



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK

# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064 "Where People Enjoy Living"

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## SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Friday	9/12	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. <b>1:00 p.m.</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR <b>"What Does the Bible Say About ..." Live Event—DR</b> <b>Watkins Hobby Shop Meeting—DR</b> <b>Live! at Dowling Park: Piano &amp; Cello Concert—VC</b>
Saturday	9/13	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ladies' Breakfast—SMR/DR</b> <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR</b>
Sunday	9/14	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>Evening Service—BC</i> <b>Pal Night—RDR</b>
Monday	9/15	<b>10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. <b>2:00 p.m.</b> 2:00–4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>LifeSouth Bloodmobile—VS</b> Scrabble—CMH <i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> <b>Bunco Party—OPR</b> Ceramics—PCS Dominoes—CMH
Tuesday	9/16	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. <b>2:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH <i>VCBI: Revival History—VC Room 5</i> <b>Garden Club Meeting—DR</b> <b>SongFarmers—SMR/DR</b>
Wednesday	9/17	8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 9:00–11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Ceramics—PCS <i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH Bingo—CMH <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal—VC
Thursday	9/18	9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC Plarn Ministry—CMH <b>Membership Association Meeting—RDR</b>
Friday	9/19	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR

**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

Rick Dionne, who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 6. His memorial information will be provided when available.

Lagran Holton, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 3. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Alice Myers, who was a resident of GSC, died Aug. 30. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

## MOVE OUT

Deborah Borrell has moved from Riverwoods.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for volunteers to help run the front desk at Copeland Community Center. This important role includes answering the phone, distributing mail to the correct mailboxes, and providing oversight, direction, and assistance to our guests. We hope to extend our hours of operation during the week and on the weekends, and additional volunteers will be essential in helping us achieve that goal. If you are interested, then please contact me at 658-5150 or dklumpenhower@acvillage.net.

David Klumpenhower,  
VP for Independent Living Operations

## ACV EVENTS

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

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

On Sept. 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of the following questions:

1. Please explain Psalm 69:33, "For the LORD listens to the needy and does not despise his own who are prisoners."
2. What is the difference between the baptism of John and the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
3. How can you know if you have received the Holy Spirit?
4. Which is the best Bible translation?

Fran Evans will be your host, along with Phil and Gaye Martin. They will share their thoughts and listen to yours.

Bring your questions and comments!

### LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK: PIANO & CELLO CONCERT

**Friday, Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m. - VC**

Join celebrated artists Paul Warner (cello) and You Ju Lee (piano) for an unforgettable evening of Romantic chamber music. This powerful duo explores the expressive depth and lyrical beauty of 19th-century Europe through two masterful sonatas that showcase both intimacy and virtuosity. With stirring melodies, rich harmonies, and dynamic interplay between cello and piano, this concert promises a moving journey through the passion, nuance, and innovation of the Romantic era.

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



### LADIES' BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sawmill and Depot rooms. In place of a speaker this month we will enjoy a time of

fellowship and friendship. 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, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room.

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!

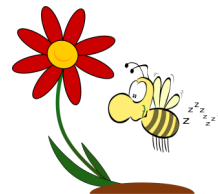


### BUNCO PARTY

**Monday, Sept. 15, 2:00 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 about an hour. The object is to have fun socializing.

The next Bunco party is planned for Monday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. If you're interested, please come. There is no need to call ahead.



### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2:00 p.m. - DR**

The first fall Garden Club meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Depot Room. We are pleased to welcome Carolyn Saft, Master Gardener and Suwannee County Extension Office Manager from Live Oak. She will present an interesting program concerning "plants that attract bees". She may even bring some freebies along to pass out.

This meeting is a very important meeting in that we need all members to sign an agreement with the club. This signing is mandatory. Snacks and coffee will be provided as well as a drawing for a door prize. So please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

### MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m. - RDR**

The next regular Membership Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room. This month's speaker is Vice President for Medical Services Keri Hilliard. Keri has been asked to speak on the topics of Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor.

Also at our next Membership Association meeting on Sept. 18, we will have an election to fill the

vacant position of second vice president for the remainder of 2025. Doug Nichols resigned for health reasons last spring.

During our summer break, the nominating committee met and Linda Cywin's name was suggested to fill the position. The nominating committee unanimously voted to present Linda Cywin's name to the Membership Association. Linda lives in Carter House, and is very active in the life of ACV.

Every member is encouraged to attend the meeting on Sept. 18 and participate in this special election. Come for the information; stay for the fellowship and refreshments.

**ANNUAL LADIES' RETREAT  
Sept. 18-20**

**Youth Lodge at Camp Suwannee**

The Annual Ladies' Retreat will be held Sept. 18-20 at the Youth Lodge at Camp Suwannee, which is located behind the Village Grocer. This year the retreat is hosted by the Southern District WHFMS in Sefner, Florida. Every woman is invited to attend all or part of this retreat.

The cost is only \$5.00 with donations also accepted for meals. Registration will be held at the door. There will be four meals provided: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday, Sept. 19, and breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 20. If you have any food allergies, please let us know ahead of time.

**Schedule**

- The retreat begins on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. with the opening session and refreshments.
- Friday morning breakfast will be provided starting at 8:00 a.m. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Cynthia Lee as the guest speaker. Dr. Lee has completed many medical mission trips to numerous countries and has much to share with us.
- After the lunch at 12:00 noon, there will be a "Fun Craft Time". Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the evening program.
- Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by a short devotional time to close out the retreat.

Preregistration is not required. If you have any questions, contact Becky Mahler at (910) 305-6037 or Barbara Phipps at (386) 688-2361.

**LIVE! AT DOWLING PARK:  
CON BRIO STRING QUARTET  
Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. - BC**

Con Brio String Quartet is thrilled to return to beautiful ACV! A favorite with our audiences, Con Brio brings fresh energy and artistry to a vibrant program featuring beloved classical composers alongside the bold, contemporary voice of acclaimed American composer Jessie Montgomery.

Please note that this concert will be held in Bixler Chapel.

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



**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.

**GIVE BLOOD**

**Mon., Sept. 15, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - VS**

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile will be parked at the VS Monday, Sept. 15, 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.

This month, all blood donors will receive a T-shirt, and platelet and double red cell donors will receive a \$40 e-gift card.

**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.



**JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
386-658-2670**

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

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

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

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

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

**Closed Sunday**

**Weekly JKPL Meetings:**

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

**On Display at the JKPL**

Custom Handmade Knives Display: Stop by during the month of September and check out the custom handmade knives on display. These knives are handmade by David Clark, a resident of ACV. A contact number is included in the display if you are interested in one of the knives or more information.

Gallery Wall: Phyllis Mastro has a variety of paintings displayed this month in the JKPL. From flowers and wildlife to a majestic mountain scene, Phyllis has captured the beauty of nature. The paintings are a treat to enjoy. Contact information is available if you are interested in one of the paintings.

**Birdwatching Club**

Are you a fan of watching our feathered friends in the sky? Whether you are new to the hobby or you are a veteran birdwatcher, all are welcome to join the birdwatching club here at the JKPL! The first club meeting will be on Sept. 11 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Pumpkin Hunt Rock Painting**

Help us get ready for the 5th annual Great Pumpkin (Rock) Hunt! Monday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 p.m., plain rocks will be transformed into cute, funny, and crazy little pumpkins for next month's pumpkin hunt. Bring your creativity and get into the fall spirit!

**Starbooks Café**

Coffee and conversation are on the menu for Sept. 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This is a casual discussion group and may delve into other areas of interest as the conversation progresses. Everyone is welcome!



The topic we will start with is: What activities make you feel like your best self?

**Methods and Myths of Canning**

Do you remember seeing glass canning jars all standing in neat rows in your mother’s or grandmother’s pantry? Join us on Sept. 16 at 3:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. as Katherine Allen from UF/IFAS tells us all about canning! Learn this new skill or update your knowledge with some tips and tricks!

**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 Sept. 16 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!

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

The book club will meet on the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Come by the JKPL to snag a copy of *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, and then join us on Sept. 18 for an in-depth discussion about the novel. If you have a suggestion for a different day/time let us know what might work better. The book for October will be announced on the 18th as well.

**SHINE Medicare Counseling**

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, Sept. 22, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., representatives from SHINE will be available to help with your questions. No need to struggle through on your own. Come in and ask the experts. Walk-ins are always welcome. Open enrollment begins in October!

**Paint Along with Liz**

This month’s painting program is a little different; we’ll be exploring raised 3D art using a common household material! Plan to bring a canvas no larger than 8x10. All other supplies will be provided. Reserve your spot today for the event on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

**Dementia Support Group**

Are you a caregiver for a loved one with dementia? Share your experience and learn more about the resources that are available to you. This month’s meeting will be on Sept. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

**Property Records Information Session**

Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 6:00 p.m. Find out about the new system that Suwannee County citizens can use to view their property records. Bring your questions, and the presenters will do their best to answer them.



**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.

- **Sept. 17 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.
- **Sept. 17 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately at 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 24 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.
- **Sept. 24 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. 1 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. 1 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:** “Shoes and a Shield”

**TEXT:** 1 Peter 5:6 and Ephesians 6:10–16 NLT

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

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

**Friday, Sept. 12**

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

**Saturday, Sept. 13**

8:30 a.m. — Men’s Fellowship Breakfast, Dale Whitmore (RDR)

**Sunday, Sept. 14**

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 (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. Bob Copeland (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. — Pal Meeting (RDR)



**Friday and Saturday Soup: Nonna’s Minestrone**

**Friday, Sept. 12**

Lunch only: Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt on a Brioche Bun with Shoestring Fries, \$12.95

All day: 10 pc. Shrimp and Grits with a Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 13**

All day: Homemade Chicken Cutlet Parmesan over Spaghetti with Garlic Rolls, \$16.95

**Monday, Sept. 15**

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: The Gospel of Luke, Mike Cuddy (Room 5)  
6:00 p.m. — Youth Handbells (Village Church)  
7:00 p.m. — Adult Handbells (Village Church)

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**

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, Sept. 17**

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 (Village Church)

**Friday, Sept. 19**

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

**MEMBER SERVICES**

**James Sutter—386-658-5400**

Due to financial reasons, UPS is no longer making regular stops at the Information Center to pick up packages. To assist those with limited transportation, we will continue to help you make use of the service. Packages with a label already attached (please note, the Information Center can no longer print labels) and measuring no more than 18 inches square may be dropped off at the Information Center. Each Wednesday, the packages collected will be taken to the UPS Store in Live Oak. There is no charge for this service.

As you know, ACV is a large community. While we have a diligent security force, they cannot be everywhere at all times. We could use your help. If you see something or someone suspicious, please call the Information Center at 658-3333 immediately. Please do not approach anyone yourself. It’s better to be safe than sorry. Thank you for your help.

**Member Services Tip of the Week**

When walking your dog on Village property, it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog by properly disposing of pet waste. Dogs that aren’t service dogs are not allowed in any dining venues at the Village. These areas include the River Landing Bistro, the dining room, and the Lopin’ Gopher. Your cooperation in following these rules is appreciated.

**TV2**

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

- What does the Bible say about drinking alcohol? Is it a sin?
- Why should I pray?
- Do translations matter? Why?

*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:**

**Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams**

Imposters claiming to be with the Governor’s Office, Attorney General’s Office, or a private law firm will call or email a potential victim and tell them they have won the Publisher’s Clearing-house sweepstakes, a foreign sweepstakes, or a foreign lottery. Victims are told they need to pay customs duties or taxes before the winnings can be sent to them. Legitimate sweepstakes do not require you to pay anything to receive the prize you have won. If you are told that you must pre-pay taxes, you are probably being scammed. Taxes can either be withheld from a cash award or, more commonly, are reported by the company to the IRS, and you declare the prize on your annual tax return. Also, know that participating in a foreign lottery is against federal law.

If you believe you are the victim of a scam, file a complaint with the Attorney General’s Office online at [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com) or by phone at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM. You may also file a complaint with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which acts as the State’s consumer complaint clearing-house, at [www.floridaconsumerhelp.com](http://www.floridaconsumerhelp.com). (Source: The Florida Attorney General’s Office)

**SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**Cindy Beaver—386-658-3333**

**Suwannee County Fire Rescue Training Notice**

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, Suwannee County Fire Rescue will be on-site conducting training with their aerial apparatus. This training is designed to enhance operational readiness and proficiency for the department. All activities will be performed in a safe and controlled environment, and no disruption to normal operations of ACV is expected. We appreciate your cooperation and support as they work to maintain their higher level of preparedness.

**ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

**BOCCE**

**It’s Bocce Time at ACV**

Do you love bocce but don’t have a team to join? Or maybe you have never played before, but you would love to learn more about this fun, classic game? We are looking to grow the bocce community here at ACV, and we want you to be a part of it.

If you are interested in joining in or learning more, please contact Judy Hatch at 658-2833 or [judyhatch75@gmail.com](mailto:judyhatch75@gmail.com), or Mary Ann Wilson at (863) 245-7713 or [wilsonmaw48@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonmaw48@gmail.com). Come roll with us — we want to see you on the court. Bank shot!

**ACV BOOK CLUB**

**Gail Haberland, Reporter**

The next meeting of the ACV Book Club will be on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 2:00 p.m. in the Old Pavilion Room. Please bring along a copy of one of your favorite books, and let’s discuss how you can convince the rest of us to give it a try. We will also be talking about how we would like the ACV Book Club to look going forward. Please contact Gail Haberland at 658-5863 or Raelynn Moyer at (386) 219-8237 with any questions. See you soon!

**BRIDGE CLUB**

**Dottie Stone, Reporter**

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

**CONNECTING THREADS SEWING MINISTRY**

**Esther Bruckel, Reporter**

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet at the sewing center in Keepers Cottage on Monday, Sept. 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

There is a large inventory of yarn available. If you make something for a Village resident or an item to sell at the Rustic Shop, the yarn is free. If you want to make something for yourself, we happily accept your donation. Come check it out.

**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; the next pick-up date is Friday, Sept. 12. Since we are going to the ranch that day, I will collect all your letters in the

Carter House lobby before we get on the bus. Those going by car can stop by Carter House and give me your letters before you leave the campus. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The meet-and-greet luncheon for all the pen pals is on Friday, Sept. 12. Please wear your name tag so the youth can find you. The bus will leave from Carter House at 10:45 a.m. *sharp* and should return by 1:15 p.m.

We have pen pals with the same names, so please include your pen pal's last initial on the envelope (e.g., Monica S. or Monica H.) and also your name in the top left corner (e.g., Linda C.).

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.

"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*).

**PLARN MINISTRY**

**Sybil Gillette and Donna Millay, Reporters**

Thank you to all of you who don't wad up the plastic bags you donate to the Plarn Ministry. It makes it so much easier to fold them for cutting. On that note, we sure could use some more bag ladies and bag guys. We can teach you the process, then you could do whatever part you like best. You could do it with us on Thursdays at Cleo's Meeting House, or you can do it on your own schedule at home then bring it to us on Thursday at Cleo's. Please come check it out to see if you might like to help us create mats for the homeless and displaced.

**STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

**Darleen Hinrichs, Reporter**

The time has finally come! Five trainees are starting the 50-hour training to become our next Stephen Ministers. The classes meet Monday evenings through the end of February. The training is thorough, preparing trainees to minister effectively to those who are hurting.

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.

Please keep Stephen Ministries and all who are involved on your prayer list. If you have questions, please call the Stephen Ministries office at 658-5358.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

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

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others" (Colossians 3:13 NLT).

I believe I am seeing more golf cart traffic here in Butterfield Acres, and this makes me happy. It gives us an opportunity to wave and speak to our neighbors on a more personal basis — and it also improves our "neighborhood watch program". Yes, even though we have no signs erected, we can still practice a visual surveillance of our area as we pass through — whether on a golf cart, bicycle, walking, or in an automobile.

Miss Judy is back for a while with her two beautiful black-and-white, well-behaved companions who just exude love, smiles and eagerness. Welcome back, Judy and friends!

I am in a position I hate to be in but really have no control over. I have about four different parties to whom I've left voice messages, asking them to please return my call because I need to talk with them. As a former businessman, who used the phone, email, and messenger system in both business and personal life, I find it unprofessional and rude when people do not return calls or attempt to communicate.

I have one doctor in Lake City who has received four voicemails from me requesting information — and I

am still waiting! Oh well, I guess I got that off my chest.

Please, if someone is trying to contact you and leaves a message or note, have the common courtesy to return it. It is the right thing to do. Now, perhaps I am too slow to get the hint that they do not want to hear from me. Oh well — this is something that God and I need to work on! Life shouldn't be so difficult, right?

I think I will give the birthdays and anniversaries a rest this week since they were listed in the last two editions.

Please continue to lift the Mabey family and friends up in prayer as they are seeking God's will in handling Alex's passing.

Why can we remember the tiniest detail that happened to us, yet can't remember how many times we've told it to the same person? People who think they are "out of this world" always make you wish they were! I have found the problem with airline seats is getting ours into theirs!

From the veranda of our humble abode, overlooking the oh-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in Butterfield Acres, remember: Today is a good day to have a good day — and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

**CARTER HOUSE**

**Monica Serlick-386-330-4865**

We have no anniversaries, but we do have two birthdays this upcoming week! Blessings go out to Gracie Adams on Sept. 15 and Melanie Fields on Sept. 16. Best wishes to you both on your birthdays. May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, celebration, and everything you wish for. A birthday marks the start of a new year filled with adventure — embrace it with excitement!

Let us remember to continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them" (Psalm 107:19–20). "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

I love our community, and I know the folks who have chosen this village as their home have come to a special time in their lives. Making the decision to live here often means leaving behind things that once felt very important. The greatest asset we share is knowing that our choice comes with a caring and spiritual environment that sees us through hardships, thanks to our friends, neighbors, and staff.

The Oxford Dictionary defines grief as a "deep sorrow." This can come from many things: the loss of a home, a career, a community, and most often the death of someone we know or loved. If you feel sad, lonely, depressed, or generally down, please reach out to someone and let them know how you feel. Talk to your pastor, social services coordinator, Stephen Ministries, or your doctor — they will make sure you have support to get through your rough spot. Every day is a new beginning. Seize the opportunity to start fresh.

"Every time you come in contact with someone, you have the opportunity to make their day better or worse ... make it better" (InspireMore.com).

Mosquitoes and gnats are now inviting their friends, the love bugs, to join them. After all, it is September, and they usually appear this time of year as well as in April. I sure miss having someone washing cars in the parking lot!

Heads up to those who enjoy walking dogs or hiking around campus and in the woods: many trees have been cut down recently, and that always affects the wildlife. Be especially cautious of copperhead snakes, which live around trees — particularly pines — and may now be on the move. They can be found under bushes, around tree bases, or settling into new nests. Please keep pets away from shrubs, overgrown areas, and be careful near bushes and trees.

Finally, let's remember to be respectful of fellow residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone directly if you believe they are violating ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that seems unusual or inappropriate, contact the IC at 658-3333 and report it.

 **Remember to Wave** 

They will make sure someone checks it out. This is your home — IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

**DOWLING HOUSE**  
**Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning to all my friends and neighbors. What a beautiful day! Some people call it “blue Monday” — after being free from work for two days, maybe eating out, going to the movies, or sleeping late, suddenly it’s back to the routine. But for us in the Village, weekends can feel a little dull with no bus service on Saturday or Sunday.

Going to church is the highlight of Sunday, and what a blessing to have a church so close where we can fellowship and worship God. By Monday, everything is open again — the buses are running, the shops are ready, and life is back in motion. So for us, Monday isn’t blue at all — it’s a fresh start!

Mary Jane Holler tells us that dreams do come true. She received two tickets to Morgan Freeman’s Symphonic Blues Experience and is absolutely thrilled. She’s long dreamed of attending such a performance, and she promises to share the adventure with us afterward.

I’m sorry so many of you are missing the garden spot. Some never saw it before it was gone. Mary Jane brought someone by, but by then it had already been removed. No more little squirrel playing on the corn feeder, no doves strolling with their babies, no flowers in bloom, no birds at the feeders or birdbath. Residents have asked me to say how much they miss it — thank you for sharing its beauty with us while it lasted.

The silver envelope is lying quietly in a place where it sees no face. Hidden in the dark, it waits for someone to discover the thrill of finding the prize. If you don’t find it first, someone else surely will. Happy hunting!

Maintenance is busy putting in my cabinets, and it won’t be too long before I’m back home where I belong. I’ve been packing a little at a time — fill a box, sit down and rest, then start again. Whew, that’s a job!

Words of wisdom: “If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him” (1 John 3:21–22).

It seems the whistling ducks have made themselves at home. The pair with the young ones usually stay on the backside of the lake near the edge. I love to hear them whistle as they fly. I haven’t seen the white Peking ducks for a day or two — perhaps she’s nesting?

Now, all of you must be sleeping out there. I haven’t heard much news from anyone lately. Wake up, folks — send me something to share! You can email me at corahuck1936lee@gmail.com.

Joke of the week: I just love the self-checkouts at the store. The only problem comes when I leave an item on the scanner too long — the voice politely asks me to “move the item to the bagging area.” Usually I ignore it and shift things when I scan the next item. But on my last trip, it didn’t stay polite. Instead, it suddenly shouted for the whole store to hear: “WOULD YOU PLEASE MOVE YOUR PORK BUTT?!” Don’t we all just love automation?

Until next week: Walk the straight path and keep the faith. Love you all.

**EDGEWOOD TERRACE**  
**Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237**

Good morning, neighbors. I hope everyone has been thinking about the potluck and planning some delicious recipes to share from around the world. The date is fast approaching — Saturday, Sept. 27, at 5:00 p.m. We’ll gather at the Youth Lodge, located behind the Village Grocer. Please RSVP with me so I can get a head count for the setup. I’m really looking forward to this time of neighborly fellowship — and anytime food is involved, that’s a major plus!

The following was shared with me by a friend from Indiana, and I just had to pass it on:

I’M RICH AND DIDN’T EVEN KNOW IT! Silver in the hair, gold in the teeth, crystals in the kidneys, sugar in the blood, lead in the butt, iron in the arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas! Who knew we’d accumulate so much wealth in our old age?

*∞ At the Village Square ∞*

**Riverside Gifts**

This shop features gifts for all ages: Bibles and devotionals, greeting cards, household items, and toys and games for all ages.

Autumn colors in décor are everywhere, including flags and wall art. The earrings, necklaces, and bracelets will delight women and girls. Silk scarves and ultra-soft longer scarves for chilly weather dress up outfits.

Longer tape measures with the locking mechanism are now in stock. There are still purse-size tape measures available.

More watches are in the jewelry department. If you are looking for a beautiful, small table clock, check out the two in the tool department.

Sales Corner items include soup bowl cozies, Bible covers, jewelry, and equestrian party sets.

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

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

**Rustic Shop**

This shop features beautiful antiques and useful items made by our own ACV artisans. You’ll find collectibles, jewelry, and vintage watches for men and women. Cards for all occasions are \$1.00 each.

A collection of 10” Vera Bradley bears are now available. If you love birds, check out the Stangle bird figurines made in New Jersey. Porcelain chickens are available.

A handmade autumn wreath sets the tone for colorful fall. Choose from the ones on display or talk with the volunteer about your specific design.

New handmade items include the scented drawer sachets with crocheted edges; soft, short shawls; comfy quilts; and soft pillows.

Clothing repairs and alterations can be dropped off here. Please wash your items before bringing them in for repairs. Attach your name and phone number to your bag.

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. Medical scrub tops and pants come in a variety of sizes and colors. The Book Nook includes collectible, first edition, and rare books; children’s books; fiction/nonfiction books; and Bibles and Bible studies.

Ladies’ coats for cooler weather have arrived. Look for them between the dresses and pantsuits. Color, style, and size choices in the slacks department continue to impress.

The Men’s Department has more suitcoats, pants, and shirts.

Reminder that you can have alterations done (see the Rustic Shop description for this).

**The fall sale continues in the Book Department! All paperbacks are five for \$1.00, and hardbound fiction, nonfiction, and religious books are three for \$1.00.**

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 ∞*

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Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
First Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Now that we've had our chuckle for the day, I hope everyone has a wonderful week. Don't forget to call me concerning the potluck. Be safe, happy, and healthy!

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

**Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550**

On Sunday, Aug. 31, my wife, Evelyn, and I visited friends and went to church with them. We arrived at their house around 9:30 a.m., and church started at 10:00. They weren't quite ready when we got there, so by the time we arrived at the church, it was after 10:00. To my surprise, many people were still coming in. Some were drinking coffee and watching a big screen showing the worship band and congregation in the auditorium. At first it startled me, because in my church tradition being on time is important — it can feel embarrassing to walk in late because "everyone sees you."

We eventually went into the auditorium. After singing for a while, the service continued with announcements and a missionary from Mercy Ships. (Google them sometime — God is doing a great work through that ministry!)

The pastor then preached a powerful message on the gospel from Galatians 1, where we read in Verse 9: "If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!" As I listened, I realized that sometimes we think church has to be done the way we grew up with it. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that this church, although very different from what I'm accustomed to, was preaching the truth of the Word of God — telling people that the only way to salvation is Jesus. Only Jesus!

Perhaps at times we can get a bit too fussy about how to "do" church, and instead of creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere, we focus more on doing things "the right way".

Everyone has a preference for church, and that's a wonderful thing. But as long as the truth of God's Word is being proclaimed, that's what really matters. We came away from that experience refreshed and challenged in our walk with the Lord.

At Dacier Manor this week, Gilbert Macias is back with a series called *The Colors of Fall*. Each day he's here, residents and staff are encouraged to wear fall colors. Dacier Manor residents, be sure to check your calendar to see which color to wear each day!

Also, congratulations to Bradley Harrison, RN, who has been recognized as GSC's Employee of the Month for September. Thank you, Bradley, for taking such good care of our residents!

With fall coming, we've got a lot of events on the calendars at both Dacier Manor and GSC. We'll do our best to keep you updated on all the goings-on!

## **RIVERWOODS**

**Doug Nichols—425-329-5769**

Sunday, the Lord's Day: After being away for several weeks for medical reasons, it was wonderful to welcome back to the pulpit our much-loved Pastor Sam! His sermon was powerful and challenged us to pursue and practice righteousness.

Sunday evening, Chaplain Bruce Arnold from Good Samaritan Center spoke and gave a stirring message about living daily for the glory of God.

1. Blessed to Meet: In the dining room after church, it was a blessing to meet a quiet, shy couple who have lived here for about 10 years. They recently purchased a new car, and in just a few months have already put more than 30,000 miles on it! Why so many? He has been faithfully driving Village residents all over north Florida, primarily for medical appointments, at little or no charge. What a wonderful ministry they share!

2. Last Week's Guess Who?: A couple: She cooked and cleaned swamp cabbage, as well as rattle-snake, armadillo, clams, scallops, oysters, blue crabs, and coquinas. He retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, and after an artillery accident, had 100 pieces of shrapnel removed from his face. Answer: Jay and Ellie Dresser.

3. Riverwoods News: The Riverwoods Homeowners Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 15. Bring your observations, comments, and suggestions (complaints are not allowed — a little humor). As a special treat, fresh scones with coffee and drinks will be served for our afternoon snack.

The Riverwoods Board members are President Donna Plant, Vice President Bud Royal, Secretary Mary Ann Wilson, and members at large Lorraine Bowen and Lee McGauley. The board welcomes suggestions for matters to discuss and address.

4. Have News to Share?: If you have news for Riverwoods residents, please let me know. Contact me at [nichols.doug@gmail.com](mailto:nichols.doug@gmail.com) or (425) 329-5769.

5. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Gretchen Tanner (Sept. 11) and Lorraine Bowen (Sept. 11).

6. Closing Thoughts: The Sunday messages were both challenging and encouraging. For those who know Christ, the call is to live for His glory. Most of us here at the Village are elderly, but we are not dead yet! As long as we have breath, let us live for our Savior and continue to grow in the knowledge of Him (2 Peter 3:18).

## **MEMBER BENEFITS**

ACV offers a variety of programs and services to its members under the membership program. Members pay a monthly fee to provide supplemental support for this array of services and programs, meeting many of the varied needs of its members, as well as providing the opportunity to live his or her life to its fullest potential and highest level of independence. Some services you may not need today, you may well find important or essential in the future, and your financial participation makes it possible for your neighbor to have access to the services they need now.

### **This week's member benefit of note:**

Members needing transportation to medical appointments may pay to have a Village employee drive them using a Village vehicle. This is called medical transportation. Fees vary by location. Those with questions or who are ready to schedule a trip should call the Information Center at 658-3333. Some low-income individuals may qualify for assistance; check with your service coordinator.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **DOG PARK NEWS**

#### **A Committee of the Membership Association Monica Serlick, Reporter**

As many of you have noticed, the dog park has received several exciting additions! Two screened-in gazebos with built-in benches and solar-powered fans have been installed, along with new landscaping and a ramp for handicapped access. Each park now also has two extra benches to better accommodate visitors. We are still awaiting the installation of a dog bridge in each park — something your fur babies will surely enjoy!

A reminder: this is *not* a playground for unsupervised children of any age.

The rules are posted right next to the gate as you enter. They were carefully created for the safety of both pets and people. Please follow them, and remind your guests and supervised children to do the same. Do not bring food or candy into the parks or gazebos. Recently, candy wrappers were found on the gazebo floor. If a dog had chewed on one, it could have easily caused choking.

You'll also find large plastic containers in each gazebo for donated toys. The large dog park should only have toys safe for big dogs, while the small dog park should only have toys safe for little dogs. Large dogs can accidentally swallow or choke on small toys, so please don't carry them over from the small dog area.

We welcome toy donations in good, usable condition, but please be sure to put toys back in the containers when finished. If toys are left scattered and



interfere with maintenance, they may need to be removed permanently.

This leash-free play area is a wonderful place for our dogs to exercise and for neighbors to enjoy fellowship together. By being responsible pet owners, we can ensure the dog park remains a safe, fun, and beautiful space for everyone.

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: Sept. 19, and Oct. 10 and 24. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

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.

SQUARE CUTS AND MORE SALON  
Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and most Fridays  
12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

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

WATTS UP WEDNESDAYS

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

HAIR CROPPERS

Rejuvenate tired legs and feet with gentle cold stone therapy specially designed for seniors! Rediscover comfort with our gentle, 20-minute cold stone treatment designed to reduce swelling, soothe aches, and refresh tired feet and legs. Our experienced nail specialist uses smooth, chilled stones and light massage techniques to bring relief without strain. Helps with:

- Swelling and inflammation
- Poor circulation
- Fatigue and soreness
- Varicose vein discomfort

It is safe, soothing, and senior-friendly. Call or text Danielle to book an appointment at (386) 205-3791. Comfort shouldn't fade with age.

RIDE-ABOUT

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

ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Did you see something curious or hear something you'd like confirmed? Submit your question to Member Services, and we will do our

best to find out the answer for you and publish it here. You must include your name with the question because follow-up information may be necessary.

Q: When is the next visit by the Suwannee County Veterans Service Officer to ACV?

A: The Suwannee County Veterans Service Officer recently let us know that she has taken a position with a different organization. At this time, she does not have a replacement. As soon as a replacement has been hired, we will let you know what their schedule will be.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Lynn and the rest of our family, I'd like to express how blessed we are and have been to be part of such a loving, caring and prayerful community like ACV and the friends of ACV. The outpouring of support with food, etc. has made a terrible tragedy so much easier to bear. We have felt your prayers, and they are helping immensely.

We know that many of you have been through similar losses, and to know that we are not alone in any way, shape or form makes dealing with our loss more bearable — but still very difficult.

As many of you know or have heard, what the adversary meant for evil, God meant for good. He has used me to minister to others who knew Alex and were broken and mourning with us. In several cases, I have had the privilege to lead them to a saving knowledge of the Lord. I don't take that responsibility lightly, and I look forward to many more opportunities in His strength.

Thank you for all who have contributed to one of the three funds:

- Alex Mabey Memorial Fund, which we are using to start a new scholarship at Suwannee High School to help students going to college as a student athlete to play soccer or do weightlifting, or going into the ministry.
- Camp Suwannee Campership — to help kids go to camp
- Suwannee Soccer Boosters — This sport was very close to Alex's heart. Thanks again for your continued prayers.

Doug and Lynn Mabey

MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE:** *Encyclopedia of Natural Remedies*. This book has over 1100 inexpensive natural remedies for most common diseases. *Fighting Disease with Food* is a book that will help you to learn how to let your food be your medicine and medicine be your food. These books teach you how to prevent and or reverse many diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart problems, and others. If interested please call Inez at 770-861-9227.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Queen size mattress and box spring, good condition, \$80. Microwave, \$35. Contact Debbie at 386-292-6510.\*

**IN SEARCH OF:** Does anyone have a used iPad that they no longer need? My current iPad quit working, and I am seeking a temporary one until I am able to purchase a new one. I am willing to pay up to \$50.00 for your used iPad. Please contact Steve at 386-678-5775.\*

FALL MIX UP PUZZLE

Below are four fall-related words. All of the missing letters for each word are in the string of letters in the correct order (left to right), but mixed together. None of the letters are used more than once.

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the ACV Garden Club and keep the fun going.

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Please make checks payable to ACV Garden Club

P.O. Box 4657

Dowling Park, FL 32064

Thank you for supporting the ACV Garden Club!

All proceeds help fund community beautification  
and garden projects.

**Sept. 12–19, 2025**

**FRIDAY, 9/12**

- \$2.75     Soup:** Shrimp Corn Chowder
- \$6.95     Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Chicken Alfredo with Penne, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40     Sides:** Mixed Greens, Plain and Cheesy Cauliflower, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, Cheesy Grits
- \$3.00     Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 9/13**

- \$2.75     Soup:** Roasted Tomato Bisque
- \$8.50     Whistle Stop Special:** Italian Sub Sandwich on a Hoagie Roll (Ham, Turkey and Salami), Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Provolone Cheese, Pasta Salad, Chips, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 9/14**

♪ **Piano music provided by Joan Wittman.** ♪

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** Broccoli Quiche, GF Pork Roast, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Prince Edward Vegetable Blend, Cheese Cauliflower, House Salad, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 9/15**

- \$2.75     Soup:** Ham Bean
- \$6.95     Entrées:** Chicken Livers, Sloppy Joe on Brioche Bun
- \$1.40     Sides:** Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00     Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 9/16**

- \$8.50     Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95     Entrées:** Southwest Chicken Wrap, Country Fried Steak with Country Gravy
- \$1.40     Sides:** Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Three Bean Salad, 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

Sept. 12–19, 2025

## WEDNESDAY, 9/17

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

## THURSDAY, 9/18

- \$6.95    Entrées:** Smoked Sausage Baked Beans, Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole
- \$1.40      Sides:** Carrots, Yellow Squash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes au Gratin
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 9/19

- \$2.75      Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95    Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, BBQ Chicken Sandwich on Brioche Bun, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40      Sides:** Mixed Greens, California Vegetable Blend, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cold Salads, 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: Nonna's Minestrone**

**Friday, Sept. 12**

Lunch only: Roast Beef and Cheddar Melt on a  
Brioche Bun with Shoestring Fries, \$12.95

All day: 10 pc. Shrimp and Grits with  
Fresh Baked Biscuit, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 13**

All day: Homemade Chicken Cutlet Parmesan over  
Spaghetti with Garlic Rolls, \$16.95



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**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm



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**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



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**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm