



# Friendly Neighbor News

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

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| Cashier's Office                    | 658-5343        | Environmental Svcs. | 658-5155 |
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| Home Care                           | 658-5460        | Shuttle Bus         | 208-2584 |

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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| Friday    | 9/19 | <i>10:00 a.m.</i><br><i>10:30 a.m.</i>  | <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i><br><i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i>  |
| Sunday    | 9/21 | <i>9:40 a.m.</i><br><i>11:00 a.m.</i><br><i>6:00 p.m.</i>   | <i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i><br><i>Sunday School for All Ages</i><br><i>Evening Service—BC</i>  |
| Monday    | 9/22 | <b>FALL BEGINS</b><br><i>1:00–3:00 p.m.</i><br><i>1:00 p.m.</i><br><i>1:30 p.m.</i><br><i>2:00–4:00 p.m.</i><br><i>6:00 p.m.</i>  | <i>Connecting Threads Sewing Ministry—KC</i><br><i>Scrabble—CMH</i><br><i>VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i><br><i>Ceramics—PCS</i><br><i>Dominoes—CMH</i>   |
| Tuesday   | 9/23 | <i>8:30 a.m.</i><br><i>10:00 a.m.</i><br><i>1:00 p.m.</i><br><i>1:30 p.m.</i><br><b>2:00 p.m.</b>   | <i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i><br><i>Model Train Club—CB</i><br><i>Hand and Foot Card Game—CMH</i><br><i>VCBI: Revival History—VC Room 5</i><br><b>ACV Book Club—OPR</b>   |
| Wednesday | 9/24 | <i>8:15 &amp; 8:30 a.m.</i><br><i>9:00–11:00 a.m.</i><br><i>11:00 a.m.</i><br><i>1:00 p.m.</i><br><i>1:15 &amp; 1:30 p.m.</i><br><i>2:00 p.m.</i><br><i>6:00 p.m.</i><br><i>6:30 p.m.</i><br><i>7:15 p.m.</i> | <i>Bus Trip: Walmart—CH &amp; DH</i><br><i>Ceramics—PCS</i><br><i>VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i><br><i>Bridge Club—OPR</i><br><i>Bus Trip: Walmart—CH &amp; DH</i><br><i>Bingo—CMH</i><br><i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i><br><i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC</i><br><i>Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal—VC</i> |
| Thursday  | 9/25 | <i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</i><br><i>10:00 a.m.</i>  | <i>Village Artists Guild—KC</i><br><i>Plarn Ministry—CMH</i>   |
| Friday    | 9/26 | <i>10:00 a.m.</i><br><i>10:30 a.m.</i><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i><br><i>Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i><br><b>Live! at Dowling Park: Con Brio String Quartet—BC</b>  |

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

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

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Joyce Arrington, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 15. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Joann Torrans (wife of Albert), who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 12. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

June Hreha (wife of Frank), who was a resident of Dowling House, died Sept. 10. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

### NEW MEMBER

Jean Boyer of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, has moved to Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4394.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW DOCTOR, JONELLE INNOCENT-SIMON, D.O.

We're excited to welcome Dr. Jonelle Innocent-Simon as the new medical director at Copeland Medical Clinic. Dr. Innocent-Simon is board certified in family medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Directors Associations, and numerous Florida associations. In addition to English, Dr. Innocent-Simon speaks Spanish, French and Creole.

Keri Hillard, VP for Health Services

### 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 protect yourself from serious illness.

Copeland Clinic is now administering flu vaccines on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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

### 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](mailto:dklumpenhower@acvillage.net).

David Klumpenhower,  
VP for Independent Living Operations

## ACV EVENTS

### 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 Seferner, 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



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**

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.

**SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR**  
**Thursday, Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS**  
**Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

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



**STATE OF FLORIDA:**  
**FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS**  
**Thursday, Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. - VS**  
The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles FLOW vehicle is coming to Dowling Park. FLOW stands for Florida Licensing on Wheels. FLOW brings the following services directly to the customer:

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

For driver licenses and ID cards, you will need the following items (there are a few other options, which are not listed — visit [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](http://flhsmv.gov/whattobring) for the entire list).

**Primary Identification**

Bring one (original or certified):

- U.S. birth certificate, or
- Valid U.S. passport.

**Social Security Number**

Bring one (must display all nine digits):

- Social Security card,
- W-2 form (not handwritten),
- Paycheck/stub, or
- Any 1099 (not handwritten).

**Residential Address**

Bring two (must include your Florida residential address):

- Deed, mortgage agreement, recent monthly mortgage statement, or rental or lease agreement;
- Florida vehicle registration or title; and/or
- Recent utility or medical bill or financial statement.

Residency letters issued by ACV are no longer accepted.

For your convenience, the department accepts the following payment methods: cash, check, and credit cards.

**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! The route will be marked some time on Wednesday, Oct. 1, so feel free to practice. (Route maps will be left on one of the picnic tables.)

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.

**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](mailto:bonlou2010@gmail.com).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**  
**Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

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

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 23, 10:00 a.m. - CCC**

A ladies Bible study will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 10:00 a.m. at Copeland Community Center. Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

**DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Thursday, Sept. 25, at 1:30 p.m. - JKPL**

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

**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
**10:00 a.m. - OPR**

Gaye Martin will lead 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.

**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.

**Alert Suwannee**

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







**JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**386-658-2670**

**Website: [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.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          | 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.        |

**Preschool Storytime**

If you have grandchildren or great-grands in the area, make plans to come to Preschool Storytime on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Fun stories, songs, and smiles are a wonderful way to share the joy of reading and introduce the library to the next generation.

**On Display at the JKPL**

David Clark's custom-made knives are on display until Sept. 30. These knives are handmade by David Clark, a resident here at ACV. A contact number is included in the display if you are interested in one of the knives or for more information.

Phyllis Mastro's paintings will also be displayed until the end of the month at the JKPL. From flowers and wildlife to a majestic mountain scene, Phyllis has captured the beauty of nature. Contact information is available if you are interested in one of the paintings.

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

Come by the JKPL on Sept. 18 at 2:00 p.m. to join us for an in-depth discussion about *The Women* by Kristin Hannah! 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.

**Campfire Tales**

Grab the kids and embrace the camping spirit indoors at JKPL! Enjoy s'mores, storytelling, singalongs, and more at this after-hours indoor camping family event on Sept. 19 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.!

**Starbooks Café**

Coffee and conversation are on the menu on Sept. 23, 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's a memorable travel experience you've had?

**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 8 x 10. 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? The dementia support group is a space for you to share your experience with others and learn more about the resources that are available to you. This month's meeting will be 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.

**History of Suwannee County**

Eric Musgrove will visit the JKPL on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 10:00 a.m. to wrap up the series on local history. This meeting will be more of a Q&A, so bring your questions and/or observations. Eric will kick off the series again in early 2026. If you enjoy his presentations, grab one of Eric's books while you are here: *Reflections of Suwannee County* or *Lost Suwannee County*.

**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!



**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. 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



**Friday and Saturday Soup: Pork Vegetable**

**Friday, Sept. 19**

Lunch only: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato on a Brioche Bun, and Homemade Chips, \$12.95

All day: Grouper Francese with Rice and a Vegetable, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

All day: Braised Short Ribs with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$18.95

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.
- **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.

# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## THE VILLAGE CHURCH

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

**SERMON:** "Mind Your Head"

**TEXT:** 1 John 3:1–3 and Ephesians 6:10–17 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

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

#### Friday, Sept. 19

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

#### Sunday, Sept. 21

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. Bob Story: Staying a  
Distance (Chapel)

#### Monday, Sept. 22

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, Sept. 23

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. 24

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. 25

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study: Isaiah 58, Tom Spannagle  
(Room 5)

## VILLAGE GROCER

**Jordan Harmon—386-658-3130**

The Grill Team will be in the Village Square parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 4. Get your name on the list with your meat orders: Boston butts, ribs, Brunswick stew, and pulled pork.

## MEMBER SERVICES

**James Sutter—386-658-5400**

Save the date! We are planning an Oktoberfest dinner for Thursday night, Oct. 23, in the dining room. We are planning for a pre-dinner time with some Oktoberfest

activities, an authentic German menu, and live Oktoberfest music. Stay tuned for more details. Costumes are encouraged!

Last week, we announced that UPS packages can be dropped off at the Information Center to be taken to the UPS Store in Live Oak on Wednesdays. We are changing the drop-off location. Please take packages to the Dowling House front desk Monday–Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If that time is not convenient, you may still drop off packages at the Information Center, and they will taken to Dowling House for you.

## September Member Birthday Party

Once again, the Sawmill and Depot rooms were the scene for the September member birthday party. We went back to school; spelling, reading, geography, math, music and science were all covered. We also enjoyed a beautifully crafted school day-themed birthday cake made and decorated by Dining Services.

We were blessed to have 19 persons with September birthdays present, and a total of 68 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Ann Lawrence, Jean Snyder, Louise Childs, Margi Nichols, Jack Sisk and Gretchen Tanner. The oldest birthday guest was Gretchen Tanner, and the youngest was Scott Appell. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

## Member Services Tip of the Week

Whoever is praying for a calm hurricane season, keep it up. We have passed the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, and it's all down hill from here.

## TV2

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

- I was scammed for a large amount of money and can't forgive myself. Matthew 25 speaks of the foolish bridesmaids who lost their opportunity. Have I also lost my salvation?
- What does the Bible say about cremation?
- Why are there different Christian denominations?

*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: Don't Say "Yes"

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

## 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

# Village Cashier's Office

Monday–Friday

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

658-5343

operations of ACV is expected. We appreciate your cooperation and support as they work to maintain their higher level of preparedness.

**VILLAGE CASHIER**  
**Lynn Mabey-386-658-5343**

The Village Cashier’s Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25–26. It will reopen Monday, Sept. 29.

**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, or Mary Ann Wilson at (863) 245-7713 or 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 Moye 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. 22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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

Our library now has a copy of *The Five Languages of Apology: How to Experience Healing in All Your Relationships* by Gary Chapman and Jennifer Thomas. One of the reasons this book was written is because what one person considers an apology is not necessarily what another person considers to be an apology.

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

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the Schoolhouse Room between the Old Pavilion Room and Information Center. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

**PEN PAL PROGRAM**  
**A Committee of the Membership Association**  
**Monica Serlick, Reporter**

Please make sure you write to your youth; the **next pick-up date is Friday, Sept. 26**. Get your letters to the Information Center before 11:30 a.m. as that is when I collect them. Residents in Carter House can leave them downstairs at the desk, and I will pick them up on my way out. Remember to keep the letters you receive.

I am currently working on arranging a tour of the Youth Ranch for folks who would like to see where and how the youth live and work there. It will be for any pen pals and open to anyone else at ACV who would like to go until the bus is filled. More details to come in the future.

We have pen pals with the same names so please include your pen pal’s last initial on the envelope (e.g., Monica S.). Also add 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.

“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**

Many people today are hurting, and they need someone who will listen to them through their pain or confusion. That’s why ACV has a Stephen Ministry. Our five trainees are already covering some of the skills they will use, with listening being at the very core. Perhaps the most important part of each training session comes after discussing the lesson, when the trainees pair up to practice what they have learned on one another. The practical experience solidifies the lessons in a way no lecture ever could. The amazing group is growing closer together as they train and minister to one another with the skills they are developing.

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**

“The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 40:8 NLT).

Barbara and I have certainly enjoyed these cool mornings and evenings we’ve been having; I hope you have had the opportunity to get outside and enjoy some of it.

Please continue to keep Doug and Lynn Mabey, family, and friends in your prayers and contribute to the three funds established in Alex’s name. Alex was a strong supporter of Camp Suwannee and its programs as well as the local soccer program here in Suwannee County.

Please keep Roy and Alice Ames in your prayers as they transition through the continuum of care. Also pray for Pastor Bruce Arnold, our pastor at Good Sam, and his wife, Evelyn, as both of them are under the weather.

Millie Griswold, who is a stickler for detail, pointed out that in last week’s Butterfield report I mentioned a neighbor but did not include her last name. The neighbor’s name is Judy DiBenedetto, who spends her time between her dairy farm in Ohio and here in Butterfield. You will know her as she is always walking her two beautiful black and white Australian cattle dogs.

“The future is that time when you’ll wish you’d done what you aren’t doing now.” I have found that the person who gets to the top is usually the person who got to the bottom of things first. Don’t you know, love doesn’t exactly make the world go ‘round — love is what makes the ride worthwhile!

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful Butterfield Acres, always remember: with the cost of lumber today you should take every wooden nickel you can get — and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31. God bless.

**CARTER HOUSE**  
**Monica Serlick—386-330-4865**

We have two birthdays left for the rest of this month. Best wishes go out to Audry Benoit on Sept. 22 and to Bonnie Olson on Sept. 23. When you see them out and about, be sure to wish them well. Blessings to you both on your special day.

"The best part of being over 40 is that you did most of your stupid stuff before the internet. Happy birthday!"

"The secret to staying young is make up ... Make up an age, then stick with it! Happy birthday" (boredpanda.com)!

Let us remember to continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from surgeries or treatments. "Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security" (Jeremiah 33:6). "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).

It was shocking and heartbreaking to hear reports of the murder of Charlie Kirk, a man with a strong belief in his savior Jesus Christ. It was senseless and appears to be fueled by hate and fear about what he stood for and believed in. It's a harsh and unforgiving world we are currently living in, and only by consciously trying to be kinder can we effect any kind of change. "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud" (Maya Angelou).

It's always about perspective and having respect in life situations. When we stop long enough to think before we speak instead of blindly reacting to someone else's words, we have achieved the ability to truly control ourselves and our behavior. Most people would shudder at the thought of someone else controlling their behavior and therefore their life; don't willingly give that control to someone else. "Not having the best situation, but seeing the best in your situation is the key to happiness" (Marie Forleo).

In a conversation with my son a while back, I asked him how he managed over 20 years in the Navy without ever getting into trouble with any of his peers and he said, "I don't make excuses, I make adjustments." He was always in control of his words and actions, and I was proud to hear that statement from him. It always comes down to having respect for people, places and things. In my opinion, without respect we lose our sense of self, our environment, and our soul or spirit.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ..." (openible.info).

"God has clearly placed humans in a position of responsibility over the creation. Genesis 2:15 says The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. We recognize that all created things belong to God and that we are accountable to Him as stewards of the creation" (Geneva College, [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu)).

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24, openible.info).

Let us not lose ourselves to temporary situations, because in the long run they won't matter — do what you justly can and then just let it go.

Lastly, remember to be respectful of other residents and visitors. Please do not confront anyone if you think they are violating any of ACV's rules or policies. If you see anything that you believe is out of the ordinary or inappropriate, please contact the Information Center at 658-3333 and report it. They will ensure someone is sent to check things out. This is your home — IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

 **Remember to Wave** 

∞ *At the Village Square* ∞

**Riverside Gifts**

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

More fall items have arrived to help greet autumn, including flags, dishtowels, lightweight scarves, 100% silk scarves, and autumn earrings to brighten a wardrobe. Choose from the selection of handbags with matching wallets to dress up the season.

Visit the tool department for flashlights, a very cool blacklight flashlight, small and long tape measures, razor box cutters, pens, and styluses. There are also unique table clocks and fans.

Sales Corner items include soup bowl cozies, Bible covers, jewelry, one large canvas bag set, 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.

New to our shelves: Two sets of handmade grass baskets, pottery made in Poland, and more colorful quilts. Check out the sweet baby outfits and vintage dolls. Connecting Threads has sent in beautiful quilted hot pads and fall placemats.

Colorful autumn wreaths set the tone for fall. Choose from the ones on display or talk with the store volunteer about creating a special one for you.

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 bargain-priced clothing for children, men, and women, and medical scrubs. The Book Nook includes collectible, first-edition, rare, children's, fiction/nonfiction books, Bibles, and Bible studies.

Ladies' coats for cooler weather have arrived. Look for them between the dresses and pantsuits. Look for color, style, and size choices in the slacks department.

Men, your department has more sharp suit-coats, pants, and shirts. Remember 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.

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

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Old Macdonald had a farm. And on his farm he had a cow, and a cow, and a cow ... It seems that all of them have moooved into our shop! If you know anyone who collects cows, and are in the mooood to do so, please send them our way. We would love to mooove some out! Lots of other new-to-us things have arrived lately. Come and check us out.



## **DOWLING HOUSE**

### **Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Greetings all you beautiful friends and neighbors. Fall has come knocking on our doors. The cool mornings are so nice — it puts a spring in our steps and a swing in our walk. As Scoots and I swing around the lake, the whistling ducks greet us with their shrill little whistles. All the young ducks stay in a group guarded by the adults. It's fun to watch: at a certain point the adults shift to the back of the group as if there's an invisible line. I counted about 20 young ones together. I love to watch them and hear them whistle.

Donna Carbaugh is back home after visiting her sister who had surgery for a broken hip. We wish her sister a speedy recovery and are glad Donna is home. She brought me a beautiful pin — a bouquet of flowers in a little green emerald vase. I've already worn the pin twice. Thank you, Donna!

This morning, while I was at the puzzle table in Dowling House, a sweet lady from Carter House gave me two pretty crochet dishcloths. They are almost too pretty to wash dishes with.

Jackie Christenson is home after two months in rehab following wrist surgery. While there, she took advantage of their healthy food plan and lost more than 20 pounds. She's feeling better — congratulations, Jackie, you look wonderful!

With a sad heart she shares that, because of declining health and encouragement from her children, she will be moving to Dacier Manor at the end of October. She will miss all of you and her little apartment. May God bless you, Jackie — and friends, be sure to visit when you can.

The silver envelope was found! I don't think she was really looking for it — she was straightening up the checker table and noticed one domino out of the box. When she went to put it back, there it was inside the box. Good find, Donna Carbaugh.

Are you all tired of the game? Let me know. The next envelope will be red. If you haven't found one yet, start looking around and give it a try. You can find it by and by. It's something never done before. It may be bought from a store or made by hand. Find the envelope and you will understand. Happy hunting!

On the funny side: an elderly gentleman had a hearing problem. His family had to shout for him to hear them. He decided to go to an audiologist and get hearing aids. Afterward, at a follow-up appointment, the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect — your family must be really proud." He replied, "Oh, I haven't told them. I just listen to the talk. I've changed my will three times." Be careful what you say when you think no one is listening!

God created each of us different. We each have unique DNA and no other fingerprints are like ours. No one else is like you or me — no one! We need to be proud of who we are. We may feel like we haven't accomplished much in life or that nothing really counts. Sometimes we measure our lives by other people. But our success is measured by God, not man.

If we have been the link for one person becoming a Christian or helped one person laugh instead of cry, we are a success. We are created in his image and are wonderfully made. He knows how many hairs are on our heads. He knows our coming and going. He hears us when we cry and when we laugh. He knows everything and loves us no matter what. God said he has a plan for each of us.

The only time we come up short is when we fail to be part of that plan. The only way to find it is to seek the scripture which says, "Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened." It is never too late to find God's plan for our lives.

May God bless you with wisdom and understanding. Until next week, be proud of who you are. God loves you.

## **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

### **Cathy Oberg—386-658-3237**

Good morning, neighbors. Happy birthday to Jack Sisk on the 20th and to Pat Phelps on the 25th. May blessings be your guide to a happy and healthy year ahead.

Time is moving quickly, and we're now only a week away from the next ET get-together. I hope to

see everyone at the "Around the World" potluck on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the Youth Lodge behind the Village Grocer. Please bring a dish to share — maybe a favorite recipe from your heritage, or something new you've been wanting to try. We have some of the best cooks around, and this event promises to be a culinary delight. Please call me at 658-3237 to let me know you're coming so I can finalize arrangements and table placement. If I'm not home, please leave a message.

A couple of days ago I looked out the window and saw a bird in the yard that wasn't typical of those in our trees. "Is that a pigeon?" I wondered. I don't always trust my eyes, so I stepped outside and joined my neighbor. She also thought it was a pigeon and noted that pigeons are usually found in community flocks in urban areas. Since this one was alone, we concluded it might be lost.

Yesterday I mentioned the bird to another friend, and she asked if it could have been a mourning dove. I hadn't considered that. Now I wasn't sure, so I did a little research. Doves and pigeons belong to the same family, Columbidae. There is no scientific difference between the two terms — the distinction is often based on size, with "dove" referring to smaller birds and "pigeon" to larger ones. Sometimes the terms are simply used according to local custom.

So after all that, I'm still not certain whether I saw a "mourning dove" or a "pigeon"!

Have a blessed and safe week, and don't forget to RSVP for the potluck.

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

### **Bruce Arnold—386-658-5550**

"In your hearts revere Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:15).

Over the past few years — and especially in this past week — I've wrestled with thoughts about the ever-increasing violence in our world. As God's people we should not be surprised, for the Scriptures tell us in 2 Timothy 3:1–5 that there will be terrible times in the last days.

We may think, "What can I do to change things?" In a few words, there is nothing we can do to stop the terrible times we are facing. That's not to say that, as God's people, we do nothing! Only God can change a heart. Our role is to pray that God will change our hearts and use us as instruments of His peace.

When trials come — when we suffer for our faith or when violence breaks out to silence opposition — what are God's people to do? Peter says, "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord." Notice the focus: it is in our hearts. When we respond to tragedy or opposition, our first thought isn't "How do I change that person?" but rather "How am I revering Christ as Lord in my life?"

In the Old Testament book of Daniel we read how Daniel responded to the unfairness he experienced. He didn't protest or call for a crusade to stop the evil; he continued to revere his God by praying, as was his custom. He didn't call attention to himself — he simply revered God. When Daniel continued to revere God, people took notice and took action, but ultimately God took action!

We sometimes think we must defend ourselves or even defend God. But Psalm 37:5–6 says, "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun." When we revere Christ as Lord, He brings about the solution — and often that solution begins right in the heart.

Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers once again! On Sunday, Sept. 14, Evelyn and I were out of commission (someone mentioned the "C" word), but thanks to those who faithfully serve each week, our residents enjoyed a worship service just like every Sunday. Special thanks to Rev. John Nicely for speaking on such short notice. When God's people come together, great things happen!

## **RIVERWOODS**

### **Doug Nichols—425-329-5769**

Sunday, the Lord's day, Pastor Sam preached a powerful message on the Christian's armor, emphasizing the



shoes of the gospel of peace and the shield of faith. Bob Copeland spoke Sunday evening and challenged us regarding "The Sin of Partial Obedience".

1. Concerts: Live! at Dowling Park: The first concert was last Friday and was excellent! These special concerts are an extra benefit to the Village. We encourage all Riverwoods residents to purchase the very reasonable season tickets. It would be great if 100 of us from Riverwoods would attend each concert.

2. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Karen Hall (Sept. 21), Candy Hall (Sept. 23), Dorothy DeVane (Sept. 24), and Margaret Nichols (Sept. 25).

3. The Riverwoods Homeowners Association held an informative monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 15. Margaret and I were not able to attend because of medical appointments, but one undercover reporter said the meeting was excellent, and the other said it was congenial and helpful. We certainly appreciate the work of the HOA Board: President Donna Plant, Vice President Bud Royal, Secretary Mary Ann Wilson, and members at large Lorraine Bowen and Lee McGauley. As always, the board welcomes suggestions and matters to discuss and handle. Perhaps in the future the agenda items will be included in the FNN before the meeting.

4. A Gesture of Gratitude: The men who mow our lawns in Riverwoods do excellent work. If possible, when they are in your area mowing on a hot day, provide a snack for them and especially a cold drink. Something to consider: perhaps 10 of us could work together and provide a special lunch for them at the Copeland Community Center.

5. Our Sunday school class is in 1 Peter. The apostle instructs us as Christians to always be ready to give an answer of our faith. So it is wise to prepare your testimony, to be ready to share at any time. In preparation we can follow three steps: first, give brief information of your life before Christ (no need for gory details). Then importantly share how you came to repentance and faith — how Christ saved you. Finally, explain how Christ changed you and is using you now.

6. Saved to Serve: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

## 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:**

During its open season, ACV members and employees may swim in the outdoor pool for free after showing their ID badge. Guests of the Conference & Retreat Center may swim for free after showing their room key. Family members need a pass, which may be purchased at the Village Lodge office. The outdoor pool usually opens as schools close for the summer.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **PIZZA PARTY**

**Debbie Snead, Reporter**

The next pizza party will be on Friday, Nov. 7. Depending on how many people buy tickets for it, it will be in either Sawmill and Depot or the dining room.

This time, the pizzas will be mostly multi-topping ones. Cheese and pepperoni will be the only single-

topping pizzas. Choices will include Hawaiian (pineapple, Canadian bacon, and some also with hickory smoked bacon), The Works (pepperoni, Canadian bacon, spicy Italian sausage, onions, green peppers, mushrooms, and olives), The Meats (pepperoni, savory sausage, hamburger, bacon, and Canadian bacon), Garden Fresh (green peppers, onions, mushrooms, olives, and tomatoes). We will again have salad and drinks.

For this party, please be prepared to purchase an entry ticket for \$7.00 at the Information Center. They will be sold until noon on Monday, Nov. 3, in order for Papa John's to receive the list of needed supplies for that week's order. Please be sure to buy your ticket(s) by then because there will not be any late tickets available.

We'll also be a bit different on seating, so that everyone is ready to eat as soon as the pizza arrives and hopefully get hotter pizzas.

Papa John's has gluten-free pizzas. They are 10" (more personal-sized) and come with only one topping. They are more expensive (\$12), but the \$7.00 ticket will be adequate if all gluten-free pizza eaters limit themselves to eating one-half of a pizza. Remember to tell the Information Center if you are limited to gluten-free pizza so I will know how many to order. Then tell me if you want more than one-half of one or more than one topping because that will require supplemental funding assistance.

The time of the party is being worked out (involves arranging having everyone seated and ready to eat when the pizza arrives). We will aim for 5:00, but the details won't be finalized until October.

Hopefully, all this won't seem peculiar, but I learned some things the last time we tried it and made some changes for this second party. I'm hoping that we will again have fun and enjoy the meal even more this time.

Call me at (719) 464-3639 with any suggestions, questions or requirements.

### **ELAINE ARETINO RETIREMENT**

Elaine Aretino is retiring from First Federal Bank! Elaine's last day with First Federal will be Thursday, Oct. 2. Come by the bank to wish her well in retirement!

### **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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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: What is the difference between an M.D. and a D.O.?

A: Both M.D.s (Doctor of Medicine) and D.O.s (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) are fully licensed physicians in the U.S. who can prescribe medication, perform surgery, and practice in all areas of medicine. The main difference lies in their training and philosophy. M.D. programs follow the traditional allopathic approach, which focuses on diagnosing and treating disease primarily with medications and surgery. D.O. programs include the same core medical education but add extra training in osteopathic medicine and emphasize a "whole-person" approach, considering how lifestyle, environment, and the musculoskeletal system affect overall health. In practice, the two degrees are very similar — most patients notice little difference in care — but D.O.s may be slightly more represented in primary care and holistic or preventative medicine.

## THANK YOU

I am so thankful for all the support I received from our ACV staff, members and residents during my time out for total right knee replacement — the many cards of encouragement, the visits to my home, the "Uber" rides to physical therapy, and the many thoughts and prayers throughout surgery and recovery. Your prayers were felt, and I truly appreciate every one of them.

The ACV community truly reflects the heart of Christ. Thank you so much for your love and concern!

A BIG SHOUT-OUT to our ACV Dining Service teams: Rumph Dining, Lopin' Gopher, Bistro, and catering! The Dining Service teams did not miss a beat in my absence! Each member is hardworking and committed to great customer service, and I count it a joy to serve alongside you for the love of Christ Jesus!

And I am *especially grateful* for the delicious meals delivered to my house!

Arlene Yow

How can we possibly give proper thanks to all the wonderful people who live at Advent Christian Village?

Sept. 6, our son, Scott, suffered a near-fatal accident while body surfing in St. Augustine. He snapped a vertebra at the top of his spine, underwent surgery, and was paralyzed from the neck down.

Quick phone calls to Pastor Sam and one of our elders, plus Instagram messages to friends and relatives, brought hundreds of replies from ACV folks and churches where we have served over the years — assuring us of prayer and offering help.

Scott and his wife had ridden a motorcycle all the way from Maine to Florida. We rented a truck and drove it to Dowling Park, but how were we going to get it off when we got home? I received a call asking for an update, and I asked, "Is there any way you could convince a few guys to come and help me?"

When we arrived home, seven or eight friends were there. In less than half an hour, the bike was in our shed, locked up safe.

One friend followed me to Live Oak to return the U-Haul truck, took me out for a cheeseburger supper, and brought me back home.

The next three days were filled with calls from wonderful ACV friends offering help and the use of their cars if needed. We also received steady text messages and phone calls with Scott's encouraging progress.

On Wednesday our daughter-in-law called to say they might transfer Scott to a physical therapy clinic in New Hampshire, close to some of their family. Once again one of the ACV church elders drove us to St. Augustine to say goodbye and to pick up our car.

Friday, Carol and I were able to be at the hospital when they put Scott in the ambulance to take him to the Jacksonville airport for his flight.

I honestly feel sorry for anyone who has to go through such a traumatic time without ACV people surrounding them. Thank you, all.

George and Carol Waterman

## MISCELLANEOUS

**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.\*\*

**YARD SALE:** Inside yard sale on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26–27, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Lawrence House, Apt. 101.\*

**FOR SALE:** 4 doses of Advantix II Flea and Tick medication for small dogs at \$15 per dose or all 4 for \$50. I have changed what I use for my dog. Please call Monica at 386-330-4865 and leave a message.\*

**FREE:** Unused HP All-in-One Printer plus ink cartridge. Available to the first caller. If interested, please call Pat at 520-523-9226.\*

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 "Darn!"
- 5 Bubble tea "bubbles"
- 9 Subside, as rain
- 14 Otherwise
- 15 Many a Dubai resident
- 16 Clean thoroughly
- 17 Half expecting a terrible outcome
- 20 Clean thoroughly
- 21 "In all probability ..."
- 22 Ran into
- 24 \_\_ Lanka
- 25 "That's the fellow!"
- 28 "What a pity"
- 35 Japanese noodle
- 37 Cookbook writer Garten
- 38 Mario Kart brother
- 39 Demographic statistical standard
- 43 Yours, once
- 44 Promos
- 45 Small opening
- 46 "No problems yet"
- 50 "Certainly!"
- 51 "\_\_\_ the season ..."
- 52 Pinterest pin
- 54 Spiraling
- 59 Dads
- 63 Classic family sitcom starring Robert Young
- 67 "The X Factor" judge Cowell

- 68 Architectural overhang
- 69 "By Jove!"
- 70 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
- 71 Audition (for)
- 72 Casual denial

DOWN

- 1 Game officials
- 2 Oscar winner Guinness
- 3 Ruler of Imperial Russia
- 4 Clear component of blood
- 5 Exile
- 6 URL ending for nonprofits
- 7 Cricket club
- 8 Detests
- 9 Off-color or blue
- 10 God with a bow and arrow
- 11 Actress Reid
- 12 Sputnik power, briefly
- 13 Cubs slugger \_\_ Crow-Armstrong
- 18 Skeptical reply
- 19 Amend
- 23 Slender
- 24 German prison camps
- 25 Chases game
- 26 Boise's state
- 27 Recurring theme
- 29 "SNL" alum Gasteyer

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- 30 Flamenco cry
- 31 Yours and mine
- 32 Bagel alternative
- 33 A&M student, familiarly
- 34 Intake guidelines
- 36 Totenberg of NPR
- 40 "\_\_\_ the ramparts we watched ... "
- 41 Brouhaha
- 42 Abbr. on a brandy label
- 47 Use a swizzle stick
- 48 Pig, cutely
- 49 Quick swims
- 53 Airplane seating area
- 54 "Assuming that's true ... "
- 55 Emery board target
- 56 Casino cash dispensers
- 57 Casino card dispenser
- 58 Teller's partner in magic
- 60 Money in the Philippines
- 61 "Now!" letters
- 62 Eye affliction
- 64 Scottish refusal
- 65 Lab eggs
- 66 Tie the knot

SUDOKU

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Easy

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ANSWERS



# ACV Garden Club You've Been Flocked!

Support Our Garden Projects with a Flamingo

Someone you know has a great sense of humor—  
and possibly a yard full of pink flamingos! Support  
the ACV Garden Club and keep the fun going.

## Order Form



### Flock a Friend

Place 12 pink flamingos  
in their yard for 24-48 hours

**\$20.00**

### Anti-Flocking Insurance

Keep your yard safe  
from being flocked!

**\$30.00**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Be Flocked: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Message to Be Delivered (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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. 19–26, 2025**

**FRIDAY, 9/19**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Clam Chowder
- \$6.95    Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, BBQ Chicken Sandwich on a 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

**SATURDAY, 9/20**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Chicken Noodle
- \$8.50    Whistle Stop Special:** Loaded Baked Potato, Broccoli, Baked Biscuit, Assorted Dessert, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 9/21**

**Lunch Buffet**

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

- Entrées:** GF Roast Beef, BBQ Smoked Sausage, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** Catalina Vegetable Blend, Four-Bean Salad Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 9/22**

- \$2.75    Soup:** Broccoli Cheese
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Western Omelet, Liver and Onions
- \$1.40    Sides:** Cheesy Cauliflower, Cream Style Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mushroom Rice
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 9/23**

- \$8.50    Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Grilled Cheese with Fire Roasted Tomato Bisque Soup, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.40    Sides:** Butter Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Potatoes au Gratin
- \$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. 19–26, 2025

## WEDNESDAY, 9/24

- \$2.75      Soup:** Garden Vegetable
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Two Slices of Pepperoni or Supreme Pizza, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40      Sides:** Succotash (Lima Beans and Corn), Three-Bean Salad (Green, Waxed, and Red Kidney Beans), Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 9/25

- \$6.95    Entrées:** Vegetable Lo Mein, Sweet-n-Sour Chicken
- \$1.40      Sides:** Garlic Spinach with Tomatoes, Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Green Beans, Carrots, Peppers, and Broccoli), Cold Salads, Fruit, Egg Roll
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 9/26

- \$2.75      Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95    Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Buttery Garlic Shrimp, Ravioli Marinara, Fried Catfish
- \$1.40      Sides:** Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, 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: Pork Vegetable**

**Friday, Sept. 19**

Lunch only: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato on a Brioche Bun, and Homemade Chips, \$12.95  
All day: Grouper Francese with Rice and a Vegetable, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

All day: Braised Short Ribs with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and a Vegetable, \$14.95



**658-5259**

**Mon–Fri:** 11 am–1 pm

**Sat. & Sun:** 11 am–1:30 pm



**658-5259**

**Sun:** 7:30–10 am | 3:30–7 pm

**Mon–Fri:** 7:30–10 am | 2:30–7 pm

**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm

**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm