



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE
AT DOWLING PARK

Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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		Shuttle Bus	208-2584

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Friday	10/3	9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m.	First Annual Fall Golf Cart Race—Harmony Center <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR
Saturday	10/4	9:00–11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS Supper Potluck—RDR
Sunday	10/5	<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	10/6	1:00–3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i> 2:00–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Connecting Threads Sewing Ministry—KC Scrabble—CMH Coping with Low Vision Support Group—OPR <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS Dominoes—CMH
Tuesday	10/7	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i>	<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>
Wednesday	10/8	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: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Bingo—CMH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	10/9	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH Monthly Member Birthday Party—SMR/DR
Friday	10/10	9:00 a.m. <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	ACV Workday—VC Golf Cart Parking Lot <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR <i>What Does the Bible Say About ... —DR</i>

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



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

John Dockray, who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 26. His funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 2, at Joe P. Burns Funeral Home of Madison at 11:00 a.m. Visitation was held prior at 10:00 a.m. Graveside services were held with military honors at the Tallahassee National Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

Ken Randolph (husband of Ethel Stenzel), who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 26. There will be a service of remembrance on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in Bixler Chapel.

Phyllis Gladu, who was a resident of Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace and GSC, died Sept. 25. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Joann Torrans (wife of Alfred), who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 21. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Peggy Clark, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 19. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Joyce Arrington, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 15. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

June Hreha (wife of Frank), who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 10. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Lagran Holton, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 3. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Alice Myers, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 30. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Dorothy Pendleton, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 21. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Jean Goddard, who was a resident of Carter House, Dacier Manor and GSC, died Aug. 15. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wed., Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Judy Senykoff (wife of Ron), who was a resident of Riverwoods, died Aug. 15. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

Susan Teijeiro (wife of Ray), who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 8. She will be remembered at the GSC memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Roof repair work at the Copeland Community Center is still ongoing. For your safety, please use caution when entering that building, and avoid any areas marked with caution tape. These sections are restricted due to ongoing construction activity.

The front entrance is temporarily closed while the crew works on the roof over and near the front entrance. During this time, a side entrance has been made available. We ask that you follow all posted safety signs, directions, and instructions.

The Community Center is open its regularly scheduled hours despite the construction.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

David Klumpenhower,
VP for Independent Living Operations

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmastime at Advent "Christmas" Village is a magical time of year, with lights and decorations bringing cheer to our community. Perhaps you have always wanted your home to also be merry and bright, but you have been unable to do the decorating. Well, this year we have exciting news for you! We have a group of high school kids willing to volunteer their time and hang up your outdoor Christmas lights and decorations. They will be here on Monday, Oct. 27.

If you live in Riverwoods, Park of the Pines, Edgewood Terrace (Taylor Commons and Millsite Lane), or Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace, and if you would like help decorating the exterior of your home (only exterior), then call James Sutter at 658-5266 to sign up. Please remember to only have white lights and to be mindful of your neighbors with your decorations (no inflatable Snoopy). If you have questions, please speak with James Sutter.

David Klumpenhower,
VP for Independent Living Operations

ACV WORKDAY

Heigh ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go!

Calling all residents and team members. If you are able and willing to trim, tug, and toil, then we would love to have you 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). Nature has taken over, and it is time we bring beauty and order back to this area of our community.

The Magic Mirror didn't fix it, so we thought it would be fun to have residents and staff join forces and tackle this 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.

Let's meet in the church golf cart parking lot at 9:00 a.m. No special skills or talents are needed. Just come with your can-do attitude, and be ready to whistle while you work.

David Klumpenhower,
VP for Independent Living Operations

FLU SHOTS

It's time to get your flu shot! The influenza virus is an acute respiratory infection that can cause illnesses that range in severity and can sometimes lead to hospitalization and death. Most people recover from fever and other symptoms within a week. However, influenza can cause severe illness, particularly among high-risk groups including the elderly and those with serious medical conditions. A current flu vaccine remains the most effective way to protect yourself from serious illness.

Copeland Clinic is now administering flu vaccines on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 12:00 noon and Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., or at any regularly scheduled appointment. Protect yourself and schedule your flu shot today!

Keri Hillard, VP for Health Services

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

ACV EVENTS

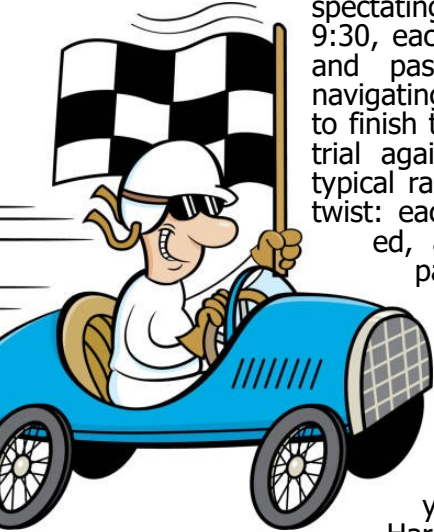
FIRST ANNUAL FALL GOLF CART RACE

Friday, Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.

Harmony Center

ACV members, staff and friends, you are invited to the first annual Fall Golf Cart Race. You may participate, spectate ... or both.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. at the Harmony Center to register for the golf cart race or to pick your preferred spectating position. Beginning at 9:30, each participating duo (driver and passenger) will take turns navigating the course in an attempt to finish the quickest. This is a time trial against the clock and not a typical race, and there is one more twist: each driver will be blindfolded, and it will be up to the passenger to verbally tell the driver where to go!



Feel like a winner? Perhaps you just enjoy participating in fun activities with other friendly people. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll plan to join us at the

Harmony Center on Friday morning, Oct. 3, for the first annual Fall Golf Cart Race.

SUPPER POTLUCK

Saturday, Oct. 4, 5:00 p.m. - RDR

The next supper potluck is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the dining room. We'll have one every month from October to May except for December. Please bring your dishes a few minutes before 5:00 so we can start at 5:00 p.m.

COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP

Monday, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m. - OPR

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

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.



MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, Oct. 9, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR

Join us for the October member birthday party. Charlotte and Joel Evans will provide musical entertainment. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with October birthdays will receive special recognition. Come and bring a friend. See you there!

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.

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.

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), kartuffelpuffer (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.

Autumn Fest 2025

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. A silent auction to benefit ACV's benevolent fund will be available this year. If you have items you'd like to donate, please call Member Services (658-5266). We're also planning live entertainment once again. 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/or 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.

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. 25, 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.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

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.

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, Oct. 3, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Oct. 3, at 12:00 noon in the dining room. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military memento. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, Oct. 8, 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.

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



Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Italian Sausage

Friday, Oct. 3

Lunch only: Pressed Italian Sub with Lettuce, Tomato and Italian Dressing served with Tri-color Pasta Salad, \$14.95

All day: Beer Battered Cod with Homemade Chips and Cole Slaw, \$18.95

Saturday, Oct. 4

All day: Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Corn, \$17.95

message of these stones? This learning experience will be led by ACV's MaryAnn Stuart. There will be light snacks. All are welcome.

GAME CHALLENGE

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, and Uno. 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.

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.



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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, will be 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 day. The rocks will be hidden at the Village Square and outside other local businesses in Dowling Park. Join the hunt for the whole month of October!

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.

**As the Page Turns Book Club —
First Thursday of the Month**

All future book club meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month.

Starbooks Café

Coffee and conversation are on the menu on Oct. 7 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 on Oct. 7 is: What did your childhood bedroom look like?

Dungeons and Dragons Club

On Oct. 7 at 5:00 p.m., enter into a world of adventure at the D&D club here at JKPL! Dungeons and Dragons is

a fantasy adventure tabletop game where you create your own story. Whether you have never played or you've completed several quests, all are welcome to attend! During the first meeting, we will be creating player characters as well as going over the rules of the game. Sign up today and try your hand at something new!

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 8 x 10. 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. There's 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. time slot 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!



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. 8 morning — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.

- **Oct. 8 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.
- **Oct. 15 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. 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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

SERMON: "Whoever"

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 10:15–18 NLT and John 3:13–18 NIV '84

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

There will be a **Service of Remembrance for Mr. Ken Randolph** on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in Bixler Chapel.

You are invited to a **Baby Shower for the Live Oak Pregnancy Care Center** sponsored by the WHFMS on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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. 3

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

Sunday, Oct. 5

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

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

11:00 a.m. — Tom Spannagle's Sunday School Class: Unfolding the Great Commission (Old Pavilion Room)

4:00 p.m. — Youth Music (Village Church)

5:00 p.m. — Alive (Village Church)

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

6:00 p.m. — Evening Service, Rev. Richard Russell (Chapel)

Monday, Oct. 6

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: The Gospel of Luke, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

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

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

Tuesday, Oct. 7

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 8

11:00 a.m. — VCBI: 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. 10

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study: Isaiah 28, Tom Spannagle (Room 5)

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Rev. Darren Bonville (Dining Room)

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers reached out to me this week to say they currently have less than a one-day supply of blood on their shelves. Since shortages are also occurring across the country, there is no other blood center that can help.

We have a blood drive scheduled for Nov. 18 at the Village Square, but if you are eligible to give now (whole blood: every 56 days, double red: every 112 days, platelets: every eight days, and plasma: every 28 days) please consider finding a donation location sooner.

You can truly save a life in just 30 minutes.

Visit lifesouth.org or call 1-888-795-2707 to find a donor center or blood drive nearby and book an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The weekly edition of the FNN is your newspaper. If you want to submit an article or item to be published, please list your name and phone number so you can be contacted if an update or clarification is needed. ACV members and staff can submit news items and advertisements.

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

- What does the Bible say about the Trinity?
- How did Cain find a wife? Did God create some more people?
- Is eternity security biblical? Can a Christian lose salvation ?

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: Social Security Scams

The No. 1 thing Social Security scammers do is solicit information from people over the phone by posing as representatives for the Social Security Administration (SSA). They trick people into giving them personal information including their Social Security numbers and bank transfer information. These con artists prey on unsuspecting victims by claiming the authority of the agency and then telling them there's a problem with their account.

The following are facts to keep in mind about the SSA:

- Social Security accounts are never suspended.
- The SSA will never ask for your Social Security number over the phone.
- Anytime someone calls claiming a citizen owes the SSA money, this is a lie and a scam.
- The SSA will not call you regarding issues with your account. Their first and most common method is always by letters in the mail.
- The SSA will not pressure recipients to respond with deadlines and payments.

People should never give out personal information over the phone, and if they believe a call might be legitimate they should hang up, check their account online, and then initiate a call to the SSA if need be. (Source: Daily360.com)

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Cindy Beaver—386-658-3333

In preparation for the ACV workday in front of Dowling House, Wilson Gardens and Carter House on Friday, Oct. 10, we need the affected parking lots to be emptied. ACV will be conducting a large-scale cleanup, which will involve heavy equipment, tree and shrub removal, and pressure washing.

By Thursday, Dec. 9, at 9:00 a.m., the Village Church golf cart parking (by the fountain), all Dowling House front parking lots (including handicapped spac-

es), and all Wilson Gardens front parking lots must be emptied.

Alternative parking is available behind each building (on the river side), and in the smoking gazebo and Lake Aquilla parking lots.

Normal parking will resume on Friday, Oct. 10, after 1:00 p.m.

If you need help moving your vehicle, call the Information Center at 658-3333.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to enhance the beauty and safety of our community.

ACV ACTIVITY NEWS

VILLAGE ARCHIVE

Millie Griswold, Reporter

Camp Suwannee has been in operation for 90 years. In 2024, 28 groups and 2,500 people used the camp. Six week-long camps were held during the summer. The camp can accommodate 165 people. Doug Mabey has been the camp director since 2004. Currently he is Director of Conference & Retreat and Camp Suwannee.

Visit the History Window at the Village Square and see a five-minute overview of the camp's ministry during these years.

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.

MARION POLK CERAMICS SHOP

Sue Riedel, Reporter

This Saturday, Oct. 4, the shop will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

CONNECTING THREADS SEWING MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The Connecting Threads Sewing Ministry will meet at the sewing center in Keepers Cottage on Monday, Oct. 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

GARDEN CLUB

Sue Riedel, Reporter

Attention Flock Followers: The flamingos are still migrating. Keep your eyes peeled! Don't miss out — Nov. 3 is the final day to submit your request!

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

We have an audiobook section, paperback rack, and many movies and TV series on DVD for check-out. Magazines can be borrowed without being checked out; just return them when you finish looking at them.

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the Schoolhouse Room between the 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 to write to your youth; next pick-up date is Friday, Oct. 10. Get your letters to the Information Center before 11:30 a.m. Residents in Carter

∞ At the Village Square ∞

Riverside Gifts

This shop features gifts for all ages and occasions. There are Bibles, devotionals, greeting cards, household items, tools, toys, and games. We carry a large selection of reading glasses and eyeglass chain holders.

The book department continues to grow with devotionals for men and women, exciting mysteries, autobiographies, and Bible studies.

Bright autumn dishtowels are now displayed near the pet department. Here you'll find earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. There are also cute wall hangings and pet supplies, including travel items. We have just one heavy-duty bell left to attach to an outside wall or barn to call in the family!

The tool department continues to grow with flashlights, blacklight flashlights, durable small and long tape measures, razor box cutters, and small knives. There are also small and large lanterns for power outages. The larger lantern is USB-connection ready as well as solar.

The Sales Corner contains soup bowl cozies, Bible covers, jewelry, and one two-piece canvas bag set.

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 are also vintage jewelry items, watches, and collectibles. Cards for all occasions are \$1.00 each.

New collections include pitchers of all sizes and various colors made by Fenton, Northwood, and Libby. There are also hammered aluminum bread trays, hot plates, and coasters made in 1984 by Joe Deponceau of Rochester, N.Y.

There are still fall wreaths and other autumn decorations to brighten this new season. Choose a new dishtowel or two to complete the changeover look. Handmade infant outfits, toddler toys, and vintage dolls await you in the children's department.

Alterations will not be accepted from Sept. 20 to 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 and medical scrubs in a variety of sizes and colors. The Book Nook includes collectible, first edition and rare books, children's books, fiction/nonfiction books, Bibles, and Bible studies.

Ladies' sweaters and coats and slacks make for more comfortable outfits as the weather cools. Mid-length and long-sleeve blouses continue to be available at very reasonable prices.

The Men's Department has hats, socks, shoes, dress shirts, daily wear pants, jeans and work shirts.

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

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

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

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Saturday special: Choose a free gift (from our selection) with your purchase over \$20.

Village Cashier's Office

658-5343

Monday–Friday • 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

House can leave theirs at the front 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*).

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 have 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

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

Isn’t it incredible, the peace we have as Christians in knowing that because we believe and accept the Son Jesus into our hearts, we will continually have His blessing of grace and peace forever?

Our village is beginning to feel the blessings of fall, y’all, and that is good. Plans are being made and events arranged to enjoy life in our little piece of heaven.

I spoke with Dick and Nancy Beggs yesterday, and they sent a big hello to everyone. Dorie Atchison and Phil Seiden have notified me that they will be moving out of Butterfield Acres at the end of October. Their new address will be 2220 SE 46th Terr., Gainesville, FL 32641. Dorie’s email is dorianatchison@gmail.com. They have enjoyed living here since 2019 and wish everyone their best as they move. They will miss the wonderful folks here in Butterfield.

I saw Stan Hall in church today, and he is adjusting to assisted living life in Dacier. Both Roy and

Alice Ames are now living on Camellia Court in Good Sam.

We have a very nice church service in the Dogwood dining room every Sunday morning starting at 9:45 a.m., led by our wonderful Pastor Bruce Arnold and his wife, Evelyn. You are most welcome to come and join in our worship service as we lift up the Lord in message and song.

I’d like to recognize our end-of-September birthdays at this time. Happy birthday to Robin Buchanan, who celebrated his special day on the 15th. James Kile also shares that day with Robin. Happy birthday, Jim. On the 17th, Todd Perry turned another year older. And our month is rounded out by Robin Copeland celebrating another trip around the sun on the 25th. To all of you, may the Lord’s richest blessings surround you with His grace, mercy and love throughout the year ahead. Oops — I almost forgot to wish Pam and Glen Bissett a happy anniversary this month. God bless y’all with many more years to follow.

I have found that pain and suffering are inevitable, but misery is optional. Did you know scientists say that one out of every four people is crazy? Check out three of your friends. If they’re OK, then you’re it! It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the oh-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful Butterfield Acres: Remember, if you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything — except who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

CARTER HOUSE
Monica Serlick—386-330-4865

We have two birthdays coming up this week. Best wishes go out to Louise Grant on Oct. 11 and Tom Whitaker on Oct. 16. When you see them out and about, be sure to wish them well. Wishing you blessings, joy, and happiness on your special day and throughout the year. I found this quote by Franz Kafka and I believe it: “Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.” According to wish-quotes.com: “It’s the journey that counts, not the destination.” “You can accomplish everything, so be strong and believe in yourself.”

Let us remember to continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. “Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me” (Psalm 30:2).

It’s that time of year again when we are collecting money for Halloween candy for the trick-or-treaters who come through our buildings. A donation container is at the front desk. Please be generous, as many of the children who visit the Village do not go to other homes. Every donation is greatly appreciated, and we certainly enjoy seeing the kids in their costumes.

Reminder: Jim Powell, manager of Carter House, Dowling House, and Wilson Gardens, asks residents with pets to remember that your dog or cat must always be on a leash when outside your residence. Pets are not permitted to roam freely in hallways or outdoors. Dogs can run and play freely in the dog park, but please follow the posted rules there.

The weather is getting cooler each day and, just as in the heat, many of us want to park close to the building entrances. Please remember: never park in areas that are not designated parking spaces, unless you are unloading a person or groceries. Once unloaded, move your car to a proper space.

More handicapped spaces have been added to the front side of the building. Some are wider for van accessibility, but that does not mean two cars can share a space. One car per parking space is the rule everywhere. Do not park in handicapped unloading zones (the diagonal striped areas), as this is a violation of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes. Local police have the authority to ticket or fine anyone not in compliance.

Let’s try to be considerate. Some residents have very limited mobility, while others are fortunate to still be active. Kindness should not be an occasional act but a lifestyle. If you rarely use your car but have a handicapped tag, please consider leaving closer spaces open for those who need them daily.

Finally, remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you believe they are violating ACV rules or policies. If you see anything unusual or inappropriate, contact the Information Center 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, friends and neighbors. I was very sad to hear about the passing of my friend and neighbor in Dowling House, Ken Randolph. It was unexpected, as I didn't know the seriousness of his illness. Please keep his sweet wife in prayer, that God will strengthen and comfort her and bear her up with grace. Heaven has gained an angel. Ken was a good and kind man. If he saw someone carrying a load, he would help. He was always reaching out a helping hand, and he will be greatly missed.

I also heard of the passing of John Dockray, though I wasn't acquainted with him. Please pray for his family, that they will find comfort and peace.

On a brighter note, Dottie Stone had the blessing of traveling to Norway on a Norwegian cruise ship. The trip took her off the coast and into the Arctic Circle for 12 days and nights. She said they traveled through the mountains, and from the ship she could see different kinds of wildlife — bears, caribou, reindeer and more. It was beautiful. She declares that this is where the reindeer are trained to pull Santa's sled at Christmas.

She was struck by how clean the country is. There is no litter along the highways — no plastic bottles or aluminum cans. Norway doesn't use plastic or aluminum; everything is glass, which people return for recycling.

The temperature was in the 40s, which the Norwegians considered warm. They were wearing shorts and sleeveless blouses and enjoying the weather, while Dottie bundled up in long underwear and layers and was still freezing.

She also visited one of the oldest places of worship in Norway: St. Mary's Cathedral, which began construction in the 1300s and is still in use today. Carvings of the 12 disciples, each 12 feet tall, line the interior. The walls are natural dark wood. In the early years, even children helped with the building, which has always been a work in progress. Ramps inside represent centuries, beginning with the 1300s through today, which visitors can walk up to view the cathedral's wonder and beauty. It was designed to be accessible for the handicapped.

Norwegian restaurants serve a lot of fish, along with other delicious food. Dottie said it was the best fish she had ever eaten. Halibut, cod and haddock are staples there. She also visited the Museum of History, which she found both wonderful and interesting.

The worst part of her trip, she says, was the jet lag, which took some time to recover from. But all in all, she was very happy for the opportunity to visit such a beautiful country.

I wonder if someone has found the red prize. It is hidden among its kind, and it may not be easy to find. It's not an envelope but something very new. When you find it, you will have to choose one of three things. Happy hunting!

At my daughter's, I had the chance to rough-house with my grandson. I started tickling him, and he said, "Remember what Mom said: if you wind me up, you have to take me home with you."

Alisa Staats recently spent two weeks in West Des Moines, Iowa, visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Dan Hodge, former residents of ACV. She was able to do some shopping, and the highlight of the trip was a visit to Winterset, Iowa, the birthplace of John Wayne. There, she toured a large museum filled with John Wayne memorabilia.

She enjoyed her time with family, though the return trip was less pleasant. Her Monday flight was delayed until Tuesday, which gave her one more night with Judy and Dan. She came home to Dowling Park full of Iowa corn and good memories.

Romans 13:12: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." God bless you. Until next week, I pray you find favor in his sight.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE
Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237

Good morning, neighbors. If you were unable to attend our potluck last Saturday, you missed a great opportunity. After a very brief (three-minute) meeting, we enjoyed a unique and satisfying buffet dinner. A wide variety of dishes was offered: yellow rice and chicken, German rivel soup, beans and sausage, Hawaiian chicken, sauerkraut slaw, Irish colcannon, spaghetti, and Irish soda bread, to name a few. And then on to the dessert table: chocolate zucchini bread, English graham cracker pie, an assortment of cake slices, and raspberry fruit Jello mold. No one went home hungry!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the camaraderie and conversation. New residents were getting acquainted, and long-time ETers reconnected with fellow neighbors. Those of you not present were missed, and we hope you can make our next event.

The business part of the evening included the treasurer's report by Gary Kueppers and an announcement of the next event. The annual Edgewood Terrace Christmas party will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 12:00 noon in the Youth Lodge. This will also be a potluck, so start thinking of a favorite holiday dish to share. We will have a \$10 gift exchange again this year — women bring for women, and men bring for men. The festivities may also include carols or perhaps a favorite childhood memory. More information will be shared as the date approaches. I welcome any ideas for the party, and all help is very much appreciated. Remember that Edgewood Terrace is comprised of those on Millsite Lane, those in Taylor Commons and Lawrence House, and the Millsite Terrace-like home on the end of Taylor Commons.

Did you know that our neighborhood, Edgewood Terrace, is organized with officers, a treasury, and a body of fun-loving residents? Officers are President Cathy Oberg, Vice President Marilyn Yale, Treasurer Gary Kueppers, and Secretary Charlotte Evans. We collect annual dues of \$5.00 per person, which is strictly voluntary. With these funds, we are able to make an annual donation to ACV (camp scholarships, hurricane relief, etc.) and furnish most of the fixings for our patriotic ice cream social.

Have a blessed week. Stay happy and healthy, and don't forget to check on your neighbors.

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

When I was learning to drive, my instructor told me to look straight ahead and center myself on the darker area in the middle of the lane — the place where oil, antifreeze, and other things had left a mark. If there was a car in front of me, he said to look at the license plate to stay in my lane. He explained that if the eyes wander, the steering wheel would wander as well. One time he said he knew I was looking somewhere else because the car started to drift from the center of the lane!

A farmer who wants to make a straight furrow will fix his eyes on a point and drive toward it; otherwise, the furrow might look more like a snake.

There are a few places in God's Word where we see this same thought. Deuteronomy 5:32 tells us to be careful to do what God commands and not turn to the right or the left. Proverbs 4:27 says, "Do not swerve to the right or to the left; keep your foot from evil."

Distractions abound in our lives, and we can find ourselves drawn away from the direction we need to go. As we remember what we read in God's Word, we can focus on the direction He wants us to go. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), we are not distracted and can discern God's will and direction for our lives.

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned how busy the September calendar was. Though we had a few

cancellations, we've been busy with visits from Dick Grillo, our regular monthly gardener, and even a visit from a bearded dragon who cuddled up and fell asleep on one of our residents! We've also received some more monarch butterfly chrysalises, and we anticipate the butterflies will emerge soon.

We will have a memorial service on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Dining Room. We will remember and give thanks for the lives of Susan Teijeiro, Judy Senykoff, Jean Goddard, Dorothy Pendleton, Alice Meyers, Lagran Holton, Joann Torrans, June Hreha, Joyce Arrington, Peggy Clark, and Phyllis Gladu.

RIVERWOODS
Doug Nichols—425-329-5769

1. Sunday, the Lord's Day: Pastor Sam delivered an excellent message on the Word of God, "The Sword of the Spirit". We have requested permission to share it via email and Facebook with many pastors in the Philippines. The Sunday evening service was conducted by the Women's Home and Foreign Missions Society.

2. Have you met Janet Groene of Riverwoods? While still in their early 30s, professional pilot Gordon Groene and journalist Janet Groene said goodbye to winter, flew to Florida, and bought a small sloop. They set sail for tropical waters, which eventually led to a new career as a freelance travel writer and photographer team. Dozens of books and thousands of newspaper and magazine features later, the award-winning authors chose Riverwoods as a home base while traveling worldwide on assignments. Gordon passed away in 2016. Many of their books are still in print and available in bookstores and online. See their updated story at <https://janetgroen.blogspot.com> and follow @groenwriter, @boatcook, @solowomanrv, and @campandrvcok.

3. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Marian Stauffer (Oct. 5), Kristie Skiff (Oct. 6), Connie McFadden (Oct. 9), and Bud Royal (Oct. 10).

4. The Word: How is your time in the Word of God? It is His Word that gives us the truth of salvation and guidance in life. We are to base our beliefs not on dreams, visions, or traditions, but on what God says in His Word.

5. Let's eat: It has been suggested to dine in the dining room once or twice a week. This provides the opportunity to meet others, learn of their joys and sorrows, and pray for and help them as we are able.

6. Really old: Margaret, my wife, discovered I am a lot older than either of us thought. Our insurance company was upgrading its computers and evidently made a mistake, calling me because the system recorded my age as 117. A friend later said, "Don't worry about it, Doug; you're more ugly than old!"

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:
Free shuttle bus transportation around campus and to a few local off-campus locations is available to both on- and off-campus members. Schedules are available at the Information Center, and you can call (386) 208-2584 to schedule a pick-up.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

DOG PARK NEWS
A Committee of the Membership Association
Monica Serlick, Reporter

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 future FNNs.

ACV BOOKWORM
Have you ever taken advantage of the audiobook selections that are offered in both our local libraries? James Sutter recommended *The Air Raid Book Club* by Annie Lyons, which you can find at JKPL using the Libby app. This app is free and an excellent way to borrow audiobooks and listen on your phone. *The Air Raid Book Club* is read with an English accent that adds much to the color and flavor of the book.

This historical novel is set in London during WWII. Gertie Bingham, recently widowed and in her 60s, finds new purpose in her life when she organizes a book club for those seeking comfort during the German air raids. After taking in a Jewish teenager escaping Germany, she also discovers that even in later life, new beginnings and unexpected friendships are possible.

Lyons blends humor and tenderness while showing the harsh realities of war. Her characters feel authentic, and the novel highlights how ordinary people can rise to extraordinary strength and purpose.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, BFA®, financial advisor with Pivotal Wealth Planning is at the Village on the third



The Village Post Office

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

Saturday
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
658-5270



Call Member Services at 658-5400 to schedule a Ride-About tour.



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All proceeds help fund community beautification
and garden projects.

Oct. 3–10, 2025

FRIDAY, 10/3

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

SATURDAY, 10/4

- \$2.75 Soup:** Potato
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** GF Chili with Rice, Fritos, Cole Slaw, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 10/5

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** GF Crustless Broccoli Cheddar Quiche, Beef Tips, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Catalina Vegetable Blend, Honey Glazed Carrots, House Salad, Fruit, Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 10/6

- \$2.75 Soup:** Italian Wedding Soup
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Stuffed Cabbage, Broccoli Cheese Cordon Bleu with Creamy Cheese Sauce, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40 Sides:** Okra and Tomatoes, Five-Way Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 10/7

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Italian Sub Sandwich, Country Fried Beef Steak with Country White Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** California Vegetable Blend, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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

GF=Gluten-Free NSA=No Sugar Added

Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Oct. 3–10, 2025

WEDNESDAY, 10/8

- \$2.75 Soup:** Broccoli Cheese
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Salisbury Steak, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40 Sides:** Cabbage, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Potato
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 10/9

- \$6.95 Entrées:** Chicken Parmesan, GF Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or no GF Meat Sauce
- \$1.40 Sides:** Green Beans, Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Regular and GF Pasta Noodles
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

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



RUMPH DINING RM. \$9.75 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday: Don's Italian Sausage

Friday, Oct. 3

Lunch only: Pressed Italian Sub with Lettuce, Tomato
and Italian Dressing with Tri-color Pasta Salad, \$14.95
All day: Beer Battered Cod with Homemade Chips and
Cole Slaw, \$18.95

Saturday, Oct. 4

All day: Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes
and Gravy and Corn, \$17.95



658-5259

Mon–Fri: 11 am–1 pm
Sat. & Sun: 11 am–1:30 pm



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

October

Copeland Community Center – (386) 658-5555

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

Indoor Poor Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:00	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	Lap Swimming	
8:00–9:00		Open Swim		Open Swim		
9:00–9:30						Water Aerobics
10:05–10:55	Aquatone for Arthritis		Aquatone for Arthritis		Aquatone for Arthritis	
11:00–12:00	Open Swim		Open Swim		Open Swim	
12:00–2:30						
2:30–3:00						
3:00–5:00		Water Volleyball		Water Volleyball		

Multipurpose Room Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00–8:30	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Facilities Open 9:00– 12:00
8:30–9:00	Walking and Step Class	Stretching with Joyce Berra	Walking and Step Class	Stretching with Joyce Berra	Walking and Step Class	
9:00–9:15						
9:15–9:30						
9:30–5:00						

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

Copeland Community Center

WATER ACTIVITIES

AQUATONE: Aquatone is a water therapy class for people suffering from the pain of arthritis. This class uses a protocol from the Arthritis Foundation. If you experience pain associated with arthritis, or you are new to aquatic exercise, this is a great class to join.

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

LAP SWIMMING: Lap swimming is excellent exercise for toning and strengthening the entire body. It is also great for the most important muscle in your body — your heart! Lap swimmers have priority during designated times. Please check the reverse side for lap swim times. 88 pool lengths = 1 mile.

WATER AEROBICS: This class is designed to increase your heart rate in order to strengthen your cardiovascular system. This class also includes stretching and muscle strengthening exercises. Water volleyball is played from 8:45 to 9:30 between the morning classes.

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

WEIGHT ROOM

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

WALKING

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

SHUFFLEBOARD

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

TABLE TENNIS (PING PONG)

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



Monday & Friday, 8:00–11:00 a.m.

Played on the court located near Keepers Cottage, Polk Ceramics Shop and Watkins Hobby Shop. In inclement weather (cold, windy or rainy) this team plays in the Camp Suwannee Pavilion.

Wednesday, 8:00–11:00 a.m.

The pickleball team travels into Live Oak and plays at the Suwannee County Coliseum.

Contact

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

Pickleball is a racquet sport for all age groups and levels. It combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Come out and watch, or join in the fun!

EXERCISE by VIDEO

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

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

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

TENNIS

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

BOCCE

Bocce is an Italian lawn-bowl-like game where players, often in teams, throw large bocce balls to get closer to a smaller target ball called a pallino or pino. See the CCC front desk for more information.