



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

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

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Friday	9/26	<b>The Village Cashier is closed today.</b> <i>10:00 a.m. Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i> <b>7:00 p.m. Live! at Dowling Park: Con Brio String Quartet—BC</b>
Saturday	9/27	<i>1:00 p.m. Gospel Sing—CH</i>
Sunday	9/28	<i>9:40 a.m. Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages</i> <i>6:00 p.m. Evening Service—BC</i>
Monday	9/29	<i>1:00–3:00 p.m. Connecting Threads Sewing Ministry—KC</i> <i>1:00 p.m. Scrabble—CMH</i> <i>1:30 p.m. VCBI: The Gospel of Luke—VC Room 5</i> <i>2:00–4:00 p.m. Ceramics—PCS</i> <b>5:30 p.m. Prayer for Israel—VC Room 5</b> <i>6:00 p.m. Dominoes—CMH</i>
Tuesday	9/30	<i>8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>10:00 a.m. Model Train Club—CB</i> <i>1:30 p.m. VCBI: Revival History—VC Room 5</i>
Wednesday	10/1	<i>8:15 &amp; 8:30 a.m. Bus Trip: Walmart—CH &amp; DH</i> <i>9:00–11:00 a.m. Ceramics—PCS</i> <i>11:00 a.m. VCBI: Jesus in Every Book of the Bible—VC Room 5</i> <i>1:00 p.m. Bridge Club—OPR</i> <i>1:15 &amp; 1:30 p.m. Bus Trip: Walmart—CH &amp; DH</i> <i>2:00 p.m. Bingo—CMH</i> <i>6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting—BC</i> <i>6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—VC</i> <i>7:15 p.m. Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal—VC</i>
Thursday	10/2	<b>9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Suwannee County Tax Collector—VC</b> <i>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Village Artists Guild—KC</i> <i>10:00 a.m. Plarn Ministry—CMH</i> <b>10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Florida Licensing on Wheels—VS</b>
Friday	10/3	<b>9:00 a.m. First Annual Fall Golf Cart Race—Harmony Center</b> <i>10:00 a.m. Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> <i>10:30 a.m. Gentle Movement and Self Massage Class—SMR</i>

**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

Peggy Clark, who was a resident of GSC, died Sept. 19. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

## NEW MEMBER

Barbara Roberts of Mayo, Florida, has moved to Millsite Lane. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 4669.

## TRANSFERRED

Erma Blackburn has moved from Dowling House to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Alice Hansen has moved from Dowling House to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Elizabeth Hodges has moved from Dacier Manor to GSC. Her new mailing address is P.O. Box 4325.

Kenny Wood has moved from Wilson Gardens to Dacier Manor. His mailing address remains the same.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Don your dirndls, lace up your lederhosen, and join us for a wunderbar Oktoberfest theme dinner on Thursday, Oct. 23, in the dining room! Gemütlichkeit begins at 5:00 p.m. That's our social hour with good vibes and great company. Our feasting will start at 6:00 p.m. with a lecker dinner buffet. There will be live music, and prost-worthy activities, but nothing verboten of course.

Tickets can be purchased at the Village cashier's office. The price is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Thursday, Oct. 16. We will provide the schnitzel and smiles. Just come hungry and happy. Bis bald!

David Klumpenhower,  
VP for Independent Living Operations

## COPELAND COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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

At some point, the front entrance will be temporarily closed while the crew works on the roof over the covered walkway. During this time, a side entrance will be made available. We ask that you follow all posted safety signs, directions, and instructions.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

David Klumpenhower,  
VP for Independent Living Operations

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

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

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

David Klumpenhower,  
VP for Independent Living Operations

## ACV WORKDAY

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

Calling all residents and team members. If you are able and willing to trim, tug, and toil, then we would love to have you join us for a Village Community Outdoor Clean-Up Day!

 **Remember to Wave** 

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 Updated Time

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

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

Keri Hillard, VP for Health Services

## 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, distribution of 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 of Independent Living Operations

# ACV EVENTS

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

Miami's Con Brio String Quartet — Valentin Mansurov, Marina Lenau, David Pedraza, and Aziz Sapaev — 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.



### **GOSPEL SING**

**Saturday, Sept. 27, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Carter House Activity Room**

Everyone is invited to the next monthly gospel sing held in the Carter House activity room on Saturday, Sept. 27.

### **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.



### **SUPPER POTLUCK**

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

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

### **COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP**

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

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



### **BABY SHOWER**

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m. - SMR/DR**

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

## **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**

## **Village Cashier's Office**

**Monday–Friday**

**10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**658-5343**



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

**MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

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

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

**ACV WORKDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

On Oct. 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Depot Room you are invited to listen and participate in a discussion of theological questions. Bring your questions and comments!

**LADIES' BREAKFAST**

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

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

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



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

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

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

**OKTOBERFEST THEME DINNER**

**Thursday, Oct. 23**

**Social Hour: 5:00 p.m., Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**

**Members: \$18, Non-members: \$25**

**Rumph Dining Room**

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

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

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

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



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

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

This year's Autumn Fest will include vendors offering handmade items, miscellaneous merchandise for sale, and food. A silent auction to benefit ACV's benevolent fund will be available this year. If you have items you'd like to donate, please call Member Services (658-5266). We're also planning live entertainment once again. And at noon, the costumed motorcyclists taking part in the American Legion's Poker Run will drop by the Village Square for your enjoyment.

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

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

Make plans to join us for an exciting day. Festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Village Square.

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

**EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

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

**GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS**

**Fridays, 10:30–11:30 a.m. - SMR**

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

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

**Friday and Saturday Soup: Don's Beef Barley**

**Friday, Sept. 26**

Lunch only: Grande Beef and Cheese Burrito with Black Beans and Rice, \$13.95  
All day: Baked Manicotti with a Meatball and Garlic Toast, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 27**

All day: Pulled BBQ Pork with Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw and Corn Bread, \$17.95



## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

**The Lighthouse on CR 250**

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

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

## BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, Oct. 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.

## PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Village Church Room 5**

The monthly meeting to pray for Israel will be on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 5 of the Village Church. All those interested in praying for the salvation of Jewish souls, for those missionaries who are laboring for the purpose of Jewish souls coming to Jesus the Messiah as Savior, for Biblical mission organizations and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem are welcome 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.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

**Village Church Children's Suite**

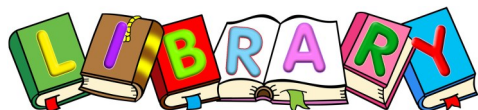
A ladies Bible study will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 and 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Church Children's Suite. Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on the book of Luke. Hope to see you there.

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, Oct. 18**

**First Federal Sports Complex in Live Oak**

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



**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.

## 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.

## 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 in 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.

## Starbooks Café

Coffee and conversation are on the menu on Sept. 30, 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 your go-to funny story?

## 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.

## 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!

## As the Page Turns Book Club

After discussion at the September meeting, the consensus is to return to the first Thursday of the month. The next book for October is *Strangers in Time* or *Simply Lies* by David Baldacci — your choice! Come by to snag a copy for the next meeting on Oct. 2 at 2:00 p.m.



## BUS TRIPS

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

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

## WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

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

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

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

those on the waiting list will be moved to the regular list.

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

- **Oct. 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.
- **Oct. 15 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave Walmart at approximately at 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

**SERMON:** "The Sword of the Spirit — the Word of God"

**TEXT:** 2 Timothy 3:14–17 & Ephesians 6:13–17 NIV '84

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

**The 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening service on Sept. 28** will be led by the ladies of the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society (WHFMS). We will have the kick-off for Christmas in October led by Laura Putnam, retired missionary to the Philippines. The music will be provided by Pam Buchanan and Traci Nissley. Jan Hendrickson, former missionary to the Philippines, and Karen Hall will present the devotional. Everyone is invited to attend this once-a-year event.

The next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will be Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room. The speaker will be Rev. Darren Bonville. All men are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship. Tickets may be purchased from the Lopin' Gopher.

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

#### Friday, Sept. 26

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

#### Sunday, Sept. 28

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, WHFMS (Chapel)

#### Monday, Sept. 29

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

5:30 p.m. — Prayer for Israel (Room 5)

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

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 30

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

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

#### Wednesday, Oct. 1

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, Oct. 3

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

### 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.

### 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.

At this time, we are unable to offer weekly specials at the Village Grocer. That is why there has been no specials sheet included in the *Friendly Neighbor News* lately.

### MEMBER SERVICES

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

We have had a request for another COVID vaccine clinic. If you are interested in getting the latest vaccine, please call Member Services so we can determine how best to accommodate those who wish to get it here at ACV.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers says thank you for our support and assistance with the Sept. 15 blood drive. Ten of the registered donors came out to donate whole blood! Plus, one platelet donation for a total of 11 donations.

When you consider that one donation can save up to three lives, it is easy to see how donating blood can make a significant difference in someone's life. One never knows when the life saved may be a member of your own family, a friend, or a co-worker.

The LifeSouth Bloodmobile is scheduled to return on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 18; Tuesday, Jan. 13; Monday, March 13; and Tuesday, May 19.

### Member Services Tip of the Week

Please remember that ACV's pet policy specifies that "dogs and cats shall be on hand-held leashes at all times outside the confines of the pet owner's apartment or home." Following this policy not only protects others from harm, but also protects our pets.

### TV2

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

- Where did Christ go after His death?
- Does God send hurricanes, floods and other disasters?
- Were there dinosaurs in the Bible ?

*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: Utility Scams

Imposters claim to be from one of the utilities in Florida and threaten to turn off the power, gas or water unless a payment is made. Should you receive such a call, hang up and contact your utility provider using the phone number that appears on your bill to determine the status of your account. Report any fraudulent utilities calls to your utility provider.

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



# **ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

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

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

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

## **BRIDGE CLUB** **Dottie Stone, Reporter**

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

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

The Connecting Threads Ministry will meet at the sewing center in Keepers Cottage on Monday, Sept. 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There is a large inventory of crochet cotton, crochet hooks, and pattern books. If you have a need, please come and see what we have. Donations accepted.

## **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.

We have pen pals with the same first name so please include your pen pal's last initial on the envelope (e.g., Monica S.) as well as 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.

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.

"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*).

 **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.

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

Cheery autumn dishtowels are hanging near the pet department. Check out the earrings with a pet theme. There are wall hangings and pet supplies, including travel items. Lightweight and 100% silk scarves, and statement autumn and Thanksgiving earrings brighten a woman's wardrobe. Choose from the selection of handbags with matching wallets.

The tool department continues to grow with flashlights, blacklight flashlights, small and long tape measures, razor box cutters, pens, and small knives. There are small and large lanterns with handles for hanging and carrying for power outages.

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 antiques and home items made by our very own ACV artisans. Check out the jewelry, vintage watches, and collectibles. Cards for all occasions are \$1.00 each.

New to our shelves are fall wreaths, baskets, and home décor. There are autumn tablecloths and table runners. The new dishtowels will complement the new look.

Colorful quilts are available in many sizes and weights. Baby outfits, toddler toys, and vintage dolls are in the children's department.

Special note: Alterations will not be accepted Sept. 20–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, and Bibles and Bible studies.

Ladies' sweaters, coats and slacks make for more comfortable outfits as the weather cools. Mid-length and long-sleeve blouses are available.

Nice-looking men's hats, socks and shoes are on the shelves. The racks are filled with dress and daily wear shirts.

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 ∞**

### **Twice Nice Furniture & More**

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

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

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

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.

## **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**

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them" (Romans 8:28 NLT).

Daily prayer and time in His Word give me peace — like the hymn "Take Time to Be Holy", which reminds me to stay close to God.

This past week has not been joyful for Barbara and me. Tuesday we drove to Tampa, hoping for a brief getaway, but our purpose was far from lighthearted.

In 1953, Karen Jane Dunsen and I started school together at the brand-new Van E. Blanton Elementary in Miami. We moved on to the same junior high and then Miami Central High. Though life sometimes separated us, we never lost touch.

Karen married Dick, a fellow believer, and they shared 46 loving years. She gave birth to two sons: Jonathan, who became a Marine officer, and David, born with severe Down syndrome. Karen devoted her life to caring for David, leaning on God for the strength and wisdom she needed.

In November 2024 a hurricane struck Tampa, forcing them from their historic Hyde Park home while repairs were made. Soon after, Karen faced serious health complications and was hospitalized, then moved to rehab. Now under hospice care, she lies quiet and frail, a vibrant servant of God who once overflowed with joy.

Dick, now 81, visits her faithfully twice a week, no longer able to drive but steadfast in love. Our visit was bittersweet; I kissed Karen's forehead and said goodbye to a lifelong friend.

From our veranda overlooking the smooth 102nd Trail in Butterfields Acres: keep in touch with old friends — and never forget who is in charge (Isaiah 40:28–31). God bless.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Monica Serlick—386-330-4865**

Three birthdays are coming up: Penny Frye on Oct. 3, Richard Gillette on Oct. 5, and Janet King on Oct. 8. When you see them out and about, be sure to wish them well. May your special day — and the year ahead — be filled with blessings, joy, and happiness. "May the joy that you have spread in the past come back to you on this day. Wishing you a very happy birthday." "You have to grow older, but you don't have to grow up" (proflowers.com).

Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering. "The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness" (Psalm 41:3). "Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me" (Psalm 30:2).

It's time again to collect donations for Halloween candy for the children who visit our buildings. A container is at the front desk — please be generous so every child can enjoy the fun.

Please also note: Jim Powell has posted a notice on the laundry room air conditioners. Residents are asked not to touch or adjust the units or turn the power off or on. They are pre-set and need to remain that way.

Happy fall, everyone! Cooler mornings and evenings are such a blessing, and we thank God for sparing us from storms so far this hurricane season.

Please be respectful of other residents and visitors. Do not confront anyone you think may be violating ACV rules or policies. If you see anything unusual or inappropriate, call the Information Center at 658-3333. They will ensure someone checks it out. This is your home — if you see something, say something!

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

#### **Cora Huckaba—850-464-7113**

Good morning, friends and neighbors. I hope you are well.

I am so happy to be back home. Of all the wonderful places we can visit and sights we can see, when all is said and done, there is no place like home sweet home!

I am grateful for the lovely apartment provided while mine was being repaired. Jim Powell joked that I couldn't have any wild parties since the apartment adjoins his office and he'd hear every bit of it. Then he went on a two-week vacation — so I suppose I could have thrown a party after all! Just kidding — no party.

The maintenance crew did a wonderful job, and I thank each of them for work well done. I never want to move again in my lifetime. My family worked so hard carrying boxes and furniture; while some were bringing things in, others were unpacking and putting items on the shelves.

Peggy, my daughter, organized the kitchen. My grandson Isaac Newman put my Sleep Number bed together (though we couldn't find the remote at first). Lori, his wife, hunted for it and finally spotted one — but it wasn't the right one. Isaac eventually looked on the TV table and there it was, lying there the whole time. What a time we had! Others made trip after trip until everything was finally in place.

I did a lot of unpacking and sorting, trying not to break anything. Sadly, two beautiful ceramic elephants were damaged and each lost a leg. I had to perform "surgery" with glue. With six children to raise, I became something of an expert with super glue.

Yesterday I saw a blue heron on the lake along with the whistlers and home ducks. Someone mentioned they'd spotted more babies out there.

Dottie Stone recently took a trip, and I stopped by to hear the details, but she wasn't feeling well. Please pray for her; she'll share her adventures when she's better.

Several neighbors are experiencing health problems; please keep them in your prayers. I haven't received news from anyone else.

Our world seems to be in great turmoil. Each day we hear of murders, hate, anger, and violence. Policemen are being killed far too often. I believe the prophecies are being fulfilled in our time. The Word says that when we see these things, "look up because our redemption draweth nigh." I feel that everything is falling into place. Let us pray.

On a lighter note: A neighbor finds a little boy crying. "What's the matter, son?" He says, "It's my daddy." "What's wrong?" "He hit his thumb with the hammer." "Then why are *you* crying?" "Well, at first I laughed."

Have you looked for the red prize? Have you seen its shape and size? Have you even taken a peek to find the prize that you seek?

Until next week, may God walk with you and carry you when you are weak.



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

Good morning, neighbors. The time has arrived for our autumn potluck! Tomorrow (Saturday) we're gathering at the Youth Lodge to enjoy tasty dishes from around the world. I've heard there will be a Hawaiian dish, an Irish vegetable dish, a German soup, and an English pie. There's still time to get your RSVP in and be part of the fun. We have some of the best cooks around; you don't want to miss out on great food. See you at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

It's official — autumn has arrived. The days are growing shorter, and some of my favorite colors are beginning to appear. Notices are circulating about the upcoming Autumn Fest in the Village Square. Pumpkins are making their annual showing in decorations and recipes, and children are already anticipating Halloween. The only thing left is for the weather to cool down.

Whatever your favorite time of year may be, I hope you're enjoying each season and its unique qualities. Stay safe, stay healthy, and remember to check on your neighbors!

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

Sunday, the Lord's Day: Pastor Sam preached another powerful message on the Christian's armor, and Bob Story gave a wonderful message from the Word on Sunday evening.

1. Don't forget the Live! in Dowling Park concert this Friday evening in the Chapel.

2. Birthdays in Riverwoods: Lee Dembinski (Sept. 27), Carol Johnson (Oct. 2), and Marian Stauffer (Oct. 5).

3. There is nothing to report from the Riverwoods Homeowners Association this week. The good news is that repairs on the Copeland Community Center seem to be going well, with a goal of completion in the next three to four weeks!

4. Who are you? As people look through the ACV photo directory to see who is who, it is disappointing to discover there is no picture. Only a few of us are much to look at, but please have your picture added so others can match a face with a name. Some go through the directory and pray for each person and would like to know who they are praying for.

5. Pastor's Visit: I work daily as a Philippine missions advocate. This week, a pastor friend and his wife from Charlotte, N.C., visited for two days, mainly to discuss his messages and plans for our yearly three-day "Philippine Pastoral Care Conference" for 275 untrained pastors in October. He, along with another pastor also from Charlotte, will be traveling to Manila and will be two of the main speakers for the conference.

6. "God is good and He DOES good" (Psalm 119:68). So often we speak about being good, but do we prove it by doing good? Goodness is displayed by assisting others — being generous, kind, and thoughtful.

**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:**

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

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**DOG PARK NEWS**

**A Committee of the Membership Association**  
Agility equipment has been installed at the ACV dog park.

**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.

**ACV COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB**  
**2025 PECAN SALE**

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

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

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

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

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

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!

**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**

New services are available at Hair Croppers! We now offer a full range of beauty services:

- Nail Services: Acrylic/hard gel nails, gel polish manicure/pedicure, manicures/pedicures
- Skin/Body Care: Facials (add-on services for problematic skin) and facial waxing, hand and arm treatment, hot stone leg and foot treatment
- Hair Services: Hair cuts for all ages and curly hair, shampoo, blow dry and style, chemical services (color, perms and more)

Our next facial days are Saturday, Oct. 4, and Tuesday, Oct. 7. Call/text Danielle at (386) 205-3791 for an appointment.

**LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the Village Square professional offices: Oct. 10 and 24. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, BFA®, financial advisor with Pivotal Wealth Planning is at the Village on the third Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Village Square professional offices.

Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**FIRST FEDERAL BANK**

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

Located at 11035 Dowling Park Drive in the Village Square, the Dowling Park branch is open (lobby and drive-through) Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Our Interactive Teller Machine (ITM), where our highly-trained tellers can assist you with transactions that go beyond the standard ATM transactions, is open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**THANK YOU**

The four days of birthday celebration left me exhausted but very happy! I appreciated the beautiful cards, gifts, and food so much. Thank you to all who made it happen. I also appreciated your kindness to my very active five-year-old great-grandson. He loves to come here and remembers coming since he was a baby. I thank God for each day He gives me, and I pray for His guidance so that I may use it well.

Marge Reach

The Garden Club would like to send a hearty THANK YOU to the following: Gracie Adams, Elaine Brennan, Steve Hett, Jim Kaufman, June Lucas, Sue Riedel, Hellmut Seidenberg, and Jim Varnell. These wonderful members emptied three raised bed, repaired them, and refilled them in three hours. Great job!

The Garden Club

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**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.\*\*

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

**FOR SALE:** Gray electric lift scooter, regular gray recliners, Ft. Square white pine stain designer table and chairs, small gray couch, blue futon, and golden electric scooter. Call for showing: 386-209-7280.\*

**FOR SALE:** Small dining table and four chairs, and other household items. Please call Ken Wood at 386-658-3242 and leave a message.\*

**YARD SALE:** Lew Gessler, 10497 Wildwood Drive, is having a yard sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27. Kitchen items, bedroom furniture, chairs, lamps and more. Please join him 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.\*

**FOR SALE:** 10-volume *Bible Story* books for children written by Arthur Maxwell. These will be a great blessing for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Adults enjoy them also because they are very easy to understand. For more information and a special price contact Inez at 770-861-9227.\*

**OCTOBER HOLIDAYS**  
**Submitted by Monica Serlick**

Columbus Day, a federal holiday since 1937, commemorates Christopher Columbus' landing. "[He] intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the fabled gold and Spice Islands of Asia. Instead, on Oct. 12, 1492, he landed in the Bahamas" (history.com).

"Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the past, present, and futures of Native Americans. The holiday recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Natives, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples" (dosomething.org). This is not a federal holiday.

# Autumn Fest 2025

**Saturday, Oct. 25**  
**8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**Village Square**

**Vendors • Food • Fun • Live Entertainment**



**Pumpkin  
yummy  
contest.**  
Who can make  
the best  
baked good  
with pumpkin?



**Pumpkin  
decorating  
contest.**  
Dream it,  
carve it,  
paint it,  
make it ...



**Pumpkin  
yummy  
bake sale  
to benefit  
ACV's  
benevolent  
fund.**



**Silent auction  
to benefit  
ACV's  
benevolent  
fund.**  
Donations  
encouraged.

bread • 3D Printed Items • Honey  
ems • Baked Goods • Skin Care • Mak  
ntar • Chairs • Collectible Knives • Cr  
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Makeup • Vintage Chairs • Collectible  
ives • Crochet Items • Antiques • Sou

**American Legion Poker Run**



**Stop-off in  
the Village  
Square at  
12:00 noon.**

***Call the Village Lodge at 658-5200 for booth rental.  
Call Member Services at 658-5400 with questions  
or to make a donation.***



**ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE**  
AT DOWLING PARK

# October 2025

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IT WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK ONLY.

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**Lot 11 Wildwood Cir.:** \$15,000; .214 acres; 85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS #120450.

**23329 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,238 sq. ft.; nice 2-bedroom/2-bath on .19 acre; beautiful backyard with screened back porch, and 1-car garage. MLS #126218.

**10425 River Wood Dr.:** \$279,000; 1,270 sq. ft., built in 2018; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1-car garage. Granite countertop, security system, generator. MLS #128029.

**23350 Meadow View Dr.:** \$299,000; 2,200 sq. ft.; built in 1994. Large brick home on large lot; 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and attached 2-car garage. MLS #123514.

**10438 Wildwood Dr.:** \$289,900; 1,829 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths on 27 acre lot. Florida room and 2-car garage. Move-in ready. MLS #127164.

**Lot 16 Wildwood Cir.:** \$22,500; extra-large .66 acre, pie shaped, wooded lot. MLS #123899.

**10267 Wildwood Cir.:** \$325,000; 2,419 sq. ft.; beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths on .21 acres, master bath with double vanity and sunken Roman tub. MLS #127562.

**10491 Wildwood Dr.:** \$339,900; 2,011 sq. ft.; nice 3-bedroom/2-bath on .24 acres; appliances included. Many upgrades including new roof. MLS #127137.

**23321 Live Oak Ln.:** \$265,000; 1,254 sq. ft.; lots of upgrades in this 2-bedroom/2-bath home, including newer roof, A/C, hot water tank, cabinets and appliances. MLS #127730.

**23378 Live Oak Ln:** \$358,300, 1,662 sq. ft.; beautifully maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home on .2 acres. New roof in 2024, 2 car garage, FL room and much more. MLS # 127805.

## Birthdays

- 1.** Ellen Livingston; **2.** Carol Johnson, Mary Frances Cone; **4.** Dora Mitchell; **5.** Edith Mercer\*, Marian Stauffer, Richard Gillette; **6.** Ethel Stenzel, Kristie Skiff; **7.** George Brisbin; **8.** Penny Frye, Richard Loderhose, William Storey; **9.** Connie McFadden, Dale Whitmore; **10.** Alice Garbett, Bill Minchew, Bonnie Galloway\*, Bud Royal; **11.** Grace Snead, Jackie Futch, Louise Grant; **12.** Jim Schmook, Lynn Lowe; **13.** Anthony Liquori; **15.** Jesus Leal, Murwin Bevis; **16.** Christine Lutz; **17.** Donna Plant, Shelley Duncan; **18.** Jean Elder, Judi Sharpsteen; **19.** Charles Moore, Kathleen Hood-Beck\*, Kenneth Reynolds\*, Shirley Minster; **20.** Carol Bynum\*; **22.** Diane Milnes; **23.** Alice Cornick\*, Chris Christiansen; **24.** Joel Evans; **27.** Jerry Aulis, Kay Schmook, Kim Yokie; **28.** Becky Wells, Neil Johnson; **31.** Martha Beckham.

## Anniversaries

- 1.** Bill & Marty Nickerson; **9.** Cheryl & Tony Massengill; **13.** Ethel Stenzel & Kenneth Randolph; **20.** Ann & Ken Berry, Barbara & Tom Richards, Cindy Beaver & Lee McGauley; **29.** Barbara & Jack Dixon, Curtis & Terry Thiboult; **31.** Betty & John LaGeorge.

\*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.

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**Sept. 26–Oct. 3, 2025**

**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

**SATURDAY, 9/27**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Split Pea and Ham
- \$8.50 Whistle Stop Special:** Chicken Philly Steak Sandwich on a Hoagie Roll or with Rice, Macaroni Salad, Side Salad, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 9/28**

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

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

- Entrées:** BBQ Pork Loin Ribs, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** California Vegetable Blend (Cauliflower, Broccoli and Carrots), Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 9/29**

- \$2.75 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Boneless Herb Roasted Chicken, Chicken Livers, Turkey Bacon Croissant Sandwich
- \$1.40 Sides:** Peas and Carrots, Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice with Gravy
- \$3.00 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 9/30**

- \$8.50 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.95 Entrées:** Pork Chops, County Fried Chicken Steak with Country Gravy
- \$1.40 Sides:** Five-Way Vegetable Blend, Cold Salads, Fruit, Fried Okra, 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. 26–Oct. 3, 2025

## WEDNESDAY, 10/1

- \$2.75      Soup:** Minestrone
- \$6.95    Entrées:** Stuffed Italian Peppers, Fried Chicken
- \$1.40      Sides:** Cabbage, Broccoli, Cold Salads, Fruit, Scalloped Potatoes
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 10/2

- \$6.95    Entrées:** Taco Salad, Chicken or Beef Tacos
- \$1.40      Sides:** Zucchini, Sweet Corn, Cold Salads, Fruit, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Rice Pilaf
- \$3.00    Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 10/3

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



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

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



### LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

**Friday and Saturday: Don's Beef Barley**

**Friday, Sept. 26**

Lunch only: Grande Beef and Cheese Burrito with Black Beans and Rice, \$13.95

All day: Baked Manicotti with a Meatball and Garlic Toast, \$18.95

**Saturday, Sept. 27**

All day: Pulled BBQ Pork with Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw and Corn Bread, \$17.95



**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