was it a mistake for Jacob to take his family to Egypt? They ended up slaves.

Your host will be Rev. Bruce Arnold with guests Sharon Germaine and Linda Barton. They will share their thoughts and listen to yours. Bring your questions and comments!

### LADIES' BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. The guest speaker will be Cheryl Bonville, wife of Darren, our new minister of pastoral care. A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.



## JOHNSON'S BAKERY DONUT SALE

**Friday, Oct. 10, starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Pick up from the lobby of GSC.**

**\$2.00 each or \$20 for a dozen. Glazed only.**

**Order ahead of time, please: 658-5573.**

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The guest speaker will be Darren Bonville, our new minister of pastoral care.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.75. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

**BUNCO PARTY**

**Monday, Oct. 13, 4:00 p.m. - OPR**

Bunco is a social dice game where players roll dice to score points. It's a game of chance, and is often played with three tables of four players. As rounds end, players switch seats, mixing up the tables to jumble who sits with whom. Bunco parties usually last less than an hour. The object is to have fun socializing.

The next Bunco party is planned for Monday, Oct. 13, at 4:00 p.m. (note the different time) in the Old Pavilion Room. If you're interested, please come. There is no need to call ahead.

**MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Thursday, Oct. 16, 2:00 p.m. - RDR**

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room. This month's speaker is SHINE Outreach & Education Specialist Kristina Young with Elder Options. Kristina will talk about Medicare open enrollment, which begins Oct. 15.

Every ACV member is encouraged to attend the meeting on Oct. 16. Come for the information; stay for the fellowship and refreshments.

**BABY SHOWER**

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. - SMR/DR**

The WHFMS will be hosting a baby shower for the Pregnancy Care Center of Live Oak on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. The speakers will be staff from the Pregnancy Care Center. Refreshments will be served.

Please bring a new, unwrapped baby gift. Suggested items include diapers (sizes 4-7), baby wipes, winter clothes (newborn to 24 months), diaper bags, nail clipper kits, shampoo, and lotion.

**GARDEN CLUB MEETING**

**Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2:00 p.m. - DR**

The monthly Garden Club meeting will take place Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. All are invited. The speaker will be Bob Hochmuth. Mr. Hochmuth serves as the Center Director for the UF/IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center - Suwannee Valley as well as a Regional Specialized Extension Agent for commercial vegetable crops serving the Northeast Extension District of Florida. He serves both greenhouse and field vegetable growers.

**OKTOBERFEST THEME DINNER**  
**Thursday, Oct. 23**

**Social Hour: 5:00 p.m., Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Members: \$18, Non-members: \$25**  
**Rumph Dining Room**

You are invited to an Oktoberfest theme dinner on Thursday, Oct. 23, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room.

The 5:00 p.m. social hour menu will consist of soft pretzels, obatzda (German cheese spread), gurken-salat (cucumber salad), and kinderpunsch (German warm, spiced punch). While you socialize and enjoy the live German music, you'll have the opportunity to make a pretzel necklace and take part in the root beer tasting while supplies last.

Dinner will begin at 6:00. The buffet will contain gluten-free schnitzel, German-style sausages and sauerkraut, rotkohl (braised red cabbage), kartoffelpuffer (potato pancakes) and applesauce, kasespatzle (German mac and cheese), and German house salad. And for dessert, either black forest cake or no-sugar-added chocolate mousse.

Tickets are available at the Village cashier's office during regular operating hours. Please pick up your tickets by Oct. 16 so the dining room knows how much food to make.

**LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:**  
**GAINESVILLE BRASS QUINTET**  
**Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. - BC**

Hailing from central Florida, the Gainesville Brass Quintet delivers dynamic performances packed with energy, precision and heart. This ensemble explores a wide-ranging repertoire — from baroque and fanfares, to classical masterworks and contemporary gems — always bringing a fresh perspective and inviting audience connection.

Individual tickets can be purchased from the ACV cashier's office and at the event for \$18 (ACV member) and \$26 (non-member), or season passes can be purchased at the cashier's office for \$140 (ACV member) and \$210 (non-member). Those with season passes may also attend the Community Concerts of Lake City free of charge. Call 658-5400 for more information.



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

**ATLANTIC CITY BOYS**

**Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.**

**Florida Gateway College**

**Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center**

**149 SE College Place, Lake City**

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

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

Four world class singers combine smooth dance moves, enjoyable audience participation, and show-stopping numbers — singing hits of The Drifters, Beach Boys, and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting communityconcerts.info. Individual ticket prices are \$30 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC. Please note that due to current bus restrictions, a smaller vehicle will need to be used such as the shuttle bus.



**Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. - VS**

Autumn Fest 2025 will be held Saturday, Oct. 25. This day will be full of fun activities for all!

This year's Autumn Fest will include vendors offering handmade items, miscellaneous merchandise for sale, and food. Vendors will be available in the Village Square from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. And at noon, the costumed motorcyclists taking part in the American Legion's Poker Run will drop by the Village Square for your enjoyment.

Taking part in one or both of the contests — Pumpkin Yummy and Pumpkin Decorating — is a great way to get a jump start on the fun. The judging will take place at 10:00 during Autumn Fest, and the winners will be announced at 11:00.

After the Pumpkin Yummy contest entries are judged, the remaining portions will be sold bake sale style. The proceeds will be donated to ACV's benevolence program. There is no limit to the number of entries, and even if you don't want your yummy to be judged, you can still donate something for the bake sale (pumpkin or not).



Baked goods and decorated pumpkins should be delivered to the Village Lodge office.

Likewise, a silent auction will take place that morning, and the proceeds will also be donated to help residents in need. Silent auction items can be brought to Member Services. Please only donate items in good shape/working order.

Make plans to join us for an exciting day. Festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Village Square.

If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Village Lodge at 658-5200. Any other questions should be directed to Member Services at 658-5400.

**Notice about parking:** In order for the Village Square parking lot to be empty and ready for Autumn Fest, we ask that no one park in the Village Square parking lot after 8:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. Thank you for your help.

**Shuttle bus:** The shuttle bus will drive a fairly continuous route Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. between Dowling House, Carter House and the Village Square. It will still be available by calling (386) 208-2584 to be picked up from and transported to other places during that time as well.

**Vendors:** Vendors can set up between 7:00 and 8:00 Saturday morning.

**PUMPKIN YUMMY CONTEST**

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:00–9:30 a.m. - VS**

With fall in the air, it's time to prepare your favorite pumpkin delicacy. One of the many activities we have planned for Autumn Fest will be a contest to select the most delicious pumpkin-based dish. Bring entries to the Village Lodge office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, or between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, for the judging. The winners will be announced at 11:00 a.m. during Autumn Fest. Following the announcement of the winners, the entries will be for sale at the Village Lodge. All proceeds will go toward ACV's benevolent fund.



**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

**Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:00–9:30 a.m. - VS**

To celebrate Autumn Fest, let's decorate pumpkins! Do one of your own. Do one with your department. Call the grandkids! To help celebrate our Autumn Fest, you are invited to decorate a pumpkin! Carve it, paint it, dress it, plant it ... whatever suits your artistic expression. Bring your entry to the Village Lodge office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, or between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, for the judging. The winning entry will be announced at 11:00 a.m. during Autumn Fest.

After Autumn Fest, the pumpkins will be transported to the Lopin' Gopher eating area to be admired for a week or so.

**EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

**BOOK SALE**

**October 9–11 and 14–18**

**Live Oak Public Library**

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place at the Live Oak Public Library Oct. 9–11 and 14–18 during regular library hours (8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

**GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS**

**Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m. - SMR**

An hour-long exercise class is held Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the Sawmill Room. Everyone is welcome at any level to a time of movement and self massage. Join us as we inspire one another to keep moving as much as we can for as long as we can — and feel better.

Walk in or come on your scooter or power chair. All mobility levels are welcome. Contact Bonnie Olson for more information at (386) 678-1962 or by email at bonlou2010@gmail.com.

**BOB COPELAND'S NEW MINISTRY**

**Sundays, 8:00 a.m. - On Facebook**

A couple of months ago Bob Copeland started a new ministry called "Burning Word". He invites you to join him every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. on Facebook for the "Burning Word Broadcast". Bob says the following about this new ministry: "I hope that you can join me every Sunday for a message from God's Word. We will spend time together in, near, and around God's Word. As we do this it is my heartfelt prayer that we will experience the anointed preaching of God's already-inspired Word."

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

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

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. here in Dowling Park at the Lighthouse, 23594 CR 250.

There is a solution. Don't be a Homer. For information you can call (305) 407-0895.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 28, 10:00 a.m.**

**Village Church Children's Suite**

A ladies Bible study will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Church Children's Suite. Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

**WONDERS OF CREATION**

**Tuesday, Oct. 14, 3:30–5:00 p.m. - DR**

Come learn more about the wonders of God's creation. This month's display will be about Florida fossils, including ones from Suwannee County. You'll be able to look, touch, learn and tell. What are fossils? What does God's word tell us about them? What is the warning message of these stones? This learning experience will be led by ACV's MaryAnn Stuart. There will be light snacks. All are welcome.

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 15, 22 & 29**

**10:00 a.m. - OPR**

Gaye Martin is leading a five-part Bible study the five Wednesdays in October — the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th — from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. The title is "Friendship Over". Everyone is invited to attend.

**TABLETOP GAMES**

**Friday, Oct. 17, 1:00 p.m. - SMR**

On Friday, Oct. 17, at 1:00 p.m. (right after lunch), the Sawmill Room will be set up for tabletop games. There will be a different game on each table. Some of the games are Monopoly, Clue, Pit, Uno, Life, Chinese Checkers, Boggle, Sorry, and others. Bring your own tumbler of water. If there is a game you have and want to play, call/text Debbie Snead at (719) 464-3639.



**Friday and Saturday Soup: New England Clam Chowder**

**Friday, Oct. 10**

Lunch only: Jalapeño Cheddar Burger with Steak Fries, \$13.95

All day: Teriyaki Salmon Topped with Yum-Yum Sauce with Spinach Mushroom Sauté and White Rice, \$18.95

**Saturday, Oct. 11**

All day: Chili Con Carne with Cheese and Onions: \$4.95 cup, \$6.95 bowl  
Jumbo Stuffed Pepper Parmesan with Garlic Toast, \$16.95

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, Oct. 18**

### First Federal Sports Complex in Live Oak

The Kiwanis Club of Live Oak will hold its Second Annual Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 18. The tournament will take place at the First Federal Sports Complex in Live Oak. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. The price is \$80 per two-person team and will pay for two T-shirts. Teams will consist of intermediate and advanced skill categories for men and women. Call Monja Slater at (386) 249-9432 for more details or to register. All proceeds go to Kiwanis service projects, scholarships, and activities to benefit the youth of our community.

## CONCERT OF PRAISE

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m. - VC**

A free concert of praise has been organized for Saturday night, Oct. 18, at 7:00 at the Village Church. This event will be comprised of an hour of praise music — solos, duets and more by singers and instruments. There will also be plenty of hymns and songs for audience participation. Come with an open heart and prepare for a time of music honoring our lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL**

Mederi CAREtenders Home Care will present their "Active Mind" program.



## JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**386-658-2670**

**Website: srplib.org**

**Email: dpark@neflin.org**

**Mon., Wed.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday**

### Weekly JKPL Meetings:

Yoga	Mondays	9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Yoga	Fridays	10:00 a.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

## The Great Pumpkin (Rock) Hunt

The 5th Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt is happening throughout Dowling Park! Small two-to-three-inch rocks, painted like jack-o-lanterns and other fun Halloween icons, are hidden in the area. Each rock has "Return to Jo Kennon Public Library for a prize!" printed on the back. Bring your "pumpkin" to the JKPL for a piece of candy, a bookmark, or a sticker! To make it fun for everyone, participants are limited to one prize per person per day. The rocks will be hidden at Village Square and outside other local businesses in Dowling Park until Oct. 31.

### Guess How Many ...

During the month of October drop into the JKPL to guess how many pieces of candy are in the glass pumpkin at the front desk. With one guess (one per person per day), you could win a bag of candy! The winner will be contacted on Oct. 30. Enjoy the sweet treats yourself, or give it out to trick-or-treaters! While you're here, check out the displays and browse for a book, audiobook or movie.

### Starbooks Café

Coffee and conversation are on the menu on Oct. 14 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is a casual discussion group and may delve into other areas of interest as the conversation progresses. Everyone is welcome!

The topic we will start with is: What is the best part of your typical day?

### Paint Along with Liz

Get into the autumn spirit with this month's painting program! We will be painting a playful fall scene with

acrylic paint. Plan to bring a canvas no larger than 8x10. All other supplies will be provided. Reserve your spot today for the event on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 2:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.!

### CareerSource

Looking for a job or know someone who is? CareerSource North Florida can help! On Oct. 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a representative will be here at JKPL, ready to assist.

### SHINE Medicare Counseling

Open enrollment is upon us! Do you need advice or assistance in completing your Medicare enrollment or checking eligibility for the program, as well as other programs that are relevant to senior services? On Monday, Oct. 20, between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 27, between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. No need to struggle through on your own. Come in and ask the experts. Walk-ins are always welcome.

### Haunted Bookmaking

As the spooky season approaches, some of our discarded books will be transforming for Halloween! Come unleash your "creative beast" by making your own "haunted" book in this fun craft program. All supplies will be provided. Sign up today for either the 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. timeslot on Oct. 21.

### SongFarmers

The SongFarmers, a local acoustic grass roots collection of artists known for their warm, welcoming style, will be sharing their love of folk music on Oct. 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Audience members are invited to sing along or even bring an instrument and play along with the group. It's a casual, joyful event that you don't want to miss!

### Dementia Support Group

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with dementia? 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. This month's meeting will be a presentation by Mederi Care Tenders Home Care as they share about their "Active Mind" program on Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

### As the Page Turns Book Club

The next book is *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Come by to snag a copy for the next meeting on Nov. 7 at 2:00 p.m. All future meetings will also be held on the first Thursday of the month.



## BUS TRIPS

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

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

### WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

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

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

• **Oct. 15 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approxi-

mately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.

- **Oct. 15 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 22 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Oct. 22 afternoon — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 28** — 5th Wednesday Shopping in Live Oak. Please note that this trip will be on Tuesday, Oct. 28, due to driver availability.

### **BUS TRIP: 5TH WEDNESDAY LIVE OAK SHOPPING Tuesday, Oct. 28**

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

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the day before the fifth Wednesday of October, we will visit various stores around Live Oak such as Dollar Store, Sheriffs Ranches Thrift Store, Melody Thrift Store, South Oaks Square (Bealls Outlet, Farmers Furniture, and more), and the Save A Lot shopping center (Roses Express, Harbor Freight, and more). Lunch will be at Live Oak Sub Shop for a salad or sandwich. The bus will leave from Dowling House at 8:45 a.m. and from Lake Aquilla at 9:00 a.m. Bus fee is free for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the Information Center. NOTE: This is not a regular grocery shopping trip; all purchases need to be able to be held in your lap or at your feet when on the bus.

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### **THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

**Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister**

**Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314**

**SERMON:** "And Pray"

**TEXT:** Psalm 13:1-6 and Ephesians 6:13-20 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

**The Vesta Clothey WHFMS** group will meet Monday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5 of the Village Church. Robin Copeland will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

**The Christina Baker WHFMS** group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. Jan Hendrickson will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

You are invited to a **Baby Shower for the Live Oak Pregnancy Care Center** sponsored by the WHFMS on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Speakers will be staff from the Pregnancy Care Center. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Please bring a new unwrapped baby gift. Suggested items from the Pregnancy Care Center include diapers (sizes 4-7), baby wipes, winter clothes (newborn-24 months), hygiene items (nail clipper kits, shampoo, and lotion), and diaper bags.

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

**Friday, Oct. 10**

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

**Saturday, Oct. 11**

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Pastor Darren Bonville (RDR)

**Sunday, Oct. 12**

9:40 a.m. — Sunday Morning Worship Service (Village Church)

11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 a.m. — VCB: Unfolding the Great Commission, Tom Spannagle (Old Pavilion Room)

4:00 p.m. — Regeneration (Village Church)

5:00 p.m. — Alive (Village Church)

5:00 p.m. — Youth Meeting (Lighthouse)

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Peter Ard (Chapel)

**Monday, Oct. 13**

9:30 a.m. — WHFMS Meeting (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells (Village Church)

7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells (Village Church)

**Tuesday, Oct. 14**

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

1:30 p.m. — VCB: Revival History: A Journey Through Time, Bob Copeland (Room 5)

6:30 p.m. — WHFMS Meeting (OPR)

**Wednesday, Oct. 15**

11:00 a.m. — VCB: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible, Michael Saunders (Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice (Village Church)

7:15 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice (Church)

**Friday, Oct. 17**

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

### **MEMBER SERVICES**

**James Sutter-386-658-5400**

Looking for something to do to make some extra money? The ACV careers board at [www.acvillage.net/careers/](http://www.acvillage.net/careers/) is updated regularly. Take a look and see if anything interests you. Apply online today.

As Monica announced last week, there will be a grand re-opening and dedication of the ACV dog park on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The theme is Wag-O-Ween. Costumes (for fur babies as well as owners) are encouraged. Activities will start at 10:00 a.m. There will be a best doggie costume contest, a best owner and dog costume contest, and dog races. Veterinarians, groomers and boarders have been invited to attend with information about their services. More details will be publicized in next week's FNN.

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

Watch out for snakes. Snakes — venomous and non-venomous varieties — are seen on a regular basis at ACV. Watch where you are walking, watch where your pets are walking, and avoid walking where and when you can't see the ground.

### **TV2**

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

- Who in the Bible did not die? Why not?
- Were there really giants in biblical times?
- Is the Bible inerrant? Truthful, accurate, flawless?

*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.

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

#### **Company Imposters**

Similar to charity scams, some imposters seek to take advantage of trust placed into a long-standing or familiar business by sending communications that appear to be from the trusted business but are actually from a scam artist. If you call, they'll tell you to send payment or give personal information. They'll say you must pay with gift cards, cryptocurrency, or by wiring money, which no honest business will do. Or they'll ask for your Social Security number or access to your computer. Prior to providing a payment, ensure that you are doing business with the intended company; if you have any doubts, contact the company at the phone number or web address that appears on your billing statement.

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**

## **VILLAGE ARCHIVE** **Millie Griswold, Reporter**

October is National Archive Month, a good time to visit the Village Brooks Archive. It is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If that time frame is not convenient, we'll arrange a time just for you.

You'll enjoy the new Dowling's Sawmill Exhibit plus five-minute vignettes of Village history.

Be sure to get a copy of the 100-year history booklet of ACV, and several brochures that are on the table.

Contact me by calling 658-2644 or texting (386) 249-5407.

## **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** **SEWING MINISTRY** **Esther Bruckel, Reporter**

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet at the sewing center in Keepers Cottage on Monday, Oct. 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## **GARDEN CLUB** **Sue Riedel, Reporter**

A Community Garden clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We dropped one day to allow members to participate in the Village Clean-up Day on the 10th.

Your chance to request a flock has ended, but keep your eyes peeled for sightings.

## **VILLAGE LIBRARY** **Monday–Friday**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.**  
**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

There is a shelf in our library with cookbooks on it known as the Cookbook Exchange. Bring in a cookbook or two you would like to trade, and leave with one or two "new" ones.

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 Old Pavilion Room and Information Center. 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 make sure you write to your youth. The next pick-up date is **Friday, Oct. 10**. Get your letters to the Information Center before 11:30 a.m. as that is when I collect them. Residents in Carter House can leave theirs downstairs at the desk, and I will pick them up on my way out. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

The group tour of the Youth Ranch has been postponed to the beginning of the new year. However, anyone who wishes to go on their own before then can call Joanne Thomas at (386) 842-5501, Ext. 1243, to schedule a private tour.

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.

"Aspire to inspire before we expire" (Eugene Bell Jr.). "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give" (Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*).

## *∞ At the Village Square ∞*

### **Riverside Gifts**

Visit this shop for gifts for all ages and occasions: Bibles, devotionals, encouraging books, greeting cards, household items, and toys and games for all ages.

Autumn has burst out in all its glorious colors! Come see the delightful lawn flags that can also fit your door, cheery dishtowels and table runners, petite arrangements, and more. The pet items include cozy blankets, travel items, cute wall hangings, and earrings.

The tool department is well-stocked with flashlights, blacklight flashlights, pocket-size tape measures and traditional large ones, and pocket-knives. We have solar/USB lanterns and battery lanterns useful for emergency situations.

Sales Corner: soup bowl cozies, Bible covers, jewelry, and a two-piece canvas bag set.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very reasonable prices.

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

### **Rustic Shop**

This shop features beautiful antiques and useful home items made by our very own ACV artisans. There is also vintage jewelry, a selection of watches, and collectibles. Cards for all occasions are \$1.00 each.

Seasonal cloth covers are in stock. There are many sizes for men and women. There are lightweight shawls, scrubbies, and dishtowels.

African violets are ready to pot in different sizes and colors. Choose now for your best options!

There are fall wreaths and other autumnal decorations to welcome in this new season.

Special note: Alterations will not be accepted until Nov. 4. Drop off again starting Nov. 5.

Watch and clock repair and new battery installation are available at very reasonable prices.

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

### **Twice Nice Shop**

This shop features super bargain-priced clothing for children, men and women. There are medical scrubs in a variety of sizes, patterns, and colors. The Book Nook includes collectible, first edition and rare books, children's books, fiction/nonfiction books, Bibles, and Bible studies.

Warm autumn colors are abounding in the Ladies Department. Choose from blouses, sweaters, and skirts to create your new outfit! There are slacks and coats at bargain prices.

The Men's Department has an excellent variety of shirts, pants, and suitcoats.

All religious books are buy one, get one free for the month of October.

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 of month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We have three sets of collectibles: cows, bells and old cars. There are several pieces in each set, and they make great gifts. With the holidays coming up, perhaps you'll need extra chairs. We have four matching stackables and four matching foldables — also a folding card table-size table that opens to double size. With all these extra guests, you might invest in some new China. Several sets are available here.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

### **Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

This round of Stephen Minister training has already covered some of the core skills Stephen Ministers need, and what it means to provide distinctively Christian care. Each of the three Stephen Leaders has taught at least one session. The trainees are bonding with one another in a truly beautiful way. In fact, they are enjoying sharing together so much during the practice exercises that we have to set a timer so we end training on time.

Our active Stephen Ministers who were commissioned last March are continuing to enjoy their bond in their monthly "Supervision Meetings". Here Stephen Ministers support one another by sharing the joys and challenges of their caring ministry, while continuing to keep the identity of their care receiver private, even from one another.

As you can see, bonding is a natural byproduct of Stephen Ministries — among the trainees, among the active team, and between Stephen Ministers and their care receivers. God created us all to live in community. It is beautiful to see it happening in a meaningful way through this ministry.

Stephen Ministries is a 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 who are involved on your prayer list. If you have questions, please call the Stephen Ministries office at (386) 658-5358.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

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

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7). This is another beautiful promise from our Lord Jesus Christ. Give Him praise and love always.

I have not received any news from any of you in Butterfield concerning our daily lives. I'm always open to your input and hope you'll share information with me. You can reach me by phone at 658-2113 or by email at jackwdixonis@gmail.com.

I am sad to report that both Roy and Alice Ames are now on Camellia Court at Good Samaritan. Stan Hall has become a resident at Dacier.

The next Butterfield Acres covered dish dinner will be on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harmony Center.

When I was a child, we were poor — but we didn't know it until someone told us. And even then, it didn't really matter. We had a good roof over our heads, ample food in our bellies, and Jesus in our hearts. When you think about it, we were pretty rich!

Let us pray: Father God, help us to be captivated by Your love and overwhelmed by Your grace. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and transform us into Your likeness. Teach us, Lord, to depend completely on You. Bless us, protect us, guide us, and surround us with Your favor. In Jesus Christ's mighty name, Amen.

Never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Monica Serlick—386-330-4865**

We have three birthdays coming up this week! Best wishes go out to Judi Sharpsteen on Oct. 18, Kellie McClendon on Oct. 21, and Diane Milnes on Oct. 22. Wishing you blessings, joy, and happiness on your special day and throughout the year.

"May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day. Wishing you a very happy birthday." "You have to grow older, but you don't have to grow up" (proflowers.com).

Let us remember to continue praying for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments.

"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases" (Psalm 103:2-3).

It's that time of year again when we're collecting money for Halloween candy for the trick-or-treaters who come through our buildings. There's a donation container at the front desk for contributions. Please be generous, as many of the children who visit the Village do not go door-to-door elsewhere. Every donation is greatly appreciated — and we all enjoy seeing the kids in their costumes!

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

This is your home — if you see something, say something!

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

#### **Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Hello, all you beautiful people. I hope all of you are well.

My children live in Ozark, Alabama, because my first husband and I once moved there to start a plant nursery. In the late 1960s, we rented two of the biggest U-Hauls we could find and filled them with all kinds of plants. I drove one truck and he drove the other. We set out on a new adventure.

At the time, our children were grown and scattered. It wasn't long, though, before our youngest son, Rudy, came to join us. Then our youngest daughter, Phyllis, moved up as well. Both of them found their mates there and married. Later, our next-to-youngest son, Hugh, moved with his wife, Beverly, and their baby son, Jason.

I opened a flower shop that carried silk and live plants, dish gardens, and home decorations. I made macramé hangers, shelves, lamps — anything that would sell. It was a thriving business. Three years later, though, circumstances with my elderly parents weighed heavily on my heart. I sold the business and went back to Tampa, Florida, to help care for them. The children were settled in Alabama, so they have continued to live there. Every now and then, I get to visit for a week or two.

Virginia Holley, on the fourth floor, found the prize last week! She had her choice of three options — a flower arrangement, a wreath, or a figurine — and she chose the wreath. I'll be putting another envelope out soon. This one will be green — like a shining beam! Look in unexpected places; it could be under some lace. Don't fool around — search out the room. Last time, it was in a red flower bloom. Good luck!

I've heard there will be a lot of moving and shaking around the Village this month, with new handicap parking being added and some trees and shrubs being removed.

Mary Jane Holler was blessed with four wonderful days with her daughter, Sue. They visited, dined on delicious food, and shopped in nearby towns — Live Oak, Perry, Madison, and Tallahassee. They even had a nostalgia tour of FSU, attending opening night at Ruby Diamond and enjoying Morgan Freeman's Symphonic Blues. Mary Jane was delighted to run into a longtime church friend who happened to be there as well. They enjoyed a brief but special reunion. It's such a joy to have those unexpected surprises — it's like the cherry on top of a sundae. Nothing could have made her day any better.

Until next week, stand tall and walk straight. Live every day like there is no tomorrow.

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

#### **Verna Piper—386-658-3753**

Greetings! I'm loving this fall weather and hope you're getting to spend some time outside enjoying it. Even the gnats and lovebugs seem to have disappeared.

Belated birthday wishes to Bill Storey, who celebrated on Oct. 8. I'm sure he had a special day



without our wishes, but it's never too late. Elaine Garbett will be celebrating on Oct. 10 — happy birthday, Elaine!

Have you ever been to a mug-up? I'm remembering them from 70 years ago and thinking it could be something we could do here at ACV. A mug-up is a gathering of people who get together just to visit, chat, listen, and maybe meet a new friend. No meeting. No speaker. No politics. Come and go whenever you like.

But you'll need to bring your own mug, and the host or hostess will fill it with something — maybe coffee, soup, ice cream, hot chocolate, or chili. There won't be choices, and it's not a meal or carryout — just a fun way to get together and enjoy some good company.

Let's try one and see what happens! Come to Cleo's Meeting House next Saturday evening, Oct. 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. BYOM! (If you're reading this, feel free to come — it's not limited to Edgewood Terrace residents.)

**RIVERWOODS**  
**Doug Nichols—425-329-5769**

1. Sunday, the Lord's Day at the Village Church: Pastor Sam preached a wonderful message on "Whoever" (John 3:16). Richard Russell gave an excellent message Sunday evening.

2. Have you met John and Betty LaGeorge of Riverwoods? John and Betty were born in the same hospital in Warsaw, N.Y. John worked in the food industry from Age 14. Betty taught in two public schools and in two Christian schools. They owned a grocery store for 36 years and have two grown children. They went on many short-term mission trips. In 2007, they moved to Waxhaw, N.C., to volunteer at JAARS. In 2021, they moved to ACV and are enjoying hearing stories of people from the mission fields.

By the way, John LaGeorge participated in the 5K Run for the Live Oak Pregnancy Center on Saturday, Oct. 4, and received the gold medal for his age group! Congratulations, John.

3. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Bud Royal (Oct. 10), Jackie Futch (Oct. 11), Lynn Lowe (Oct. 12), Anthony Liquori (Oct. 13), Christine Lutz (Oct. 16), and Donna Plant (Oct. 17). Perhaps they will invite friends to their place for cake and ice cream.

**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:**

Members receive a 15% discount at the Village Lodge and when renting one of the cottages for loved ones when registered by the member. The cottages are very helpful for family reunions and similar gatherings so the whole family can stay together under one roof. One cottage has five bedrooms and five bathrooms, and two have nine bedrooms and eight bathrooms. All three cottages are fully equipped with full kitchens, living spaces, and even laundry rooms.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**INVITATION TO THE  
FEAST OF TABERNACLES**  
**Terry Klitzkie, Reporter**

You are cordially invited to attend any and all daily functions associated with the Christian observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. It is being celebrated at the Harmony Center and the adjacent tent until Wednesday

morning, Oct. 15. For further details please stop by the Harmony Center or call me at 658-2130.

**LOPIN' GOPHER PHOTO DISPLAY**  
**Gary Kueppers, Reporter**

New photos are on display in the Phillips Center next to the Lopin' Gopher. This time it is a tribute to Don Mott. These photos are Don's favorites. His interests varied into many areas of life.

Don is a longtime member of ACV. Don created the display of photographs in the Phillips Center over 20 years ago. He requested photos from ACV members, edited and printed them, and mounted the photos into the frames on the wall by the Lopin' Gopher. He got a little help when I came to ACV to live.

For many years ACV had a photo club called the "Shutterbugs". Don was the instigator to start that club. It was fun while it lasted.

Don's passion for photography spread into making videos and slideshows for ACV's TV2. He also was active at Dacier Manor and Good Sam with taking and showing photos and videos. He was always photographing at their birthday celebrations.

**NUTS, NUTS, NUTS!**  
**Verna Piper, Reporter**

Once again I'm receiving and selling nuts for the Village Garden Club. Nuts are arriving Oct. 10. Those who have preordered may pick up their order this weekend. I'll plan to be home Saturday and Sunday afternoons. If you NEED delivery, please call. Next week my "office hours" will be: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Orders received will be filled immediately. You may choose to come by during those hours and shop.

I'm at 11052 Dowling Park Drive in Taylor Commons (the first home south of Cleo's Meeting House). Call (386) 208-1967 for more information or to come at another time.

**ART GALLERY EXHIBIT**  
**Chuck Eckel, Reporter**

Local north Florida area artist Jim Whiteside is the current exhibitor in the Art Gallery next to the Lopin' Gopher Deli.

Jim's art features pleasant, sometimes Americana, and sometimes comical scenes in a variety of mediums and styles. He is a member of the Village Artists Guild. He has been a member of and officer of the Art League of North Florida, the Cedar Key Art Center, the High Springs Art Gallery, and the Suwannee Valley Plein Air Painters. Jim's paintings have won a number of awards in area art contests including the Cedar Key Art Festival, the Jekyll Island Shrimp and Grits Festival, and the cover of the *American Bee Journal*.

Jim was born and reared in Indiana. He came to south Georgia to study at Valdosta State College and was president of the student government. He later settled in Live Oak and White Springs and is now retired at Advent Christian Village.

**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.

**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**

Need a hair, nail or facial appointment? Please call or text (386) 205-3791 to schedule your next service!

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: Oct. 10 and 24. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

FIRST FEDERAL BANK

First Federal Bank is your Dowling Park banking partner, proudly serving Florida since 1962. Whether you're opening a personal account, growing your business, or financing your dream home, we are here to help.

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.

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 Member Services at 658-5400.

THANK YOU

Thank you all who added to the joy of my retirement with your cards of well wishes and encouraging words over the last couple of weeks. It has truly been a pleasure serving you. I thank you for your kindness and I will miss you all! I'm not saying bye; I hope to see you around.

Elaine Aretino, formerly of First Federal Bank

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Golden Compass sport power chair, \$2000. Contact David at 386-209-7280.\*\*

FOUND: Last week several Dollar General receipts along with other valuable items were found in the middle of 112th Terrace (the dirt road that runs parallel to CR 250). It is possible these items fell off a golf cart as someone was returning from shopping at the D.G. Please call 658-3498 to identify and claim.\*\*

FOR SALE: Front/back door. Painted white with a large glass window, outlined by 9 frames. There was an installed doggy door, which was used for a 65–70 lb. dog. The doggy door has a hard cover to close it off from the inside. The door was only used for a year due to moving. Asking \$650 OBO. If interested please text or call 717-405-5556.\*\*

FREE: Maggie needs a new home. She is a beautiful calico adult cat, about eight years old, in good health with shots, and is loving with a sweet disposition. I took her when her owner passed away several months ago. Due to my own health conditions, I am struggling to care for her. Perhaps you know a friend who would love to give her a new home. Pictures available — or come visit. Sharon Terjung, 704-776-8619, Dowling House.\*

FOR SALE: Mobile home in POP, 11016 Longleaf Ln. It is 16X16, 2 bedrooms, \$38,000. For more information or to see, call 386-205-1902. New owner must apply for membership with ACV and be approved before purchase of home.\*

FOR SALE: Honeywell HEPA air purifier, \$20; pet stroller slightly used, \$10; desk and secretary chair, \$10; and living room decorative table, 25X25 and 16" high, \$5. Contact Janet at 386-209-4757.\*

FREE: West Jax Advent Christian Church is renovating their sanctuary. They have 20 12 ft. and 8 ft. pews they are willing to give away and even deliver. I own one and always think of its history when I use it: Men who prayed for crops, women who prayed for sons at war, and tears over health, marriages and children. If interested call 904-534-4898. Consider a small donation to help delivery cost.\*

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday–Friday • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ACV COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB  
2025 PECAN SALE

The proceeds of this sale provide supplies and materials for the community gardens.  
Please fill out your information and select the quantity of items you wish to order. All bags are one pound size.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY	STOCK # AND DESCRIPTION	PRICE/BAG
_____	05500 Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$13.00
_____	05750 English Walnut Halves & Pieces	\$11.00
_____	05775 Whole Jumbo Cashews	\$11.00
_____	05925 Praline Pecan Halves	\$12.00
_____	05050 Deluxe Mixed Nuts	\$10.00
_____	05625 Chocolate Amaretto Pecans	\$13.00
_____	05620 Peanuts Chocolate Double Dipped	\$11.00
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_____	Quantity Total	TOTAL: \$_____

Send completed order forms to Verna Piper at P.O. Box 4494. Make checks out to: ACV Community Garden Club.

**Oct. 10–17, 2025**

**FRIDAY, 10/10**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95    Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40    Sides:** Mixed Greens, Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Carrots, Broccoli, and Red Peppers), Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Cheesy Grits
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 10/11**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Tomato Bisque and Broccoli Cheese
- \$8.50    Whistle Stop Special:** Soup and Sandwich: Ham Salad on Croissant or Roast Beef on Brioche Bun, Red Potato Salad, Crackers, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 10/12**

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

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

- Entrées:** Pork Loin, Cheesy Ravioli, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Catalina Vegetable Blend, Corn, Caesar Salad, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 10/13**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Tomato Bisque
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Vegetable Lasagna; Liver and Onions; Loaded Hot Dog: Chili, Onions and Cheese
- \$1.40    Sides:** Butter Beans, Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy, Tater Tots
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 10/14**

- \$8.50    Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95    Entrées:** BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Steak with Country Gravy
- \$1.40    Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Blend (Green and Wax Beans, and Carrots), Pickled Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes and 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

Oct. 10–17, 2025

## WEDNESDAY, 10/15

- \$2.75 Soup:** Chicken Poblano  
**\$6.95 Entrées:** Honey Ham, Fried Chicken  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Cabbage, Broccoli, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 10/16

- \$6.95 Entrées:** House Meatloaf, Oven Roasted Chicken Wings  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, # / #

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque  
**\$6.95 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, BBQ Pork Loin Ribs, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.40 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Fried Okra, Cold Salads, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Cheesy Grits  
**\$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



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

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



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Friday and Saturday: New England Clam Chowder**

**Friday, Oct. 10**

Lunch only: Jalapeño Cheddar Burger with Steak Fries,  
\$13.95

All day: Teriyaki Salmon Topped with Yum-Yum Sauce  
with Spinach Mushroom Sauté and White Rice, \$18.95

**Saturday, Oct. 11**

All day: Chili Con Carne with Cheese and Onions:  
\$4.95 cup, \$6.95 bowl

Jumbo Stuffed Pepper Parmesan with Garlic Toast,  
\$16.95

Ann & Quinton

*Rumph*  
DINING ROOM

**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm

**THE LOPIN' GOPHER**  
D E L I

**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