



Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

24/7/365 Assistance/Operator 658-3333	Housekeeping 658-5374
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Finance Department 658-5450	Security/Emergency 658-3333
Home Care 658-5460	Shuttle Bus 208-2584

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Friday	11/22	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Annual ACV Corporation Meeting—BC Sit 'N Stitch—CH
Saturday	11/23	1:00 p.m.	Gospel Sing—CH Activity Room
Sunday	11/24	9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Morning Worship Service—VC</i> <i>Sunday School for All Ages</i> Thanksgiving Potluck & Service—RDR
Monday	11/25	1:30 p.m. 2:00–4:00 p.m.	<i>VCBI: Discipleship Lessons from John's Letters—VC Room 5</i> Ceramics—PCS
Tuesday	11/26	8:30 a.m. 8:45 & 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	<i>Men's Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Bus Trip: Lake City Shopping—DH & LAP Model Train Club—CB Service of Giving Thanks—VC
Wednesday	11/27	9:00–11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:15 & 1:30 p.m.	Ceramics—PCS Bridge Club—OPR Bus Trip: Walmart—CH & DH
Thursday	11/28	Happy Thanksgiving All ACV offices, CCC, CMC, Village Cashier, both libraries, VS retail shops, Twice Nice Furniture & More, Village Grocer, post office, and First Federal are closed, and there is no shuttle bus service today. Thanksgiving Day Buffet — 11:00 & 11:45 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m.	
Friday	11/29	JKPL is closed today. Village Grocer will be open 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i> Sit 'N Stitch—CH

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

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

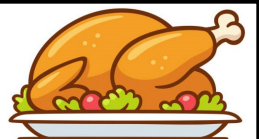
IN LOVING MEMORY

Amanda Davis, who was a resident of RW and DM, died Nov. 7. Her memorial service will be Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 11:00 a.m. in BC.

NEW MEMBER

Jim Whiteside of Lake City has moved to CH. His mailing address is P.O. Box 4084.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, while next week's FNNs will be ready for delivery on Thursday as usual, your FNN may not be delivered until Friday. Please be patient if your FNN deliverer chooses to take the holiday off.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Messages from the
President's Office
-Craig Carter*

SERVICE OF GIVING THANKS Tuesday, Nov. 26, 3:00 p.m. - VC

These past months have been filled with trials as we have faced hurricanes and other difficulties. We have all been impacted, but through it all we have also experienced great blessings.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate for us as a Village to reflect on the way God has blessed us over this past year. Therefore, on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 3:00 p.m., ACV will hold a special service of giving thanks as members, staff, family, and friends who make up this "Big Family" come together for a time of expressing gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the blessings He has continued to bestow upon us.

Please join us for this brief service of thanks where we will hear a testimony from an ACV employee and ACV member. The service will be held in the Village Church, and it is open to all. Hope to see you there.

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING Friday, Nov. 22, 1:00 p.m. - BC

Village members and staff are invited to attend the Advent Christian Village annual corporation meeting of delegates from Advent Christian Conferences. The meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 22, at 1:00 p.m. in Bixler Memorial Chapel. Delegates will hear reports and elect members to the open board positions. Even if you are not an appointed delegate with voting privileges, you are invited to attend this business meeting.

Darleen's Corner

WIN/WIN SITUATION: GIVE FROM YOUR IRA

As you plan your end-of-year giving to organizations that make a difference in people's lives, please consider Advent Christian Village. For a win/win situation, consider giving from your IRA.

If you are over the age of 70½, you can make charitable gifts directly from your IRA. You can donate up to \$105,000 (or \$210,000 for couples) per year from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization like ACV.

What are the benefits to you? The distribution counts towards your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution), and it does not count as income on your tax return — so it lowers your taxable income. This is especially useful for those who make regular donations but are not able to itemize deductions on their tax return.

Simply contact your account administrator and tell them you would like to send a donation from your IRA to Advent Christian Village, Inc. at P.O. Box 4305, Dowling Park, FL 32064. The check must be made out to Advent Christian Village so that you are not taxed for the distribution.

For further information, please call Jim Davis, ACV's Director of Legacy Giving, or Darleen Hinrichs, Senior Director of Donor Engagement, at 658-5110.

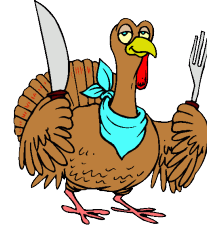
TREE OF LIFE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Community Hospice will host a Tree of Life and Candlelight Service of Remembrance on Dec. 5 at 11:00 a.m. in SMR/DR. This service of remembrance honors the memory of the loved ones we have lost this year in a beautiful, inspiring program of music, verse and reflection. A special tree will be decorated in ivory ribbons personalized with the names of our loved ones. All are

invited to attend this special event to remember the members of this community, including GSC and DM, who are no longer with us.

Keri Hilliard, VP for Health Services

ACV EVENTS



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & SERVICE Sunday, Nov. 24, 6:00 p.m. - RDR

You are invited to a combined VC and Dowling Park First Baptist Thanksgiving potluck supper and service on Sunday evening, Nov. 24, at 6:00 p.m. in RDR.

BUS TRIP: LAKE CITY SHOPPING Tuesday, Nov. 26

8:45 a.m. - DH & 9:00 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$7.00 members, \$12 non-members

Tuesday, Nov. 26, the trip bus will be going to the Lake City mall area. Some of the stores at the mall are Belk, JCPenny, T.J. Maxx, Cato Fashions and Bath & Body Works. Nearby are stores such as Big Lots, Ross Dress for Less, and Hobby Lobby. Dutch treat lunch will be at an area restaurant. The bus will leave DH at 8:45 and LAP at 9:00 a.m. The trip bus cost is \$7.00 for members and \$12 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.



THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET Thursday, Nov. 28 - RDR

11:00 & 11:45 a.m., 12:30 & 1:15 p.m.

\$18 members, \$21 non-members

We are pleased to offer our 2024 Thanksgiving Day buffet to all ACV members, staff, and the community. There will be four seating times: 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the Village Cashier's office near the IC. The member and ACV staff price is \$18, the non-member adult price is \$21, and children 5–12 years old are \$8.00. Please notify us at the time of ticket purchase who you plan to sit with so that we may better accommodate sitting the whole group together.

The spacious RDR will be fully open to accommodate groups both large and small. If you are not with a larger group and have made your reservations, we will seat you immediately, as long as your reservation time is correct and seating is available. If you are a part of a larger group, we ask that your group gather in the Lopin' Gopher while your seating arrangements are completed, at which time your group will be called.

If you'd like to pick up a meal to go, buy a to-go ticket instead of one of the four seating times, and you can go through the to-go buffet line anytime between 11:00 and 1:30.

Groups of nine or more need to notify us of their size before Tuesday, Nov. 26, or we cannot guarantee that you will be able to sit together as a group.

BUS TRIP: VALDOSTA SHOPPING Monday, Dec. 2

8:45 a.m. - DH & 9:00 a.m. - LAP

Bus: \$8.00 members, \$14 non-members

The trip bus will be going to Valdosta to visit the mall and surrounding shopping centers on Monday, Dec. 2. The bus will leave from DH at 8:45 a.m. and from LAP at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be Dutch treat at a Valdosta restaurant. Bus fee: \$8.00 for ACV members and \$14 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

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

Monday, Dec. 2, 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 the nonprofit agency, Lighthouse of the Big Bend, for this monthly support group and meeting.



keyboards, present Christmas classics and more with a contemporary flair. This event is included in your ACV season pass, or you may purchase individual tickets by calling (386) 365-8488 or visiting communityconcerts.info. Individual ticket prices are \$29 for adults. The ACV bus fee is \$5.00 for ACV members and \$9.00 for non-members. Sign up at the IC.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10:00 a.m.

CCC Conference Room

Come and join us for a ladies Bible study on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We will meet in the CCC conference room.

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m. - BC

You are invited to the monthly Episcopal Eucharist Service at ACV held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next service is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 11:30 a.m. in BC. Rev. Ken Johnstone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Live Oak will officiate. All are welcome.

VETERANS GATHERING

Friday, Dec. 6, 12:00 noon - RDR

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Dec. 6, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military memento. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!

WHFMS ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. - SMR/DR

The WHFMS groups are having their annual meeting on Dec. 7, and everyone is invited. This year we are excited to have as our speakers Bryce and Barbara Whiting. Bryce will be sharing about his recent mission trip to Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Barbara will give us a review of this year's theme, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself, Won't You Be My Neighbor" and introduce us to the 2025 theme, "Count Your Blessings".

As a special part of the meeting, we will be honoring all retired and active missionaries within the Village. The meeting will be held in SMR/DR and will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the program. We will have a salad lunch together and then have a short business meeting. Guests are welcome to stay for the business meeting or are free to leave after the luncheon. We are asking everyone who can to bring a salad. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

We also ask everyone who can to bring either thin towels or blankets (twin or full size) to be sent to the Agape House Ministry in the Philippines led by Rowena Cabrizos.

Finally, if you would like to donate a bag of individually wrapped chocolate to be used in gift bags for residents at GSC that would be appreciated.

SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Thursday, Dec. 5, 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 VS 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.



STATE OF FLORIDA:

FLORIDA LICENSING ON WHEELS

Thursday, Dec. 5, 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. For more information you can go to their website, gathergoget.com. 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 your convenience, the Department accepts the following payment methods: cash, check, and credit cards. When applying for a license, stop by the Member Service office to receive a letter confirming your physical address prior to going to the FLOW mobile.

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

Thursday, Dec. 5

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 Thursday, Dec. 5. 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. There is one more Christmas lights trip scheduled this season if this date doesn't work for you.



BUS TRIP: COMMUNITY CONCERTS OF LAKE CITY: TIM ZIMMERMAN AND THE KING'S BRASS

Friday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Florida Gateway College

Alfonso Levy Performing Arts Center

149 SE College Place, Lake City

5:45 p.m. - DH & 6:00 p.m. - LAP

Bus: \$5.00 members, \$9.00 non-members

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass, featuring three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and



LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

Chili with Cheese & Onions all week

Friday, Nov. 22

Veal and Peppers Marinara over Spaghetti with Garlic Toast \$18.95

Saturday, Nov. 23

Beer Battered Cod, Cole Slaw, Chips \$17.95



JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

386-658-2670

Website: srllib.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

JKPL Closed

The JKPL will be closed Thursday–Friday, Nov. 28–29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

New Displays

The gallery wall features vibrant paintings by the late Joe Catarious. His unique use of texture and color adds a joyful motion to his paintings.

The glass display case is stocked full of magnets from various travels of our own branch manager, Susie Johnson and her family. From Walt Disney World to the Caribbean, enjoy these fun souvenirs.

This month's book displays range from cookbooks with ideas for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, to Florida stories, and the new manga collection. Of course, the new materials are always easy to locate on the center table.

Stop in and see all that the JKPL has to offer you. We look forward to your visit!

SHINE Medicare Counseling

Open Enrollment ends Dec. 7! If you have signed up for an appointment on Dec. 2 and need to cancel, please let us know ASAP. Currently, all appointments are booked.

Chair Yoga

Get moving at JKPL! Every Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. we offer beginning chair yoga, and on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. we offer the slightly more advanced chair yoga classes. Both will loosen your muscles, improve your posture and balance, and strengthen your joints. Come try these great, low-impact exercises to improve your mobility and health.

Girls (and Guys) Who Code

We invite girls and boys, third–sixth grades, to join Elizabeth on Monday, Nov. 25, at 4:30 p.m.! Computer science is a constantly growing field, and by using games and projects she will lead the group to greater understanding of this subject. To find out more information on this group, go to girlswhocode.com.

December Paint Along with Me

If you missed this month's paint along with me class, you have another opportunity to try this fun program in December. Call and register for the 3:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. class on Tuesday, Dec. 17. You're sure to have a great time!

Starbooks Café Topic

If you enjoy having a lively conversation over a steaming cup of coffee, then join an eclectic group of locals at the Starbooks Café. Each Tuesday they meet at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a variety of topics while sipping some brewed java. Come in and add your voice to the mix!

Save the Date

Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m. — History of Suwannee County

Just a Small Collection of Words

"Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person" (Plato).

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.

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.

- **Nov. 27 afternoon — 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.
- **Dec. 4 morning — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:15 a.m. and DH at 8:30 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Dec. 11 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, and park at Publix. Leave Publix at approximately 11:15 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Dec. 11 afternoon — 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.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Nov. 26 — Lake City Shopping

Dec. 2 — Valdosta Shopping

Dec. 5 — Christmas Lights at Spirit of the Suwannee

Dec. 6 — Community Concerts of Lake City:

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

Dec. 12 — Christmas Lights at Spirit of the Suwannee

Dec. 14 — Lunch Dine-Out to The Gathering

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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.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister

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

SERMON: "The Wisdom of Gratitude"

TEXT: Psalm 107:1–16, 43 ESV

SPEAKER: Rev. Sam Worley

This Sunday, Nov. 24, we will be having a **Community Potluck and Thanksgiving Service** at 6:00 p.m. in RDR. First Baptist Church of Dowling Park has been invited to join us. Rev. Shawn Johnson will be sharing a devotion, and the FBPD choir will be presenting the special music.

The Men's Fellowship will be meeting with the ladies' group for their next breakfast, which will be on Dec. 14 at 8:30 a.m. in RDR. Tickets will be available at the Lopin' Gopher. Everyone is welcome. Mr. Dick Grillo will be leading the music.

We are preparing the **Church Greeter list** for next year and are looking for volunteers. If you are a member of the church or a regular attender and would like to help, please contact Verna Piper at (386) 208-1967.

Mark Your Calendar

Sun., Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. — Tree Lighting (VC and RDR)

Sat., Dec. 14, 6:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Cantata (VC)

Sun., Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m. — "Christmas Unplugged" Cantata (VC)

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, Nov. 22

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

Sunday, Nov. 24

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship (VC)

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

4:00 p.m. — Hanging of the Greens Practice (VC)

4:00 p.m. — Children's Music (VC)

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

6:00 p.m. — Community Potluck (RDR)

Monday, Nov. 25

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

Tuesday, Nov. 26

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

Friday, Nov. 28

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

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

Kathleen Johnson—386-658-5573

If you are a vendor and would like to set up a table at the GSC Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 13, please call me for more information. Thank you!

VILLAGE GROCER

Jordan Harmon—386-658-3130

Place your order for a delicious smoked turkey or ham from the Grill Team at the Village Grocer to enjoy for your Thanksgiving meal or as "leftovers".

15 lb. Turkey \$35

18 lb. Turkey \$45

20 lb. Turkey \$55

Half a Smoked Ham \$50

A Whole Smoked Ham \$95

MEMBER SERVICES

James Sutter—386-658-5400

If you are planning to eat at one of the four Thanksgiving Day buffet times, or if you plan to get a meal to go that day, please buy a ticket before Thanksgiving Day at the Village Cashier's office. You can pay for a meal the day of if needed, but it will be problematic.

If you are hoping to eat together as a group of nine or more, and you don't let us know by Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, you may not be able to sit together.

Member Services Tip of the Week

The Village asks that if you are doing outdoor Christmas lighting displays at your home that you choose to use all white lights. And if nothing else, a nice spotlight on your front door will add Christmas cheer.

Scam Tip of the Week: Imposter Scams

You get a call or an email. It might say you've won a prize. It might seem to come from a government official. Maybe it seems to be from someone you know — your grandchild, a relative or a friend. Or maybe it's from someone you feel like you know, but you haven't met in person — say, a person you met online who you've been writing to.

Whatever the story, the request is the same: wire money to pay taxes or fees, or to help someone you care about. But is the person who you think it is? Is there an emergency or a prize? Judging by the complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the answer is no. The person calling you is pretending to be someone else.

Here's what you can do:

1. Stop. Check it out before you wire money to anyone. Call the person, the government agency, or someone else you trust. Get the real story. Then decide what to do. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money.
2. Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls or emails, but the chances are you know someone who has.

November Member Birthday Party

Once again, SMR/DR was the scene for the monthly member birthday party. We were entertained by Joel and Charlotte Evans, who played music and sang. We had a choice of delicious pecan pie or pumpkin cheese-cake and ice cream as refreshments.

We were blessed to have 18 persons with November birthdays, and a total of 58 in attendance. Six guests won door prizes: Christine O'Brien, Mellie Little, Helen Brooks, Diane Liquori, Genie Wadsworth and Doris Tingley. The oldest birthday guest was Doris Tingley, and the youngest was Ellie Foerste. Both received a fresh fruit basket prepared by the Village Grocer.

At the Village Square

Riverside Gifts

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

Come on in! We're in transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Your Thanksgiving last-minute touches are still available to complete the perfect holiday dinner. We also have our Christmas trees up, the holiday China is out, and we have a table full of boxed Christmas cards all waiting for you to take home. Get a head start this year on your Christmas shopping.

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

Christmas will be here soon. Ugly sweaters are hanging under the XL tops/blouses, and socks are available. The Christmas wreath may be hanging on the front door, but the inside is still decorated for Thanksgiving. **Please know that women's slacks are still \$2.00 each, and men's slacks are half price.** Come and browse the shop for other items. We do have a few necklaces for \$3.00 each. The Book Nook has candy canes to indicate Christmas reading. We hope you have a great holiday season. Jesus is coming soon!

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.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We're always getting new-to-us surprises. We have three apartment-size drop-leaf tables, several bureaus, walkers, bicycles, lamps, and more!

We've also been busy putting out warmer clothing for those chilly mornings — everything to keep you cozy: long sleeves, sweatshirts, sweaters and jackets — also a good supply of blankets.

We appreciate the assistance of ACV's Dining Services and Housekeeping departments, and our faithful volunteers.

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. Christmas decorator. The week after Thanksgiving, indoor Christmas decorations will go up. If you would be willing to help, let MS know. You can help a lot or a little — whatever your schedule.
2. 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.
3. Outdoor beautification volunteer. Volunteers are needed to help Environmental Services beautify ACV's grounds by weeding flowerbeds, etc.
4. Village archives attendant. More attendants are needed to help at the Brooks Archive.

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 Nov. 13 winners: 1st high, Betsey Ruehl, and 2nd high, Henry Simonds.

BROOKS ARCHIVE

Millie Griswold, Reporter

"Christmas Traditions"

Check It Out at the Village Square

The History Window theme for December is Christmas Traditions at ACV. This five-minute visual presentation describes Christmas traditions that have developed during the 111 year history of Advent *Christmas Village*. For example,

- For 100 years, the Live Oak Rotary Club brought dinner and Santa to the campus, first for the children, and today at Dacier Manor.
- A 94-year tradition is residents receive a free Christmas dinner.
- For 50 years the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony has served to light the whole campus, and a Chrismon Tree has adorned the church.
- For 24 years the Village president has provided an afternoon Christmas tea.
- For 23 years CCC has sponsored a Parade on Wheels, and camels from the East have joined residents in the Phillips Center entrance.

The History Window is located at the VS opposite the door into the Village Grocer. The History Window is a project of the Brooks Village Archive.

CONNECTING THREADS MINISTRY

Esther Bruckel, Reporter

The Sewing Center in KC will be CLOSED until Dec. 2. Have a wonderful and grateful Thanksgiving.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Monday–Friday

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

Brenda Reas, Reporter

If you would like to go on a cruise without leaving ACV, we may have just the thing for you. Lucy Hine and her husband went on several cruises after his retirement, and she has thoughtfully donated 12 photo albums for perusal in our library. There is only room for four on our table, but they will be exchanged from time to time.

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

The pen pal youths will be on Thanksgiving home visits from Nov. 20 to Dec. 2. The next letter pick-up and delivery date is Friday, Dec. 6. Make sure you write to your pen pal and get your letters to the IC well before noon. The youth will then get your letters that afternoon or by Monday. Envelopes are available at the IC so pick up three or four and have them handy when you write.

Mark your calendars: The Boys Ranch Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:00 p.m. This year the location will be outdoors at the Jim Black Memorial Pavilion (where they have the horse shows). Make sure to be prepared for the weather. The bus will leave from CH at 5:00 p.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. Please reserve your spot on the bus at the IC and pay the \$5.00 fee. Let them know if you need space for a power chair or walker.

I must report total number going by Dec. 3, so if you haven't reserved, you won't be counted. Don't get left out!

Christmas gifts for your pen pals are up to your individual choices. Please remember that any monetary gifts must be put in a separate envelope or card and given to me. I will then make sure it goes to the proper individual who will place it into the youth's account. You can let your pen pal know about any monetary gift you have given for them.

If you feel you are able to take on a second pen pal, I need one pen pal for one new child that has just arrived to the FSYR. If you haven't done this before, it can be very rewarding to know you have an impact in a child's future. Please call me to complete the form and become a pen pal!

If you want to become a pen pal, please contact me at (386) 330-4865 and leave a message. I will call you back.

"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. We invite you to consider getting involved. To apply, you may stop by MS. The deadline for submitting your application is Jan. 15.

Our Stephen Ministers covered two topics in their training this week. Continue to pray for them as they learn to be more effective and more Christ-like in their caring and relating.

Session Seven—Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving: Our Stephen Ministers learned the importance of establishing boundaries both to protect themselves from manipulation and also to guard against their own controlling impulses.

Session Eight—Crisis Theory and Practice: Our Stephen Ministers also learned the effects of crises on people's faith. They explored how to help a person experiencing a crisis to move toward greater wholeness.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BUTTERFIELD ACRES

Jack "CrackerJack" Dixon, Reporter

"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you" (Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT).

I had one Village resident get after me for submitting what I call my "*Reader's Digest* rendition" of the BA FNN report last week. I realize it was a bit short and brief, and I promise to do better. It is good to know somebody is reading my article. Thanks, Ed.

What a crazy hurricane season 2024 has been. I am so thankful that Sara decided to go away from us. I

along with many others am tired of picking up after the storms. Isn't that selfish? When I think of all the folks who were hit so much harder than us, I should and do feel ashamed of myself for even thinking such a thing.

This month's "end-of-the-month birthdays" include Sierra Nissley on the 20th, and on the 23rd we have three birthdays and an anniversary. It is Ann Carpenter's, Stan Hall's and Alice Ames's birthday, and also Roydon and Alice Ames's anniversary. On the 29th Terry Klitzkie will be celebrating another birthday. May God bless each and every one of you with another year of happiness and good health.

With the holidays approaching, it is time to set those party dates and get the menus ready for those special dinners. Barbara and I so appreciate the wonderful buffets provided by our dining room staff for the holidays; we really enjoy having it cooked for us with no dishes, pots and pans to clean up afterwards. Of course the down side of all that is there are no leftovers for the next week.

I have found that old age is an issue of mind over matter: If you don't mind, it doesn't matter! When is a retiree's bedtime? Three hours after he falls asleep in his recliner! How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but it might take all day.

From the veranda of our humble abode overlooking the ever-so-smooth and dust-free 102nd Trail, let's make this Thanksgiving a "Thanks-living" and give thanks for all things for everyday of the year ... and of course, never forget who is in charge. Isaiah 40:28-31. God bless!

CARTER HOUSE

Monica Serlick, Reporter

We have six birthdays to celebrate for the rest of the month. Celebrating are Mary Premorel and Kathy Linton on the 23rd, Roddy Denmark on the 26th, Myra Webb of Wilson Gardens on the 27th, Kelly Place on the 27th, and Jim Whiteside on the 30th. We extend our sincere best wishes for a wonderful birthday season to all of you.

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.

A very warm welcome to our newest resident, Jim Whiteside, who has just moved onto the fifth floor. When you see him out and about, please stop and say hello. Be kind and help him find his way around.

Living independently is a true blessing from God when we are able to do so. Often people think they are being helpful when they step in to constantly take over other people's efforts to handle things on their own. It is important to know the difference between helping them maintain their independence as opposed to making them feel dependent on you. Never presume they are unable but rather provide direction and see if they can complete the task on their own. Overhearing a conversation and stepping in uninvited and taking over for them will only make them feel inadequate. Beware of how you present yourself and the image you are portraying to others.

May your Thanksgiving and coming year bring abundance, joy and many reasons for you to be grateful. Blessings to all for a happy Thanksgiving weekend.

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

"Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

We have a new resident, Paula Wilson, who has moved in to DH. We all welcome you, and pray that you will love living here at ACV.

Waiting on the Lord is a way to trust in God's goodness and faithfulness, and it helps one to learn patience and to look beyond the present moment.

Instead of focusing on the outcome, try to embrace the process and learn from each experience. Instead of allowing obstacles to take over, try to see struggles as opportunities for personal growth. Waiting on God can teach us patience, and when circumstances seem to be too overwhelming, be courageous, be encouraged, and find your strength in your trust in God. As you wait, through prayer, humility, and service, you can sustain your faith. As you wait, walk by faith in God's faithfulness to you.

Have a blessed weekend.

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

Cathy Oberg, Reporter

Good morning, neighbors. Fall temperatures have arrived! Don't you just love the weather? Crisp mornings warming up to glorious afternoons, gentle breezes, and low, low humidity. Perfect weather for the season.

Please mark your calendars for the ET annual Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7. It will be a potluck at 12:00 noon in the Youth Lodge behind the Village Grocer. You will need to bring one of your favorite holiday dishes to share and also a \$10 gift (ladies bring a gift for a lady, and men bring a gift for a man) for our grab-bag gift exchange. I will need everyone to RSVP with me at (574) 229-8402 so that I have a head count to give the set-up team for tables. This is always a well attended function that fills our stomachs with deliciousness and our hearts with love and laughter. There will also be a VERY brief business meeting, but don't let that deter you.

I've seen a moving vehicle at Lawrence House this week, but I couldn't tell if it was coming or going. I've also seen prospective residents taking tours through some of the empty apartments. And I would like to welcome Cheryl Gilroy to the neighborhood. Cheryl has moved into the brick house next to the Elders' on Millsite Lane.

Happy birthday to Billie Revels on the 17th. Sorry this is late! Also, birthday wishes to Fran Evans on the 21st, Christine O'Brien on the 24th, and Dick Thurston on the 25th. May this coming year be blessed with health and happiness for each of you, and may it be your best year ever!

Happy anniversary to Ronnie and Martha Beckham on the 15th. Sorry this is a bit late also. Also having a happy anniversary are Art and Fredna Carter on the 21st, and Garry Prowe and Jessica Whitmore-First on the 23rd. May you have a wonderfully blessed year together enjoying the best life has to offer!

As time is marching on at a rapid rate, the decorations are going up just as quickly. It's almost time for them to appear in the neighborhood, and my brain is already working overtime thinking about what needs to be done. But I love this time of year and all the preparations, so it's time to get busy!

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AND DACIER MANOR

Bruce Arnold, Reporter

"Watch out that no one deceives you ..." (Mark 13:5).

Perhaps you've seen the scam tip of the week from MS each week in the FNN. It's important to be aware of the various schemes designed to deceive people into parting with their hard earned money!

Scams are not a modern thing; we can see the first scam in the early chapters of Genesis, as the serpent deceived Eve to eat the forbidden fruit, which she also gave to Adam. In Mark 13, Jesus warns his disciples about those who may claim to be the Messiah!

Some may remember Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the Unification Church. Rev. Moon claimed that Jesus had appeared to him and told him that since he had failed in his mission by being crucified, he needed Rev. Moon to complete the mission! As much as we can recognize that as a false teaching, many people believed him and followed him! Not all scams are as obvious as Rev. Moon's. The enemy can be very subtle, and therefore, as God's people we need to be all the more aware of the false teachings which still abound.

The best way to recognize a scam is to know the truth, and as God's people, we must know the truth of God's Word as we read it, and hide it in our hearts. Don't fall for the lies of the enemy!

On Veteran's Day the American Legion came to GSC to recognize and honor those who served our country. The veterans were treated to a special luncheon, and later in the day, Michael Flowers played the piano and sang patriotic songs.

I will be away for the week of Thanksgiving. Rev. Gene "Coach" and Sandy Peters will share on Monday for devotions, Rev. Charles Walker will share on Tuesday, and others will come for Wednesday devotions. Thursday will be Thanksgiving, so many family and friends will come to share with those they love! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Rev. Darren Gay and friends come on the second Saturday each month from St. John's Missionary Baptist Church to share with our residents at GSC.

Sunday, Dec. 1, is the beginning of the Advent Season. We will once again observe this time as we light a candle each week on the Advent wreath during the morning worship services at GSC. Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year.

RIVERWOODS

Betsey Ruehl, Reporter

At the RW HOA meeting there was a lot of discussion about landscaping, tree removal, consideration of a management company, documents, Legal and Finance committees, and upcoming meetings. Mark your calendars and please try to attend our next meeting on Dec. 9 at 2:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held on Jan. 22 at 2:00 p.m. That is when the annual budget is adopted and new officers are elected.

Should you wish to be considered as an officer candidate for the HOA Board, or if you have any questions for the Board, then send a note to the HOA Association's P.O. box, 4759. To reach Donna Plant directly, send a note to P.O. Box 4444. Please do not email her.

Recently, a neighbor had a real problem during a power outage. Her garage door would not open, and she had to drive to an appointment. Fortunately, the power came back on before the guys I asked to help out could fix it. It did make me think that I didn't know how to open ours if I were alone and it happened to me. Gary showed me how to do it. Ours has a metal rod on the side and a cord that hangs from the top of the mechanism. Both need to be released. Yours might be the same. I also taped the instructions to the door in case I forget.

All who were in town that live on River Birch Lane plus the ends of the block attended a birthday party for one of our neighbors this week. We all enjoyed the camaraderie and the opportunity to get to know each other a little better. Ice cream sundaes were the hit of the party.

Attract positive energy into your life, and build a more harmonious world by leading with love. Expand your heart and consider others' needs beyond your own. Most naturally feel empathy and compassion for others, but our primitive instincts sometimes take over. Let go of fear. When you live in fear you automatically block blessings from reaching you, create barriers between yourself and others, and limit the depth of your relationships.

Many studies have proven the benefits of gratitude. It improves your outlook on life and overall well-being. Some researchers found that grateful participants had a more positive attitude and enhanced

self-esteem. People who express gratitude automatically attract positive energy because others gravitate toward their warmth and generosity. More next week.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

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 receive discounts on events when purchasing theme dinner and concert tickets, and artist series season passes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FROM BAGS TO BEDS

Linda Warner, Reporter

Last week's meeting was again very productive. I had to make another trip this week to Kathleen, head of our plarn ministry. I'm sure she wished she had another crocheter.

Last week I explained the different stages of plarn. I did this to reach out to new people who do not know what the plarn ministry is about. This week I'll tell you a little bit about how the plain ministry is used. Most believe that the finished mats are given to police officers who disperse them to the homeless. While this is true there is so much more to it.

When a disaster occurs, whether it is a hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado or a home fire, these mats are given to the displaced people. The area that is stricken with a disaster will reach out to different plarn ministries to see who has mats and pillows on hand. They may ask for 25 mats and 10 pillows; they go to each plarn ministry to see what they have available.

These disasters could be as close as Live Oak, in other states, or even in other countries. Wouldn't sleeping on a mat be more comfortable than sleeping on the ground or a hard floor? I don't know if you remember a couple of months ago that I mentioned in the FNN that North Carolina was reaching out for some mats, and yes, we donated to them. This is how close to home you could be helping somebody that is in a time of need.

Did you know it takes 500-800 bags to make a mat? Thank you to all the volunteers who make the plarn ministry a success.

I hope to see you Thursdays at Cleo's Meeting House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thursday, Nov. 28, we will **not** meet. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at (904) 484-8796.

NUTS! NUTS! NUTS!

Verna Piper, Reporter

Thanks to you, we, members of the ACV Garden Club, are looking forward to selling out of nuts. We still have pecan halves, pecan pieces, cashews and chocolate covered peanuts. You are most welcome to come to my home and shop. Call me at (386) 208-1967, and I'll do my best to accommodate you. The nuts make an inexpensive, easy, and tasty Christmas gift. I'll be glad to deliver if that would help you out.

NEW BOB COPELAND BOOK

Bob Copeland's newest book is now available on Amazon in Kindle format only. The title of the book is *The Perils of Progressive Christianity*. The premise of the work is as follows: "Progressive Christianity can be understood as a contemporary expression of Protestant

The Village Post Office



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1:00-3:00 p.m.

Saturday
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

658-5270

liberal theology or theological liberalism, rephrased in modern language. While it may not be entirely synonymous with liberal theology, it is fundamentally rooted in its principles. A significant portion of progressive Christianity dismisses clear biblical teachings regarding sin, gender, sexuality, salvation, the sanctity of life, family, morality, and Scripture itself."

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.

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.

HAIR CROPPERS

Since many people will be with family and friends on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), Hair Croppers will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 26, to accommodate all hair and nail appointments.

Hair Croppers will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29.

For the convenience of our customers we request prepayment at the time of booking for Tuesday, Nov. 26. This will ensure that priority customers are taken care of, and we are not left with last-minute cancellations. Call or text (386) 205-3791 to book your 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 VS professional offices: Dec. 6 and 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.

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: I need to send some Christmas presents. Where can I take them to be picked up?

A: UPS picks up at the IC every Tuesday and Thursday. (Times vary, so it's best to drop off packages the day before you want them to be picked up.) You can either print the label yourself, or the IC can print the label for you.

If you are using FedEx, you have to print the label yourself. Then, bring the package to the IC, and they will call to have your package picked up.

The post office can send your packages using the USPS anytime they are open (Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:00–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.).

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to whomever brought us those delicious oranges! What a nice surprise. And thank you for the beautiful "Purple Queen" I picked up at the gym! I will take good care of her.

TheCampbellKids

To all the sweet friends and neighbors who mean so much to me. Thank you for remembering me on my birthday in October and again in November. My dear sister was finally taken home to be with our Lord and Savior forever. I love and appreciate you all so much.

Louise Grant

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.

FOUND: 20-volt Black and Decker leaf blower. It was found near CCC. Contact the IC 658-3333 to claim.**

FOR SALE: Excellent condition, 13' aluminum Grumman canoe, two seater with high seat backs. Has added motor mount. Comes with life jackets, one double-end paddle, and one wooden paddle. On trailer and has two sets of portable wheels for portage. Chain and lock, presently under tarp cover. Various lines and ropes. River ready. Contact Joel at 386-658-1313.**

FOR SALE: Ladies bicycle. Older but in good condition. Needs a tire fixed \$30. Contact Karen at 941-705-8905.**

FOR SALE: Small dining table and four upholstered chairs. Table measures 5'x3' with an oak finish. Seats and backs of chairs are upholstered in a light teal color fabric. Asking \$175 for the complete set. Call Beth at 850-899-6135.**

FOR SALE: 2022 Cricket RX5 Mini Electric Golf Cart. The ultimate portable golf cart with advanced front end suspension for the smoothest ride. It comes apart to fit inside most SUVs or other vehicles. Resort top and towable cover, remote to load, rear bench unfolds for storage. Only used twice! Asking \$4,500. Call Leon at 386-219-6291.**

FOR SALE: Seminole baking pumpkins for sale. One large will yield about 3 cups of pumpkin purée. Varied sizes, \$2–\$5 each. I have about 30 for sale. Please call Laurie at 386-658-3498 or 321-426-6473. Or stop by 23515 Holly Lane. Ring bell at the door with the ramp.*

FOR SALE: Electric leaf blower with bag \$30.00. Silver colored flag pole \$5.00. TheCampbellKids, 210-410-2113.*

THANKSGIVING

Submitted by Monica Serlick

Thanksgiving is the day set aside for people to give thanks to our Lord and Father, after the harvest, for everything he has provided to us. Personally, I give thanks every day when I open my eyes and find that I am alive and well, and my family and friends are all safe and healthy. According to history.com, "Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced both to Native Americans, as well as back to the other side of the Atlantic.

"As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot.

"Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on America's shores."



Prices Effective 11/22–11/27



THE VILLAGE GROCER

Monday–Saturday • 9:00 am–6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!* 658-3130

We will not be making deliveries on Saturday, Nov. 23. Sorry for any inconvenience.

We will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28. Our hours on Friday, Nov. 29, will be 9:00 am–2:00 pm.

GROCERY

IGA Vegetables, all varieties	15 oz.	\$.99
Ocean Spray Cranberry sauce	14 oz.	\$ 2.29
Sugary Sam Yams	15 oz.	\$ 1.99
Stove Top Stuffing, all varieties	6 oz.	\$ 3.29
Sweet Sue Chicken Broth	14.5 oz.	\$ 1.29
IGA Compartment Plates	15 ct.	\$ 3.99
IGA Paper Towels	1 ct.	\$ 1.29
Brown N Serve Rolls	12 ct.	\$ 2.99

DAIRY

Dutch Farm Butter	16 oz.	\$ 5.99
Dutch Farm Cream Cheese	8 oz.	\$ 2.49
Reddi Whip Real Cream	6.5 oz.	\$ 3.99

PRODUCE

Sweet Potatoes	per lb.	\$ 1.19
Fresh Celery	each	\$ 1.79

FROZEN

Edwards Pecan Pie	32 oz.	\$ 8.99
Smith Pumpkin Pie	37 oz.	\$ 6.99
Steam O Crop Mixed Vegetables	12 oz.	\$ 2.29

MEAT

Honey Suckle Whole Turkey	per lb.	\$ 1.50
Honey Suckle Turkey Breast	per lb.	\$ 2.69
Boneless Ribeye Steak	per lb.	\$13.99
Lean Boston Butt Pork Roast	per lb.	\$ 2.29
Gwaltney Thick Sliced Bacon	12 oz.	\$ 3.49
Land O Frost Lunch Meats, all varieties	10 oz.	\$ 5.99

CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Swiss Cheese — \$7.39 per lb.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

** Call 658-3130. Order by 11:00 a.m. for 2:00 p.m. pick-up! **

This Week's Verse:

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34

*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only

Nov. 22–29, 2024

FRIDAY, 11/22

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque
- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, GF Garlic Butter Shrimp, Beef Hot Dogs with Home Fried Potatoes, Fried Catfish
- \$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Cheesy Grits, Fruit
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

SATURDAY, 11/23

- \$2.53 Soup:** Ham Pea
- \$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Italian Stuffed Peppers, Italian Green Beans, Two Mini Cheesy Garlic Biscuits, Assorted Desserts, Fountain Drink

SUNDAY, 11/24

♪ Piano music provided by Joan Wittman. ♪

Lunch Buffet

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

- Entrées:** GF BBQ Pork Loin Ribs, Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Chicken
- Sides:** California Normandy Vegetables, Three Bean Salad, Cold Salads, Fruit, Fried Apples, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

MONDAY, 11/25

- \$2.53 Soup:** Chicken Noodle
- \$6.44 Entrées:** No-Bun Crispy Breaded Chicken with Lettuce, Tomato, Liver and Onions, Crispy Breaded Chicken Sandwich
- \$1.21 Sides:** Cauliflower, Cheesy Cauliflower, Cold Salads, Fruit, Rice Pilaf, Tater Tots
- \$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

TUESDAY, 11/26

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar
- \$6.44 Entrées:** Stuffed Cheesy Ravioli, Country Fried Steak with White Gravy
- \$1.21 Sides:** Butter Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Potatoes au Gratin
- \$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

Nov. 22–29, 2024

WEDNESDAY, 11/27

\$2.53 Soup: Moroccan Lentil

\$6.44 Entrées: BBQ Meatballs on a Hot Dog Bun, Fried Chicken

\$1.21 Sides: Green Beans, Succotash (Lima Beans and Corn), Cold Salads, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

\$2.76 Desserts: Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

THURSDAY, 11/28



Thanksgiving Day Buffet

11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. Seating Times

Members \$18 | Non-Members \$21 | Children 5–12 \$8.00

Tickets Available at the Village Cashier's Office

Oven-Roasted Turkey, Fried Turkey, Honey Ham, Green Beans Almondine, House Salad, Corn Casserole, Maple Pecan Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned and Homemade Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Rolls, and Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

FRIDAY, 11/29

\$2.53 Soup: Shrimp Corn Chowder

\$6.44 Entrées: GF Baked Fish; GF Garlic Butter Shrimp; Ham and Provolone on a Brioche Bun with Lettuce and Tomato; Fried Catfish

\$1.21 Sides: Mixed Greens, Beets, Cold Salads, Fruit, Baked Beans, 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 with Cheese & Onions all week

Friday, Nov. 22

Veal and Peppers Marinara over Spaghetti with
Garlic Toast \$18.95

Saturday, Nov. 23

Beer Battered Cod, Cole Slaw, Chips \$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



**Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Sam St. John**

**200 S. Ohio Avenue Live Oak, FL 32064
(386) 362-2222**



DON'T BE A VICTIM

FRAUD PREVENTION TIPS

If you can answer "Yes" to any of the following questions, you could be involved in a fraud or are about to be scammed!

- x Are you sending money, gift cards, checks or any money orders to anyone you met online or over the phone?
 - x Have you been informed that you are the winner of a lottery, Publisher's Clearing House, or any other prizes?
 - x Have you been instructed to wire, send or ship money as soon as possible to pay for a debt or arrest warrant, to bail a family member out of jail, or to take care of an IRS tax debt?
 - x Did you respond to an unknown email, text message, or phone call asking to verify any of your personal banking or credit account information or provide your personal information such as name, date of birth, etc.?
- ➔ The IRS, FBI, or any form of U.S. government will not call you, message you, or request that you pay them over the phone or through gift cards, or by mailing cash.
- ➔ If you receive a call stating a loved one or friend is injured, arrested, or in an accident, do not provide any information. Obtain detailed information and call the appropriate authorities to determine if the contact is real or fraudulent.
- ➔ Never provide your personal or any banking information to anyone online or over the phone, or to anyone you do not personally know and can trust with said information.

Sheriff St. John and the deputies of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office want you to stay informed on the many ways criminals work to scam their victims. Should you have any concerns or questions please contact the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office at (386) 362-2222 and ask to speak with a deputy.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

FOOD DRIVE 2024 ORDER FORM

A 10% discount is allowed (below). All orders must be placed directly at THE VILLAGE GROCER and prepaid at time of order. This form will become your *charitable donation* receipt and will be returned to you by the Church. These case quantities of canned foods purchased at THE VILLAGE GROCER will be delivered to THE VILLAGE CHURCH and become part of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Donation for the needy through SUWANNEE VALLEY RESCUE MISSION and Live Oak's LOVE INC.

Donor _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

Food Item	Case Contains	Your Cost	# of Cases Ordered	Total
Apple Sauce	6/4 oz. 12 pk	\$43.00		
Mix Fruit Cup	4/4 oz 12 pk	\$24.00		
Apple Juice	48 oz 8 pk	\$25.00		
Seedless Raisins	12 oz 12 pk	\$39.00		
Cut Green Beans	15 oz 24 pk	\$27.00		
Instant Potatoes	13 oz 12 pk	\$35.00		
Whole Kernel Corn	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Mixed Vegetables	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Pork and Beans	15 oz 12 pk	\$21.50		
Green Peas	15 oz 24 pk	\$30.00		
Spaghetti	15 oz 12 pk	\$21.00		
Beef Stew	20 oz 12 pk	\$37.00		
Chicken a la King	10 oz 12 pk	\$29.00		
Chili with Beans	15 oz 12 pk	\$31.00		
Ramen Noodles	3 oz 24 pk	\$9.50		
Bottle Spring Water	.5 lt 24 pk	\$6.00		
Grape Jelly	18 oz 12 pk	\$38.00		
Chunk Tuna Lunch Kit	4.1 oz 12 pk	\$27.00		
Chicken Noodle Soup	10.75 oz 24 pk	\$38.00		
Snack Crackers	12 oz 12 pk	\$32.00		
Oatmeal Cookies	6 oz 12 pk	\$21.50		
Creamy Peanut Butter	16 oz 12 pk	\$37.50		

Request Other Items:

Total _____
Less 10% discount _____
Your PREPAID amount _____

****Orders must be placed by DECEMBER 10, 2024****
****Make checks payable to THE VILLAGE GROCER****



RECEIPT FOR CHARITABLE DONATION

The Village Church acknowledges receiving the above charitable donation from the person whose name appears at the top of this sheet and certifies that nothing was given in return for their donation.

Signed: _____ Pastor, Sam Worley