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# LEGACY VILLAGE OF ATHENS

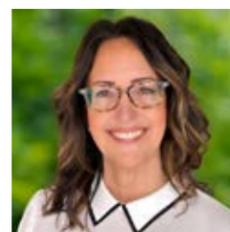
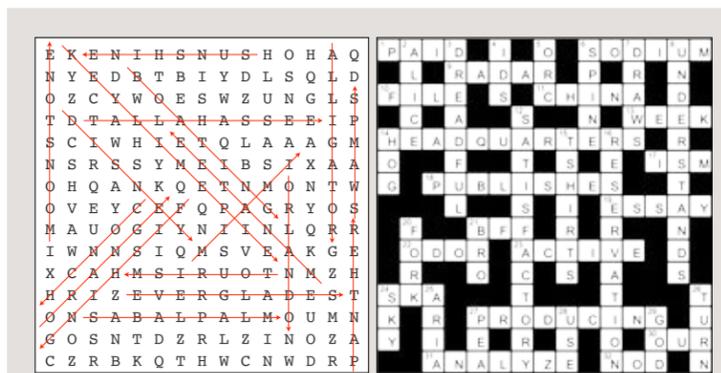


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## YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Chaplain



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we begin to see hints of spring on the horizon, I am filled with gratitude and renewed energy for all that lies ahead at Legacy Village of Athens. The promise of warmer weather and brighter days always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and I am truly looking forward to enjoying this new season alongside each of you.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our entire team. The winter storms brought their share of challenges, but through dedication, teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to our residents, we navigated them safely and successfully. I could not be more thankful for the compassion and resilience our staff demonstrates every single day!

On a personal note, it has been such a joy getting to know our residents more deeply and building meaningful relationships with families. Hearing

your stories, learning about your loved ones' lives, and partnering with you in their care is both a privilege and an honor. These relationships are the heart of our community, and I am grateful for the trust you place in us.

As we look ahead to 2026, I do so with immense gratitude and genuine excitement. I am confident that together we will continue to strengthen our community, create memorable moments, and ensure that Legacy Village remains a place where residents feel at home and families feel peace of mind.

Thank you for being such an important part of our journey. I am excited for all that the coming months will bring!

With gratitude and anticipation,

*Melissa Chupp*  
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 Executive Director



### CHASING DREAMS AT 87: MEET ELIZABETH ABBOTT

Elizabeth Abbott's life is a beautiful tapestry woven with love,

tending to her garden. Later on, she followed a new curiosity back to school, diving into art history simply because it fascinated her. One of her fondest memories is traveling the world with a friend from class, with Dubai standing out as a place that captured her heart.

Travel isn't just about places for Elizabeth; it's about connection. Family trips to Bryson City and the Cherokee area deepened her appreciation for the rich history and culture of the Cherokee people.

When asked about her favorites, Elizabeth lights up talking about *Gone with the Wind* and the timeless wisdom of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. She also stays connected to the world by watching Fox News.

Now, at 87, Elizabeth looks back with a heart full of gratitude—for the chances she's taken, the family she adores, and the mother who shaped her with wisdom and grace.

Her advice? "Always chase your dreams, no matter your age." And with that spirit, Elizabeth continues to inspire everyone around her.

We're truly grateful to have Elizabeth's warmth and adventurous soul as part of our community this month.

strength, and an unending spirit of curiosity.

Born in Tampa on a chilly February day in 1939, Elizabeth's story really begins when her family moved to Decatur when she was just two. Growing up as an only child, family was everything to her—a bond she's held close her entire life.

She and Jerry, her high school sweetheart, have shared 60 years of marriage filled with laughter, support, and the kind of love that deepens with time. Together, they raised three wonderful children. Elizabeth often smiles when she calls being a stay-at-home mom her "full-time job," proud of the life she built around her family.

Life hasn't always been easy. Losing a son in a boating accident was unimaginably hard, but Elizabeth's faith and the strength she draws from her loved ones have carried her through the darkest days.

Creativity has always found a way into her life—whether through quilting, sewing, or

### Celebrations & Milestones

#### Welcome to our newest residents!

- Elizabeth Abbott
- George Booth
- Donald Stewart

#### Let's celebrate everyone marking a special moment this month!

##### RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

- Mar. 5: Mary Rucker
- Mar. 7: Jerry White
- Mar. 10: Lindy Maddox
- Mar. 15: Nan Haggerty
- Mar. 28: Carlton Purvis
- Mar. 30: Bettie Wright

##### TEAM MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Mar. 20: Ashley Lewis
- Mar. 24: Danyell Elston
- Mar. 25: Latonya Richburg
- Mar. 29: Brittany Ivey
- Mar. 30: Robbie Lewis

##### RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES

- Jim Dodge - 2 years
- Sue Lee - 2 years

### FINDING PEACE IN THE CRAZY

Hello friends! If we haven't met yet, my name is Jeff. I am honored to serve Legacy as your Chaplain! I visit at least once a week to say hello and connect with you. If I can be any help, care, or encouragement to you and your families, please do not hesitate to reach out to me 24/7.

About me! On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, my wife (Stephanie) and I will be married 30 years! We have three biological children. My second grandchild will be born any day.

We are also foster parents. We have two amazing kids who have lived with us for 10 years! We also adopted a little boy who turned three on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. I have 9.5 people living in my house at the moment!

All of this means that my house is NOT quiet and peaceful. Some days are wonderful with the children. Some days I want to hibernate with the bears in Alaska. Do you have days like that? How do you handle it? Invite me over one day and let's talk about it.

May I tell you how I handle it?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

In the craziness of my life, it is easy to rely on our understanding—our plans, our worries, and our limited perspective. When situations feel uncertain, or I'm lonely even when surrounded by so many people, I tend to lean on my anxiety rather than faith and confidence in God. However, He commands me to a different way: trusting Him with my entire heart.

This week, when you feel overwhelmed, stop and acknowledge Him. Invite Him into the stress, the decisions, the loneliness, and the waiting. True peace isn't the absence of trouble, but the presence of God in the middle of it. Trust that He is making your path straight, even when you cannot see the next step.

Action Step: Write down one worry causing you stress, pray over it, and hand it over to God today.

God still loves you, ya' know!  
Jeff Merritt, Chaplain

### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mocktails & Dog Tails with Mary Ellen
- 9<sup>th</sup> Women, Wisdom & Warm Cider Chat with Melissa (Women's Group)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Men's Club with Marcus
- 10<sup>th</sup> Walmart trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> Laugh Lines & Fun Times with Caricature
- 20<sup>th</sup> Picnic Lunch Outing

### WHEN Cupid WEARS A BADGE!



We appreciate your kindness! ❤️



IF YOU LOVE WHAT WE DO,  
PLEASE LEAVE A REVIEW!

YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS OTHERS! ★★★★★



### SHAMROCKS, SNACKS & SMILES BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 17  
6:00-8:00PM

- BINGO
- FOOD
- FUN



RSVP: [Receptionist@legacyathens.net](mailto:Receptionist@legacyathens.net)



LOVE AT EVERY TABLE!  
VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON



may your troubles be less and your blessings be more.

# BIG TEXAS BASH

When Harbor resident Pam mentioned missing her home state, the Legacy Village family turned her longing into a reason to celebrate—throwing a Texas-style bash that brought everyone together for fun, laughter, and a taste of home.



Just as gardens need seasons, so does life—embrace each phase with grace and trust in growth.

Take advantage of this complimentary support service, thoughtfully designed to complement the care we provide. Schedule your one-on-one phone or video session with Dr. Ron Harvard today.

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### A GENTLE SPIRIT & ADVENTUROUS SOUL: MEET BETTY DAWSON

Betty Dawson's life is a shining example of faith, kindness, and a heart that's always ready to serve.

Her favorite hymn, "At Calvary," has long been the soundtrack of her deep

love for the Lord and the foundation of her faith. Betty treasured attending church with her family and devoted many years to Kids Ministry, where she poured encouragement and care into young hearts.

For 15 years, Betty worked as a paraprofessional in an elementary school, where her patience and gentle kindness made every child feel seen and supported. She had a special gift for making kids feel valued and safe.

But Betty's story isn't just about quiet moments of care—she's also an adventurer at heart.

Alongside her husband of 59 years, she hit the open road to visit all 50 states, collecting stories, laughter, and memories along the way. Closer to home, she loved the energy of UGA football tailgates, cheering on the Dawgs with friends who have become like family.

Betty's servant's heart is well-known around here. She's the kind of person who shows up, rain or shine. Whether visiting the elderly or comforting someone who's sick, she rarely comes empty-handed—often bringing her famous blueberry crunch or mini pigs in a blanket, little treats that brighten any day.

Her life is a beautiful blend of faith, love, and devotion—to family, to community, and to the simple joys of service. We're grateful to celebrate Betty and the warmth she brings to Legacy Village every day.

#### ACROSS

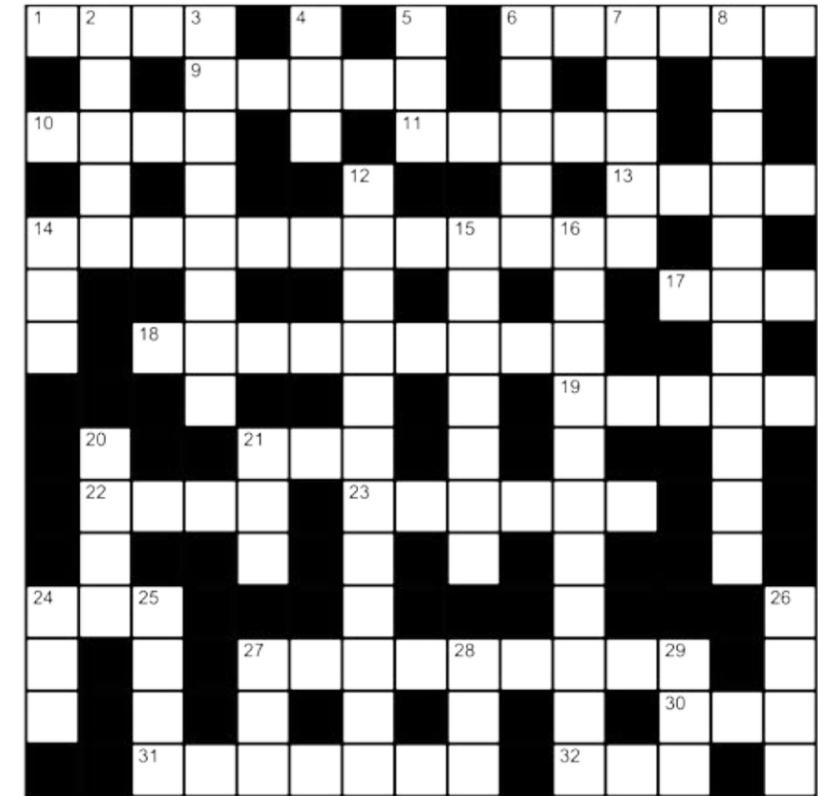
- 1. \_\_\_\_ back: reimbursed
- 6. Salt mineral
- 9. Weather bureau tool
- 10. Walk in a line: single \_\_\_\_
- 11. Fine dinnerware
- 13. TV Guide span
- 14. Company's central office
- 17. Suffix with ideal
- 18. Puts into print
- 19. English exam finale, often
- 21. Best friend forever, abb.
- 22. Skunk's defense
- 23. On the move
- 24. 1950s music genre from Jamaica
- 27. Bringing into being
- 30. Days of \_\_\_\_ Lives
- 31. Study in depth
- 32. Affirmative action?

#### DOWN

- 2. She falls down a rabbit hole
- 3. Awful; ghastly
- 4. Driver's license and others
- 5. Mythical monster
- 6. Another name for backbone
- 7. Makes a sketch
- 8. Comprehends; grasps
- 12. Adequate
- 14. "Living high on the \_\_\_\_"

- 15. Casual, short-sleeved tops
- 16. Dinner arrangement
- 20. Chopsticks alternative
- 21. Sis's male sibling
- 24. Wild blue yonder
- 25. Operatic solo

- 26. Card between "flop" and "river" in hold 'em
- 27. Cause of sleep disturbance for a princess
- 28. Operate
- 29. Zeus, for one



### MOMENTS OF Purpose...

**DOLL THERAPY.** Holding realistic baby dolls—known as "doll therapy"—can bring comfort and calm to women with dementia. Caring for a doll often taps into nurturing instincts, helping reduce anxiety and loneliness. For many, it sparks gentle moments of joy and offers a sense of purpose, making daily life a little brighter and more meaningful.



### AND Peace.

#### TIME FOR YOURSELF.

There's always room for a little quiet—like reading the paper in your favorite spot. Even with plenty going on around here, it's easy to find your own kind of peace.

### QUICK PEEK AT THE MEET & GREET



Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Because real rocks are too heavy.

What do you get when two leprechauns have a conversation?

A lot of small talk.



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### Florida

The words listed can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward.



- ALLIGATOR
- BOATING
- CONCH
- DISNEY
- EVERGLADES
- FISHING
- KEY LIME PIE
- MANATEE
- MIAMI
- MOONSTONE
- ORANGE
- ORLANDO
- PANTHER
- SABAL PALM
- SUNSHINE
- SWAMPS
- TALLAHASSEE
- TOURISM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30- Livestream North Avenue Church 2:00- Card Games 3:00- Word Searches 4:00- Walking Club	10:00- Morning Stretch <b>2</b> 11:00- Bible Study 2:00-Rummikub 3:00- Bingo 4:00- Dr. Seuss Poems with Fun Hats <small>Purim Begins</small>	10:30- Sit and Be Fit <b>3</b> 11:00- Daily Chronicles <b>1:30- Mocktails and Dog tails with Mary Ellen</b> <b>2:00- Resident Council</b> 3:00- Word Scramble	10:00- Move and Groove <b>4</b> 11:00- Bible Study 2:00- Bridge 3:00- Reading Nook 4:00- Jeopardy	10:30- Chair Exercise <b>5</b> 2:00- Manicures 3:00- Hand and Foot 4:00- Devotional	10:30- Morning Movement <b>6</b> 2:00- Uno 3:00- Bingo 4:00- Would you Rather	10:00- Walking Club <b>7</b> 11:00- Adult Coloring 2:00- Mexican Train Dominoes 3:00- Puzzles
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