

# The Carlyle Chronicle

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## Survivor Week:

### Have You Heard: Survivor Edition

Tuesday, February 24 · 11:00 am · The Grande  
Join us at Have You Heard for a Survivor Themed Challenge to kick off the week full of fun events.

### Survivor Season 50 Premier

Wednesday, February 25 · 8:00 pm · The Grande  
Survivor is celebrating its 50th season featuring some of the franchise's most beloved contestants. Join us to watch 24 castaways from across the show's history step onto the shores of Fiji for one more shot at the title of Sole Survivor. Help us root for Rick Devens, husband of Becca Devens. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

### Survivor Games

Thursday, February 26 · 2:00 pm · The Grande  
**Outwit. Outplay. Outlast...Carlyle style.** You are invited to take part in (or watch) an exciting Survivor-inspired competition as tribes compete against one another to take home the prize. From strategy to quick thinking, does you have what it takes to become the next Survivor?

### Luau Featuring Rick Devens & Polynesian Dancers

Friday, February 27 · 5:30 pm · The Grande  
Get ready for an unforgettable island escape right here at our Carlyle Place! This vibrant Luau Celebration will feature a family-style dinner. Rick Devens will discuss and answer questions about his Survivor experiences before you watch the spirit of the islands come to life through the storytelling of authentic Polynesian dancers. This is an evening you won't want to miss. Dinner will count as a meal credit. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

## Recurring Activities

### Happy Hour

Monday - Friday · 5:00 - 6:00 pm · The Pub  
Saturdays · 5:00 - 7:00pm · The Pub  
Tuesday, Feb 17 · 4:30 pm

### Communion

Episcopal - Mon., Feb. 2 - Act. Rm A · 10:00 am  
Episcopal - Thurs., Feb 19 - Act. Rm A · 10:00 am  
Methodist - Thurs., Feb. 19 - Act. Rm A · 1:00 pm  
All are welcome to attend Methodist & Episcopal Communion.

### Have You Heard

Tuesdays · 11 am · The Grande  
Attend this weekly town hall-style meeting to stay up-to-date on information about what is happening at Carlyle Place.

### Line Dancing

Mondays · 3:00 pm · Group Fitness Rm

### Choristers Practice

1, 2, & 4 Tuesday · 1:30 pm · The Grande  
Monday, February 16 · 10:30 am · The Grande

### Trivia

Tuesday, February 3 · 4:00 pm · The Grande  
Trivia is a competitive game where teams of five or less compete for prizes. Sign up on the Uniguest App and note if you are in search of a team.

### Coffee & Conversation

Wednesdays · 9:30 am · The Library

### Tie Blankets for Children

Fridays · 10:30 am · Activity Room B  
This weekly group service project assembles blankets for patients at the Atrium Health Levine Children's Beverly Knight Olsen Children's Hospital.

### Bark in the Park

Friday, February 6, 13, 21, & 27 · 1:00 pm · Dog Park  
Bring Fido to the dog park for a canine meet and greet.

### BUMs Breakfast

Saturday, February 21 · 8:30 am · The Grande  
All men are welcome to attend this monthly breakfast and hear from Frank Malloy - a news anchor from 13WMAZ.

### Catholic Mass

Tuesday, February 24 · 2:00 pm · Activity Rm A

## Out & About

### Fabian Concert Series at Fickling Hall

Tuesday, February 3 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
Join us for a dazzling array of chamber music with **some of the world's best guest artists, all in an intimate setting** curated by Amy Schwartz Moretti. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### Lunch & Tour of Amazon Facility

Wednesday, Feb. 4 · Depart Lobby at 8:45 am  
Amazon has launched public tours at its robotics fulfillment center in Stone Mountain, offering visitors a behind-the-scenes look at cutting-edge automation and logistics technology. We will eat lunch before the tour. Sign-ups for this event have closed.

### Jubilee Concert Series at Fickling Hall

Thursday, February 5 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
The Jubilee Artists Series at Fickling Hall will feature Seraph Brass, an all women brass ensemble founded by Mary Elizabeth Bowden. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### Macon Civic Club Show: *We Built This City*

Thursday, February 5 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
This event will take place at the Grand Opera House. It will include comedy, singing, news, dancing, and acting to raise money for local charities. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### Back Pack Ministry Project

Friday, February 6 · Depart Lobby at 1:00 pm  
Give back to the community by preparing packed lunches for children in need. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

## Out & About

### ***And Then There Were None* at Macon Little Theatre**

Friday, February 6 · Depart Lobby at 7:30 pm  
Ten strangers are lured to a secluded island, only to find themselves caught in a chilling mystery—and start disappearing one by one. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Macon Pops Annual Fundraiser: Love Is All You Need**

Saturday, February 7 · Depart Lobby at 5:45 pm  
The Macon Pops Annual Fundraiser, "Love Is All You Need," is a vibrant event that celebrates the spirit of the '60s. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Music & the Arts: Gate City Brass at VUMC**

Sunday, February 8 · Depart Lobby at 3:15 pm  
Gate City Brass, a professional quintet based in Atlanta, Georgia, is committed to presenting brass music through fresh perspectives in all styles. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Morning Music Club Featuring Margery McDuffie**

Thursday, February 12 · Depart Lobby at 10:00 am  
Margery McDuffie Whatley performs from coast to coast as piano soloist and as chamber musician. Witness this dedicated pianist perform. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Neil Berg 50 Years of Rock-n-Roll Part II**

Wednesday, Feb. 18 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
Neil Berg celebrates 50 years, from its birth in the **1940s, to the glory years of the '50s, '60s and '70s, all the way through the 1980s.** Ticket is required. Sign up on the app.

### **Neil Berg 50 Years of Rock n Roll Part II**

Thursday, Feb. 19 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
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### **Shop at Bolingbroke Antiques & Mercantile**

Friday, February 20 · Depart Lobby at 1:30 pm  
Sign up on the App to go antiques in Bolingbroke.

### **Mercer Jazz Ensemble at Fickling Hall**

Friday, February 20 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
Guest Artist and Mercer alum Matt Miller returns to front the ensemble in an evening of beautiful music. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Dinner at Your Pie**

Tuesday, February 24 · Depart Lobby at 5:00 pm  
Create your own brick-oven pizza at this delicious pizza joint. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Footloose at Macon Little Theatre**

Wednesday, Feb 25 · Depart Lobby at 7:30 pm  
When a city kid moves to a small town where dancing is forbidden, he shakes things up and inspires a rebellion through music, movement, and determination. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the app.

### **Macon-Mercer Symphony Orchestra At Grand Opera House**

Monday, February 23 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
The MMSO welcomes Mei Ann Chen to the podium, bringing her energy and passion to Mahler's first symphony, fittingly called "Titan". We open the evening with a showcase of talented young songwriters from the Otis Redding Center for the Arts, exploring everything from the blues to hip-hop. Ticket is required. Please sign up on the Uniguest App.

### **Ukrainian Ballet: *Swan Lake* at The Grand Opera House**

Wednesday, Feb 25 · Depart Lobby at 6:45 pm  
Experience the enchanting tale of Swan Lake brought to life in a mesmerizing ballet by Classical Arts Entertainment. Ticket is required. Sign up on the app.

### **Abundant Life Gala**

Saturday, Feb 28 · Depart Lobby at 4:30 pm  
Participate in this celebration benefiting Wesley Glen Ministries and the individuals they support. Fun night of dinner and dancing, featuring the Grapevine Band and 13 WMAZ & Chief Meteorologist Ben Jones. Call 478-471-3700 to register. Contact Nalini for details. Sign up on the app for transportation.

## In-House Events

### Movie Showing

Saturdays · 7:00 pm · The Grande  
Monday, February 2 - *Groundhog Day*  
February 7 - *La La Land*  
February 14 - *When Harry Met Sally*  
February 21 - *The Thomas Crown Affair*  
February 28 - *Casablanca*

### Tech Tutoring with Caleb

Saturday, February 7, 21, & 28 · 4:00 pm · The Parlor  
Caleb Varnadore volunteers his time to help residents with technology issues or questions. Bring your own device.

### Tech Tutoring with Marley

Friday, February 6, 13, 20, & 27 · 3:30 pm · The Parlor  
Marley, a student at FPD, volunteers her time to help residents with technology issues or questions. Bring your own device.

### Mississippi Meeting

Thursday, February 5 · 10:00 am · The Grande  
Join us for this informational meeting for those attending the Mississippi River Cruise Trip.

### Arts & Crafts: D.I.Y Candles

Thursday, February 5 · 3:00 pm · Activity Rm A  
Sign up on the app to create your very own custom candle.

### Middle GA Library Representative

Friday, February 6 · 3:00 pm · The Parlor  
Yufiel Franklin will help residents download books, sign up for library cards, & assist with other needs

### SOUPer Bowl Party

Sunday, February 8 · 5:30 pm · The Pub  
Come and enjoy our SOUPer fun super bowl party! We will have a variety of soups to kick off the Super Bowl game. Stick around to watch the game with your friends!

### WINE-O

Monday, February 9 & 16 · 4:00 pm · Seasons  
WINE-O, Bingo for wine lovers, is a way to enjoy wine and fellowship! This activity has limited seating and participants are chosen by a lottery system.

### Margery McDuffie Concert

Tuesday, February 10 · 7:00 pm · The Grande  
Margery McDuffie Whatley, daughter of Susan McDuffie performs from coast to coast as piano soloist. Witness this dedicated pianist perform.

### Broad River Rehab Presentation: Fall in Love with Movement

Wednesday, February 11 · 11:00 am · The Grande  
Join our Therapy Team for a fun, Valentine-themed interactive wellness event focused on balance, strength, mobility, and fall prevention. Sign up on the app.

### Lunch & Learn: Heart Month

Thursday, February 12 · 11:30 am · The Grande  
Join us in the Grande for this Lunch and Learn, and hear from Dr. Anthony Holden – a Thoracic Surgery Specialist. Please sign up on the app.

### Bag Mats for Homeless Service Project

Thursday, February 12 · 2:00 pm · Activity Rm A  
A service project where we prepare bags used to make mats for the homeless. Sign up on the app.

### Pool Noodle Hockey

Thursday, February 12 · 3:00 pm · The Grande  
Back by popular demand! This is a fun game to enjoy using the pool noodles. Participants will be seated in chairs and will use pool noodles to try and score a goal for their team. No hockey experience necessary. Like chair volleyball, this game will have you cheering and laughing your team to victory. Sign up on the app.

### Girl Scout Cookie Sampling

Friday, February 13 · 2:30 pm · Activity Rooms  
Sample Girl Scout Cookies with Resident Life and vote on your favorite! Sign up on the app.

### School of Music Performance

Sunday, February 15 · 3:00 pm · The Grande  
Students from a local music school will be here to perform individual pieces for our community.

### Beignets in the Pub

Monday, February 16 · 9:00 am · The Pub  
Join us in the Pub and enjoy our freshly made Beignets for a tasty treat in celebration of Mardi Gras!



## In-House Events

### WINE-O

Monday, February 16 · 4:00 pm · Seasons Dining  
WINE-O, Bingo for wine lovers, is a way to enjoy wine and fellowship! This activity has limited seating and participants are chosen by a lottery system.

### Fat Tuesday Party Featuring The Dixie Jamboree

Tuesday, February 17 · 5:00 pm · The Pub/Grande  
Come to the Grande for Fat Tuesday to enjoy a live band and heavy hors d'oeuvres! Sign up is required.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18 · 11:00 am · The Grande  
Come to this special service led by Vineville United Methodist Church staff as we observe the first day of lent. Be a part of this time of spiritual renewal with the imposition of ashes.

### BINGO

Wednesday, February 18 · 3:00 pm · The Grande  
Bring your correct change to "rent" \$1 BINGO cards for cash winnings. Four games will be played.

### Chair Volleyball

Thursday, February 19 · 3:00 pm · The Grande  
Bring your competitive spirit and be prepared to laugh until your side hurts! No skill necessary. Please sign up on the Uniguest app.

### Paint by Numbers:

#### Large Florals on a Canvas

Tuesday, February 24 · 3:00 pm · Back Rm Studio  
All are welcome to enjoy this relaxing "paint by numbers" painting class. No experience required.

### Survivor Season 50 Premier

Wednesday, February 25 · 8:00 pm · The Grande  
Please see cover page for more details.

### Survivor Games

Thursday, February 26 · 2:00 pm · The Grande  
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### Luau Featuring Rick Devens & Polynesian Dancers

Friday, February 27 · 5:30 pm · The Grande  
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## Resident Led Activities

### Pickleball Play & Instruction

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. at 9:15 am

### Poker

Mondays · East Wing Game Room · 1:00 pm  
Sundays · East Wing Game Room · 2:00 pm  
Facilitated by Walter Barnett: 478-345-9781

### BYOP (Bring Your Own Project)

1, 2, & 3 Mon. · Activity Rm A · 1:30 pm  
Bring an individual project (craft, painting, needle-work, etc.) to work on with friends.

### Beginners Clogging with Elaine Davies

Wednesdays · Group Fitness Rm · 3:00 pm

### Joker

Mondays & Tuesdays · The Pub · 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays · WW Game Rm · 3:00 pm

### Rummikub

Tuesdays · East Wing Game Rm · 6:30 pm

### Party Bridge

Tuesdays · The Pub · 1 pm

### The Harmonica Group

1, & 3 Wednesdays · Back Rm Studio · 4:00 pm  
Join this group of aspiring harmonica musicians.

### Sequence

Thursdays · East Wing Game Rm · 6:30 pm

### Duplicate Bridge

1, 2, & 4 Thursdays · 1:15 pm · The Pub  
Facilitated by Rae Scott: 478-474-3116

### Canasta

Thursdays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:30 pm

### Worship

Sundays · The Grande · 11:00 am

Unless otherwise noted, sign ups for indicated activities will be through your Uniguest App.

## Resident Led Activities

### Billiards for Ladies

Sundays · Pool Table · 2:30 pm  
Facilitated by Leonora Raggi: 478-993-6014

### Mexican Train Dominoes

Sundays · The Bistro · 6:00 pm  
Facilitated by Walter Barnett: 478-345-9781

### Ladies & Men Poker

Sat., February 7 & 21 · EW Game Rm · 2:00 pm  
Contact Leonora Raggi for information.

### STIX Game Night

Saturdays · The Bistro · 7:00 pm

### Chicago Style Bridge

Wednesdays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:15 pm  
Facilitated by Rae Scott: 478-474-3116  
Fridays · East Wing Game Rm · 1:15 pm  
Facilitated by Demme Pluta: 770-754-7930

### Food Pantry Bag Project

Thursday, February 5 · Activity Room A · 2:00 pm  
Help support the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry by volunteering for this worthy cause.

### Paper Craft Workshops

February 9 & 18 · Back Room Studio · 2:00 pm  
Learn new skills and/or complete projects. Contact Magda Morris or Marty Reese for information. Sign up on the app.

### Coloring with Debra

Tuesday, February 3 · Activity Rm A · 3:00 pm  
No experience is necessary and no supplies are needed. Relax and learn coloring techniques with Debra Collins. Sign up on the app.

### Book Club

Thursday, Feb. 12 · Activity Room A · 11:30 am  
*Americas First Daughter*

### Bingo with Bingo Bob

Sat., February 14 & 28 · The Pub · 4:00 pm  
Join Bob & Demme Pluta for Bingo! \$5 for 5 games, bring correct change. Tickets go on sale at 3:30.

### Pondering the Story with Elaine Davies

Mon., February 16 · Admin Conf Room · 2:30 pm  
First Miracles in the Gospels of John and Mark

### Prepare Lunches for Loaves & Fishes

Monday, February 23 · 2:30 pm · Activity Rm A  
Sign up on the Uniguest App to help with this monthly service project.

### Democrats Lunch

Tuesday, February 24 · Season's Dining · 11:30 am  
Contact Linda Degelmann for more information:  
222-942-2000

### Round Table: Jaime Kaplan

Thursday, February 26 · 4:00 pm · The Grande  
Sign up on the app for this Round Table talk. **Jaime** Kaplan is a tennis champion and popular speaker who will be the February 26 guest of the Roundtable in an expanded gathering in the Grande. See more information on page 18.



Submitted by Holly Ertel

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## Movies

### Groundhog Day

PG · 1993 · Rom/Com · 1h 41m

Monday, February 2 · 7:00 pm

A weather man is reluctantly sent to cover a story about a weather forecasting "rat" (as he calls it). This is his fourth year on the story, and he makes no effort to hide his frustration. On awaking the 'following' day, he discovers that it's Groundhog Day again, and again, and again. First he uses this to his advantage, then comes the realisation that he is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing every day.



Paul Evans celebrating his 93rd Birthday  
Submitted by Barbara Scully

### La La Land

PG-13 · 2016 · Rom/Com · 2h 8m

Saturday, February 7 · 7:00 pm

When Sebastian, a pianist, and Mia, an actress, follow their passion and achieve success in their respective fields, they find themselves torn between their love for each other and their careers.



Macon Morning Snowfall  
Submitted by Hank Dempsey

### When Harry Met Sally

R · 1989 · Rom/Com · 1h 35m

Saturday, February 14 · 7:00 pm

Harry and Sally have known each other for years, and are very good friends, but they fear sex would ruin the friendship.



### The Thomas Crown Affair

R · 1999 · Thriller · 1h 53m

Saturday, February 21 · 7:00 pm

A very rich and successful playboy amuses himself by stealing artwork, but may have met his match in a seductive detective.



### Casablanca

PG · 1942 · Drama · 1h 42m

Saturday, February 28 · 7:00 pm

A cynical expatriate American cafe owner struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco.



New Bookshelves in the Library  
Submitted by Pat McMahon



## Cannaday's Corner

On the 1st Friday of each month, Troy Cannaday, Carlyle Place Executive Director, hosts a lunch meeting for a small group of residents at 11:30 am in the main Dining Room. If you would like to join Troy to discuss whatever may be on your mind, please contact Troy Cannaday at 478-405-4521 to sign up.

## New Residents

**Louann Jarrad**  
Apartment 2107

**Ann Weber**  
Apartment 2213

**Marilee Rivers**  
Apartment 2108

## Uniquet "Bulletin Board"

The Uniquet Community App has an interactive module called the *Bulletin Board*. It is for residents to use to communicate with each other. Within this module, you can post information about items that are for sale, events that are happening around Carlyle Place, or anything that you think might interest others. Using this app is an easy way to share information with the community. If you need help with the Bulletin Board module, ask anyone in Resident Life.

## Free Transportation to Stores:

### Kroger

Every Wednesday · Depart Lobby at 9:30 am

### Walmart & Publix

Alternating Wednesdays · Depart Lobby at 1 pm

## Channel 1960 Guide

### Staying Strong

Mon, Wed, & Fri - 10:00 am  
Tue, Thu, & Sat - 2:00 pm

### Balance

Everyday - 11:30 am

### Flex Class

Mon, Wed, & Fri - 2:00 pm

## Carlyle Place Committees

**Building & Grounds** Chairperson: George Beck

1st Thursday · 10:00 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

**Development** Chairperson: George Beck

4th Thursday · 10 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

Quarterly: January, April, July, October

**Dining** Chairperson: Ian Davies

1st Wednesday · 10:00 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

**RAC** President: Marianna Gebara

2nd Thursday · 10:00 am · Admin Conf Rm

**Library** Chairperson: Pat McMahon

2nd Monday · 1:00pm · Executive Conference Rm  
April - July - Oct.

**Marketing** Chairperson: Marianne Beck

3rd Wednesday · 10:30 am · Admin. Conf. Rm

**Programming** Chairperson: Kathleen Sheil

2nd Wednesday · 3:00 pm · Admin Conf Rm



## December 2025 Honorariums & Memorials

### Donated in Memory of:

**Mr. Nancy Cornett**  
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**Mr. Nancy Cornett**  
**Myrtle Page**  
**Myrtle Page**

### Donated by:

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp**  
**Mr. G. C. & Mrs. C. S. Thelen**  
**Dr. Herbert S. Greenwald, Jr.**  
**Dr. Herbert S. Greenwald, Jr**  
**Dr. Donald & Mrs. Mary Dale V. Kea**

Memorial and Honorarium gifts to Carlyle Place are posted monthly in the Carlyle Chronicle. They are also updated annually on the Recognition Board. To make a gift, please make your check payable to the Navicent Health Foundation, and indicate if you would like your gift applied to the Carlyle Place Resident Assistance Fund, Watkins Employee Scholarship Fund, or to the Carlyle Place General Fund. Mail to 3330 Northside Drive STE 100, Macon, GA 31294-9646. You may contact Tarver Perry at 478.633.7395 with questions. Postage paid envelopes for the purpose of memorial/honor gifts are available in the Carlyle Place main lobby near the elevator.



Photos from the "Don't be Chili to your Neighbor" Happy Hour where a packed house enjoyed time with new and old friends

## Reflection on The Winter Solstice - December 2025

Written by Bonita Braun

December 21, 2025: I retired to bed just before Midnight. The sky was a deep lightless black. It was the same blackness as experienced during a commercial tour of Mammoth Cave. I was then ten years old. The guide gave some warning, then turned out the lights in a large cave room so we could experience TOTAL Darkness. Our eyes could not adjust to see our hands up close. Even here our decorative lamp post's light did nothing to lighten the blackness surrounding us.

Awake at 6:00 AM there was still that deep blackness. "Sunrise" predicted at 7:30 a little plus. I felt incubated in darkness above, around, below. I took a seat looking out a window that faces North, Northeast, knowing what was there but not clearly seeing anything. And then in the Northeast, the sun began to shine to pale the sky. Trees from neighbor's yards were slowly illuminated. The light began to push back the blackness. There was an actual curving line between black and a creamy light as the sun pushed Eastward. The light grew brighter and the dark sky became light. The circle of the sun was a little further Eastward than usual when its full brightness shown. The ball of the sun usually shines directly in my East facing door. Not so this morning. Darkness was pushed back this morning and the glowing light now travels the earth.

I am in, Gratitude.

## February Library Display:

Written by Library Committee

### Love, heartbreak, second chances, and quiet hope:

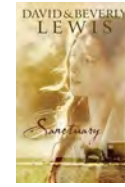
If you enjoy books that move your heart and maybe bring a tear or two, you're in the right place.



All the Light We Cannot See  
(Doerr)



Frozen River  
(Ariel Lawhon)



Sanctuary  
(David & Beverly Lewis)



Memorial Days  
(Geraldine Brooks)



The Dressmakers of Auschwitz  
(Lucy Adlington)



Nightingale  
(Kristin Hannah)



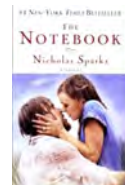
Home Seeking  
(Karissa Chen)



Me Before You  
(JoJo Moyes)



Before We Were Yours  
(Lisa Wingate)



The Notebook  
(Nicholas Sparks)

## February's Employee of the Month: Justin Wyche



Carlyle Place is proud to recognize Justin Wyche as our Employee of the Month! For the past two years, Justin has been an essential part of our Dining Services team, working in Utility and helping keep operations running smoothly behind the scenes.

Originally from Macon, Georgia, Justin brings a steady work ethic and a positive attitude to every shift. What truly sets him apart is his genuine appreciation for his co-workers. Justin values teamwork and enjoys being part of a supportive environment where everyone works together to make each day successful.

Outside of work, Justin enjoys diving into the imaginative worlds of anime and manga, and he's always ready for a good video game adventure. That same focus and enthusiasm he brings to his hobbies shines through in his work at Carlyle Place.

We are grateful for Justin's dedication, reliability, and team spirit. Please join us in congratulating Justin Wyche, our well-deserved Employee of the Month!

## RAC Corner

### Carlyle Place: Honoring Our Past, Navigating Our Future

The story of Carlyle place began not with a building, but with a vision. In 1997, a nonprofit organization was incorporated with the single purpose: to create and operate a community where older adults could live with dignity, care, and connection. Construction began in the spring of 2000 on 58 carefully chosen acres. By July 2001, the \$43 million project was complete - designed and built by nationally, respected commercial construction leaders, Bassfield, and Gorrie, builders of major facilities in all 50 states.

From the onset, the community had confidence in what Carlyle Place would become. 75% of the residences were sold before construction began. It was on September 4th, 2001 that the first residents moved into Carlyle Place. They were just settling in, when seven days later, the country was impacted by the events of 9/11.

Carlyle is a resilient community. Over the past 25 years, Carlyle Place has experienced change, growth, and challenge. Between 2018 and 2022 the community has been guided by four different leaders, each bringing a distinct management style. Like any living community, there were seasons of progress and seasons of uncertainty—none more difficult than the COVID years, when isolation and fear became daily realities. Yet Carlyle Place endured. Occupancy once fell to 70 percent, but through the strength of our residents, staff, and leadership, the community rebounded. Today, occupancy exceeds 95 percent—a clear testament to resilience, recovery, and renewed purpose.

Today, Carlyle Place is navigating another period of change—one that is not fully understood by many in our community. For years, we were a big fish in a small pond, playing a central role in a \$320 million organization. Through recent mergers, we have become part of a much larger system—a \$35 billion organization—placing us in a very different environment. Now a smaller fish in a much bigger pond, we find ourselves in uncharted waters, learning to adapt to new structures, procedures, and leadership under our parent organization, Advocate Health. While these changes can feel unfamiliar and challenging, they are part of a broader evolution that requires patience, flexibility, and trust as we move forward.

With this new chapter has come a period of adjustment for both leadership and residents. Our leadership team is working to align Carlyle Place with the policies, procedures, and expectations of a much larger organization. Decisions that were once made locally now require additional steps, reviews, and approvals. Projects, purchases, and resident requests often move through multiple levels and committees before action can be taken.

This change has understandably been challenging for residents, as progress may seem slow or even invisible. What was once a familiar and responsive process now involves careful navigation through corporate systems that are new to all of us. While change often brings some uncertainty, this transition offers some tremendous benefits. The larger corporation now supports us with key services such as human resources, legal assistance, payroll, billing, and printing. They are also there to help when facility concerns arise and to provide valuable expertise in healthcare management. Though we may feel like a small fish in a big pond, we are surrounded by strong resources and knowledgeable partners who help us focus on what matters most—continuing to provide excellent care and service to our community.



## Celebrating February

### Dark Chocolate Day

February 1

### Groundhog Day

February 2

### Valentine's Day

February 14

### Presidents' Day

February 16

### Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year) Begins

February 17

### Carpe Diem Day

February 26

## Trivia



To receive a bonus point for Trivia for the month of February, you must find the hidden groundhog in honor of Groundhog Day. He will be hidden somewhere in our community on February 2nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. When you find him, snap a picture and send your photo to [Laney.Doster@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Laney.Doster@advocatehealth.org)! Hint: Surrounded by stories both old and new, where pages keep secrets and embers do too. Seek where the fire and the book spines meet,. Your burrowing friend is hiding there sweet.

## Carlyle Place Important Phone Numbers

Accounting	478-405-4505
Carlyle at Home	478-405-4563
CGR Credit Union	478-745-0494
Concierge	478-405-4500
Housekeeping	478-405-4590
Maintenance	478-405-4528
Physical Therapy	478-405-4545
Resident Life	478-405-4525
Salon	478-405-4564
Security	478-405-4568
Cell -	478-972-8557
To Go Orders	478-405-4569
Transportation	478-405-4515
Wellness Nurse	478-405-4537

## Famous February Birthdays

Elizabeth Blackwell (doctor) – February 3, 1821

Rick Astley (singer) – February 6, 1966

Charles Dickens (writer) – February 7, 1812

George Ferris (inventor) – February 14, 1859

Jane Seymour (actress) – February 15, 1951

Yoko Ono (musician) – February 18, 1933

Benicio del Toro (actor) – February 19, 1967

Rihanna (singer) – February 20, 1988

Nina Simone (singer) – February 21, 1933

Anthony Burgess (novelist) – February 25, 1917

Elizabeth Taylor (actress) – February 27, 1932

Linus Pauling (chemist) – February 28, 1901

## Eyeglass Collection

A Carlyle Resident, Frank Anderson, takes donated eyeglasses to The Lions Club every other week.

The Lions Club is an international group that serves the community in various ways: from disaster relief to collecting donated items.

If you are interested in donating your eyeglasses, please leave them at Concierge desk anytime of the day/week.

## Macon - Mercer Symphony Orchestra Savings

The Macon - Mercer Symphony Orchestra is unique; it pairs musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra with string students from the Macon center.

MMSO is happy to offer a savings of 30% off per ticket by using code "OVATION" at checkout.

## January Employee Anniversaries

### 1 Year

Landry Heath  
Carol Babcock  
Anna Minshew

### 2 Years

Wale Olagunju  
Binoy Uthaman

### 3 Years

Lydia Grace Miller  
Wendel Nelson  
Lydia Reed

### 4 Years

Cynthia Hubbard

### 5 Years

Robin Dance  
Melvin Odum

### 6 Years

Latisha Brooks

### 24 Years

Eve Toles

## Ticketed Event Information

Cultural events around Macon that require tickets are easy to purchase by phone or online. For most ticketed events, it is your responsibility to purchase your event tickets and sign up for transportation on the Uniguest App. Below are phone numbers and websites for the most frequently visited venues:

### BLP - Backlot Players

(478) 994-0443

Website: [thebacklotplayers.org](http://thebacklotplayers.org)

### CP - Centreplex

(478) 803-1593

[www.maconcentreplex.org/coliseum/ticket-office/](http://www.maconcentreplex.org/coliseum/ticket-office/)

### DT- Douglass Theatre

(478) 742-2000

Website: [douglasstheatre.myboxoffice.us](http://douglasstheatre.myboxoffice.us)

### FH - Fickling Hall at Mercer University

(478) 301-5470

Website: [www.mcduffie.mercer.edu](http://www.mcduffie.mercer.edu)

### GOH - Grand Opera House

(478) 301-5470

Website: [www.thegrandmacon.com](http://www.thegrandmacon.com)

### MCA - Macon City Auditorium

(478) 803-1593

<https://www.maconcentreplex.org/auditorium/>

### MLT - Macon Little Theatre

(478) 471-7529

Website: [www.maconlittletheatre.org](http://www.maconlittletheatre.org)

### TM - Theatre Macon

(478) 746-9485

Website: [www.theatremacon.com/tickets](http://www.theatremacon.com/tickets)

## A Message From Dining: February Engagement Highlights

### Weekly / Recurring Events

- **Every Wednesday, 9:30 am:** Coffee & Conversations in the Library, sponsored by Dining. A warm and casual gathering designed to encourage resident connection and community building.

### Date-Specific Events

- February 3 - **National Carrot Cake Day:** Enjoy a fresh slice of carrot cake in the Dining Room. A sweet seasonal treat served after lunch.
- February 5 - **National Chocolate Fondue Day:** Celebrate with a chocolate fondue dessert station in the Dining Rooms during dinner service.
- February 9 - **National Pizza Day:** Visit the Bistro for a special pizza feature created just for the holiday.
- February 14 - **Dining Committee Meeting:** Held in the Grande. Residents must sign up through the app. Note: The Dining Room will be closed for dinner on this date.
- February 16 - **National Almond Day:** Try our special almond cake dessert after dinner in the Dining Rooms.
- February 18 - **National Drink Wine Day:** Celebrate with Happy Hour in the Pub, featuring a few new wines to try.
- February 23 - **National Banana Bread Day:** Enjoy a slice of warm, freshly baked banana bread for dessert in the Dining Rooms.
- February 24 - **National Tortilla Chip Day:** Visit the Pub during Happy Hour for chips, dip, and festive snacks.

### Special Event

- **Luau with Rick Devens:** Meet Survivor contestant, fan favorite, and Macon native Rick Devens at this themed celebration. Enjoy tropical decor, music, and enhanced menu specials for an unforgettable evening. Please sign up on your Uniguest App.

## Newsletter Submissions

Is there something interesting about you that you think other residents would like to know? Have you recently snapped a photo of something special around Carlyle Place? We want your submissions for the Chronicle! Send them to Laney Doster:

[Laney.Doster@advocatehealth.org](mailto:Laney.Doster@advocatehealth.org)



## Ear-Resistible Resilience

Written by Hannah Frost, Granddaughter of Sherry Sims



When I first saw Hope, I truly believed I was looking at a completely different donkey. She had been advertised as Matilda—a bright-eyed, healthy Mammoth jenny who seemed perfect for beginning my small American Mammoth Jackstock breeding program. In the photos and videos, she looked content, sturdy, and well cared for. But the moment she stepped off the trailer, my heart sank. The donkey standing before me was not the one I thought I was bringing home. She was desperately ill, exhausted, and in need of immediate help.

Hope arrived at Frost Farm in early September of 2025, and within days she had already endured multiple long, intense veterinary visits. The list of issues was overwhelming. By her second appointment, the situation was so dire that we weren't sure she would survive the

night. That evening was one of the longest of my life—sitting with her, praying she would hold on, willing her to see another sunrise. And somehow, she did.

Those first days were heartbreaking. She stood motionless in her stall, barely eating, barely drinking, as if the world had simply become too heavy. She needed daily poultice changes, medication across her infected skin, and strong pain management just to stay comfortable. But little by little—almost imperceptibly at first—she began to fight her way back. Each small improvement felt like a victory.

During a dental visit, the vet chuckled softly and pointed out the incredible length of her ears. Hope had them stretched straight out, looking for all the world like a Longhorn cow. It was the first moment of lightness in weeks.

Not long after, I saw a post from the Livestock Conservancy about the previous record holder, Bambou, whose ears measured 35 cm. Something in me sparked. I went straight to the Guinness World Records website and submitted an application—not for attention, but to rewrite Hope's story. To give her something joyful, something triumphant, something that reflected the strength she had shown through every hardship. Hope didn't just survive. She transformed.

Today, she holds the official Guinness World Record for the Longest Ears on a Living Donkey. But the title is only part of the story. What truly matters is the resilience behind it—the way she refused to give up, the way she turned suffering into something extraordinary. Her name suits her perfectly. She is Hope, in every sense of the word.

## I SPY - February 2026

*"I Spy" showcases a resident who makes a difference in our community, someone who brightens other's days or someone who has done something extra special to benefit others.*

I Spy...

A little lady with a big, bold personality who sprinkles sunshine everywhere she goes! Joanne Hutchinson's warm smile and famously great hugs can brighten even the gloomiest day. She's genuine, kindhearted, and always ready to jump in and help her friends and neighbors with whatever they may need.

So the next time you spot this sweet ray of sunshine around campus, don't forget to tell her just how much her positivity means to us all!

## Have You Heard Format

**Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the Grande**

Various weeks of the month feature a specific topic or group, in addition to the weekly items (I'd Like to Hear, Leadership Reports, and any New Resident introductions). The formats are:

### Week 1

Connect to Purpose—Employee Anniversaries  
Resident Life Monthly Activities

### Week 2

Rehab Updates/Reminders  
Committee Report

### Week 3

RAC Report  
Take 3 for Wellness  
Snapshot (Quarterly: Jan, Apr, July, Oct)

### Week 4

Committee Report  
New Employee Introductions/Employee of the Month  
Marketing Minute

### Week 5 (March, June, September, December)

Healthcare Updates/Reminders  
CP at Home Updates/Reminders

### 2026 Committee Report Schedule:

Building & Grounds:	1/13	4/14	7/14	10/13
Library:	1/27	4/28	7/28	10/27
Development:	2/10	5/12	8/11	11/10
Marketing:	2/24	5/26	8/25	11/24
Dining:	3/10	6/09	9/08	12/08
Programming:	3/24	6/23	9/22	12/22

\*\*The Tuesday following the quarterly CP Board meetings, Resident Board Member will report.

## February Birthdays

Ronnie Knapp	2/02
Chris Schneider	2/02
Dorothy Reed	2/03
Ron Kirk	2/03
Chris Amabile	2/03
Rob Gardiner	2/08
Jan Peak	2/09
Vimaz Isaac	2/16
Susan Hojak	2/16
Linda Degelmann	2/17
Robert J. Edenfield	2/17
Wanda Atkinson	2/17
Harold Bunch	2/19
Jim Bruner	2/21
Wendy B. Johnson	2/21
Gary Miller	2/22
Laurie Shaw	2/23
Jo Banks	2/27
Sue Tengg	2/27
Barbara Hovagimian	2/28

## Carlyle-at-Home

Pam Young	2/07
Tom Wight	2/13
William Acton	2/14
Beth Smith	2/22
Tom Glasgow	2/17
Harriett Durkee	2/19

## Journey of the Butterfly

Written by Linda Degelmann



On a chilly December morning in the central mountains of Mexico, my daughter and I set out to climb from five thousand to an elevation of nearly nine thousand feet. We were at El Rosario, a UNESCO World Heritage sanctuary where thousands of monarch butterflies from the eastern United States and Canada gather each year from late fall through early spring. This is their "vacation time;" a period of rest before beginning the long journey north once again.

Monarchs are extraordinary creatures. They possess an internal navigation system and are the only butterflies that migrate the same vast distances year after year. As they travel north along the East Coast, several generations are born before their descendants return to these same Mexican mountains the following fall.

We arrived at the sanctuary bundled in extra jackets, knowing temperatures would drop and oxygen levels would thin as we ascended. Horses carried us about halfway up the mountain, after which we dismounted and continued on foot along a steep, rugged trail. With every step, the climb became more challenging. We paused often, light-headed and short of breath, then pressed onward-knowing something extraordinary awaited us.

At the summit, our guide asked us to speak only in whispers, as loud noises can disturb the monarchs. What we saw next took my breath away far more than the altitude ever could. Thousands upon thousands of monarch butterflies clung to tree trunks and branches, forming glowing orange clusters. Hundreds more flew through the air above us. Some rested on the ground, slowly fanning their wings to absorb warmth and energy from the sun. Occasionally, one would land gently on me or someone nearby. In that moment, I felt as though I were surrounded by angels. My fascination with monarch butterflies began only a few years ago, when my garden club encouraged members to plant milkweed to help support endangered monarch populations. At the time, I wasn't even sure what a monarch butterfly looked like! After moving to Carlyle, I heard about a monarch butterfly release scheduled at a certain time and place. Still busy unpacking, I missed it. Not long afterward, fellow volunteers in our Butterfly Garden, Nalini Isaac and Elaine Davies, began teaching me how to protect and care for monarch caterpillars.

In late August of last year, I was thrilled to discover my very first monarch caterpillars munching on milkweed leaves. I was surprised by their appearance-the yellow, white, and black bands looked nothing like the orange-and-black butterfly they would become. Eager to protect them, I invested in a netted enclosure where I could safely collect, feed, and observe them. Watching their transformation was fascinating, and a few weeks later, butterflies emerged at last. When my daughter Faith invited me to spend Christmas with her in Mexico, she suggested a mother-daughter adventure to see the monarchs in their winter sanctuary. I didn't hesitate. I began preparing by faithfully attending fitness classes and daily climbing up and down stairs in the South Wing. Now, after witnessing the monarch life cycle up close and then standing among thousands of them in the mountains, I knew this was an experience I would carry with me forever.



## Carlyle Place Roundtable

Written by Ann Tift



We at Carlyle Place know Letty Kaplan as a vivacious resident and friend. And many of us know that she is the mother of tennis champion and popular speaker Jaime Kaplan, who will be the February 26 guest of the Roundtable in an expanded gathering in the Grande.

Jaime's exciting career in professional tennis launched from her undefeated high school years at Macon's Stratford Academy. As a collegiate player, she began at the University of Georgia and won the SEC Doubles championship. She continued at Florida State University (FSU) and was their first tennis player to qualify for the NCAA Championships. She competed at Wimbledon five times from 1985 to 1989, her best result reaching the round of 16 in Mixed Doubles in 1986.

In recent years, with family and friends cheering her on, Jaime has brought the same physical and emotional vigor to the pursuit of her health goals. We look forward to this Roundtable to hear her wisdom about the power of positive thinking.

## Blow a Little Joy Into Your Day

Written by Mary Dempsey



Have you ever wanted to play a musical instrument but thought it might be too hard or that you needed to read music? Our harmonica group at Carlyle proves that making music can be simple, joyful, and full of laughter.

With about 10 enthusiastic members, the group welcomes beginners of all kinds. No sheet music reading is required, and if you can breathe in and out, you're already on your way!

We focus on fun first. Along with practicing together, we enjoy sing-along performances for the healthcare units and at the pub. There are plenty of laughs, and we definitely don't take ourselves too seriously.

We meet in the art room on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 4 o'clock. You're always welcome to come and watch, but if you have a harmonica, bring it along. You may be playing sooner than you think!

Call Holly Ertel for further information.

## Take 3 for Wellness: Glaucoma Awareness Month

Written by Tonya Wilson

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damage the eye's optic nerve and can result in vision loss and even blindness. About 3 million Americans have glaucoma and it's the 2nd leading cause of blindness worldwide. The optic nerve is a bundle of more than 1 million nerve fibers. It connects the retina to the brain. As this nerve gradually deteriorates, blind spots develop in your visual field. For reasons that doctors don't fully understand, this nerve damage is usually related to increased pressure in the eye. Elevated eye pressure is due to a buildup of a fluid that flows throughout the inside of your eye. When fluid is overproduced or the drainage system doesn't work properly, the fluid can't flow out at its normal rate and pressure builds up.

Open-angle glaucoma, the most common form, results in increased eye pressure. There are often no early symptoms, which is why 50% of people with glaucoma don't know they have the disease. The signs and symptoms of glaucoma vary depending on the type and stage of your condition. Some may include:

- Patchy blind spots in your peripheral or central vision, frequently in both eyes
- Tunnel vision in the advanced stages
- Eye pain
- Vision loss
- Halos around lights

### Risk factors include:

- Having high internal eye pressure
- Being over age 55
- Being black, Asian or Hispanic
- Having a family history of the condition
- Having certain medical conditions, such as diabetes, migraines, high blood pressure and sickle cell anemia
- Having certain eye conditions, such as extreme nearsightedness or farsightedness
- Having had an eye injury or certain types of eye surgery
- Taking corticosteroid medications, especially eye drops, for a long time
- Having Corneas that are thin in the center

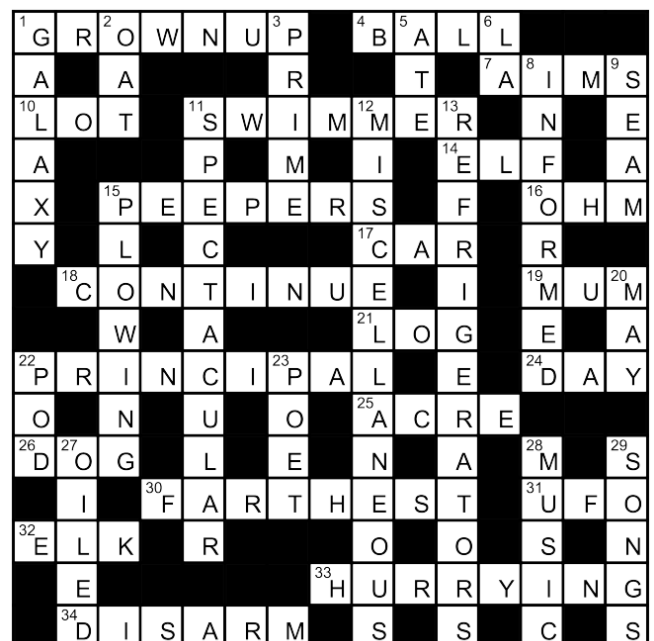
Because glaucoma gives few warning signs until permanent damage has already occurred. Regular eye exams are the key to detecting glaucoma early enough to successfully slow or prevent vision loss. If left untreated, glaucoma will eventually cause blindness.

### Treatments include:

Eye drops, oral medications, laser therapy and various surgical procedures or a combination of these treatments.

## Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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## New Residents: Neil & Ethel Cullinan

Written by Bob Dunne



I'm so happy to introduce you to Neil and Ethel Cullinan who moved into our wonderful community in December, 2025. They moved from the Wellington Neighborhood in Macon, less than a mile away, and are settling in to their beautiful apartment on the South Wing. Both Ethel and Neil earned PhD degrees.

They originally met while working at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and have Boy/Girl twins. Daughter Megan lives in Greenville, SC with her Attorney husband and their 15 year old son. Megan's twin brother Michael is a Foreign Service Officer. While serving at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, Micheal met and married his French wife. They have two small children.

Ethel is a founding member of the Carlyle Place Board of Directors while also working at the Medical Center and is honored on the large plaque in our entrance foyer. I think Ethel might be a talented juggler since she was President of the Medical Center Foundation which was charged with raising money for the Medical Center.

After living in Latin America, Neil ended up working for the Organization of American States (OAS) in D.C. Called to help integrate Fort Valley State College, Neil looked at this as an opportunity to make a difference in society and unselfishly took a massive pay cut to join the Faculty, the first White man to become a Department Head. It would be an understatement to simply say he succeeded. During this time both Ethel and Neil were very active in voter registration drives helping to get black officials elected to local offices. Neil served on the Macon/Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, eventually becoming Chairman.

Neil left Academia after several years to start a Mobile MRI company which became quite successful. Neil sold the company after nearly two decades to a competitor and essentially retired.

Ethel is not one to let any moss gather under her rolling stone. Prior to assuming her Medical Center position, Ethel had taught at Albany State College, Macon Junior College, before becoming the Assistant Dean of the Mercer law school, then went on to become the Dean of Wesleyan College.

As if these folks weren't amazing enough, Neil interviewed Robert Vesco, an internationally wanted fugitive who was living in Costa Rica. Vesco was accused of stealing \$700 million from a Canadian Mutual fund and wanted by the FBI. His interview was published in the July '74 issue of Time Magazine.

When you see Ethel or Neil around our campus please welcome them and get to know them. They are a wonderful, friendly, warm couple and you'll be glad to know them.



## Scam Article: How Tech Support Scammers Stole \$85,000 and Got Away with it

Originally written by Tara Siegal Bernard and published by The New York Times  
Submitted by Neil Cullinan - This article has been paraphrased

David Welles, a retired lawyer, had been struggling with his new iPad for hours when he tried to call tech support. But instead of dialing Microsoft to help him connect his email, the phone number he found on Google put him in touch with cybercriminals. The smooth talking scammer who answered called himself Alex and built a rapport with Mr. Welles, assuring him that he could resolve his tech headaches. Before too long, Mr. Welles downloaded remote access software, both on his iPhone and his laptop, allowing the scammer to burrow deep inside of his devices, where he stored his username and passwords on his hard drive. "A big mistake," said Mr. Welles, who is 87. "All of a sudden, on the laptop, I could see it going blank, and little lights flashing around."

The scammer wore him down over a series of calls over nearly five hours, according to text messages and other records. Finally, a little after 7 p.m., Mr. Welles called his work assistant and told her he had been on the line with Microsoft all day. She immediately sensed something was off. They quickly called the scammer on a three-way call. But they had no idea Alex had already made a wire transfer of \$85,000 from Mr. Welles's checking account at Citibank. It seems Citi didn't immediately notice either — even after Mr. Welles and his assistant contacted the bank to alert it of the scammer, just three hours after the money left Mr. Welles's account. Cybercrime has become a global, industrialized operation that captures billions of dollars from Americans every year.

Americans over age 60 lost roughly \$982 million last year to tech support scams, one of the more lucrative frauds, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center: That figure is up 66 percent from 2023, but it's still just a fraction of the estimated \$16.6 billion cybercriminals took in 2024 overall, up 33 percent from the year before, and widely viewed as an under representation since so much fraud goes unreported.

The next morning, he received a call from what appeared to be Citibank's private bank on his caller ID. "Did you make an \$85,000 wire?" asked a man who called himself Michael Wink. He reassured Mr. Welles that he didn't need to call the bank because they were already on the case. But it was the hackers calling him. Mr. Welles and his assistant called the real Citibank, which confirmed that \$85,000 had indeed left his account the afternoon before. The bank then initiated a recall on the wire, but it was too late — the money had landed at Wells Fargo and had already moved on to its next destination. Had Citi set off alarm bells the night before, when Mr. Welles first called, would he have been more likely to recover his money? Citi declined to comment on the specifics of his case.

The scam artists continued to torment Mr. Welles weeks later. He received a call from someone calling himself Mark Wood, who claimed to be a senior investigator at Citi — and promised he would get his money back in a week or so. Mr. Welles emailed his private bankers about the incident to confirm it was indeed the fraudsters, which they did. "Fortunately, although a bit worse, I am still OK to make it through the few years I have left to live comfortably," he said in the Sept. 24 email, but not psychologically. "Anxiety dreams," he added.

## February IQ

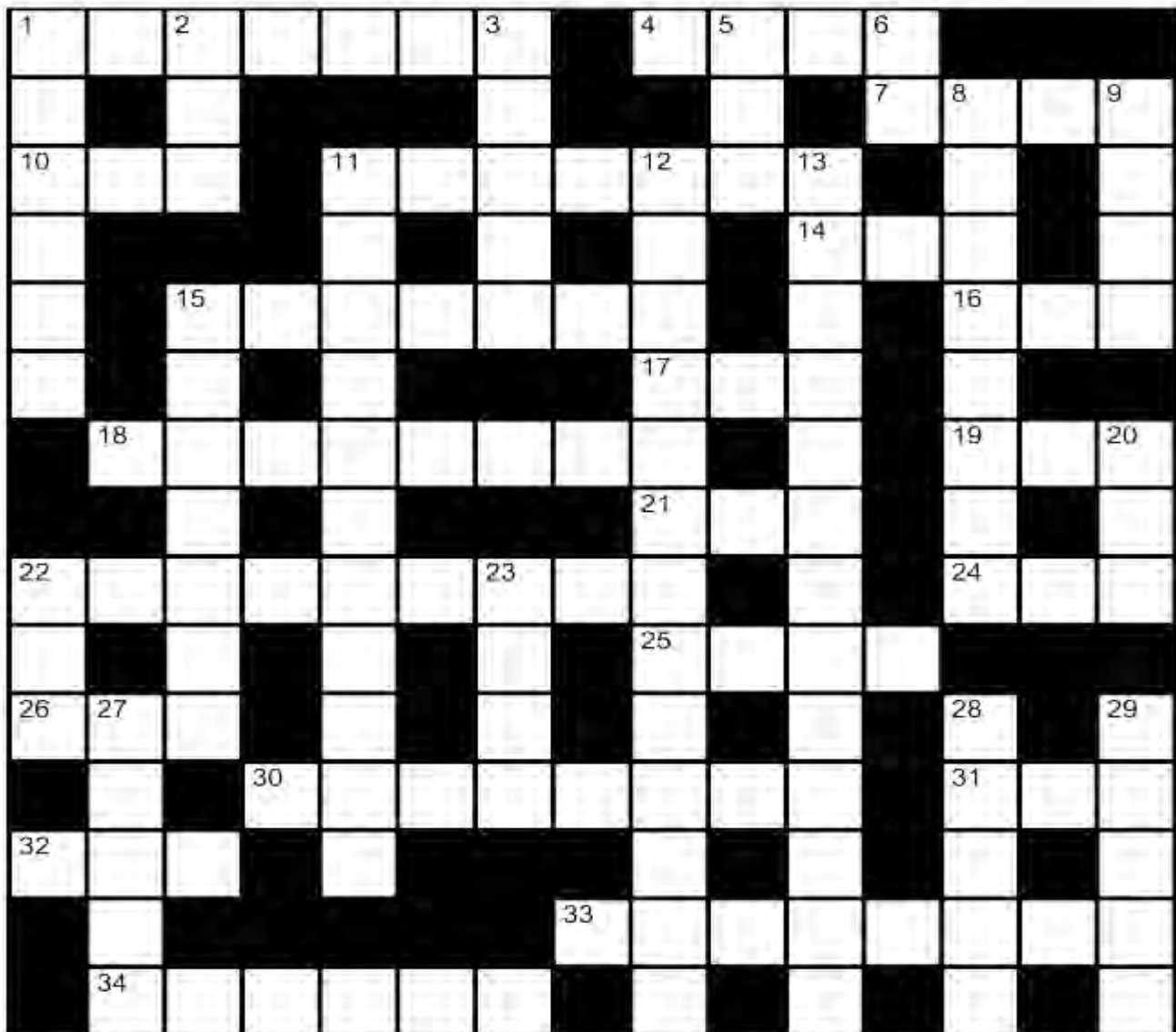
Don't you just love February? Test your February IQ.

1. Which February event occurred last in history? **A.** Elizabeth II became queen. **B.** Malcolm X was assassinated. **C.** The first National Football League draft took place. **D.** Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years.
2. True or false? Jimmy Durante often ended his shows with the affectionate line "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are."
3. February's birthstone and flower are both known for being which color? **A.** Purple **B.** Green **C.** Blue **D.** Yellow
4. What kind of show is hosted each year by the Westminster Kennel Club?
5. Born on February 26, 1932, which country legend became known as "The Man in Black"? **A.** Merle Haggard **B.** Willie Nelson **C.** Roy Orbison **D.** Johnny Cash
6. True or false? According to the Hallmark company, Valentine's Day is the third-most popular card-giving occasion behind Christmas and Mother's Day.
7. Presidents' Day in February honors both George Washington and what other president born this month?
8. Which zodiac sign falls at the beginning of February? **A.** Pisces **B.** Capricorn **C.** Aquarius **D.** Aries
9. On February 29, 1940, which movie won eight Academy Awards? **A.** The Wizard of Oz **B.** Gone with the Wind **C.** The Grapes of Wrath **D.** Rebecca
10. True or false? The United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom all celebrate Black History Month in February.
11. Which of the following does NOT belong? **A.** Ash Wednesday **B.** Fat Tuesday **C.** Mardi Gras **D.** Carnival
12. Released in February 1928, which cereal snaps, crackles, and pops? **A.** Froot Loops **B.** Cheerios **C.** Rice Krispies **D.** Frosted Flakes
13. True or false? Born on Feb, 5, 1934, Hank Aaron finished his career with 755 home runs.
14. Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2. What is the name of the famous groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania?
15. Born on February 2, 1882, which of these authors wrote A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Ulysses, and Finnegans Wake? **A.** T. S. Eliot **B.** Ezra Pound **C.** W. B. Yeats **D.** James Joyce

Answers 1. (D) Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years on February 11, 1990. The first National Football League draft took place on February 8, 1936. Elizabeth II became queen on February 6, 1952. Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965. 2. True. He reportedly coined the phrase in memory of a dear friend or perhaps his first wife, but he never revealed the full story, keeping the mystery alive. 3. (A) Purple. February's birthstone is the amethyst, and its birth flower is the violet. 4. A dog show. The first Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was held in 1907. 5. (D) Johnny Cash. He wore black as a statement of solidarity with the poor, the imprisoned, and those facing hardship. 6. False. Valentine's Day is second after Christmas, but Hallmark did not include classroom valentines in their count. 7. Abraham Lincoln. The holiday is observed on the third Monday of February, celebrating leadership and patriotism. 8. (C) Aquarius. Aquarius starts on January 20 and ends on February 18. 9. (B) Gone with the Wind. Hattie McDaniel won Best Supporting Actress. 10. False. While the United States and Canada celebrate in February, the United Kingdom celebrates Black History Month in October. 11. (A) Ash Wednesday. Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, and Carnival all describe the same celebration. 12. (C) Rice Krispies. The phrase "snap, crackle, and pop" was first mentioned during radio commercials and on the cereal boxes in 1932. 13. True. Aaron held the all-time home run record for 33 years until Barry Bonds broke it in 2007. 14. Phil. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club claims there is only one Phil, and he has been predicting the weather since 1886. 15. (D) James Joyce. The Irish novelist and poet was known for writing in a unique stream-of-consciousness style.

## Crossword Puzzle

Use clues to fill in the Crossword.



### Across:

1. Adult 4. Event attended by Cinderella 7. Goals 10. Auction unit 11. Aquatic athlete 14. Pointy-eared figure of fantasy 15. "Jeepers, creepers, where'd you get those \_\_\_?" 16. Electrical unit 17. Garage contents 18. To carry on 19. It's "the word" (Hint: keeping a secret) 21. Captain's journal 22. Teacher's superior 24. Doris \_\_\_ (Hint: "Que Sera, Sera") 25. A measure of land 26. Man's best friend 30. Most remote 31. E.T.'s craft 32. Caribou kin 33. Rushing 34. Render harmless

### Down:

1. Milky Way, for one 2. Kind of bran 3. 8:00 p.m. is \_\_\_-time TV 5. Chowd down 6. Pie a-\_\_\_-mode 8. Well-versed 9. A petticoat's junction 11. Amazing, sensational 12. Mixed, varied 13. Chilling appliances 15. Readying a field, say 20. "\_\_\_ I help you?" 22. Like two peas in a \_\_\_ 23. Verse writer 27. Applied lubricant 28. Something to face? (Hint: accept unpleasant consequences) 29. Karaoke choices





Sue Norris celebrating her 90th birthday on the Amalfi Coast - Submitted by Rhonda Koplin



Don Kea & Mary Dale Kea with Dr. Claudio Jaffee & Dr. Catherine Lan



Terrell & Joan Harris at the Ice Cream Tasting Social



Putting with the CP Pros  
Submitted by Bob Pluta



Floyd Williams at Putting with the CP Pros  
Submitted by Bob Pluta



Residents at the Grand Opera House Tour