



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

24/7/365 Assistance/Operator 658-3333			
Cashier’s Office	658-5343	Housekeeping	658-5374
Copeland Medical	658-5300	Environmental Svcs.	658-5155
Finance Department	658-5450	Post Office	658-5270
Home Care	658-5460	Security/Emergency	658-3333
		Shuttle Bus	208-2584

OCTOBER 16, 2026

Friday	10/16	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:45 & 6:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Suwannee County Veterans Service—Member Services Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room Bus Trip: Community Concerts of Lake City: Gainesville Pops—DH & LAP
Sunday	10/18	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for all ages</i> Pal Operation Christmas Child Shopping—DR <i>Evening Worship Service—BC</i>
Monday	10/19	10:00 a.m. 1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 1:30–4:00 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	Medicare Q&A—DR Connecting Threads Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	10/20	8:30 a.m. 8:45 & 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Valdosta Shopping—DH & LAP LifeSouth Bloodmobile—VS Garden Club Meeting—DR SongFarmers—SMR/DR
Wednesday	10/21	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot, and Publix—CH & DH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC Christmas Cantata Practice—VC
Thursday	10/22	The Village Cashier’s office will close at 11:00 a.m. today. 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH Dementia Support Group—JKPL Political Candidate Forum—SMR/DR
Friday	10/23	The Village Cashier’s office is closed today. 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00–4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Village Community Cleanup Day—VS <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—OPR Suwannee County Veterans Service—Member Services Crafty Crew—CH Activity Room

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

Nelda Hodek, who was a resident of Butterfield Acres and GSC, died Oct. 9. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 11:00 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church, 830 SW Pinewood Dr. in Live Oak.

Kathryn Murray, who was a resident of GSC, died Oct. 8. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Roy Ames, who was a resident of Butterfield Acres and GSC, died May 15. His memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Bixler Chapel. Roy and his wife, Alice, will be interred following the service in Bixler Memorial Gardens East.

A memorial service for Riverwoods residents George (d. March 28) and Mary Ann Wilson (d. March 5) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Walker Cottage.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Klump's Komments

-VP for Independent Living David Klumpenhower

VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY

Magic Mirror on the wall, what is the fairest community of all?

Join us for our next Village Community Cleanup Day on Friday, Oct. 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, as residents and employees work together to spruce up the Village Square! No need to be Bashful — everyone is welcome! Whether you are Happy to pull weeds or feeling a little Sleepy that morning, some fresh air and friendly company will help us get going. Even Grumpy might leave with a smile! Bring your gardening and cleanup tools if you have them, along with a willing spirit. After our work is done, we will gather for lunch featuring hot dogs, sides, and drinks.

Let's make the Village Square shine while building friendships and community together! Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go!

ACV EVENTS

BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: GAINESVILLE POPS

Friday, Oct. 16, 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

Thirty-five top musicians present a feast of favorite patriotic music and more. Modeled after Boston Pops, Gainesville Pops employs traditional concert band instrumentation to provide clarion treble and rumbling, feel-it-in-your-chest bass.

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. Sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to ride the bus.

MEDICARE Q&A

Monday, Oct. 19, 10:00 a.m. - DR

Insurance broker Laura Hook will be available in the Depot Room at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, to answer questions concerning Medicare. Open enrollment is Oct. 15-Dec. 7.



BUS TRIP: VALDOSTA SHOPPING

Tuesday, Oct. 20

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

The trip bus will be going to Valdosta to visit the mall and surrounding shopping centers on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The bus will leave from Dowling House at 8:45 a.m. and from the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will

be Dutch treat at a Valdosta restaurant. Sign up at the Information Center.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1:00 p.m. - DR

The Garden Club is happy to bring you a presentation on food preservation at this month's meeting. ACV's own Cindy Beaver will make the presentation at our Oct. 20 meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. The meeting is open to anyone in ACV. Hope to see you there.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL

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

POLITICAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

We have invited political candidates who are asking for your vote on Nov. 2 to attend the candidate forum we have scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear what they have to say.

After the candidates have a time to speak, we will host a question-and-answer period. Written questions will be submitted to the moderator who will decide whether to ask the question or not. You may come with written questions, and/or write down questions during the event.



GOSPEL SING

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1:00 p.m.

Carter House Activity Room

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the Carter House activity room on Saturday, Oct. 24.

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2:00 p.m. - DR

Residents of Dowling House, Carter House, and Wilson Gardens are invited to attend the bi-monthly gathering titled "Won't You Be My Neighbor," inspired by the familiar song from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

This relaxed, informal hour is designed to provide an opportunity for residents to visit, share thoughts, and discuss any questions or concerns with VP David Klumpenhower in an open setting. There will be no formal presentation or structured agenda — simply unhurried conversation and fellowship.

The group will meet every other month on the last Tuesday of the month. The next gathering will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room.

All ACV residents are welcome to attend.

ARLENE YOW RETIREMENT

Wed., Oct. 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of Arlene Yow for four years of dedicated service to ACV.

A drop-in retirement reception will be held to honor Arlene and thank her for her years of commitment and service Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Stop by to share your appreciation, wish Arlene well, and help us celebrate her many contributions to

ACV. Congratulations, Arlene, and best wishes on your retirement!



BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO DEAL'S FAMOUS OYSTER HOUSE IN PERRY
Thursday, Oct. 29

4:00 p.m. - DH & 4:15 p.m. - LAP
Thursday, Oct. 29, the trip bus will be going to Deal's Famous Oyster House in Perry, Florida, where "the best people on earth walk through that door." Deal's specializes in seafood, but also offers steaks, burgers and sandwiches, chicken dishes, and salads. Prices range from \$8.00 to \$30+. The bus will leave Dowling House at 4:00 and the Lake Aquilla parking lot at 4:15 p.m. Sign up at the Information Center.



Saturday, Oct. 31, 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. - VS
Autumn Fest 2026 will be held Saturday, Oct. 31. 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. We're also planning live entertainment once again. And for the kids, we've asked the vendors to bring candy to hand out to trick-or-treaters.

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

All of the Pumpkin Yummy contest entries will be sold bake sale style. The proceeds will be donated to ACV's benevolent fund. (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.)

Make plans to join us for an exciting day. Festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Village Square.

If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Village Lodge at (386) 658-5200. Any other questions can be directed to Member Services at 658-5400.

PUMPKIN YUMMY CONTEST
Saturday, Oct. 31, 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. 30, or between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 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. 31, 8:00–9:30 a.m. - VS

To celebrate Autumn Fest, let's decorate pumpkins! Do one of your own. Do one with your coworkers. 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. 30, or between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 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.

QUILT SHOW
Fri.–Sat., Oct. 16–17, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Stephen Foster State Park
White Springs, Florida

Honoring America's history through quilting, the Liberty in Stitches Stephen Foster Quilt Show will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16–17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. See traditional and patriotic quilts, antique and heirloom quilts, modern and art quilts, history exhibits, demonstrations, and displays. Vendors selling food and handmade crafts will also be in attendance.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

WHO: Jackie Campbell
WHAT: Caregiver Support Group
WHEN: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. (time change)
WHERE: 23379 Elmwood Lane in Riverwoods
WHY: Because everyone needs to talk to someone
HOW: With your presence

If you are a caregiver of any kind, you are welcome to attend our weekly meet and greet with other caregivers. This is a discussion group where we share experiences, learn from another, give encouragement, and realize that we are not alone. What is said here stays here. We are a friendly bunch and would love for you to join us.

WALKING WITH GOD MINISTRY
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Lake Aquilla on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. as we focus on improving our health and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

We gather for fellowship, enjoy a brief devotional based on Walking Through the Seasons of Life, and then walk, stroll, or roll at our own pace.

In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Lopin' Gopher and walk indoors.

Bring a friend or come on your own. Either way, we'd love to have you join us! We will continue meeting through Nov. 17.

Even if you're unable to participate in the walk, feel free to meet us in the parking lot for the devotional and fellowship time. We always welcome cheerleaders and encouragers!

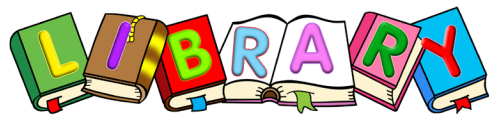
GIVE BLOOD
Tues., Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. - VS

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked at the VS Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Donating blood is a selfless act by one person to help save the lives of others. Blood cannot be manufactured, and local hospitals rely on LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is on the shelf. LifeSouth provides 100% of the blood needed for patients at HCA Florida Lake City Hospital, all UF Health hospitals, North Florida Regional Medical Center, the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, South Georgia Medical Center, the Lake Butler Hospital, Starke ER, and Suwannee ER.

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—Old Pavilion Room	
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Bingo—CH Activity Room	

At this event, all blood donors will receive a Halloween or breast cancer T-shirt while supplies last, and platelet and double red cell donors will receive a \$40 e-gift card.



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.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.
Preschool Storytime	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Scrabble	Wednesdays	11:00 a.m.
Crochet, Knit & Stitch	Wednesdays	2:30 p.m.
Kids Corner Activities	Thursdays	4:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga, Level 1	Fridays	10:00 a.m.

The Annual Great Pumpkin (Rock) Hunt!

The 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt has begun! 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 rock 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 the Village Square and outside other local businesses in Dowling Park. Join the hunt Oct. 1–31!

Cryptids Scavenger Hunt in the JKPL

For the month of October, spooky cryptids are haunting the JKPL! What is a cryptid? A cryptid is an animal or creature that people claim exists and report seeing, but science has never proven it is real. Come learn about these creatures of folklore and see if you can find all the cryptids in the JKPL to earn a cryptid hunter button!

Painting with Liz

Enjoy light refreshments and a calming atmosphere as we make a painting step-by-step! The program will be held on Oct. 15 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be painting the same piece in both classes. You supply your canvas; we will provide everything else. Sign up for your preferred time today to save your seat!

Tech Talk

Join Jeremy for Tech Talk on Friday, Oct. 16, at 2:30 p.m. to learn all about video calling! Jeremy will go over all the applications you can use for video calls, and how to use and troubleshoot them. Come discover how useful video calling technology can be!

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Open enrollment has begun! 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. 19, between 1:30 and 5:00 p.m, representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. Call to schedule an appointment today!

SongFarmers

Love music? Join the SongFarmers for an evening of live acoustic music, community, and fun! Whether you enjoy

singing along, listening to familiar favorites, or simply spending time with fellow music lovers, this welcoming gathering is sure to entertain. Bring a friend and enjoy the music making tradition on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms.

Paranormal Investigators

Spend an evening with the supernatural with the Paranormal Investigators of North Florida on Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Come listen to their stories, get an up-close look at the tools of the trade, and learn about a world unseen.

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. The program is facilitated by Ginger Calhoun, GSC Director of Social Services. This month’s meeting will be on Oct. 22 at 1:30 pm.

2027 Medicare & You Handbook

The 2027 *Medicare & You* booklets are now available at the JKPL! Medicare Open Enrollment has begun, and SHINE appointments are available for assistance with Medicare questions and coverage options. During Open Enrollment no walk-in appointments are seen. Call the JKPL to schedule your appointment today! Do you or someone you know need the handbook in braille? We have several free copies available at the JKPL.

Save the Date

- Nov. 5 — History of Suwannee County
- Nov. 5 — As the Page Turns Book Club: *Just Last Night* by Mhairi McFarlane
- Nov. 5 — Collage Night



BUS TRIPS

- Bus transportation is limited to ACV members, ACV staff, and Lifestyle Club members.
- No eating or drinking on any ACV bus. (Exception: plain water)
- No open food or drink containers on any ACV bus. (Exception: plain water)
- Contact the Information Center in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up for bus trips.
- Limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

- Rider limit is restricted to eight in-seat passengers and one scooter.
- Bring your own shopping bags.
- Those who sign up for a weekly shopping trip will be put on the waiting list if they sign up for a trip the following week.
- Only one scooter or power chair per regular Wednesday shopping trip will be allowed.

Upcoming Shopping Trips:

- **Oct. 21 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.
- **Oct. 21 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



Friday & Saturday Soup: Split Pea and Ham

Friday, Oct. 16

All day: Beef and Cheese Burrito with Black Beans and Rice (Served with Sour Cream and Salsa), \$13.95

All day: Eight-Piece Honey BBQ Wings and Fry Basket, \$12.95

Saturday, Oct. 17

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

- Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 28 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.
 - **Oct. 28 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.
 - **Nov. 4 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.
 - **Nov. 4 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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH
Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister
Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314
MESSAGE: "Unbelief and Belief in Jesus"
TEXT: John 12:37-50 NIV '84
SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

The following Village Church events are happening this week:

- Friday, Oct. 16**
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)
- Sunday, Oct. 18**
9:40 a.m. — Worship Service (VC)
11:00 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages
3:30 p.m. — Pal Operation Christmas Child Shopping (DR)
6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Darren Bonville (BC)
- Monday, Oct. 19**
1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)
6:30 p.m. — Handbells Rehearsal (CR)
- Tuesday, Oct. 20**
8:30 a.m. — Men's Bible Study (Room 5)
- Wednesday, Oct. 21**
6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Practice (VC)
7:00 p.m. — Christmas Cantata Practice (VC)
- Friday, Oct. 23**
10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

VILLAGE CASHIER'S OFFICE
Lynn Mabey-386-658-5343
The Village Cashier's office will close at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, and will be closed on Friday, Oct. 23.

MEMBER SERVICES
James Sutter-386-658-5400
Several times over the years, individuals across campus have received emails from scammers impersonating respected ACV leaders. These messages are often presented as discreet requests to help bless someone anonymously and typically involve a request to purchase gift cards or send money. Recent examples have included emails falsely claiming to be from Craig Carter and Pastor Sam Worley.
If you ever receive an unexpected email from anyone asking you to make a purchase, pick up your phone and call the person first to make sure it isn't a trick.
Would you like help hanging your outdoor Christmas lights? If you would prefer others to climb ladders and navigate shrubs to deck your home with holiday cheer, call me at the number above. We will arrange for volunteers to visit your home sometime in November. You supply the decorations and hanging materials; we will provide the ladders, tools and labor.

 **Remember to Wave** 

October Member Birthday Party
Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the October member birthday party. We enjoyed a video featuring comedians. We also enjoyed cake to eat.
We were blessed to have 14 persons with October birthdays present, and a total of 62 attendees. Six guests won door prizes: Louise Grant, George Brisbin, Ethel Stenzel, Murwin Bevis, Shirley Minster and Charles Moore. The oldest birthday guest was George Brisbin, and the youngest was Shirley Minster. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

Rapid Fiber Tip of the Week
After the new Rapid Fiber modem has been installed in your home, when making a call on your landline, you will need to dial all 10 digits (including the area code), even if you're calling your next-door neighbor. For instance, to call the Information Center, you will need to dial (386) 658-3333 instead of just 658-3333.

At the Village Square

Shop gift certificates are available in each shop. Bless someone with this special gift! Your purchases at any of these shops help support ACV.

Riverside Gifts

Now that it feels a little more like fall, let your home reflect the season with your favorite from our fall décor and gifts. Shop our shelves for crosswords, Sudoku, coloring books, and colored pencils for those rainy days, or pick up Farkle to play with your friends. Does your grandchild have a birthday soon? Our children's section offers the perfect gift.
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

Fall is officially here. The Rustic Shop has everything to make your home ready for the season. We have a lovely 73-piece set of Corelle Ware in the rare butterfly gold design. This design has been discontinued and will increase in value the longer you keep it. The weather is getting cooler, and we have scarfs to keep you warm or to give as a gift. Come browse for more treasures. New things arrive weekly, so come back often!
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

Need a new outfit for fall or even a costume for an upcoming event? Twice Nice is a treasure trove of outfits of all kinds, complete with accessories. Shopping resale is environmentally friendly, and the prices cannot be beat.
While you're here, don't miss the Book Nook inside Twice Nice. Western novel fans, **Louis L'Amour's many titles now occupy an entire shelf at the Book Nook. Pick up three for a dollar.** Fourth grade homeschool materials include grade-level readers, and history and science texts, each at low paperback prices. What a bargain! CDs, DVDs, board games, puzzles, and magazines can also be found here, along with vintage and rare books. Visit the free shelf for Bibles and much more.
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 the month, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Scam Tip of the Week: Don't Say "Yes"

Unless you know the person on the other end of a phone call, avoid saying the word "yes." If they ask, "Can you hear me?", respond with something akin to "I can hear you." If they ask, "Is this (your name)?", answer with, "This is he/she/your name." A scammer may be trying to record you saying the word "yes." According to triadanet.com, scammers can "take the 'yes' recording and use it to authorize unwanted charges, whether that's on a phone or utility bill or even on a credit card. How can this be? Well, when they record you saying 'yes,' that means that they have your verbal OK to agree to something. They already have your phone number and possibly your name and more information so they can pass through some places as you authorizing additional charges and such."

Member Benefit of the Week

ACV members and employees are able to borrow from the Village library, which is located in the Schoolhouse Room near the Information Center. It offers books, audiobooks and DVDs. Located within the Village library are computers available to members to use.

TV2

When an individual who was interviewed for *Front Porch Conversations* dies, we like to air the episode soon after their passing as a memorial to the individual. The second episode of *Front Porch Conversations* in next week's double feature is an interview with Bill Storey so that you may remember (or learn for the first time) what a wonderful person Bill was. *Front Porch Conversations* airs Tuesday at 10:00 p.m., Thursday at 7:00 a.m., and Friday at 4:00 p.m.

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

- Why should I believe the Bible?
- Can the infallibility of the Bible be proven?
- What is the seal of the Holy Spirit?
- Are both Jesus and Satan referred to as the Morning Star?

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

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

BRIDGE CLUB

Dottie Stone, Reporter

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

Congratulations to our Oct. 7 winners: 1st high was Howard Geer, and 2nd high was Jim Varnell.

CONNECTING THREADS

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

Connecting Threads Ministry will meet on Monday, Oct. 19, at 1:00 p.m. at Keepers Cottage. We will be making fabric pumpkins to donate to the Rustic Shop. There are a variety of steps in the process, so please come and lend a hand.

CRAFTY CREW

Fridays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Carter House Activity Room

How wonderful to have classes available again! This week we'll be making autumn flowers out of colorful napkins and pipe cleaners. These easy-to-make flowers make a fun fall decoration for your home or a great gift for a friend.

Last week the class involved making little jack-o'-lanterns out of toilet paper rolls, velvety yarn, and sticky-back felt. Others were knitting, crocheting, and making cat toys.

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

For any questions contact Sister Maria Ann at sistermariaann2002@yahoo.com or Sue Donnelly at SueWDonnelly@gmail.com.

THE HIDDEN GARDEN

Tuesday, 8:00–10:00 a.m.

Eleanor Foerste, Reporter

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will they mow the lawn at the Hidden Garden?

A: The lawn is mowed in January after we get a hard killing frost or freeze to kill the Bermuda grass runners. We mow it close to the ground several times to chop the clippings very fine, then bag the clippings and share them with a neighbor who is planting along a roadside. Close mowing exposes some soil to sunlight and allows open areas for spreading additional native Florida wildflower seeds. Native wildflowers are critical pollen and nectar sources for native butterflies and bees and wasps that pollinate food crops. Learn more at the following websites: <https://flawildflowers.org> and <https://www.floridawildflowers.com>.

Q: Won't the wild-looking area attract snakes and bugs to come inside the nearby apartments?

A: Snakes and insects are important parts of the natural ecosystem and only come indoors through poorly sealed doors and windows and gaps around pipes and wires entering the building.

Larger creatures can enter attic space through rotten wood gable vents and under eaves through soffit openings that remain after hurricane wind damage. This is why maintenance caulks around windows, replaces weatherstripping, and uses expanding foam to seal gaps. If you know of openings in need of repair, please contact Maintenance (658-5155) to start a work order.

We have welcomed an armadillo, a raccoon, squirrels, a gopher tortoise, and a slider turtle as they visited the garden. We also got a tour from a young family of whistling ducks. Birds and butterflies are active in the garden once it warms up in the morning.

We welcome human visitors too! Come sit and enjoy orange Gulf fritillary, black and yellow giant swallowtails, and yellow sulfur butterflies feeding on the native red salvia nectar.

Q: Why do they let the gray stringy moss kill the crape myrtle trees? The bark is peeling off, and they are dying.

A: The stringy, gray plant is native Spanish moss. It is thought to be named by original native people after Spanish conquistadors arrived with their scraggly beards. The plant is a free-living air plant — a non-showy bromeliad related to pineapples that are terrestrial or soil loving bromeliads. The Spanish moss is not harmful, though it does absorb moisture from rainfall so the increased weight might cause weak limbs to break. People see the dead branch with moss on the ground and make incorrect assumptions.

Birds and other animals use the moss in nests. It used to be dried and used to stuff mattresses and automobile seats. It has also been spun to make baskets and strong cordage such as twine and rope. Moss that has been heat treated to kill insects is often used in interior scapes to cover soil in large decorative planted urns.

A crape myrtle's peeling bark is normal as it grows. After it falls off, it reveals a muscled texture of the bark in shades of rust or burnt orange creating a striking accent as a specimen plant in the landscape.

Come see the beautiful twisted trunks of our trees as you relax on a rocker or bench.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

We have several novels by John Grisham that have been donated to our library. Five of them are now in our new-to-us section, and the rest will be on the sale cart soon.

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 please 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.

MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

Ron Oberg, Reporter

The Model Railroad Club meets every Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Chriss building. All ACV members are welcome. We have something for everyone. We are currently working on a 250 layout with a round house where the trains are worked on.

We currently need people who would like to work on landscapes — putting together miniature trees, scrubs, foliage and other scenery. The club will pay for the kits, you just need to bring your talents.

With Christmas coming we can advise concerning gifts for all ages. Come visit some Monday.

Notice: Beginning Oct. 19 the Model Railroad Club will meet from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

PEN PAL PROGRAM

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

The next letter pickup date is Friday, Oct. 16. Please have your letters at the Information Center before 10:00 a.m. this week only.

Save the date: Monday, Nov. 16, the students and teachers will visit ACV for their annual luncheon in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. Please call the Information Center or me and advise if you will attend. They will arrive around 11:15 a.m. and stay until 2:15 p.m. We will have lunch, play bingo, and spend some time walking around Lake Aquilla. If you need more information, feel free to call me at (574) 229-8402.

STEPHEN MINISTRY:

**Sometimes, We Need Someone
to Walk Beside Us**

Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter

Most of us find it easier to offer help than to ask for it. We want to be strong, independent, and able to handle life's challenges on our own. But grief, illness, family concerns, loneliness, and unexpected changes can leave us feeling overwhelmed. Sometimes, we simply need someone who will listen and walk beside us through a difficult season. That is the heart of Stephen Ministry.

If you've ever thought, "I should be able to handle this myself," you're not alone. We may be so accustomed to caring for others that we find it difficult to receive care ourselves. But think about how blessed you feel when you have the opportunity to help someone else. You don't consider it a burden; you consider it a privilege. Could allowing someone to care for you be an opportunity for them to share that same compassion? Accepting help isn't a sign of weakness. Sometimes, strength means recognizing that we don't have to carry every burden alone.

You don't have to wait until you're at the end of your rope to reach out. If life has become difficult, a Stephen Minister may be able to help. You have spent a lifetime caring for others. Perhaps now is a time to let someone care for you for a time. To learn more about becoming a care receiver, reach out via the information below. You don't have to walk through this season alone. There is someone who cares.

Stephen Ministries is a Christian ministry of trained lay people who provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual support during difficult seasons of life. The goal of ACV's Stephen Ministries is that no one at ACV will hurt alone. This is one way ACV seeks to express Christ's love to those we serve.

Please keep Stephen Ministries in your prayers.

For more information, speak with a Stephen Leader (Robin Copeland or Darleen Hinrichs) or call 658-5358.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CARTER HOUSE

Mary Gamble-334-790-9066

Greetings, everyone! I hope you all have had a blessed week!

We have two birthdays to celebrate this week: Tom Whitaker on the 16th and Diane Milnes on the 22nd.

We wish both of you a very happy birthday and many more to come!

I also forgot to mention last week that we have a new neighbor in Carter House. Please join me in welcoming Susan Johnson. We hope your time at ACV is filled with many blessings. Welcome to our Carter House family!

Be sure to read the FNN each week to stay informed about events and activities at ACV. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

Did you attend any events this past week? I missed most of them because I was busy attending my grandchildren's ball games.

If you have something you'd like to share about Carter House, Wilson Gardens, or ACV, please call me by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday or leave your information at the Carter House front desk, and I will pick it up.

Please continue to watch out for one another and keep each other in your prayers. We never know what someone else may be going through.

"Always remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and loved more than you know" (Often attributed to A.A. Milne).

Thanks, everyone, and have a blessed week!

DOWLING HOUSE

Cora Huckaba-850-464-7113

Good morning, neighbors.

We were spared the storm, but we certainly received plenty of rain, and for that we can be thankful. When it rains for days at a time, it's easy to complain. Then I remember how dry it was not long ago, when plants were struggling and many were beginning to die. Rain refreshes the air, nourishes the earth, and reminds us of God's provision. Without it, the world would be a barren place.

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41).

Please remember to pray for God's grace to overcome temptation and to keep our sick and needy neighbors in your prayers.

Today is National Red Wine Day and Italian Heritage Day. If you celebrate, sip slowly! On this day in 1951, *I Love Lucy* made its debut on CBS.

There has been little activity around Lake Aquilla lately. No whistling ducks, herons, or other waterfowl have stopped by. I still check each morning, hoping a few visitors will decide to make an appearance.

Two friends and I have been creating mushroom art. Large mushrooms sometimes grow on the stumps of dead trees, and we have been fortunate to find several good-sized ones. After cleaning them, we mount them on vases and decorate them with scenes featuring fairies, gnomes, animals and trees. They turn out beautifully. We plan to sell these creations, along with other handmade items, at Autumn Fest on Oct. 31. Be sure to stop by and take a look.

I've also been talking with several residents in Dowling House about starting some regular activities. Currently, we don't have organized gatherings for coloring, games, crafts, or other social activities. We once had a gospel sing, but it was moved to Carter House. Think about what you would enjoy doing. Perhaps we could gather for refreshments, conversation, games, or crafts. Let's plan something, get involved, and get to know one another better! If you're interested, please let me know.

A little medicine for the heart: I was lifting my four-year-old grandson out of his car seat when he gazed into my eyes and shared a bit of wisdom:

"Granny, you sure are getting old, but at least you aren't dead yet!"

Children certainly have a way of keeping us humble!

Until next week: Why is bread like the sun? Because it rises in the yeast and sets in the waist!

DOWLING MANOR AND DOWLING PARK NORTH

Gail Chapman-904-400-1333

Save the Date:

Dowling Manor/Dowling Park North Fall Pot Luck
Monday, Nov. 9, 5:00 p.m.

Audrey's house

EDGEWOOD TERRACE
Cathy Oberg—574-229-8402

Happy birthday to Dee Hoffman on Oct. 18! May you have a wonderful birthday and a marvelous year ahead.

Happy anniversary to Ann and Ken Berry on Oct. 20! May this next chapter of your journey together be filled with health, happiness, and many blessings.

This morning, Mother Nature provided some entertainment while I was eating breakfast. A red-headed woodpecker was busy exploring a low tree stump in the yard, hopping around and searching through the bark for food. Suddenly, a squirrel appeared and began sneaking toward the stump, trying to peek around it. Each time the woodpecker popped up its head, the squirrel changed direction. After a few minutes of this game, the squirrel finally jumped onto the stump, startling the woodpecker, which flew to a nearby stump. Following a brief exchange of squawks, the woodpecker flew away, and things returned to normal. That's one of the many reasons we enjoy living here. You never know what you'll see right outside your window!

This is also a good time for all of us to be especially mindful of our neighbors. Recently, our community has experienced the loss of two residents, while others are facing illnesses, surgeries, medical tests, and long waits for answers. If you know someone going through a difficult time, please let them know you care. A card of encouragement, a phone call, or a visit over coffee and a cookie can do a great deal to lift someone's spirits.

And if you are the one facing challenges, don't hesitate to reach out to a neighbor when you need help or a friendly face. We are blessed to live in a caring community, and together we can accomplish great things.

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER
AND DACIER MANOR**
Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550

Have you ever noticed how people naturally look for the easiest way to do things? Most of us would prefer an easier path rather than one filled with difficulty. In Galatians 4:8-11, Paul expresses concern that the Galatians, who had trusted in God's grace for salvation, were turning back to their old way of thinking by trying to keep the law in order to be saved.

The problem is that keeping the law perfectly is impossible. No one can be good enough to earn God's salvation. In Verse 10, Paul mentions that the Galatians were observing special days, months, seasons and years. There is a sense in which rituals and religious observances can become a checklist that makes us feel as if we have accomplished something significant.

Today, we might think, "I went to church, gave my offering, volunteered at the soup kitchen, and helped a neighbor. Surely I've done enough to impress God." Those are all good things, but they cannot save us. What matters is seeking the Lord daily, taking time to know His ways and understand His will. That requires more effort than simply checking off religious activities, but it is worth it because we are growing in our relationship with Him.

When we are saved by God's grace, we no longer serve Him in an effort to earn His favor. Instead, we serve Him out of thankful hearts. Seek the Lord today and ask Him to help you know Him more deeply.

Under the skylight at GSC, someone must have planted a few pumpkin seeds back in the spring because the area is suddenly filled with beautiful pumpkins! They arrived just in time for residents to decorate them before the end of the month. On Friday, Oct. 30, the decorated pumpkins will be displayed, and the winners of the decorating contest will be announced.

We are thankful for the many volunteers who join us on Sunday mornings at GSC. Doug Nichols, Mike and Jan Cuddy, their friend Gary, and, most recently, Michael Donnelly have been helping set up chairs and escort residents to worship services. Joel and Charlotte Evans also joined us and shared a wonderful musical message. Residents from GSC and Dacier Manor gather each Sunday in the Magnolia Dining Room to worship together. It is always a blessing to sing, worship, and enjoy fellowship with our friends from Dacier. We also gather twice each week in the activity room for additional times of fellowship.

RIVERWOODS
Patty Gianceski—386-658-2024

Good morning to you all from a porch with a lovely meadow view.

First of all, we would like to extend a warm Riverwoods welcome to our new neighbor, Melanie Burch. We hope you are getting comfortably settled into your new home and are already enjoying life in our community.

Shirley Minster and Cathy Mellinger recently enjoyed a fall getaway. Shirley shared that they stayed in a cozy stone cabin at F.D. Roosevelt State Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia, home of Callaway Gardens.

"We were perched on the side of a mountain with a beautiful view of farmland below and a wide expanse of night sky above. We visited a butterfly exhibit, attended a demonstration featuring three raptors, and browsed several shops in the nearby village. The weather was beautiful and noticeably cooler on the mountaintop. We also visited three gift shops and had a wonderful time seeing all the unique items."

Doesn't that sound like a fun trip?

Jackie Campbell has nearly completed the October edition of the Riverwoods map and address directory. Please take a moment to review your information for accuracy. If any changes are needed, contact Jackie as soon as possible at (210) 410-2113.

Last weekend, the Riverwoods telephone notification system (Call Multiplier) proved especially helpful during the water-service interruption. Thank you to HOA Vice President Lee McGauley for keeping residents informed throughout the situation.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
GEORGE AND MARY ANN WILSON**

There will be a memorial service for George and Mary Ann Wilson on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Walker Cottage.

**HONOR A VETERAN OR SPONSOR A
MY HERO CROSS IN DOWLING PARK**
Submitted by Eleanor Foerste

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank the many men and women who have served or are currently serving our nation, helping to protect and defend the freedoms we enjoy.

This past Memorial Day, ACV residents were treated to a beautiful patriotic display thanks to the efforts of Sgt. Howard Cleveland Barker American Legion Post 422 in Lee, Florida. Legionnaires built and placed 63 crosses and American flags along Dowling Park Dr. across from the Village Square to honor both living and deceased service members.

We now have another opportunity to sponsor a My Hero Cross and show support for veterans past and present. More than 100 veterans live and work in ACV and the surrounding Dowling Park community. Perhaps you know a veteran who lives here, or maybe you have a family member you would like to honor.

Because no veteran should be left behind, donations are being sought to provide a cross and flag for every veteran this Veterans Day. A donation of \$50 covers the cost of a My Hero Cross and flag for the first year, including placement for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. In subsequent years, a donation of \$25 will cover annual placement.

Application forms and additional information will be available at the My Hero Cross Display near Rumph Dining Room.

The deadline for Veterans Day placement is Oct. 30.

For more information, contact Jim Serrano, Barker American Legion Post 422, at (386) 208-1241.

Please consider making a donation to help us honor all who have served.

BOB COPELAND'S NEWEST BOOK

Bob Copeland has released his 25th book, now available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle versions. The book is titled *To Creed, or Not To Creed, That Is the Question* and subtitled *Making the Case for Non-Creedalism*.

Bob shares his thoughts on the new book: "I honestly never imagined I'd end up writing a book about creedalism versus non-creedalism, yet here I am doing exactly that. Hop aboard and join me on this short journey through this little booklet as I make the case for, and defend, non-creedalism."

NUTS! NUTS! NUTS!

Verna Piper, Reporter

My doors are still open, and I still have nuts! My hours remain the same: 3:00–7:00 every day but Monday. Just come by then and make your selection. If you mailed your order, the nuts are here and ready for pickup. If you NEED delivery, please call (386) 208-1967.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Drug or alcohol problems? If you or a loved one is having a problem, help is available. Call (305) 407-0895 for more information.

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.

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

Chad Daugherty, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, will be at the Village Square professional offices on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. He can assist with IRAs, CDs, 529s, faith-based investing strategies, money market savings, life insurance, annuities, and much more. Call (229) 232-8119 or email chad.daugherty@edwardjones.com for more information or to schedule an appointment.

HAIR CROPPERS

Self-Care Special: 30 Minutes for \$30

It is time to relax, release tension, and give yourself a little TLC! Choose your relaxation session: 30-minute leg and foot massage for \$30 or 30-minute hand and arm massage for \$30. Appointments available Thursday, Oct. 15. Spots are limited, so don't wait to book. Your body deserves a little pampering!

To accommodate busy work schedules, I am offering a special Mini Signature Hand Ritual: 15 minutes for \$20.

My goal is to give ACV employees the opportunity to experience one of our spa services without having to be away from work for an extended period or use most of their lunch break. At the same time, I'll be able to create quality content featuring the service. Upcoming spa days are Tuesday, Nov. 11; and Saturday, Nov. 7, by appointment only.

Come relax, reset, and give your hands the care they deserve. Model spots are limited!

To book your experience, call or text Danielle at (386) 205-3791.

For Saturday appointment confirmations, please call Brenda at (386) 249-1323.

We look forward to helping you look and feel your best. Reserve your appointment today!

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.

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. 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 7551334, Ext. 114.

THANK YOU

I believe I speak for everyone when I give a big THANK YOU to the brave men who stood in a muddy hole on a Saturday in the pouring rain and repaired the water pipe so we could have water again. They are to be commended for their commitment to their jobs and to this community.

Also, David was on scene overseeing the process, Ashley was checking on residents and passing out water, and we prayer warriors were praying for the men in the muddy hole that God would help them and protect them, and he did. Much thanks to the men in the muddy hole. God bless you.

Patricia-Adele Lyons

I wish to thank all of you wonderful friends for blessing me on my birthday with cards, greeting, calls, texts, hugs, and delicious goodies. They say getting old is not for sissies, but in the Village it is surely a blessing. God bless you all.

Jean Snyder

I want to thank everyone who donated magazines to GSC. Your response to my request has been overwhelming. I think we are good for now. I have always been a believer in the saying "Ask and it shall be given unto you." You have proved me right. Thanks again.

Kathleen Johnson

MISCELLANEOUS

HOME CLEAR-OUT SALE: Clothes dryer, armoire wardrobe, full size sofa, living room table, and a Shark vacuum. Call 386-249-4516.*

LOST AND FOUND: Found in the Village Church: One ladies bracelet on Sunday, Oct. 4. To claim it please call 386-658-1167 between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.*

FOR SALE: Like-new couch, \$200; two floor lamps, \$20 each; two rocking chairs, \$30 each; and a computer table, \$20. Use your own vehicle. Leave message at 386-658-3471.*

IN SEARCH OF: Looking to buy a woman's bike with at least three speeds. Please call or text 484-686-1271.*

Prices effective 10/16–10/15



THE VILLAGE GROCER

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

GROCERY

That's Smart Pure Cane Sugar	64 oz.	\$ 5.00
Multi-Bean Soup Mix	16 oz.	\$ 2.80
Rummo Gluten-Free Spaghetti	12 oz.	\$ 3.40
IGA Whole Kernel Corn	15 oz.	\$ 1.30
Armour Potted Meat	3 oz.	\$ 1.00
Folgers Ground Coffee	9 oz.	\$10.00
Olive Garden Italian Dressing	16 oz.	\$ 5.20
Tang Orange Drink	20 oz.	\$ 6.80

DAIRY

Boar's Head Pumpkin Pie Hummus	10 oz.	\$ 3.50
Chobani Yogurt	5 oz.	\$ 2.20

PRODUCE

Bartlett Pears	per lb.	\$ 2.00
Fresh Sweet Potatoes	per lb.	\$ 1.00

FROZEN

Marie Callender's Cheesy Chicken and Rice	12 oz.	\$ 5.10
Ore-Ida Shredded Hashbrowns	18 oz.	\$ 6.20

MEAT

Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Lean Ground Chuck	per lb.	\$ 8.50
Lean Boneless Pork Chops	per lb.	\$ 4.50
Sugardale Center Cut Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 5.80
Oscar Mayer Hotdogs	16 oz.	\$ 4.30
Dutch Farms Boneless Chicken Wings	32 oz.	\$ 6.30

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Muenster Cheese — \$5.50 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 am; pick up after 2:00 pm

This Week's Verse

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness! Lamentations 3:22–23

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

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FRIDAY, 10/9

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Catfish, Blackened Catfish, St. Louis-Style Ribs
\$1.40 Sides: Hush Puppies, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mixed Greens, Olive Salad, Coleslaw
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 10/10

- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Turkey Manhattan: Toast Topped with Stuffing, Turkey, and Gravy; Sweet Potato; Honey Glazed Carrots; Cranberries; Assorted Desserts; Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 10/11

Lunch Buffet

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

- Soup:** Tuscan Onion Soup
Entrées: Fried Chicken, Cube Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Vegetable Lasagna
Sides: Jasmine Rice, Creamed Spinach, Roasted Tomatoes, Squash Casserole, Arugula Salad, Broccoli Salad
Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 10/12

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Country Fried Steak with Gravy, Chicken Veggie Quiche
\$1.40 Sides: Roasted Red Potatoes, Cauliflower, Sweet Honey Butter Corn, Texas Caviar, Garden Salad
\$3.00 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 10/13

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
\$2.75 Soup: Tomato Basil Bisque
\$6.95 Entrées: Chicken Tenders, Liver and Onions
\$1.40 Sides: Cinnamon Baked Pears, Potato Wedges and Brown Gravy, Okra and Tomatoes, Sweet Creamy Carrot Salad, Broccoli Salad
\$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. 9–16, 2026

WEDNESDAY, 10/14

- \$2.75 Soup:** Vegetable Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Chicken, Shepherd's Pie
- \$1.40 Sides:** Cabbage, Old Fashioned Baked Beans, Phon's Mushroom and Green Onion Rice, Coleslaw, Creamy Cucumber Apple Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 10/15

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Eggplant Parmesan, Tuna Casserole, Herb Roasted Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Arugula Salad, Garlic Roasted Herb Mushrooms, Balsamic Brussels Sprouts, Caesar Salad
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 10/16

- \$2.75 Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Fried Cod, Baked Garlic and Lemon Cod, Mango Baked Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Hush Puppies; Cheese Grits; Mixed Greens; Coconut Rice; Peas; Creamy Cucumber, Tomato and Onion Salad; Cilantro Mango Slaw
- \$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 & Saturday Soup: Split Pea and Ham

Friday, Oct. 16

All day: Beef and Cheese Burrito with Black Beans and Rice (Served with Sour Cream and Salsa), \$13.95

All day: Eight-Piece Honey BBQ Wings
and Fry Basket, \$12.95

Saturday, Oct. 17

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

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