



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

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## DECEMBER 13, 2024

Friday	12/13	<b>9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m.	<b>Veterans' Services—MS</b> <b>GSC Christmas Bazaar—GSC</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH	
Saturday	12/14	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:45 &amp; 11:00 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ladies' Breakfast—RDR</b> <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast—RDR</b> <b>Bus Trip: The Gathering—DH &amp; LAP</b> <b>"Christmas Unplugged"</b> <b>Christmas Cantata—VC</b>	
Sunday	12/15	<i>9:40 a.m.</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> <b>"Christmas Unplugged"</b> <b>Christmas Cantata—VC</b>	
Monday	12/16	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:00–3:00 p.m. <i>1:30 p.m.</i>	<b>Christmas Storytime—OPR</b> Connecting Threads (Sewing) Ministry—KC <i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i>	
Tuesday	12/17	<i>8:30 a.m.</i> 10:00 a.m. <b>5:15 &amp; 5:30 p.m.</b>	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Model Train Club—CB <b>Bus Trip: Christmas Lights at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park—DH &amp; LAP</b>	
Wednesday	12/18	<b>The Village Cashier's office will close at 11:30 today.</b> 8:15 & 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m.  <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  <i>6:00 p.m.</i>	Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH Bridge Club—OPR Bus trip: Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix—CH & DH <b>Christmas Caroling at GSC and DM</b> <i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i>	
Thursday	12/19	9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Village Artists Guild—KC Plann Ministry—Cleo's Meeting House <b>Dementia Support Group—JKPL</b>	
Friday	12/20	<b>9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>10:00 a.m.</i> 2:00 p.m. <b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Veterans' Services—MS</b> <b>Bus Trips Meeting—OPR</b> <i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH <b>Annual Parade on Wheels</b> <b>Golf Cart Parade</b>	

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

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

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Claude Johnson, who was a resident of CH and GSC, died Dec. 8. His memorial information will be provided when available.

Marjorie Pohuski, who was a resident of POP and Wilson Gardens, died Dec. 8. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

Maryann Ritchey (wife of Bruce Locke) died Dec. 4. Her memorial information will be provided when available.

## ACV EVENTS

### GSC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Friday, Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - GSC**  
GSC's annual Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, Dec. 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be country crafts, handmade ornaments, pressed flower cards, birdhouses, soaps, and yard sale items. Get your last-minute shopping done.

### LADIES' BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. We will be joining the men for this meeting. Dick Grillo will be leading the music. 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 \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. The ladies will be joining us for this meeting. Dick Grillo will be leading the music.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and breaking bread together!

### BUS TRIP: LUNCH DINE-OUT AT THE LIVE OAK GATHERING

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

**10:45 a.m. - DH & 11:00 a.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$3.00 members, \$6.00 non-members**

Saturday, Dec. 14, the trip bus will be going to the Live Oak Gathering restaurant for lunch. The Live Oak Gathering is a family-style restaurant serving a variety of American dishes ranging from \$9.00 to \$22. Bus cost is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Please sign up at the IC.



## Christmas Unplugged

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. - VC**

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m. - VC**

One of the highlights of the season is the Christmas cantata. This year there will be two free presentations of "Christmas Unplugged" at the VC: Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3:00 p.m. You may attend one or both! The ACV cantata choir and a guest instrument ensemble will present a musical time of remembrance and worship using both new and familiar music. No tickets are required; simply show up and take a seat.



### CHRISTMAS STORYTIME

**Monday, Dec. 16, 10:00 a.m. - OPR**

If some of your favorite things this time of year are reading or listening to a favorite Christmas story, book or poem; hearing, playing or singing special Christmas favorites; and enjoying some Christmas goodies, join us at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 16 in the OPR.

The program will be an "open mic" format so that you may share some of your favorites. You are invited to share a Christmas story or poem. You may even want to just tell about a favorite Christmas book. These presentations should be no longer than five minutes each. If you plan to share some music, call MS at 658-5400 to make sure we are prepared.

Another way to share would be to bring some of your favorite goodies. Call MS if you have questions.

### BUS TRIP: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

**5:15 p.m. - DH & 5:30 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$9.00 members, \$13 non-members**

Bus transportation will be provided to visit Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park to drive through and enjoy the Suwannee Lights display on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The bus will leave DH at 5:15 p.m. and LAP at 5:30 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$9.00 for ACV members and \$13 for non-members. This price includes the entry fee for Spirit of the Suwannee. Sign up at the IC.

### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, Dec. 19, 1:30 p.m. - JKPL**

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

The Dementia Support Group normally meets the fourth Thursday of the month, but due to Christmas, it will meet the third Thursday of December.

### BUS TRIPS MEETING

**Friday, Dec. 20, 10:00 a.m. - OPR**

Whether you have participated in the past or not, if you are interested in helping to plan ACV's bus trips, please join us for the next bus trips meeting on Friday, Dec. 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the OPR. Even if you only want to know more about what is possible, come to this meeting to learn (no commitment necessary). Have ideas for trips — local and not-so-local? We'd love for you to join us and share! The bus committee helps to keep the whole membership moving, so the more varied the input, the better.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

### ANNUAL PARADE ON WHEELS GOLF CART PARADE

**Friday, Dec. 20, 2:30 p.m.**

Bring out your golf carts, bikes, scooters, antique cars ... anything with wheels ... decorated for the Christmas

season! This year's theme is "A Florida Christmas", so deck your wheels using our theme or yours.

The parade will travel around the ACV campus for all to enjoy. Following the parade, join us at CCC for refreshments and the announcement of winners.

Entries need to line up in the LAP by 2:00 p.m. for judging. The parade will start at 2:30 p.m.

### COOKIES AND CAROLS

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 6:00 p.m. - RDR**

There are many wonderful things about the Christmas season; Christmas cookies and carols are probably near the top of many people's "favorite things" list. Plan to gather in the dining room on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 6:00 to share some cookies and to sing some carols. You're invited to bring your favorite cookies to share potluck style. Beverages will be provided. Fa-la-la-la-yum!



### PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

**Monday, Dec. 23, 2:30-4:00 p.m. - RDR**

ACV President Craig Carter and his wife, Vicky, are pleased to invite the membership to the President's Christmas Reception in RDR on Monday, Dec. 23, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend this special time of fellowship filled with festive music and holiday treats.

## Christmas BANQUET

**Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**Four seating options: 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:15 p.m.**

**Rumph Dining Room**

**Free for members; \$21 for non-members**

Every year, the Christmas buffet is a free gift from ACV to its members. Tickets are still required as seating is limited. Tickets are available at MS during regular business hours and at the IC overnight and on weekends.

Family and guests are also welcome to attend. Ticket prices for family and guests are \$21 for adults and \$8.00 for children 5-12 years old. For non-member tickets, you must first pay at the Village Cashier's office during regular operating hours (Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) and present the receipt to pick up a non-member ticket. Tickets may also be paid for over the phone by calling the Cashier at 658-5343 during regular operating hours.

In order to facilitate the seating of groups, we ask that you let us know if you are part of a group seating when you pick up your tickets. If you put together a group after picking up your tickets, please call 658-5400 to let us know who is in your group. We need to know of groups of seven or more by Monday, Dec. 23, to make sure we have enough large tables ready.

Each ACV member may pick up for free either one seating ticket or one to-go ticket. Seating tickets and to-go tickets may only be used on Christmas Day at RDR. To-go tickets may be redeemed anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.

## EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

### THE BETHLEHEM STAR

**Wed., Dec. 18, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**  
**VC Room 5**

Who were the wise men from the east? Why were they seeking the Christ child? What did they see that led them to Bethlehem? Join Steve Reas in Room 5 at the VC as he leads the group in looking into the scriptures, the history, and the astronomy of the events that we know as the Christmas story.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday, Jan. 14 and 28**  
**CCC Conference Room**

Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 and 28, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the CCC conference room.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Saturday, Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m. - BC**

Joan Wittman, Chrystal Furst (who gave a very enjoyable solo concert in July), Betty Bird, Raina Swan and Jan MacNeill invite you to a concert of Christmas music — solos and group numbers — Saturday, Dec. 21, in BC at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this free concert of beautiful Christmas music.

### DECEMBER GOSPEL SING CANCELED

The Dec. 28 gospel sing in the CH activity room has been canceled.



### JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**386-658-2670**

**Website: srrlib.org**

**Email: 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:

Starbooks Café	Tuesdays	9:30 a.m.
Hot Topics	2nd & 4th Thurs.	10:00 a.m.
Crochet Creations	Thursdays	3:00 p.m.
Kids Corner	Saturdays	11:00 a.m.

#### JKPL Closed

The JKPL will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

#### Photo Spot

Looking for the perfect spot for your Christmas photos? Stop by the JKPL! Pose in front of our beautifully decorated nine-foot tree or choose a festive Whoville backdrop inspired by *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

#### Hot Topics

Join the motivated movement that we call "Hot Topics" on the second and fourth Thursday of the month (12th and 26th) at 10:00 a.m. This group gathers to discuss current issues facing our nation and an array of possible solutions.

#### Chair Yoga

Take a step towards better mobility and health at JKPL! Every Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. we offer beginning and intermediate chair yoga. On Fridays at 10:00 a.m., take it up a notch with our slightly more advanced chair yoga class. Both will loosen your muscles, improve your posture and balance, and strengthen your joints. Come try these great, low-impact exercises.

#### December Paint Along with Me

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Elizabeth will be teaching a holiday-inspired installment of the beginner painting class. Bring your own 8x10 canvas and make a work of art for the Christmas holidays with the provided paints, brushes, and step-by-step instructions from a pro! Curious? An example of the completed work can be seen at our front desk! The 3:00 p.m. class is full; however, the 5:30 p.m. class has a few spots available.

#### SongFarmers

On Dec. 17, at 6:00 p.m., SongFarmers will be in SMR/DR with the multi-genre blend of tunes that they do so well. Come in and have a relaxing evening with friends, or feel free to showcase your own musical ability with this talented group of musicians!

#### CareerSource

CareerSource of Florida is dedicated to helping Floridians find jobs. Are you or is someone you know looking for work? Come talk to a CareerSource of North Florida representative on Thurs., Dec. 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No appointment is needed. CareerSource can

help with job search, career and training services, and more.

**HeroQuest Game Night**

Join Gamemaster Jake as he leads players through the fantasy role-playing game of HeroQuest. Explore the castle, avoid traps, find treasure, and complete the quest. Enter this fantastical realm on Friday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 p.m.

**Starbooks Café Topic**

Each Tuesday the Starbooks Café meets at 9:30 a.m. to discuss various topics while sipping some coffee. Come join this diverse group and add your voice to the mix!

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

The book club will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2:00 p.m., featuring the works of acclaimed author Lisa Wingate! Known for her compelling historical fiction, contemporary romance, and small-town stories with Christian themes, Wingate offers a wide range of captivating reads. You can choose any book by this bestselling author to discuss. *While Before We Were Yours* is her most famous work. She has also penned numerous standalone novels and beloved series, including the *Carolina Chronicles*, *Tending Roses* books, *Blue Hill Sky*, *Daily Texas* books, *Moses Lake*, and *Texas Hill Country* books.

**Christmas - Did You Know?**

The beloved "Away in a Manger" is an American carol written around 1885. While the composer is unknown, the carol is attributed to early German Lutherans in Pennsylvania. The first two stanzas appeared in a children's Sunday school collection.



**BUS TRIPS**

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC 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 MS 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.

- **Dec. 18 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.
- **Dec. 18 afternoon — Winn-Dixie, Save A Lot & Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Drop off at Winn-Dixie and Save A Lot, and park at Publix. Leave from Publix at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.



**Friday, Dec. 13**

Shrimp Scampi over Linguini with Garlic Toast  
\$17.95

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

Loaded Sausage and Meatball Lasagna with Dinner Rolls \$15.95

- **Friday, Dec. 27 afternoon — Note the day change from Wednesday to Friday — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 3:45 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 1, New Year's Day, 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.

**UPCOMING BUS TRIPS**

- Dec. 14 — Lunch Dine-Out to The Gathering
- Dec. 17 — Christmas Lights at Spirit of the Suwannee
- Dec. 30 — Dine-Out to Conestogas

**BUS TRIP: DINE-OUT TO CONESTOGAS RESTAURANT**

**Monday, Dec. 30**

**3:15 p.m. - DH & 3:30 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$9.00 members, \$15 non-members**

Alachua, Florida, becomes a winter wonderland during the month of December, and Conestogas Restaurant is located in the heart of the fun. The bus will arrive at approximately 5:00 p.m. for supper. Conestogas offers salads, burgers and sandwiches, chicken, fresh seafood, and hand-cut steaks from \$13.99 to \$25.99 (senior citizens menu range: \$13.99-\$17.99). Following dinner, time will be allotted to allow everyone to walk around and enjoy Alachua for a while before heading back home. Sign up at the IC.

**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**THE VILLAGE CHURCH**

**Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister**

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

**SERMON:** "Christmas Blessings"

**TEXT:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 & Luke 2:8-20 ESV

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Sun., Dec. 22, 6:00 p.m.** — Cookies & Carols (RDR) — Bring your favorite Christmas cookies and sing Christmas carols.

**Tues., Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.** — Christmas Eve Service with Communion (VC)

The following VC events are happening this week:

**Friday, Dec. 13**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 14**

8:30 a.m. — Men's Fellowship Breakfast (RDR)

The women will join in.

6:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Christmas Cantata (VC)

**Sunday, Dec. 15**

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

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

3:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Christmas Cantata (VC)

**Monday, Dec. 16**

1:30 p.m. — VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

**Tuesday, Dec. 17**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

5:30 p.m. — Christmas Caroling (GSC/DM)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting

**Friday, Dec. 20**

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

**CASHIER'S OFFICE**

**Lynn Mabey—386-658-5343**

The Village Cashier's office will close at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. It will be closed Tuesday-Friday,



Dec. 24–27. Everyone should plan accordingly: pay bills and place money on meal cards by Monday, Dec. 23.

### THE VILLAGE GROCER

**Jordan Harmon—386-658-3130**

Get your Grill Team smoked meat orders in for Christmas. Place your orders at the Village Grocer by Dec. 19. The pick-up date is Monday, Dec. 23.

15 lb. turkey, \$35

18 lb. turkey, \$45

20 lb. turkey, \$55

Boston butt, \$20

Slab of ribs, \$30

Brunswick stew, \$12

Sausage or pulled pork, \$10

### MEMBER SERVICES

**James Sutter—386-658-5400**

As usual, there is a lot going on at ACV this time of year. Make sure to read the entire FNN each week so that you don't miss any announcements.

Many hands make light work. I had a lot of help the week following Thanksgiving with decorating ACV interiors for Christmas. Unfortunately, I don't even know everyone who helped because my volunteers are so good at recruiting their own volunteers! I'd like to mention a few notables. First, Paul Cook and Jo England, who are my two lieutenants. Paul has been putting up trees and hanging wreaths for years and years. Though he continues to remind me that he won't be able to do this forever, I'm so thankful every year he does. And Jo's eye for decorating is always a great asset (and so is her army of friends).

I'd also like to publicly thank Jim and Carole Rainsberger for decorating, undecorating, and pulling the Christmas ACV float in the Live Oak Christmas parade. When it seemed their schedule wasn't going to allow them to participate, they came up with a solution because they were so excited to help.

Another couple I'd like to thank are Bud and Joyce Royal. Though they were busy and couldn't be as hands-on as they usually like to be with our Veterans Day and Christmas parade floats, they were still a knowledgeable support system, and I couldn't have done it without them. Also, as the base for the rotating Christmas tree by the IC had worn out, Bud replaced it with a new base, and we are once again all lit up. Thank you, Bud and Joyce, for being the leaders and helpers I need each year.

Even if I haven't named you in this column, if you helped put up a tree or hang lights or fluff a wreath or straighten an ornament, I appreciate you. More than that, the many people who will see that tree, those lights, the many wreaths, and the plethora of ornaments appreciate you, too.

### Member Services Tip of the Week

When the outside temperature gets below 32°, your apartment heater may not be able to maintain warm temperatures on its own. There are emergency heat strips that you will need to manually turn on by switching your thermostat to Emergency Heat. It should show on the thermostat as EMHEAT. This will allow the unit to produce more heat than with the regular "Heat" setting. We hope this helps and that everyone will stay warm and cozy. If you have any questions, please call Environmental Services at 658-5155.

### Scam Tip of the Week:

#### Third-Party Mail Providers

Have you received a postcard or form in the mail about T-2 benefit information? A T-2 form is a postcard mailer that many senior citizens receive in the mail. The form looks official. With the postcard or envelope, the letter comes stamped in big, bold letters "Second Notice, Time Sensitive". You open the form and it appears to come from a government agency, stating at the top, "[year] Benefit Information for [state] Citizens Only." Underneath the heading, it states, "As a resident of [state], you are entitled to more benefits not provided by government funds. You now have access to a [year] state-regulated program which will pay 100% of all final expenses up to [dollar amount]."

This particular T-2 form does not come from a government agency and is not a tax form of any kind. It

## At the Village Square

### Riverside Gifts

Horse lovers will appreciate the horse section with horse books, jewelry and socks. Dog and cat lovers will find pet items, books and notepads.

There is a good selection of pocketknives and helpful tools. The round magnetic dishes are very useful for your metal items that will stay until you need them.

We have large-face clocks and a grandfather clock looking for a new home.

Soft, long scarves with beautiful snowflakes and silk Mulberry scarves in a variety of colors would make nice gifts. Pair them with a piece of jewelry or a new watch.

Holiday mug/candy sets have been wrapped with a Christmas bow! Pop the set in a Christmas tote bag, and you're good to go!

Birthday cards for specific ages, ACV and flower notecards, and sentimental cards are always available in our stationary department.

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

**Pay just \$2.00 for a bag to fill with ornaments from the shop tree.**

The holiday table runners, bowl cozies, cloth napkins, and placemats will dress up your table. They are made by our ACV Connecting Threads volunteers.

The Nikko "Happy Holidays" tableware that serves 12 includes glasses, goblets, a platter, and serving dishes. **The American Fostoria set has been slashed to half price.** It's a stunning set with clear glass plates, glasses, bowls, a pitcher, and serving dishes.

Also made by our volunteers are the colorful nylon scrubbies and jar openers.

Clothing repairs and alterations can be dropped off here. Bag your items, and attach your name and phone number.

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

There is a large selection of low-priced men's sport coats and suits for holiday events. Choose a shirt and a festive tie to complete your outfit.

**Children's clothing is priced low at \$1.00.** There are outfits for girls and boys for the holiday season and play time.

Women's short and full-length coats and blazers are still available at nice prices. You'll find slacks, and jeans in all sizes for \$2.00. Christmas blouses and sweaters would complement your seasonal outfit.

The Book Nook offers Christian books, devotionals, study guides, children's books, puzzles, games and CDs.

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**

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

First Saturday of month, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We need you! We have so much Christmas stuff! We have trees, stockings, wreaths, door decorations, lights, garlands, tablecloths and runners, giftables, and oodles of decorations. We would like to help you out, and we'd love for you to help us out!

actually comes from insurance agents or marketing companies hoping to gather your personal information. The program advertised doesn't exist. The T-2 form is just an underhanded way to get your approval so they can sell your information; it isn't technically illegal.

A third-party mail provider is a company that sends consumer mailers for marketing companies or mail houses. In the case of the T-2 forms, the third-party mailer is Direct Mail Processing, LLC. This company, based in Georgia, is not the same as the companies mailing out the request forms. They only process the mail and send it out; they are not affiliated with the companies sending the mailers. Direct Mail Processing, LLC has an option on its website to opt out of future mailings and to submit a complaint about the mailers you receive. If you have received one of these mailers, you are encouraged to submit a complaint and opt out. Then, shred the mailer.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are interested in volunteering at ACV in the following opportunities or in any others, please come to MS to fill out an application.

1. **Lunch deliverer for shut-ins.** Meals are prepared by the dining room and picked up prior to 11:00 to be delivered to each shut-ins' door.
2. **Outdoor beautification volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV's grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
3. **Village archives attendant.** More attendants are needed to help at the Brooks Archive.
4. **CH front desk attendants.**

## **ACV ACTIVITY NEWS**

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

**Dottie Stone, Reporter**

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call me at (352) 316-5161 or Betsey Ruehl at 658-1766 by noon on Monday.

Congratulations to our Dec. 4 winners: 1st high, Cindy Hett, and 2nd high, Lois Williams.

### **BROOKS ARCHIVE**

**Millie Griswold, Reporter**

#### **Three Wise Men Came from the East Visit Their Camels in the Phillips Center**

The three camels in the Phillips Center hallway were created and built by RW residents Bud and Joyce Royal 19 years ago. They are a reminder of the three wise men who came on camelback to Bethlehem to visit Jesus.

At the time the camels were built, they were teasingly named after residents: Miss Izzy (Jewel Barrington), Bear (Bud Royal), and Miss Daisy (Marge Derbonne).

The camels are used in parades, dramas, and to entertain people walking by them at Christmastime in the Phillips Center. Stop by and enjoy the excellent craftsmanship and artistry.

### **CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY**

**Esther Bruckel, Reporter**

The Sewing Center in KC will be OPEN Monday, Dec. 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come see what we are making and share your ideas or bring your own project to work and enjoy the fellowship. The room has been rearranged so there are more places to sit. Drop in when convenient, and stay as long as you want.

### **GARDEN CLUB**

**Fran Evans, Reporter**

It's Christmastime again, and our lunch will be Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Lodge. Turkey will be provided; bring your favorite Christmas side dish or dessert to share. Plates, napkins and cups will be provided.

Last year was so much fun, and we had a great turnout. We enjoyed fun games. Don't forget to bring a present no more than \$10 for the present swap. Spouses are invited, too.

Please RSVP to [franee1121@gmail.com](mailto:franee1121@gmail.com) so we can provide enough meat for everyone.. I can't wait to see all of you soon. Thank you for a great year!

### **POLK CERAMICS**

**Susann Riedel, Reporter**

The Polk Ceramics Shop will be closed Dec. 16–Jan. 6. The elves will be taking a long winter's nap. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

**Monday–Friday**

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

**Brenda Reas, Reporter**

One of our volunteers has recently donated two books to our children's section, one of which is *God Made the Mountains* put out by Scripture Memory Fellowship International. Not only does it tell about God creating the earth, but it also provides Bible verses for children to memorize. If grandchildren are visiting, we may have a book they would like to read

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 OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

### **PEN PAL PROGRAM**

**A Committee of the Membership Association**

**Monica Serlick, Reporter**

We were very grateful that the FSyr was able and willing to send their bus to pick us all up for the Christmas banquet this past Monday. The weather was comfortable, and the food was great as always. The youth put on a great Christmas show with singing and dancing. It included a couple of their staff members as well. A good time was had by all, and fellowship was in abundance.

The next letter pick-up and delivery date is Monday, Dec. 16; make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon. The youth will be going on home visits later that week and will be gone until the new year. Envelopes are available at the IC so pick up three or four and have them handy when you write.

Should you want to become a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact in a child's future.

"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be" (Rita Pierson).

### **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

**Robin Copeland, Reporter**

Another training class for Stephen Ministers will begin on Monday, Feb. 3. If you are interested in taking this Stephen Minister Training class, you may stop by MS to pick up an application. The deadline for submitting your application is Jan. 15.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **BUTTERFIELD ACRES**

**Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter**

"Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'" (John 6:35 NLT).

If you are reading this on Friday the 13th, and you are subconsciously thinking about bad luck, you are probably superstitious and think a black cat is bad luck, or walking under a ladder will bring you trouble. The truth is that these ole wives tales are just that — just a bunch of hoey. As Christians, we shouldn't worry

about "luck" because we have Jesus to put our trust in. So who needs luck — good or bad?

I try to be as optimistic as I can, but when it comes to life, and dealing with a hospitals, doctors and their staff will surely beat the strongest person down. I have never had such a bad, unprofessional experience than I have been subject to in the past two weeks. I have reported it to administration at the hospital and hope it does some good.

Our birthdays for the remaining month of December are Dot Shuman on the 10th, Natalie Smith on the 16th, Anthony DiBenedetto on the 27th, and Traci Nissley on the 30th. To all of you, happy birthday, and we pray for many more to come with good health and happiness.

I have told you folks before that I was stepping down as president of BA but will continue to be your reporter for the FNN. I feel I have failed you in not keeping up my responsibilities, however under the new circumstances, I am sure you can understand my position. When I gave my notice to you, it was before I had the heart attack. Yes it was a heart attack that sent me to the hospital. Much has happened since then, and I have had to make some life-changing decisions, which I am not pleased with. At this time of year, I should be organizing a Christmas social with you folks, which is not happening because of circumstances beyond my control. I apologize for this and hope you will understand and continue to lift up Barbara and me in your prayers.

James Sutter writes that an amazing thing has happened: Mary Jane has survived and actually enjoyed being his wife for 25 years as of the 11th. What a long-suffering woman she is.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the oh-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail in beautiful BA: Be kind, smile at all you meet, and never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28–31.

God bless.

### **CARTER HOUSE**

#### **Monica Serlick, Reporter**

We have four birthdays to celebrate for the coming week. Celebrating are Kenny Wood (Wilson Gardens) on the 15th, Sally Anderson on the 15th, and Bruce Haigh and Norma Cecchi both on the 20th. I hope everyone's day is festive, and God showers you with love and prosperity. Enjoy your special day to the fullest, and make each and every day of the year count. "With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come" (William Shakespeare). "You are never too old to set another goal, or to dream a new dream" (C.S. Lewis).

During this holiday season please pray for those who are facing hardships. Please keep those who are struggling with personal issues and those feeling under the weather in your prayers.

If you have any news you would like to share with others, please call and give me details.

The holiday season is in full swing as the Village is lit up in all its magical splendor. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for waking up the Christmas spirit in the people who live on our campus. As we head into the Christmas season it is important to always remember the reason for the season: our savior, Jesus Christ! Let us all support and enjoy the many special activities going on this month.

There are many people who don't feel the same about celebrating this time of year as it may bring up memories they don't wish to revisit. Let us all try to be mindful and considerate of other people's feelings and struggles during this time. If you are one of these people, or if you know someone who is, please encourage them to seek out someone they can speak to that will help them. It could be a friend, a neighbor, a counselor, a pastor, or their service coordinator. Sharing the load lightens the load.

December, for me, can be a roller coaster of emotions. I thankfully am blessed to get a year older,

my youngest granddaughter was born this month, and between these two dates is the anniversary of the death of a loved one. Above all of this is the celebration of our Lord and Savior who reminds me that through everything, I am the beloved child of my God — and that makes the difference for me. Remember that you are not alone and that you are loved.

From my family to yours, residents and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the warm and wonderful blessings of Christmas; that its miracle will fill your heart with wonder and joy. Let us all cherish our families and friends during the holidays and all through the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Don't forget to wave and smile at all the people spending time here at ACV while visiting family members. 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 IC 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!

### **DOWLING HOUSE**

#### **Patricia-Adele Lyons, Reporter**

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Well, last Monday, the 9th, many of us got to participate in a Christmas banquet at the Florida Sheriff's Boy's Ranch because we are part of the pen pal program, and it was wonderful. Getting there became an adventure — long story short, the ranch sent their bus to transport us to and from the ranch. I thought it comical what folks might think about seeing a bunch of old people being transported on a sheriff's bus at that time of the evening. Are they criminals? What did they do? Are they being taken to jail? LOL!

Kidding aside, the youth were great, the food was awesome, and the kids sang, talked about God and Jesus, and they even did a line dancing routine for all of us. These youth "need" the interaction with the elders of God's church, and I was honored to be asked to be a pen pal to a bright, smart, and beautiful young lady.

Older members of God's community are commanded to pass the baton of their faith to the next generation, who will then pass it to their children as well so they should hope in God and remember His works.

God blesses us so that we may bless others. Have a blessed weekend.

### **EDGEWOOD TERRACE**

#### **Cathy Oberg, Reporter**

Good morning, neighbors. Haven't the mornings been glorious? Beautiful skies and cool temperatures warming to wonderful weather perfect for decorating outdoors.

Although Ron and I couldn't attend the annual tree lighting ceremonies, we were delighted to drive into the Village later that evening to find a winter wonderland of lights. The little girl in me wanted to keep driving around to look at the lights.

If you weren't at the ET Christmas party last Saturday, you missed one of the good ones! The food was delicious with a wonderful variety of entrées, salads, and, of course, desserts. After a brief business meeting and introduction of new members, Joel and Charlotte Evans led us in a singalong of Christmas hymns and carols. Lastly came the gift grab bag. This time of fellowship really was a blessing to all of us. Our next shindig will be in March. If you have ideas for a theme let me know. Right now a pizza and games party has been suggested.

Happy belated birthday to Fredna Carter on the 2nd, Phyllis Hollister on the 3rd, and James Varnell on the 5th. Wishing you all the best in 2025. Happy

**Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 FNNs will have a submission deadline of Monday at noon (normally Tuesday at noon), and the FNNs will not be ready for delivery until Friday morning. Also, please note that these FNNs will only contain the events and bus trips sections, For Your Information, and Miscellaneous.**

birthday to David Holley on the 13th, and Charlotte Evans on the 14th. May you have health and happiness in the year to come! Happy anniversary to James and Linda Varnell on the 17th. Blessings to you both in this life journey together.

May we all use this Advent season to reflect on our blessings from God, and His love for us as we celebrate the birth of His Son!

### **GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR Bruce Arnold, Reporter**

In Malachi 3 we read of how God will purify the Levites as a fuller (or launderer) cleans, and how a refiner will purify silver. We lit the candle of peace on Sunday, Dec. 8, and we may wonder how peace fits in the picture of the purifying. The fuller, or launderer, uses harsh and even putrid materials to prepare the wool from the shorn sheep. The fuller's shop was usually outside the city due to the very unclean smells and methods used. But the wool was purified to be a brilliant white and useable for many applications.

The silver refiner used a hot fire to melt and purify the silver so the dross would rise to the top to be skimmed off, resulting in a mirror-like surface on the silver. When the refiner could clearly see his reflection in the silver, then he knew it was pure.

If we desire to have peace with God, we also need to be purified, which might mean some painful processes to be taken in order to take out anything displeasing to God. But it's worth it. Jesus came to die for us — he took our sins and all our sorrows and made them his very own. We can receive peace today, as we allow God's refining processes in our lives on a daily basis. It might hurt to confess, but drawing near to God is the greatest reward, and it is then when we can find real peace.

Daisy the pig and Dixie Cup the pug came with Farmer Paul Minor to visit the residents at GSC on Tuesday morning. Many of the residents and staff had photos taken with Daisy, and a few privileged people — Kathleen, Robin, Forrest and I — kissed Daisy! Daisy is the most famous pig in the world, and we were honored to have her and Farmer Minor visit with us to tell about "Pig Out on Reading" and all the adventures Daisy, Dixie Cup and Farmer Minor and his wife have had.

The American Legion also showed up on Tuesday with gift bags and goodies for our residents.

This month will have plenty of activities with family and other special guests coming. I've even heard that Santa Claus will be here on Christmas Eve to give out presents to all the good residents. (I think every one of them has been good.)

### **RIVERWOODS Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

It is that time of year when you can see your breath while walking in the neighborhood, especially early in the morning or late at night. The weather the past few weeks has been all over the place. To really help you enjoy winter weather, you need to understand what wind chill is, and know when it can be dangerous. Basically, it's how cold the air feels when wind is factored in. This is the winter counterpart to the "heat index" when it comes to "feels-like" temperatures. The wind matters because of the way our bodies react to very cold temperatures.

When the air is cold, our bodies naturally warm a thin layer of air just above our skin. This helps to

keep us from rapidly losing body heat. Wind carries that layer of self-made insulation away from our bodies. Stronger wind carries that warmth away even faster, replacing that warm layer with cold air. Our bodies lose heat trying to warm the new cold air, the wind blows it away, and the cycle continues.

The final weeks of the calendar year will include the last full moon phase of 2024 reaching peak illumination on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3:02 a.m. CST. This month's full moon is traditionally called the "Cold Moon", according to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. The cold season led Native Americans and early settlers to describe this moon as signaling the changing season and colder weather patterns. The report adds that "each full moon name was traditionally known as a time to prepare for winter's stronghold, and was traditionally applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred, not solely to the full moon."

Check out information on meteor showers at <https://www.amsmeteors.org/meteor-showers/meteor-shower-calendar/> as there are several coming up. Geminids are currently active until Saturday Dec. 21. Next Peak night Dec 12–13. The Geminids will peak on Friday, Dec. 13. On this night, the moon will be 92% full. Ursids will be active from Dec. 16 to Dec. 26 and peak: Dec 21–22 (Moon 59% full.) Quadrantids will be active from Dec. 26 to Jan. 16 and peak Jan. 2-3 (Moon 11% full.)

Thanks to those who arranged and drove to and from the Live Oak Christmas parade. Merry week before Christmas!

## **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:**

Notary Public services are available to members for free in MS.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **FROM BAGS TO BEDS Linda Warner, Reporter**

Last week when I stepped out the door to go to plarn, it was so cold I wanted to turn around and go back inside. I wondered how many other people would have the same thoughts. Attendance was low, but we still got a lot done.

We had two drop-offs of folded bags. The one volunteer who drops off folded bags weekly brought in two boxes filled with folded bags; there must have been over 1,000 folded bags. He did not take off for Thanksgiving. He always tells me he has to keep busy so he stays out of trouble. It is great he loves to keep busy as so many of us do here at ACV. With so much to do here, it's hard not to have something to do, if for nothing else the fellowship and connecting with others.

We meet at Cleo's Meeting House on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. I know this is a busy time of year, but I hope to see you there. Any questions or concerns, call me at (904) 484-8796. As always, thank you to all for making the plarn ministry a success.

### **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 VS professional offices: Dec. 20, and Jan. 3 and 17, and Feb. 7 and 21. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

**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**



**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.

**HAIR CROPPERS**

Call or text (386) 205-3791 to book a hair or nails appointment.

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

**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 MS at 658-5400.

**ACV QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Do you have a question about the Village you think others would also like to ask? Submit your question to MS, and we will do our best to find out the answer for you and publish it here.

Q: Is the Christmas Day buffet limited to ACV members and residents?

A: No. We welcome anyone who would like to come and enjoy our delicious Christmas Day buffet. ACV members, as part of their membership, receive a free ticket per person. Everyone else needs to buy tickets from the Village Cashier's office by stopping by (the office is open Monday–Friday, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.) or by calling (386) 658-5343. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$8.00 for children 5–12 years old.

**THANK YOU**

I wish to thank Dale Whitmore, Charles Moore, Rob Crankshaw, Joe First, Gary and Diana Spitz, and any others who worked to clear the red, blue and yellow trails within the nature trail area so that I and others can walk the trails safely. It's just amazing to see the number of trees and branches that fell and were moved off the trails. It's wonderful to be able to hear the birds and see the deer and other wildlife once again in a quiet setting. The Village has been blessed by your efforts.

Judy Hatch

Heartfelt thanks to Jesus, who made this beautiful season eternally precious! And to pastors who prayed over us; choirs who performed, sang music, and rang bells; those who installed lights and controlled lighting systems; and those who created and served fun foods and drinks! To Santa for memorable photo ops, and to all ACV members, families and friends who sang and smiled in their cheeriest Christmas togs! Thanks for the memories I will always cherish!

Christine Pakosta Bottelman

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Ads may be dropped into the box near the IC, or emailed to fnn@acvillage.net. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

**FOR SALE:** Rollaway bed with sheet set. Excellent condition. \$50. Contact Diane at 850-838-6796.\*\*

**FOR SALE OR LEASE:** RW house, 1378 sq. ft., two large bedrooms, 1½ bath, living room, dining area, galley kitchen, 3-season porch, single-car garage. New kitchen sink and faucet, paint, flooring, lots of storage, ceiling fans, AC/heat pump, irrigation system, and 2-year-old roof. All appliances remain. \$235,000. Purchasing inquiries: Gary Hildreth, 352-250-6871. Leasing inquiries: Monica Crawford, 386-658-3333.\*

**FREE:** Small cardboard shipping boxes in various sizes, perfect for Christmas packages. Pick up only. Call Beth at 850-899-6135.\*

**FOR SALE:** Why not own your own Nu Step 76 exercise machine, same model as in CCC? Costs over \$7000, will sell for \$2800. Perfect condition. Call Lew at 334-200-6331.\*

**FOR SALE:** All kinds of furniture: living room, dining room, bedroom, computer and TV rooms. Tell me what you want, and I probably have it for sale. Contact Lew at 334-200-6331, leave a message, and I will call you back.\*

**HOLIDAY YARD SALE:** Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 23195 104th Street, Live Oak. Household items, tools, furniture, toys, knick-knacks, wrapping, etc. Find a special gift for someone you care about. God bless and hope to see you there.\*

**FOR SALE:** Ten volume *Bible Story* set for children by Arthur Maxwell. The most complete and accurate Bible stories for children: 400 stories and 1200 beautiful illustrations. Special price for Christmas. For more information contact Inez at 770-861-9227.\*

**FREE:** Very old chest of drawers and entertainment center. Contact Elaine at 423-802-0279.\*

**GARAGE SALE:** 10206 Wildwood Circle. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.\*

**IT'S THE (ALMOST)  
WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!**  
**Submitted by Robin Copeland**

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, emotions are definitely on a rollercoaster! We are celebrating, shopping, excited and happy, and yet we can also feel very lonely, isolated, depressed and even angry! Here are some ideas to help.

**5 Holiday Tips for Handling our Emotions**

1. Change your mindset. There's nothing wrong with reminiscing, but drawing unfair comparisons between this year and past holiday seasons will only set you up for disappointment.
2. Watch a silly holiday movie. Laughter is therapeutic. Find a funny, imperfect and touching holiday movie and make it a part of your celebration each year.
3. Be thankful. Even slight feelings of appreciation can help improve our attitude and help us see what is really important.
4. Communicate with your loved ones. Helping the entire family understand that each person's desires are important, but that you have a lot on your plate can help keep their expectations more realistic. It may even inspire them to lend a hand.
5. Simplify your plans and enjoy what truly matters. Forgive yourself for the scant decorations, the online shopping, and the skipped Christmas cards. Remind yourself that your health and sanity are a gift to your loved ones. By skimping on some of the frills, they will have more quality time with you. This is really the most important thing after all!

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10:00 a.m. - OPR**

Come enjoy a holiday movie on the projector screen in the OPR. Be there by 10:00 a.m., we'll vote on which movie to show from a small number of options, and then watch it on the "big" screen together. Bring your own snack and drink.



Prices Effective 12/13–12/24



# THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!\* 658-3130  
Holiday Hours: Tuesday, Dec. 24, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon; Closed Wednesday, Dec. 25

## GROCERY

IGA Vegetables, all varieties	15 oz.	\$ .99
Sugary Sam Sweet Potatoes	15 oz.	\$ 1.99
Domino Powdered Sugar	16 oz.	\$ 1.99
Swanson's Broth	14.5 oz.	\$ 1.49
IGA Cranberry Sauce	14 oz.	\$ 1.89
IGA Fruit Cocktail	15.25 oz.	\$ 2.29
Chinet Platters	24 ct.	\$ 9.99
IGA Printed Paper Towels	1 roll	\$ 1.19

## DAIRY

Dutch Farm Butter	16 oz.	\$ 4.99
Dutch Farm Cream Cheese	8 oz.	\$ 2.39
IGA Large Eggs	1 doz.	\$ 4.99
Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls	12.4 oz.	\$ 4.99

## PRODUCE

Fresh Celery	each	\$ 1.79
Sweet Potatoes	per lb.	\$ .99

## FROZEN

IGA Whipped Topping	8 oz.	\$ 1.49
Smith Apple Pie	37 oz.	\$ 6.99
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Pet Ritz Pie Shells	10 oz.	\$ 4.59

## MEAT

Chicken Wings	per lb.	\$ 3.99
Lean Boneless Pork Roast	per lb.	\$ 3.59
Sugardale Spiral Ham	per lb.	\$ 3.69
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Armour Meatballs	14 oz.	\$ 3.59
Honeysuckle Turkey Breast	per lb.	\$ 2.69

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Colby Cheese — \$6.39 per lb.

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**Dec. 13–20, 2024**

**FRIDAY, 12/13**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Shrimp Roasted Corn Chowder
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Broccoli Cheese Cordon Blue, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Red Beets, Baked Beans, Cheesy Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**SATURDAY, 12/14**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Split Pea and Ham
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Lasagna, Succotash (Lima Beans and Corn), Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

**SUNDAY, 12/15**

**Lunch Buffet**

**Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included**

- Entrées:** Broccoli, Mushroom and Tomato Quiche; Pork Roast; Fried Chicken
- Sides:** California Normandy Blend Vegetables, Side Salad, Fried Cinnamon Pears, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Rolls
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**MONDAY, 12/16**

- \$2.53 Soup:** Tomato Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Liver and Onions, Grilled Ham and Cheese
- \$1.21 Sides:** Cauliflower, Corn, Cheesy Cauliflower, Side Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf, Onion Rings
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**TUESDAY, 12/17**

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Bunless Cheeseburger, Cheeseburger, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.21 Sides:** Okra and Tomatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice, au Gratin Potatoes
- \$2.76 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: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

Dec. 13–20, 2024

## WEDNESDAY, 12/18

**\$2.53 Soup:** Turkey Lasagna

**\$6.44 Entrées:** Boneless Pork Chop, Fried Chicken

**\$1.21 Sides:** Cabbage, Green Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 12/19

**\$6.44 Entrées:** Vegetable Lo Mein with Shrimp, Fried Rice with Spam and Eggs

**\$1.21 Sides:** Garlic Spinach with Tomatoes, Yellow Squash, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice

**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 12/20

**\$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque

**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fried Catfish

**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Cheesy Grits

**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

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

For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



### RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Chili Con Carne all week

Friday, Dec. 13

Shrimp Scampi over Linguini with Garlic Toast \$17.95

Saturday, Dec. 14

Loaded Sausage and Meatball Lasagna with Dinner Rolls  
\$15.95



**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



## Be “Scam Smart” Report, Detect, Protect

### Report Healthcare Scams

Medicare: 1-800-633-4227 or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)  
Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 or [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
Florida Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at your local AAA: 1-800-963-5337  
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

### Report Money Transfer Scams

MoneyGram: 1-800-666-3947  
Western Union: 1-800-448-1492  
Green Dot: [www.moneypack.com](http://www.moneypack.com)  
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

### Report Mail / Email / Online Scams

FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center: [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)  
OnGuardOnline: [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov)  
U.S. Postal Inspector: 1-877-876-2455 or [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)  
Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

### Report / Detect Check Fraud Scams

Postal Money Order Verification System: 1-866-459-7822  
Florida Attorney General: 1-800-966-7226 or [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)  
National Consumers League Fraud Center: [www.fakechecks.org](http://www.fakechecks.org)

### Report Fundraiser / Charitable Scams

Florida Attorney General: 1-800-966-7226 or [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com)  
Better Business Bureau: 1-703-276-0100 or [www.bbb.org/us/charity](http://www.bbb.org/us/charity)  
National Association of State Charities: [www.nasconet.org](http://www.nasconet.org)

### Protect Yourself Against Scams

Get Your Free Credit Report Annually: 1-877-322-8228 or [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)  
Sign-up on the “Do Not Call” List: 1-888-382-1222 or [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
Seniors vs Crime Project: 1-800-203-3099 or [www.seniorsvscrime.com](http://www.seniorsvscrime.com)

### Report Telemarketing and Healthcare Scams

- Medicare: 1-800-633-4227 or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program: 1-800-963-5337 or [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org)
- Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 or [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)
- Do Not Call List: 1-888-382-1222 or [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)
- Seniors vs Crime Project: 1-800-203-3099 or [www.seniorsvscrime.com](http://www.seniorsvscrime.com)

# Annual Parade On Wheels

~~Antique Cars, Golf Carts, Scooters & Bicycles~~

Friday, December 20, 2024

Parade begins at 2:30

All entries need to be at  
Lake Aquilla parking lot at 2:00.



Refreshments will be served at  
Copeland Community Center immediately  
following the parade.

Judging will take place.