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When you're a kid, choices get made for you. When you're a son of an only child and an orphan in the small-town '60s, holiday calculus is easy. People come to you. Things happen at your house. Your mother is in charge.

Later, things get more complicated. I have an appetite for control and my own food, and cooking is my favorite hobby, so I'm inclined to coerce the extended family to come to me. But I understand the imperative (to at least attempt) to subscribe to the principles of democracy where major holidays are concerned. So, over the years, Thanksgiving has come in several forms. Trips to California for in-law buffets. Relatively small gatherings at my mother's table. A blended group at a club. And, of course, me in my kitchen making too many courses and too much mess.

When your kids are no longer children (except in your distorted mind's eye) and they take mates, all bets are off. You hope they choose you...your house...your traditions; you recognize feeling this way is selfish so you try to suppress it; you experience guilt at the slightest hint of resentment that you are no longer the sun around which orbit the planets of your domain; and, ultimately, you take and celebrate what you get. Which is made easier and more palatable when you genuinely appreciate and adore the new additions to your sacred family core (and I do).

My mom reluctantly ceded control of the holidays a couple of decades ago. Still, old habits die hard. "I'm getting the turkey," she texts me and/or the kids at some point every year. It takes several iterations and various versions of "no" to land on something simpler for everyone. "Okay. At least I'll make a dessert." (These sweet treats – think Greek wedding cookies and gooey brownies – are always sinfully and addictively good.)

Some families like to eat Thanksgiving dinner early – we are among them, or so we identify. But "early" means different things to different people. My parents would be happy with noon. My girls prefer to be in the middle of a many-mile walk at that hour (and so do I.) Five is "early" for most of us. Three sits right in the middle. Somehow, we usually land on 4.

This year, we will replicate a plan that has found temporary permanence for our group. My daughters are flying in from their respective cities and cooking for everyone at our house. I like this solution, even though it relieves me of the pleasures associated with my duties as

chef. The girls are excellent cooks. They are thoughtful entertainers. Jenna has a terrific eye and talent for creating the physical setting and a welcoming mood, and the three of them work together well. It's fun and heartwarming to sit back and watch it unfold.

With age comes both wisdom and acceptance. But neither comes easy nor without reversions to stubborn stupidity, at times. The fundamental truth worth remembering when we plan for the holidays: It's not as much the when or where or what as it is the who. I'm fortunate to have both my parents close by, and Jenna's here, too. I'm blessed to have daughters with whom I'm close. I'm happy about the young men they have chosen. I'm very grateful for a loving and fun-to-be-with wife. When the time comes, I'll be over-the-moon thankful for my grandchildren. It won't much matter who cooks.

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Bun Voyage!

By Philip Schweier



The only thing better than encountering the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile in its travels around the country would be to be paid to drive it, to meat-and-greet wherever you go.

“When you’re driving down the highway, you can see peoples’ reactions and it’s such an inexplicable feeling knowing you’re the one that gets to bring that to them,” says Maggie Dawson, one of the current drivers of the one-of-a-kind vehicle. (Well, not really; frankly, there are six Wienermobiles touring the country at any given time.) “It’s the Wienermobile that’s making all the magic,”

Known professionally as “hotdoggers,” Maggie and her partner, Isaac Salas, serve as Oscar Mayer brand ambassadors. However, their mission is also community engagement. “We do community events,”

explains Isaac, “from your local grocery store to baseball games, parades, festivals, state fairs, things like that.”

During its recent visit to the Hostess City, the Wienermobile stopped by Senior Citizens Inc., to share some Meals on Wheels deliveries, and visited Renegade Paws Rescue to support its pet adoption program, among other events.

Oscar F. Mayer and his brother Gottfried launched the Oscar Mayer Company in 1883 in Chicago. In 1936, Gottfried’s son, Carl, designed the company’s first vehicle, known by different names until “Wienermobile” was coined in 1951, when it began visiting stores, schools, and public events. The advent of molded fiberglass opened new possibilities in fabrication, allowing the vehicle to adopt its classic

hot-dog-in-a-bun appearance.

In 1988, company representatives began visiting college campuses, recruiting upcoming graduates for a one-year tour of duty driving the Wienermobile. Isaac was a marketing major at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, deep in the heart of Texas, when he attended an info session during his sophomore year. “They explained what the job was like, being able to drive the Wienermobile all over the country. I thought, ‘Man, this is something I want to do.’ They came back my senior year, the semester before I graduated, and I applied.”

Earning a degree in public relations or a related discipline helps, but Maggie and Isaac agree it’s a range of ingredients that make the real difference. “Any degree is good for the Wienermobile,” says Isaac. “We have someone who majored in interior design, and another hot-dogger finished their master’s inside the Wienermobile in leadership and ethics.”

“It’s about what you bring to the table,” adds Maggie. While studying advertising at the University of Tennessee, she learned about the position online and was immediately intrigued. “Everything I read about it...I was immediately hooked. It checked all my boxes.”

She submitted a resumé and cover letter online, adding a video to showcase who she is off-paper, and to set her apart from other applicants. “After a couple of months of interviews, I was lucky enough to cut the mustard,” Maggie says.

Oscar Mayer grills thousands of candidates, but only 12 are cho-



Maggie Dawson and Isaac Salas are among the privileged few to tour the country in the iconic Wienermobile.

sen to drive the six Wienermobiles. Those lucky dogs are sent to Hot Dog High in Wisconsin, where they refine their knowledge of the Oscar Mayer brand and polish their driving skills to suit the oversized vehicle. “It’s the coolest post-grad job I could ever think of,” Maggie says. “You get to travel the country. There’s no better way to see it than through this custom windshield.”

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an amalgamation." The engine is Chevy, but the chassis is from a box truck, like those used by UPS. Its taillights match a Camaro's, and the outside door handle is from a Silverado tailgate. Adding to the nostalgic charm of the Wienermobile is its jingle horn, which plays the beginning of the Oscar Mayer song.

The festive interior offers seating for six, in a red and yellow color scheme with custom embroidery. The ketchup-colored floor features a mustard-styled stripe, and the ceiling is a blue sky, "Because it's always blue skies in the Wienermobile, even on rainy days," explains Maggie.

The ceiling also features a "bunroof" – a transparent hatch above the front seats. Maggie says, "It's totally removable, so if we do parade or something like that, one of us will drive and the other can sit on top of the vehicle."

The rear of the vehicle has an A/V system to play music and display videos and photos during appearances. "And that door back there," Maggie says, pointing to a compartment in the far rear, "is our storage closet, where we keep everything we need to travel.

It also may have a hot dog hot tub, but we can't really confirm or deny that."

Individual Wienermobiles are identified by their license plates. Others in the fleet are YUMMY, WEENR, OSCRMYR, OUR-DOG, and RELSHME. For Maggie and Isaac, their Wienermobile – BIG BUN – is less than two months old. "Hot off the grill," Isaac proclaims.

"It's pretty special," Maggie says. "This is the first new car I've ever had."

Each team of hotdoggers is assigned to a region of the country, covering about 500 miles per week. "We're the Southeast team," explains Isaac. "We can go anywhere from Virginia down to Florida and some of the inland states. After about six months, we'll switch and move into a completely new region, maybe the East or West, and we'll get a new partner as well."

A Wienermobile's itinerary is determined by requests filtered through the "Where's the Party?" page on the Oscar Mayer website. The company provides drivers with all the support they need during their year on the road, cov-

ering the cost of gas and lodging, and providing an allowance for meals and other travel expenses. "We 'ketchup' pretty often with the home office and the other hotdoggers," Maggie jokes.

Sadly, the Wienermobile isn't set up to serve hot dogs to visitors. Instead, everyone who visits the Wienermobile receives a wiener whistle, a memento of the American icon on wheels. "It's kind of like a lifetime hot dog," says Isaac.

In the 1950s, the whistles were included in packages of Oscar Mayer products. "People get very excited for them," says Maggie. "It's your 'I saw it' token. You can only get one when you see the Wienermobile in person."

The hotdoggers may also distribute prizes, such as coupons, stickers, or other wienermobilia. They sometimes set up a tent with activities, such as sending a postcard from the Wienermobile or "Guess the Whistles," where you guess the number of wiener whistles in a jar. "We hang out, we take pictures, we have fun," Maggie adds.

One gentleman attending a Halloween

trunk-or-treat with his 4-year-old grandson was thrilled with the nostalgia of the Wienermobile. "It's amazing," he said. "I'm 63, and this brings back so many memories of when I was kid."

Listening to the Wienermobile's horn play the iconic Oscar Mayer jingle, the man enthusiastically sang along. "I'm going to have to teach you the words," he told his grandson.

Maggie and Isaac relish the variety of experiences they've had as hotdoggers – not only touring the country in the Wienermobile but also serving as a boots-on-the-ground marketing team and meeting fans. "It's one of the best parts of the gig. People are always so excited – taking pictures, waving, honking their horns. That's our work; this is our job," Maggie says. "How lucky are we to be stewards that get to do that? More people have been to space than have gotten to drive the Wienermobile. I don't see how it could get better than this. I don't think it will, but we'll get to carry this with us for the rest of our lives."

To track the Wienermobile wherever it goes or to apply to become a hotdogger, please visit www.oscarmayer.com/wienermobile.



Bunz, one of the dogs available for adoption from Savannah's Renegade Paws Rescue, enjoyed a personal tour of the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

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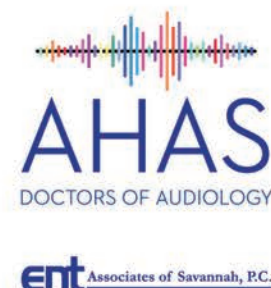
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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Amy Pierce

Seeing Signs Your Love One Needs a Little Help

Every year around the holidays, I hear the same thing from families: “Mom seemed fine on the phone — but when I saw her in person, I knew something was different.”

The holidays offer us a chance to see our loved ones up close. Between the laughter, cooking, and family stories, you might notice small things that don't feel quite right. These moments can be gentle signals that your parent or loved one could use a little extra help at home.

Here's what to look for when you visit this season:

- A home that feels “different.” Look around the house. Is it cluttered, dusty, or unsafe to move around in? Are appliances left on or things left undone? Sometimes a once-tidy home becoming disorganized is the first visible sign that your loved one needs extra hands.

- Changes in appearance or hygiene. If Dad's usually neat clothes are stained or wrinkled, or Mom — who's always loved her salon visits — seems to have stopped caring about her hair, it may not just be “slowing down.” Sometimes, these are quiet signs that daily routines are becoming too much or that they're feeling overwhelmed.

- Weight loss or signs of poor nutrition. Peek in the refrigerator and pantry. Are there fresh groceries, or mostly expired food and empty

shelves? Many older adults lose interest in cooking or simply forget to eat regularly. Skipped meals can lead to weakness, confusion, and a greater risk of falling.

- Unopened mail or unpaid bills. Stacks of mail, late notices, or confusion about money can be signs that managing day-to-day tasks is getting difficult. Often, it's not just forgetfulness — it's a sign of cognitive changes or stress.

- Medication confusion. When I visit clients, I often find multiple pill bottles for the same medication or missed refills. It's easy to get mixed up, especially when prescriptions change. A care manager can step in to organize medications, set up a simple system, and make sure doses are taken correctly.

- Bruises, mobility issues, or “little trips.” If you notice bruises, scuffed furniture, or hear, “Oh, I just tripped,” take it seriously. Falls are one of the biggest risks for older adults, and they're often preventable. With the right support, physical therapy, and home safety changes, you can dramatically reduce the risk.

- Withdrawal or isolation. Maybe Dad skipped his weekly card game, or Mom doesn't want to attend church anymore. When older

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adults begin withdrawing from social activities, it can signal depression, loneliness, or early cognitive decline. Companionship and engagement can make a huge difference in their quality of life.

- Forgetfulness or confusion. Repeating questions, getting lost while driving, or forgetting familiar names can be hard to witness, but they're important to notice. Early evaluation and support can make all the difference in keeping your loved one safe and comfortable at home.

If you notice any of these red flags, don't panic – and don't jump straight to "Mom needs to move." It might simply mean it's time to bring in a little support so your loved one can keep living safely and independently. That's where nurse care management and in-home care come in.

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Amy Pierce is a registered nurse and co-founder of Coastal Care Partners.



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This is the product of one such shot. Stored somewhere in my subconscious, I had a good feeling about the compatibility between sausage and squash. I can't summon specifics, but the subliminal notion inspired me, and I coupled it with a craving for soup. When I spotted a head of particularly perky frisee, the concept congealed in my mind. The recipe that follows is the (very tasty) result.

As always, amounts are suggestions; these are approximations of my first try at a dish that I intend to make again...and I'll probably do it a bit differently the second time, and each time after that.

- 1 sweet onion, roughly diced
- 1 fennel bulb, roughly chopped
- 2 carrots, roughly chopped
- 4 celery stalks, roughly chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, roughly minced
- 2 acorn squash, peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 1 ½ lbs Italian sausage (I used hot, but sweet works better if you don't like spicy food), cut into 1-½-inch pieces
- 1 head frisee or curly endive, coarsely chopped

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 2 bay leaves
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 Heaping handful of coarsely chopped Italian parsley
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Heat olive oil over medium-high in a stock pot. Add sausage to brown on all sides and render some fat. Remove sausage and set aside. Add carrots, fennel, celery, and onion. Season well with salt and stir well. Sauté for 3 minutes. Reduce heat to medium. Add garlic and bay leaf, stir well and sauté for another minute. Add squash, season well with salt and nutmeg, stir everything well to incorporate, and sauté for five more minutes.

Add chicken broth to the pot, season, and increase temperature to high. When the broth begins to boil, decrease to medium-low, cover, and simmer for an hour.

Turn heat off. With a stick blender (or, in batches with a conventional blender), puree the soup. Add sausage and frisee, turn heat to medium, cover and cook for 15 minutes. Uncover, add parsley, reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer for 10 to 15 more minutes.

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Holiday Eating Survival Guide

The holiday season is upon us, and there are a lot of celebrations to look forward to between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. As joyful as this time can be, it can be a challenge to eat healthy. With so much delicious food everywhere, keeping your calorie and carb counts in check is tough. This is even more important for people managing diabetes. But with a little forethought, everyone can healthily join in on the fun and festivities.

Registered dietitians encourage people to avoid an "all or nothing" mindset. Frequent parties can create a constant stream of temptation.

If you slip up and grab an extra cookie, your brain tells you, "Well, I blew it anyway. I've been eating way more than I should, and there's no point in my getting back on track

now."

Don't fall for it. The goal is to forgive the slip-up immediately and refuse to let one mistake derail the whole season. Instead, adopt a mindset that is less judgmental but still factors in accountability.

These are the top recommendations from dietitians to help navigate the holiday buffet with confidence. These principles work for everyone – whether you're managing diabetes or just trying to stay in shape.

Support System – If you struggle to keep yourself in check when the eggnog comes out, don't go it alone.

- Find a partner. Reach out to a friend or family member who has similar health goals. A workout buddy or a friend trying to cut back on sugar can provide the encouragement

you need.

- Lean on the pros. Use your healthcare team – your doctor or a dietitian – as a safety net. They can help you create a realistic plan and check in when you need it most.

Moderation – You do not have to deprive yourself. That's a fast track to feeling miserable and binging later.

- Almost any food should be allowed, but in small, moderate portions.
- Think of it as strategic sampling. You get to enjoy the dishes you love without guilt because you didn't overdo it. You get the taste, the experience, and the joy, all in a smaller package.

Party-proof your plan – Going to a holiday potluck or dinner without a strategy can feel like taking a road trip without GPS. Here's what to remember before you walk out the door.

- Don't go starving. Eat a small, healthy snack before you head out. A handful of nuts or some cheese can stabilize your blood sugar and keep you from attacking the appetizer table the second you walk in.

- Use the power plate rule. When you approach the buffet, fill your plate with protein (like turkey breast) and non-starchy veggies (like green beans or salad) first. Once those healthy items take up most of the space, you'll naturally have less room for heavy starches and sweets.

- Mindful bites. If you really want to try Mom's special stuffing or Aunt Betty's famous pie, go ahead. Take small portions and savor each bite. You'll get more enjoyment out of a few quality tastes than a rushed, huge portion anyway.

As with most things in life, navigating the holiday season is all about balance. Don't let stress, rigid rules, or guilt steal the happiness from this time of year. If you skip a workout or eat a little more than you planned, acknowledge it, let it go, and get right back on track with your very next meal.

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SmartWomen Celebrates Another Record-Breaking Year

The SmartWomen Luncheon and Expo raised another record amount – \$282,031 – for St. Joseph's/Candler's Mary Telfair Mammography Fund. The fund offers lifesaving mammograms and other breast health services for uninsured and underinsured women in the Savannah region.

"This accomplishment could only be achieved through the sponsors, community members, and the steadfast network of women who lead this effort every year," says St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey. "SmartWomen has again created so much opportunity to help women who need lifesaving breast health services. Concerns about affordability should not prevent our community's underinsured and uninsured women from getting the critical breast cancer screenings they need, which is why the health system created the SmartWomen Luncheon and Expo. I thank each person who contributed to and supported this year's event."

SmartWomen Committee Chair Andrea Dove is grateful for all involved in the SmartWomen event's success, including the many sponsors. "I am so thrilled at this year's record-setting success. It is especially gratifying because the volunteers and committee really rallied their passion and teamwork behind the event, the "Fund the Mission" campaign and SmartWomen raffle, which helped contribute to this year's total."

The 2025 SmartWomen Luncheon and Expo was held Friday, October 10, at the Savannah Convention Center. Nearly 1,500 people attended. The expo featured 75 vendors and attracted 110 sponsors, including Presenting Sponsor Chatham Parkway Lex-



Members of the 2025 SmartWomen Committee (left to right): Terri Doyle, Vernice Rackett, Allyson Harvin, Salita Hill, Gini Nichols, Andrea Dove (committee chair), Lora Reese, and Kathy Levitt.

us and Hilton Head Lexus, Speaker Sponsor Savannah Chatham Imaging, and Platinum Sponsors the Colonial Group, Inc., Genetech, International Paper, and Mr. and Mrs. James Corde Wilson III.

Stacy London served as this year's keynote speaker. The TV show host, fashion magazine editor, bestselling author, product spokesperson, and nonprofit leader shared details about her life in the fashion industry and her own health challenges, underscored by a message of compassion for others and ourselves.

St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations Executive Director Vernice Rackett notes that the event and London's talk "demonstrate that

health advocacy is a form of compassion." Rackett says, "St. Joseph's/Candler's Telfair Mammography Fund exhibits that compassion by empowering women to get screened and educated on breast health."

In our region, approximately 20 percent of the population is uninsured or underinsured. The Telfair Mammography Fund's goal is to ensure that women have access to mammography and other breast health services, even if they have no insurance or high deductibles and copays. Over the past 23 years, the SmartWomen event has raised more than \$2.5 million for the Telfair Mammography Fund.

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MY Thanksgiving

BY RON LAURETTI

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, and for good reason: I have many reasons to be thankful. I am very grateful to have been born in the U.S.A. Citizenship comes with precious human rights, freedoms that are often denied in other countries. I proudly paid my share for those privileges by voluntarily serving two years active duty in the Marine Corps, and six more years in the Reserve.

I am grateful for my 91 years of relatively good health. I have contracted no serious illnesses, nor suffered serious accidents, despite an active life. I played football through college; rode a motorcycle into my 80s; spent lots of time on mountains on foot, horseback, and skis; and bounced around on river rafts. I've handled firearms of many sizes and shot many an arrow with various bows. After all of that, I can only complain of an occasional sore lower back and a stiff leg.

My Maker matched me with the best set of parents a child could have. As a bonus, my mother's sister, Aunt Ruth, was a second mother and a veritable saint on earth. My mom, dad, and Ruth were loving and generous; I never wanted for anything (within reason).

You learn by watching your parents, even if you don't realize it at the time. My mother and father worked hard. Work was a given in our house. By the time I was 14, I began earning good money as a farmhand. I have worked in some way for 77 years.

As a child in his native Italy, my father had little formal education.

But he was a smart man. He found success and wanted even more for me. After I graduated from high school, he cashed in his life insurance policy to pay for my college. Later, he again came to my aid when I needed to pay for graduate school. My graduate degree helped me land a management training job with a major New York bank. But I didn't stay on Wall Street for long.

I joined my father to help him build his growing children's shoe business in a small, rural Pennsylvania town. Our factory employed hundreds – maybe thousands – over the years. We made a million pairs of shoes in a good year. We sold to a variety of retailers, large and small. Buyers became friends. Our footwear was available to military families through the Army and Air Force PX system throughout the world. As a military veteran, I gave special attention to that account. I managed our company for 30 years, taking over in 1969 after my father died unexpectedly. It was a heavy load, but I enjoyed it, and so did most of our loyal team.

I must confess, my father and I both had a weakness for luxury cars. I would park my Corvette next to my father's shiny Cadillac near the office door. He once shipped a new Lincoln Continental to Europe so he could drive it into his ancestral village. Unfortunately, he didn't account for the narrowness of the medieval lanes in the tiny hilltop town. The car sat outside the city walls and my father's family and friends curiously visited it like an animal in a zoo.

It's hard to talk about our kids and grandkids without sounding boastful. Our offspring have proven themselves to be very bright. They've earned advanced degrees from prestigious institutions, and they have navigated rewarding careers. Both our son, Scott, and our





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daughter, Leslie, like to pass on their good fortune. Each is a teacher, in various contexts. The kids have big hearts.

Scott spent a couple of decades in finance, a vocation that afforded him the flexibility to move South with Louise to raise their two girls. He's has been a wonderful son to his mother and me, and an even greater father to his two daughters, Sofia and Gabriella (Gabby).

After Scott was widowed, he met and married the lovely Jenna, his partner in every way. They work together, play together, and actively manage a vibrant home.

Scott is physically active. He keeps himself relatively young. A man of many talents, he loves to cook, and no guest leaves his house hungry.

Leslie is as driven as her older brother. Fluent in Italian, she was on the faculty at the University of Padua as she reconnected with her distant roots. My father would have been very happy had he lived to speak with her in his first tongue. She now lives on the West Coast where she is a dedicated leader in the challenging world of public education. Despite the distance, she keeps regular tabs on her mother and me. She is also a talented artist, and some of her paintings proudly hang on our walls.

I am also very thankful for our two delightful granddaughters. Sofia (the older) is a rising professional with a global financial services firm in New York. She lives a few blocks from the home where she spent her preschool years. Like her father, she loves to travel, but whenever

she returns home to Savannah, it's a treat for us. She is sweet and fun to be around. And, fortunate for our tastebuds, she loves to bake.

Gabby is two years younger. There's almost always a smile on her face, and we count the days until her next visit to Savannah. She holds an unusual combination college degree: vocal performance and marketing, and she has nearly completed a master's degree in public health and nutrition. This while launching a digital fitness platform and building a wide following and enjoying being a relative newlywed to Andrew, a Savannah boy and recently board-certified physician. Gabby and Andrew live in New Orleans, but maybe they'll make it back here before too long.

Our grandson Rudy lives with his parents in Camas, Washington. Athletic, like his parents, he is always on the go. Currently, he is the support rope tender for the rock-climbing wall at a recreational center. He is an avid fisherman (learned from his dad, Eddie) and a star on any slope as he zooms downhill on skis or a snowboard. He is a straight-A student and excited for college, which is only two years away.

As you can see, I have much to be thankful for. It all revolves around family, of which my wife, Gerri, is the heart and soul. We have been married for 63 years, and we are fortunate to remain together in our own home. She has given so much to me and to us over the years. My thanks are too great to effectively put into words.

As I recount my story, I wish you happiness in yours. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.



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TRIVIA QUIZ

*The Pilgrims gathered with the Wampanoag Indians in 1621 to give thanks
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Test your knowledge of this day of gratitude.*

- 1 Georgia's first "Day of Publick Thanksgiving" was celebrated on July 25, 1742. Why?
a) Gov. James Oglethorpe had signed a treaty with Tomochichi
b) Gratitude that Hurricane San Judas Tadeo passed Georgia
c) A Georgian fleet defeated an invading Spanish armada at Cumberland Island
d) The 250th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America
- 2 Which of the following settlements never claimed to have America's first Thanksgiving feast (founding years in parentheses)?
a) Christopher Columbus' colony at Salt River Bay, St. Croix (1493)
b) St. Elizario, TX (1598)
c) St. Augustine, FL (1565)
d) Berkeley Plantation, VA (1619)
e) Plymouth Colony, MA (1621)
- 3 What is the first line of the hymn that the Plymouth settlers likely sang during their thanksgiving celebration?
a) "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing..."
b) "Over the river and through the woods..."
c) "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."
d) "All people that on earth do dwell..."
- 4 Live turkeys have been presented to the White House every November since 1947. Who was the first president to pardon a turkey?
a) Harry S Truman
b) John F. Kennedy
c) Jimmy Carter
d) Ronald Reagan
- 5 After a stormy, freezing, 66-day trans-Atlantic voyage, the small band of settlers, several wives, and children reached America. What was their original destination?
a) Chesapeake Bay
b) Delaware Bay
c) Hudson River
d) Cape Cod
- 6 There were 102 passengers when the Mayflower set sail. How many survived to celebrate the first Thanksgiving?
a) 52
b) 62
c) 72
d) 82
- 7 In the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," what did Standish ask John Alden to do?
a) Loan him a tie
b) Ghost rite a love letter for him
c) Propose to Priscilla Mullins in Standish's name
d) Lead a return voyage back to London
- 8 According to bylaws of James Oglethorpe's original Savannah colony, what group of people were specifically prevented from settling here?
a) Catholics
b) Lawyers
c) Pirates
d) Methodists
e) Preachers
- 9 Last year, what percentage of sales on Black Friday occurred via mobile phones?
a) 17%
b) 27%
c) 37%
d) 47%
e) 69%

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10 Which of the following was likely NOT on the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving dinner table?
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b) Fish
c) Venison
d) Knives
e) Forks

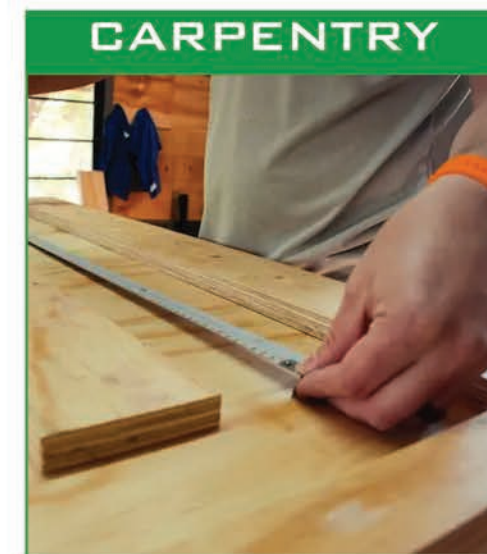
11 Squanto, the Native American and neighbor, befriended the Pilgrims, even though their colony occupied his tribe's summer campground. His friendship is sometimes credited with saving the colony. Which of the following is NOT true?
a) He was a member of the Patuxet tribe
b) He had been captured by an English adventurer and spoke English
c) He taught pilgrims to use fish as fertilizer for growing corn
d) he was chief of his tribe

12 The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual spectacle in New York City. In what year did Macy's host its first parade?
a) 1858
b) 1924
c) 1934
d) 1947

ANSWERS:
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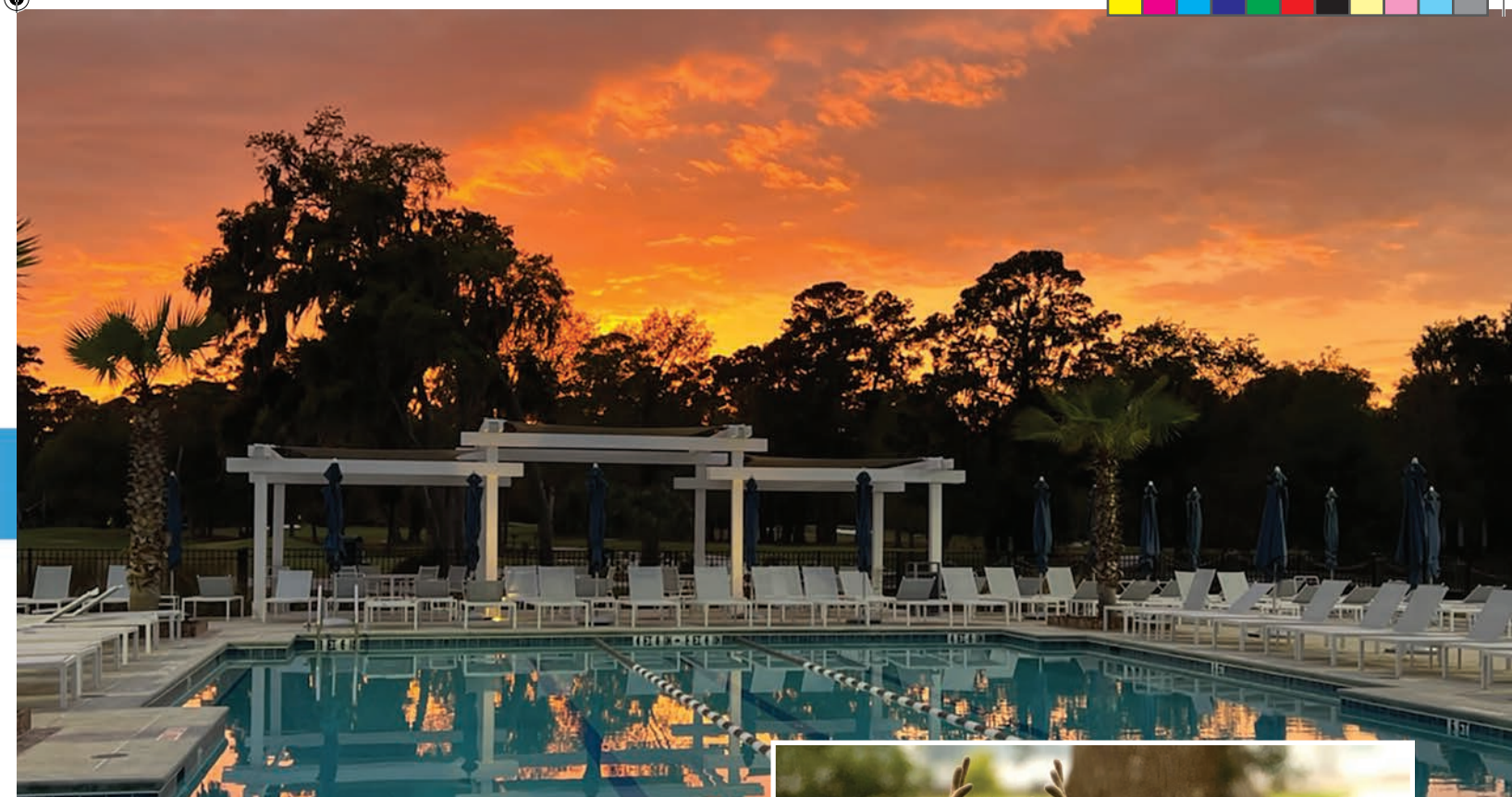


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Dr. Mark Vogelhut, Board Member and Volunteer



Beautiful sunsets and proximity to wildlife are among the lesser appreciated luxuries of living at the Landings (Photos by David Jones and Peter Schreck)

The Little Luxuries of Landings Life

Luxury is an easy word to overuse. But on Skidaway Island, it isn't about chandeliers or brand names. It's the sound of the wind through the oaks, the stillness of the marsh at dusk, the way the air smells after rain. It's having enough time to notice it all. For those of us lucky enough to call Skidaway home, the real luxuries are quiet ones.

They're tucked into the rhythm of daily life and revealed slowly, like a secret the island only shares with people who stay long enough to listen. Mornings here have a tempo all their own. There's the hum of sprinklers, the buzz of golf course crews, someone chatting on a porch in the distance, and the low light turning the sky rose-gold.

Neighbors wave as they walk their dogs. We start to live by the light here. The sun, the tides, even the birds seem to set the schedule. People talk about slowing down, but that doesn't quite capture it. It's more about tuning in, hearing nature at night, noticing the color of the sky, recognizing the shape of your own days again.

There's an easy grace to life here that shows up in the details, not



just in homes, but in how people live. Dining tables sit near windows to catch the sunset. Porches double as living rooms. Flowers grow in clusters rather than rows, left to move with the breeze.

When you move here, you start making small changes without realizing it. You open the blinds more. You find yourself outside even when you don't need to be. The island trains you to intently look around. It's not about decorating a life; it's about designing a slower one.

Wildlife is part of our daily background. Great blue herons stand motionless in lagoons. You can hear the owls before you see them. Some mornings, dolphins glide through nearby waters like they own them, which, truthfully, they do. There's always that moment when you just stop and take it in. Even after years, it still happens.

You realize this is what people dream about when they picture a peaceful life. There's something grounding about being surrounded by nature that's still wild and unpredictable. The tides come and go

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whether you're watching or not. The marsh shifts colors throughout the day. The island keeps its own time, and everyone eventually adjusts.

Skidaway's most underrated luxury might be the people who live here. Neighbors greet you whether you know them or not. Someone always seems to have a recommendation, a tool, or a laugh to share. It's the kind of place where a casual hello turns into a 20-minute chat, and where everyone knows everyone at Thursday night happy hour.

There's comfort in the way people look out for each other. We may come from different places; but, once you're here, that melts away. You find your people quickly. Belonging doesn't come from clubs or schedules; it comes from rhythm. Porch lights left on for late walkers. The "two-fingered" golf cart wave that means "Hey there, everything's ok." The quiet confidence of knowing that you're part of something steady.

Life here is filled with little rituals that are more important than, at first, they seem to be. Morning coffee on the porch. Afternoon biking. Evening golf cart rides. Even the weather contributes to the simple sense of wonder. A summer storm sends you searching for cover. Then, almost as quickly as it began, the rain eases, the birds return, and the air smells new again.

Luxury here isn't about big things, it's in the small ones. A glass of wine with friends. The quiet when you turn off your phone. The sense that you don't need to be anywhere else. The ordinary becomes memorable. That's what makes life here feel rare.



You can live here for years and still be caught off guard by a view, a sound, or a sky that feels impossibly wide. It's not the kind of beauty that demands attention; it's the kind that earns it. Over time, residents start building their days around it.

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It's the quiet moment before the first sip of coffee. The laughter of friends drifting across the lagoons. The sound of the tides in the marsh at night when the world feels very far away. That's what luxury means here. Not more, but enough. And that's a precious thing in any world.

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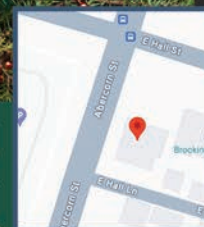
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TOOLS of the TRADE

Advanced Technology Enhances
Cosmetic Surgery Results

By Dr. E. Ronald Finger, M.D.

Cosmetic surgery patients want to look better and younger, seeking treatments with minimal discomfort, reasonable pricing, and short recovery times. Plastic surgeons must thoroughly examine products and devices that claim to deliver such results to determine if they truly work for their practice goals. These devices include instruments that produce light beams like lasers, emit heat produced by radiofrequency or ultrasound, and other technologies.

Most such devices ablate (eliminate by vaporizing) and/or tighten skin, reduce fat pockets, resurface skin, reduce wrinkles, and - most importantly - stimulate new skin development by increasing production of collagen and elastin. The best and most effective results often require combinations of treatments, although improvement is visible after every session.

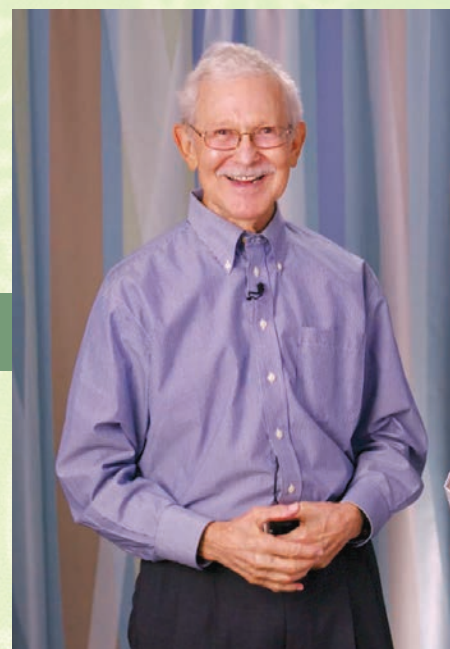
Everesse by Cartessa is a radiofrequency-producing device that both tightens and increases thickness of the skin. It's used for the face and neck, arms, knees, abdomen, and buttocks. Thicker skin wrinkles less than thin skin, so Everesse helps in that regard. Everesse genuinely works, and treatment does not re-

quire needles, numbing or pain. Discomfort is minimal, while high energy is used and a cooling head on the instrument soothes the skin during treatment.

Typically, with Everesse, one side of the face is treated, and the patient is given a mirror to compare the difference from the untreated side. The usual response is "OMG" or "Wow!" Then, the other side is treated. The usual treatment time for the face and neck is 30 minutes, and longer for larger areas.

For cellulite treatment, the Aveli device is highly effective in reducing or eliminating buttocks and thigh dimples. This instrument breaks the fibrous bands between muscle and skin that create cellulite dimples. Bruising can occur, and local anesthesia is used.

Ultra Plus is a small hand-held instrument that emits ultrasound and forces topical medications deep into the skin. Its primary use is in reducing hair loss and stimulating dormant hair follicles to resume growing hair. Ultra Plus is designed to use Derive, a plant-based exosome. The results exceed those observed from needles or microneedling with exosomes. There is zero pain, so no numbing



topicals are necessary.

The Ultra Plus is also used to force numbing creams deeper and faster into the skin for other procedures. An additional use is with EVO exosomes and plant-based topical exosomes for facial rejuvenation and recovery following laser treatments. It reduces recovery time by as much as 50 percent. Many patients use daily EVO exosomes topically in addition to their night skin care regimens for skin rejuvenation.

Technology continuously evolves, and its applications for skin care and cosmetic enhancement evolve with it. Plastic surgeons have a variety of highly effective tools at their fingertips, ready to help you achieve the look you desire.



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PUT A BOW ON IT

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow and Bulb Sale
WHEN: Tuesdays and Fridays, now through Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WHERE: Village Pharmacy Fountain
HOW MUCH: \$15-25; \$10 for 10 bulbs
CONTACT: Joni, 925.787.9800, joni-bro2022@outlook.com
WHAT ELSE: Handmade holiday bows are back, in large indoor and outdoor styles with shapeable wire. Daffodil bulbs in two varieties are also available: Fortune (yellow with soft orange) and Sempre Avanti (white with orange and yellow). Proceeds support local projects including the Pollinator Garden at Sparrow Field, Skidaway Farms Children's Garden, and the Serenity Garden at the Anderson Cancer Institute.

ENCHANTED NOEL

WHAT: Christmas Concert featuring flute, harp, and cello
WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 7, 5 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 W. Ridge Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free; Donations appreciated
CONTACT: Visit saintpeterssav.org or call Lyndall Stanley, 912.596.3480
WHAT ELSE: This Astralis Chamber Ensemble has performed at many of the world's major venues and notable concert series.

FLOWER POWER

WHAT: The Landings Garden Club meeting and program
WHEN: Monday, Dec. 15; 9:15 a.m. social, 10 a.m. meeting, 10:45 program
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Gayle, 508.922.7539 or gridgway@mac.com
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy holiday decorating demos and a presentation by Connie Ross of John Davis Florist, voted Savannah's Best Florist for 14 years. Please bring a dozen cookies to swap.

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HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 8 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: Free to attend, including any refreshments, which includes coffee/tea (compliments of Morgan Stanley) and occasional pastries from Auspicious Bakery.
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass
WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskidaway.com for more information.

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

SOUND BITES

WHAT: Lunchtime lectures and live music
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 at noon
WHERE: Liston Hall, Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: skidcc.org/sound-bites or Nick Klemetson at nick@skidcc.org
WHAT ELSE: Pack your lunch and join Skidaway Community Church's music director Nick Klemetson for an hour of bite-sized talks and live music on piano, organ, and more – the perfect mid-day mix of learning and listening.

PARK AND RECREATION

WHAT: Skidaway State Park Winter Workday
WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island State Park
WHAT ELSE: Make new friends and join our group of volunteers as we clean up the park. Coffee, warm drinks, and pastry bar beginning at 8:30, provided by the Friends of Skidaway Island State Park. We mulch the trail surface and cut back overgrown vegetation and invasive plants. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring work gloves, a water bottle, a can-do attitude, and rakes, pitchforks, and/or tree loppers, if you have them. Supervised children 8 and above are welcome.

GO NUTS

WHAT: CT Nutmeggers cocktail party
WHEN: Monday, Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
WHERE: Delegal Pavilion
HOW MUCH: If you have not paid your \$15 dues, please bring a check
CONTACT: Please RSVP to Amyzabin@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Please bring your favorite drink for yourself, and an appetizer to share, for what will certainly be a wonderful time.

SCOUT'S HONOR

WHAT: Boy Scouts smoked turkeys and Boston butts
WHEN: Thanksgiving
WHERE: Delivery on Skidaway Island and nearby, probably Monday Nov. 24 or pickup at Coach's Corner same day
HOW MUCH: \$30 each for turkeys and Boston butts
CONTACT: email glenn0712@yahoo.com or call/text 912.980.2966
WHAT ELSE: Great food, great price, supporting a great organization.

WARM WISHES

WHAT: P.A.C.K. Winter Coat Drive
WHEN: Now through Jan. 1
WHERE: The Landings Association office
CONTACT: 912.777.6737 or packsavannah.com
WHAT ELSE: People of Action Caring for Kids (P.A.C.K.) is collecting new winter coats, sizes infant to 2XL, to help keep Savannah children warm through the winter.

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

WHAT: Landlovers 2026 Grant applications
WHEN: Due by Jan. 15, 2026
WHERE: landingslandlovers.com/grants/
CONTACT: Joe LeBlanc, vp.landlovers@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers has awarded \$2 million in grants to non-profit and service programs in our community. Categories include cultural and educational services; nature and environmental projects, and health and safety programs.

PICKUP ARTISTS

WHAT: Early intake for Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania
WHEN: the first Tuesday of each month
WHERE: Your home
CONTACT: fleamarketdonations@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Take advantage of Landlovers special early pick-up service designed for island

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residents facing unique challenges – whether you're moving, planning an estate sale, have physical limitations, or expect to be out of town. Collected treasures will be reserved for the March 2026 Landlovers Flea Market and Auctionmania, with proceeds supporting the Landlovers Foundation's scholarships, merit awards, and grants to local students and non-profit organizations.

HABITAT HELPERS

WHAT: Habitat for Humanity volunteers wanted
WHEN: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, possibly Thursdays
WHERE: locations vary
CONTACT: Mark Piven, 912.224.5869
WHAT ELSE: Prior experience is not necessary. Many volunteers learn on the job and only do whatever they feel comfortable with. Tools are provided.

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association
WHEN: starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville
CONTACT: Tiffany Carter, tcarter@niacdc.org or 912.447.5577
WHAT ELSE: This program helps underserved communities by offering free tax preparation. No experience necessary. Volunteers include greeters/screeners and tax preparers

FINANCIAL AID

WHAT: AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers
WHEN: Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 2 for 10 weeks; hours and days are flexible
WHERE: Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries
CONTACT: Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or johnngerardi@hotmail.com
WHAT ELSE: This program provides free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families, as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. AARP Tax-Aide saves underserved individuals/families millions in preparation fees and helps taxpayers claim millions in refunds, which can be used to reduce poverty. Tax preparers will be trained to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are also needed to help with intake/front desk.

TEE FOR TWO

WHAT: Landings Couples Golf Association
WHEN: First Sunday of the month
WHERE: Landings golf course tbd
HOW MUCH: Membership and dues
CONTACT: honeybbslcga@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Come join other couples for 9 holes of golf and have some fun. To learn more or to join, The Landings Golf and Athletic Club (TLGAC) members can navigate to the LCGA page on the club's app or website. Monthly tournaments include a social event and/or dinner afterwards, available even if you're not playing.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

WHAT: Children's Story Hour
WHEN: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
WHERE: The Village Library, 1 Skidaway Square
HOW MUCH: Free to all children on Skidaway Island
CONTACT: Contact the library at 912.598.1183 for more information
WHAT ELSE: For children ages 2 – 6. New stories begin every half hour.

LUNCH BUNCH

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Lunch Group
WHERE: Various restaurants around Savannah
WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of each month
HOW MUCH: Based on restaurant
CONTACT: llmenslunchgroup@gmail.com

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: Diamond Causeway litter pickup
WHEN: 9 a.m., 3rd Saturday of each month, starting Oct. 19
WHERE: Meet at Butterbean Landing parking lot
CONTACT: Courtney Fowler at 912.891.0850 or causewaycleanup@gmail.com, or Susan Ragland, sragland@fourseasonstvrl.com
WHAT ELSE: Please contact Courtney in the event of inclement weather. Bring work gloves, safety vest if you have one, or wear bright clothing, trash picker, water. Trash bags will be provided. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

WHAT: Boy Scout Troop 57, for boys 10-18
WHEN: Weekly meeting Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
CONTACT: BSA office, 912.927.7272
WHAT ELSE: Chartered in 1989, the troop has sponsored 80 Eagle Scouts to date. Weekly meetings, monthly outings (canoeing, canoeing,

hiking, kayaking, rafting, backpacking), yearly summer camp and high adventure trips. New Scouts and transfers are welcome.

REEL MEN

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Action Movies and Dinner
WHEN: We usually see an action movie once a month.
HOW MUCH: Movie admission
CONTACT: Dave Robinson, dave.robinson16@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Men's Action Movies is a friendly gathering of men who want to see movies your wife probably wouldn't want to see. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

SPEAK EASY

WHAT: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"
WHEN: Every Friday morning, 10-11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center, 5414 Skidaway Rd.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Jenna Harcher, 912.355.4601 or jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org
WHAT ELSE: An in-person support group for survivors of stroke or traumatic brain injury and their family or caregivers. Participants work on improving and maintaining skills associated with speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Attendance via video is an option.

SHOP TALK

WHAT: Green-Meldrim House Gift Shop – Volunteers needed
WHEN: Ongoing
WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 14 W. Macon St. – Madison Square
HOW MUCH: Training provided
CONTACT: Jamie Credle, jcredle@green-meldrimhouse.org or 912.233.3845
WHAT ELSE: Request for two shifts per month. Please visit GreenMeldrimHouse.org for more information.

READ ALL OVER

WHAT: Landings Singles Co-ed Book Club
WHEN: 4th Thursday each month, 5 p.m.
WHERE: Various Landings clubhouses
CONTACT: Marianne Claysmith, claysmith2@aol.com
WHAT ELSE: We read novels and biographies. Members belong to the Landings Club

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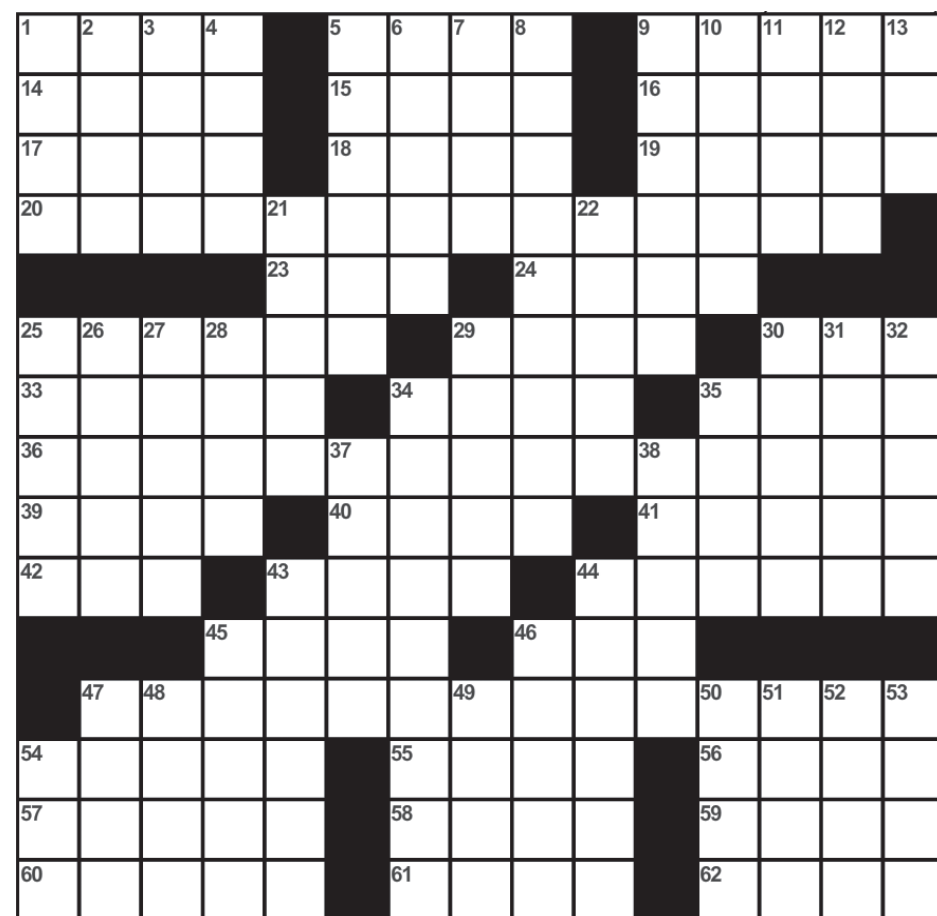
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ACROSS

1. Distance across
5. Extremely awkward person, in slang
9. Fleet of foot
14. Fine-tune muscles
15. Solo delivered at the Met
16. Patty Hearst's SLA alias
17. Certain singing voice
18. Judge's seat in court
19. AARP and NAACP
20. Adhering to the rules
23. "Illmatic" rapper
24. Dietary fiber source
25. Volkswagen model
29. Trapped like ____
30. NFL tiebreaker periods
33. Thespian
34. ____ nine, out by five
35. ____ the crack of dawn
36. Hemming and hawing, e.g.
39. Highland hats
40. Menu maker
41. *The ____ Sanctum*
42. Cleopatra's feller?
43. Cast a creepy glance
44. Bad looks
45. Prefix meaning "bull"
46. Calendar mo.
47. Concluding times
54. Fixes argyles
55. Something to weave or spin
56. Do business
57. Silly as a goose
58. 49-day liturgical season
59. World's fair
60. Le Pew and Le Mako
61. Moistens flax
62. Meat and vegetables

DOWN

1. Alone at the prom
2. Game of chukkers
3. Opposition member
4. Advertising sign



5. Midnight assembly of witches
6. Emulates a mantis
7. "If it ____ broke, don't fix it!"
8. *Scrubs* star
9. Take a ____ (try)
10. Aired
11. "____ many words"
12. Stool pigeon
13. Prof's aides, briefly
21. Twist into a knot
22. Clio and Urania's sister
25. Naples staple
26. Serve in place of
27. It's often stuck in the corner
28. Fifth notes on a music scale
29. Subject of a management class
30. Make one's views known
31. Circus performer
32. "Gang" or "mob" attachment
34. Person of will
35. "____ Reader" (alternative digest)
37. Get frosted, as glass
38. Starr of the Beatles
43. Minor memory failures
44. Apartment building employees
45. 1,000 kilograms
46. Shoelace tip
47. "Compos mentis"
48. *The Parent ____* (1961 film)
49. You can make one for yourself
50. Bad time for Caesar
51. Customer service call
52. "Scotch" or "duct" follower
53. Behind, as a watch
54. Ballroom dance maneuver

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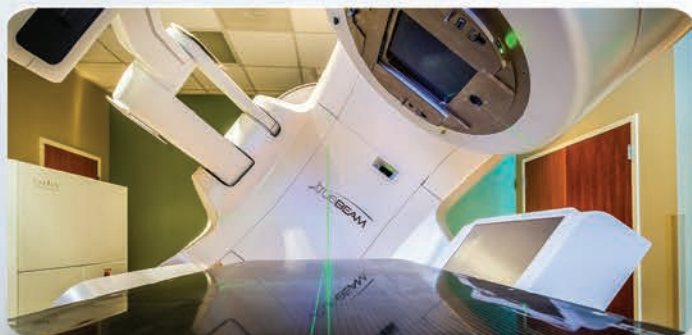
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