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An advantage of writing a column for an accommodating editor (one-self): The author can – without objection – promote things about which he cares. I care about several things. The work that the Savannah Philharmonic (SavPhil) is doing to entertain, inspire, and connect our regional community is one such thing.

Less than two weeks ago, the SavPhil announced its 2022/23 season. With certainty, it is the organization's most ambitious annum in its 14-year history. From September through May, SavPhil musicians will perform 25 times in 18 distinct locations, including neighborhoods that will host their first-ever orchestral events. At the core of the SavPhil schedule: A seven-show subscription series at the historic Lucas Theatre, with a holiday "Messiah" concert at the majestic Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. From Brahms to modern cinema (movie included), dinosaurs (look it up) to Debussy, to a pair of Rachmaninoff concertos in a single night by one of the world's greatest pianists (Stephen Hough), and much more.

The ethos of today's SavPhil is "Something for Everyone," and pricing reflects it. The subscription series spans five tiers of seating options, ranging from \$140 to \$420 (for the entire package), or between \$20 and \$60 per performance (when you break down the math). To sustain a vibrant environment for the arts, the SavPhil is actively cultivating the next generation of artists and patrons. The orchestra provides ongoing, high-impact educational programs to approximately 600 young people, and fields and trains an all-star junior ensemble. The SavPhil sources and distributes hundreds of instruments to aspiring players for whom their purchase would be an unrealistic luxury. Further evidence of the orchestra's commitment to audience development: The SavPhil offers subscription-series tickets to children/students for \$56, covering the entire season (the equivalent of \$8 per seat for each Lucas Theatre show).

The SavPhil is a mission-driven community asset serving as a beacon of pride, joy and inspiration for us all. Leadership's pursuit of artistic excellence has never been more fervent. The team relentlessly strives to connect with as many of the 350,000 folks in our region as possible, a strategy that is a hallmark of the organiza-

tion's evolution.

The SavPhil, in growth mode during a period of shrinkage for many peers, has rightfully earned respect, recognition and admiration throughout the orchestra world. Employing rigorous fiscal discipline, the organization is – today – in its strongest-ever financial position. Funders are individuals, companies, foundations...people who recognize and appreciate the quality and importance of the work.

These are the truths of the SavPhil story. Contrary noise is just that...noise. Great enterprises carefully assess market wants and needs and engineer their offerings to delight their markets effectively and efficiently. They measure their success, and correct course as necessary. The SavPhil follows this model of prudent stewardship.

Occasionally, nostalgists lament change. But, oftentimes, change begets advancement. For those among you who doubt this law of nature, I'll line my electric car up next to a tourist horse carriage and you decide which of us you want to follow around all day.

I am happy to convey the SavPhil story to you. Just as I will be happy to see you in the theater or at a neighborhood concert or in Forsyth for Phil the Park. Subscriptions are selling at a record pace. Select your seats now at savannahphilharmonic.org. Or phone the office at 912.232.6002 during business hours. Music is a source of personal and communal joy. Secure your share.

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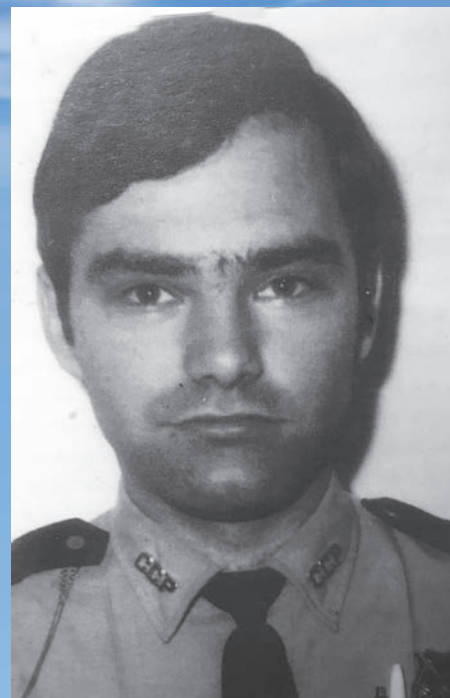


HONORING A FALLEN HERO

BY
ROGER SMITH

In a city like Savannah, place names – squares, streets, sometimes even whole neighborhoods – evoke sepia-tinted images of figures from deep in the past. Sometimes these naming opportunities recall benevolent patronage, such as Oglethorpe Avenue or Johnson Square. In some instances, a community bestows on a special place the name of a hero who made “the ultimate sacrifice,” losing his life in service to others. William Jasper, whose monument stands in Madison Square (located in Jasper Ward), was a mere sergeant when he saw that the American flag had fallen onto the battlefield during the 1779 Siege of Savannah. He selflessly sprinted into the fray to rescue the colors and was fatally wounded in the process. He was 29 years old. The romantic statue atop the Jasper Monument in Madison Square shows the young sergeant valiantly holding up the tattered American flag just moments before his collapse.

Tales of heroism among Savannah's great figures and the places named for them are not limited to the distant past. The monument in Madison Square reveals nothing of Sgt. Jasper's life and loves, family and aspirations. Those details are lost to history. In contrast, 20th-century heroes enjoy historical proximity and the stories of living relatives to share full-color



Chatham County Police Officer Daniel “Alex” Hodgson, for whom Hodgson Memorial Drive is named.

details. Consider Hodgson Memorial Drive – a busy, commercial street that runs from Stephenson Avenue to the north, past banks and fast-food restaurants and Oglethorpe Mall, past a former post of the Chatham County Police Department starting in 1973, culminating at Montgomery Cross Road at its southern extremity. I assumed for years that Hodgson Memorial had been named for William Brown Hodgson, the New England-born diplomat and husband of Margaret Telfair, and a major contributor to civic

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and intellectual life in 1800s Savannah. But the real person behind Hodgson Memorial Drive was an everyday hero more akin to Sgt. Jasper than the high-brow Hodgson.

Daniel Alexander Hodgson – he went by “Alex” – relocated to Savannah from Athens with his family when he was only three. The Hodgsons made their home in the Kensington Park neighborhood. An excellent diver, Alex joined the Kensington Park swim team, earning numerous competitive medals.

Among his many siblings (three brothers and two stepsisters), Hodgson had a special fondness for his younger sister, Kitty. She likewise held deep admiration for him, recalling his willingness to teach her to drive. Eventually, Kitty would name her first child in honor of Alex.

Hodgson graduated from Herschel V. Jenkins High School in 1970. He enrolled in what was then Georgia Southern College, where he earned a degree in psychology, and met his future bride, Karen Jones. The couple had one child, a daughter named Mandi. As newly minted college graduates will, Hodgson meandered among a few different professional positions. He served as a liaison consultant with a textile manufacturer in South Carolina, then an adjunct therapist at Savannah's Broad Oaks Hospital, a mental health facility, before becoming a police officer. A friend of the Hodgson family, Frank Downing, was Chatham County Commissioner at the time, and was pleased to help Hodgson secure a position with Chatham County Police Department. Once trained, badged and sworn in, the 23-year-old officer was eager to show his sister Kitty his brand-new police uniform.

Tragically, the young patrolman perished in the line of duty only four months later. In March of 1976, as the city and nation geared up for the American Bicentennial, he and four other officers responded to reports of a man who had been firing a gun in the Liberty City neighborhood of West Savannah. According to ODMF.com, the gunman was hiding in a closet inside his home. As the officers searched for him, he pointed a shotgun out of the closet and fired two shots. The first shot wounded two of the officers. The second shot struck Hodgson in the chest, killing him.

The suspect was taken into custody eight hours later. He was sentenced to life in prison

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for the murder of Hodgson, and to 30 years for the aggravated assault of the other officers.

Although the tragedy preempted any future hopes for Hodgson, his family knew that he aspired to earn an additional degree – in accounting – at Armstrong State College, to help fulfill his goal as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The golden age of 19th-century monument-building had passed, leaving Hodgson's family and the whole of Savannah and Chatham County with only a street name in his honor. Yet just like Jasper, Daniel Alexander Hodgson was a young man of great ability, imbued with an even greater willingness to place the welfare of others ahead of his own.

As Peace Officers Memorial Day approaches (May 15), perhaps the best honor in memory of the fallen is the "memorial" of ongoing service and commitment to duty.

"The men and women of the Chatham County Police Department who laid down their lives while protecting our community are never forgotten," says Chatham County police chief Jeff Hadley. "We honor them each day when we pin on our badge, report for duty, and serve the people of Chatham County. We are proud and privileged to carry on their legacy."

Roger Smith is a native of Savannah who served as director of education at the Georgia Historical Society. Today, he directs The Learning Center, Savannah's lifelong learning program at Senior Citizens, Inc.

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Stewart Marshall has been involved with the games since he was a child, and recalls sharing many great memories with his family and fellow Scottish clans over the years. “The music, camaraderie and commemoration of our Scottish heritage is celebrated through this historic event,” he says. “This year’s celebration is going to be extra special, as we host our first in-person event since 2019.”

Historically, Scottish games are a worldwide celebration of the legendary strength and endurance of the Highlander. Scottish heavy athletics owe their roots to the Celtic warriors who would keep in shape between battles by competing among themselves using everyday

implements. A stone, a blacksmith’s hammer, and a tree trunk (known as a caber) all became tools for building and maintaining strength for battle.

Spectators enjoy athletes competing in events such as the caber toss, sheaf toss, open stone put, Scottish hammer throw, and more. If you fancy yourself a Highlander, spectators are invited to take their turns. Novices who would like to learn “to throw” are encouraged to be on the field at 7:30 a.m. on Games Day for a one-hour clinic (kilts are not required).

Athletic events are hosted throughout the day and include activities for the entire family to enjoy. Children are invited to grab a seat and hear the greatest of Scotland’s stories from Celtic storyteller Linda Bandilier, and dance and play games with the mythical fairy, Zephyr. Face-painting, coloring, crafts and other arts activities will be available. There are many athletic activities for children, including the tug-of-war, sheaf toss, caber toss, haggis hurl, stone throw, welly toss and sack race.

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ous sounds of the pipes and drums are an inspiration to behold. Some historians believed that bagpipes were played in Scotland as early as 100 AD. By the year 1,000, the bagpipes were popular throughout Scotland. By 1,500, every clan chieftain worthy of the name had a piper in his retinue. The modern great pipes were developed in the Scottish Highlands. The Savannah Scottish Games honors this tradition with a piping competition and bagpipe bands.

This year, Stewart Marshall was tasked with organizing the pipe and drums. "I encourage everyone to come and listen to the sounds of Scotland," he says. "The thrill in the bourdon of the bagpipes and the cadence of the drums from the talented pipers and drummers is something that sticks with you. It is one of my favorite parts of the event."

Live Celtic music from Seldom Sober and Clann Ciúil will be featured on the entertainment stage. The full performance schedule can be found at savannahscottishgames.com. In addition, the marketplace of the Savannah Scottish Games is centralized within the festival and provides the opportunity to purchase Scottish goods, cuisine and refresh-

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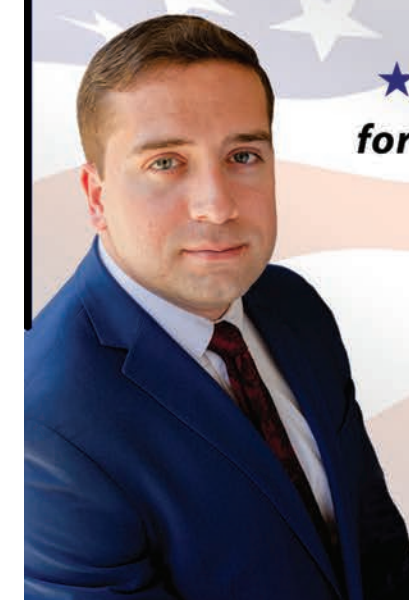


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“The Savannah Scottish Games celebrates the best of Celtic heritage,” says Bob Williams, chair of this year’s event. “Scottish Clans from throughout the country staff clan tents (booths) during the event, which provide attendees the opportunity to learn more about the different Highland clans, their own heritage, and to possibly find their own roots.”

According to Williams, the key to gathering clues regarding your Scottish ancestors is knowing where to look for available records about your name, immigrant ancestor, Scottish history and geography, and where to find more information. “We have plenty of maps and reading materials about researching Scottish, Irish, Welsh and English ancestors,” he says.

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Brittany Hartl

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It's never too late to improve your strength and maintain muscle mass. Here are four strength-training exercises focus on muscle mass development, especially if you do them at least twice a week.

Squats help keep your hips, thighs and gluteal muscles strong so that you can continue to walk, run and climb stairs easily. Standing in front of a chair with your feet slightly more than shoulder-width apart, extend your arms in front of you. Slowly bend your knees and sit down in the chair while counting to four, keeping your weight in your heels. Then stand up to the count of two while keeping your knees over your ankles and your back straight. Repeat

10 times, rest for a minute and then do a second set of 10.

Wall push-ups aren't as hard to do as push-ups on the floor, but they can strengthen your arms, shoulders and chest. While facing a wall, stand a little more than an arm's length away from it and lean your body forward to place your palms at (roughly) shoulder-height and shoulder-width apart. Keep your feet planted and do a push-up by bending your elbows and slowly "lowering" your body toward the wall as you count to four. Then push yourself off the wall by slowly straightening your arms, counting to four once more. Don't lock your elbows. Repeat 10 times, rest for a minute and then do a second set of 10.

Calf raises strengthen your calves and ankles, which facilitates walking and enhances your sense of balance and stability. While holding on to a chair or a counter for balance, slowly rise up on your toes as far as you can while counting to four and hold for two to four seconds. Then lower your heels to the floor while counting to four. Repeat 10 times, then rest for a minute before doing a second set of 10.

Bicep curls bolster this major arm muscle, which comes in handy when you are lifting groceries or the grandkids. Stand or sit with dumbbells in each hand, with your arms at your sides, palms facing your thighs. As you count to two, rotate your forearms and slowly bend your elbows while lifting the weights – your palms facing in toward your shoulders. Keep your elbows close to your side. Pause, and then slowly lower your dumbbells back down to your thighs as you count to four, ending with your arms again at your side. Repeat 10 times, rest for a minute, then do another set of 10. When your weights become easier to lift, switch to heavier dumbbells.

If you are interested in joining a workout facility, the Wellness Center at St. Joseph's/Candler is open seven days a week and offers group fitness classes, including the Silver Sneakers program for those 65 and older. To learn more, visit sjchs.org, or call 912.819.8800.



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Dynamic Warm-Up Tips for Tennis and Pickleball

Now that the warmer weather is upon us and the time change provides extra hours of daylight, you're likely to take to the courts. A proper warmup can prepare you for both competitive matches and friendly games. Dynamic warmup and flexibility training are essential to pre-practice or pre-competition session. They prepare the body for the demands of tennis or pickleball.

An effective warmup does five important things:

1. Increases body temperature, which allows muscles to work efficiently.
2. Gets the heart and lungs ready for vigorous activity.
3. Stretches muscles actively, preparing them for the coming exertion.

4. Encourages proper movement patterns and necessary coordination.

5. Wakes the nervous system and gets the brain talking with the muscles.

All dynamic exercise should be performed in a controlled manner, focusing on deep breathing. To get started, here is a list of dynamic warmup exercises:

Cardio

- Light jog around the court with progressive arm circles
- Jog up to the net and backpedal to the baseline
- Side shuffle length of baseline (x2)
- Jumping jacks (x10)
- Lunge walk with shoulder rotation from the baseline to the net

- Leg swings at the net (forward/back/side, 10 times each)
- Knee-to-chest tuck (maintain proper posture)
- Inverted hamstring (flat back, hips square)
- Lateral lunge (push hips back)
- Butt kicks (knees down, slight forward lean)

Shoulder Warmup

- Low rows (shoulders down and back, chest up)
- Standing Ys, Ts and Ws
- Across-the-body shoulder stretch holding each opposite arm at the elbow or wrist

For information about sports-specific training, call the St. Joseph's/Candler Wellness Center at 912.819.8800.

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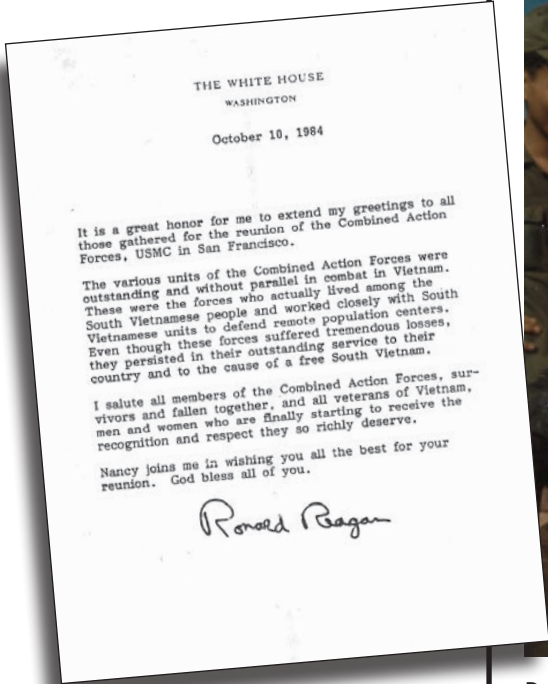
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In 1964, 20-year-old Donald Wotring chose to volunteer for military service rather than wait for his draft letter (from the President). Two decades later, he received a letter from then-President Ronald Reagan, thanking him for his service in Vietnam, It has become a cherished memento, conveying the recognition and respect he and his fellow Marines earned.



Donald Wotring (second from right) with South Vietnamese soldiers during his service overseas.

DONALD W. WOTRING

He Served By Ron Lauretti

Growing up in West “By God” Virginia, Wotring graduated high school in 1961. He had completed two years of technical school in 1964 when he decided to enlist in the Marine Corps, continuing a family tradition of military service. During World War II, his maternal grandfather served in the Marines, and his father and eldest brother in the Navy. Another brother served in the Marines in the Bay of Pigs fiasco in Cuba in 1961.

Wotring reported to Parris Island, South Carolina, on August 31, 1965. Upon completion of boot camp, he moved to Camp Geiger, North Carolina, for advanced infantry training. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam, and shipped off to Camp Pendleton, California, where his orders were changed and his transfer to Southeast Asia delayed. In California, Wotring trained to be a military policeman before shipping out to Vietnam.

During his first four months in-country, Wotring did security duty outside a large

POW detention camp. He was then assigned to the Combined Action Program (CAP), 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, operating near the Da Nang area of coastal South Vietnam. CAP forces lived among the South Vietnamese people, working closely with local units to defend remote towns and villages. The village “friendlies” were fearful of cooperating as informers, so troops had a hard time differentiating friend from foe. To make matters worse, they were often ambushed while on patrol.

On April 25, 1967, near a village in Quang Tin Province, Wotring, then a corporal, was hit hard as an enemy mortar round exploded near him. It knocked him down and almost unconscious, he recalls. His left foot was blown off and most of his teeth were knocked out. Bleeding and in pain, he was unaware that he had also been hit by shrapnel in his neck and right elbow. A nearby corpsman rushed to Wotring’s assistance, immediately administering first aid. The corpsman saved



Wotring and his service buddy relax in the stifling humidity of southeast Asia

Wotring's life.

An evacuation helicopter arrived on scene but was unable to land because of intense enemy fire. "It seemed like forever," Wotring says of the moments he waited for the chopper to touch down. "I can still remember the increasing pain as I lay there waiting for the helo to land."

In addition to his visible wounds, the explosion blinded Wotring, and it took 12 years for him to regain his vision.

Wotring was rushed to the military hospital at Da Nang, followed by a long plane ride to Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. After multiple surgeries, he was transferred to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he developed gangrene in his left leg. He was at Portsmouth for several months, heavily sedated as he recovered. Wotring was then transferred to the naval hospital in Philadelphia, where he was fitted with a prosthetic left foot and ankle. He was determined to live as "normally" as possible. "At first I suffered a lot of discomfort, but with the assistance of the medical staff there, I eventually learned to walk unassisted," he says.



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When he was released from medical care, Wotring came to Savannah and enrolled at Savannah Tech, where earned an associate's degree in pipefitting. That led to a job at Elba Island on the Savannah River where he helped build storage tanks for the liquefied natural gas facility there. A few years later, after the initial construction was completed, Wotring became a union plumber until a series of heart attacks led to four heart surgeries and permanent retirement in 1978.

Wotring remembers the time after his return home from combat as emotionally challenging. Despite his wounds, he was verbally disparaged for his service on several occasions. He says that one set of ugly insults came courtesy of a federal employee. But Ronald Reagan's letter of gratitude in 1984 help to erase any lingering malaise.

The former leatherneck and his wife Brenda can be found most afternoons socializing at George K. Gannam American Legion Post 184, where he has been a member for the past 40 years. He is also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Purple Heart Association (inactive).

Wotring is proud of his Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, but he is even more proud of another emblem he carries with him – the eagle, globe and anchor insignia of the Marine Corps, painted on his prosthetic ankle. "It helps me to get around," he jokes. As the saying goes, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."



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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.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders
HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.
CONTACT: Vicki Knapp at landloversmembership@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers.com for more information.
WHAT ELSE: The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

ABSTRACT THINKING

WHAT: "An Intuitive Journey Within," featuring the artwork of Dell Belew
WHEN: Now through May 31
WHERE: JEA, 5111 Abercorn Street
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912-355-8111
WHAT ELSE: Dell Belew's "intuitive" paintings venture into trying new things and changing the focus, concentrating on texture.

GARDEN VARIETY

WHAT: Spring plant sale
WHEN: Saturday, May 7; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah Botanical Gardens, 1388 Eisenhower Dr.
HOW MUCH: Free admission and free parking
CONTACT: Savannah Botanical Gardens, 912.355.3883 or sacgc1388@botanical.comcast-biz.net
WHAT ELSE: The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs and the Savannah Botanical Gardens host this fundraiser to benefit the Savannah Botanical Gardens. Plant containers for sale and lots of plants to go in them - wonderful local nursery plants, plants from the Botanical Gardens, and pass-along plants donated by garden

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KEY PEOPLE

WHAT: 6th annual American Jazz Pianist competition
WHEN: Monday, May 9; 2 to 7 p.m.
WHERE: District Live at Plant Riverside District
HOW MUCH: All events are free and open to the public
WHAT ELSE: Enjoy outstanding performances by tomorrow's leading jazz pianists, ranging in age from 18 to 25. Dozens of contestants from across the U.S. and Canada compete for prestigious cash prizes and career-launching opportunities. Solo performances begin at 2 p.m., followed by trio competition at 5 p.m. with live accompaniment by bass and drums. Awards presented at 7 p.m.

THE COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway May Meeting - "The History and Nature of the Savannah Area Waters"
WHEN: Monday, May 9, 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Church
CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279; For more information about CCA Skidaway or to register to attend the May CCA meeting and seminar, visit ccaskidaway.org
WHAT ELSE: Cpt. Mike Neal, seasoned cruise captain and owner of Bull River Cruises and Moon River Kayak Tours, shares his knowledge of the barrier islands with the history and nature of the area, boating along Coastal Georgia, and his interesting experiences working with the film and TV industries. Raffle prize is a half-day in-shore cruise for two with Capt. Stan Allen of Marshland Adventures.

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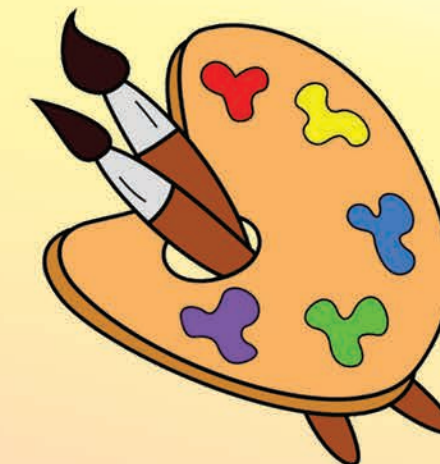
WHAT: Landlovers Ladies 9-Holers "School Spirit Scramble"
WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, plus weekly play
WHERE: Landings Golf Course TBD
HOW MUCH: Free to members
CONTACT: Jan Rosenbaum, landloverladies9@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers.com for more info
WHAT ELSE: Registration now open to Landlovers members with a Landings golf membership, a basic understanding of the rules and pace of play, and a GHIN number.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

WHAT: Veterans' Benefits Workshop
WHEN: Thursday, May 12, 2 p.m.

STRIKING OIL

WHAT: "An Unexpected Journey," exhibit by Todd Bergert
WHEN: Now through Tuesday, May 31; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (daily, except Mondays)
WHERE: Plant Riverside District, Grand Bohemian Gallery, 400 W. River St.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT ELSE: A self-taught artist, Todd Bergert utilizes the Flemish technique, a method of layers of thin coats of paint over a detailed drawing. The result is a glossy appearance with vibrant colors. His subjects range from everyday objects to animals and portraits.



GLASS MASTER

WHAT: Ronald Martinez Art Exhibit
WHEN: Now through Tuesday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
WHERE: The Mansion on Forsyth Park Grand Bohemian Gallery, 700 Drayton St.
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Carmen Aguirre, Carmen.Aguirre@kesslercollection.com or 912.721.5007
WHAT ELSE: Savannah artist Ronald Martinez is May's featured artist in the 4th annual Savannah Series showcasing local artists. Martinez's hand-blown glass creations will be on display.

ARTISTIC SUMMIT

WHAT: "Artistic Splendor: Masterpieces of Himalayan Art"
WHEN: Monday, May 9; 4 to 5 p.m.; wine-and-cheese reception following
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$15 for members of The Learning Center; \$20 for non-members
CONTACT: 912.236.0363
WHAT ELSE: Navigating the stunning visual and cultural traditions of Nepal and Tibet, this lecture by art historian and SCAD professor Kerry Lucinda Brown combines thorough narration with breathtaking images to acquaint the audience with a distinctly Asian aesthetic, as well as specific works that exemplify the genre.

WHERE: Thrive on Skidaway, 5 Lake Street
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Call 912-295-4220 to reserve your spot. Space is limited
WHAT ELSE: Many senior veterans and their spouses are entitled to VA benefits such as home care or assisted living. Learn more at this seminar sponsored by the National Association of Veterans and Families.

THREE'S COMPANY

WHAT: The Elaris Trio (violin, cello and piano) in concert
WHEN: Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Road
HOW MUCH: Donations gladly accepted to help defray costs
CONTACT: MLC at 912.598.1188, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon
WHAT ELSE: No reservations needed, but masks are required. Larisa and Steven Elisha direct the strings program at Georgia Southern's Fred and Dinah Gretsches School of Music. Each is an internationally acclaimed soloist, chamber musician, and pedagogue. Pianist Xun Pan, a Steinway Artist, directs keyboard studies at the Tell School of Music at Millersville University in Pennsylvania. He is a noted chamber musician, winning many international piano competitions, performing solo recitals worldwide from Carnegie's Weill Hall to the Beijing National Center for Performing Arts.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

WHAT: "Envision and Enjoy," Landlovers 2022 Tour of Homes
WHEN: Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Eight extraordinary homes in the Landings and two in the Marshes
HOW MUCH: \$50. A limited number of tickets are on sale for Skidaway Island residents and their guests at <https://landloversevents.eventsmart.com> until May 6 or until sold out. Tickets may be picked up at the Palmetto Clubhouse on Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
CONTACT: Heidi Lieberman at hlieberman5@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: We encourage you to travel by golf cart and to please wear soft-soled shoes to tour the homes.

WILL POWER

WHAT: Estate planning seminar
WHEN: Sunday, May 15; 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Parish Hall, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Haydee Toedtman, hstoedtman@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Kevin Crouch, from Meyer and Sayers, will discuss estate planning and wills and answer your questions about legal requirements, financial realities and common sense you should keep in mind when making these important decisions.

SILVER CELEBRATION

WHAT: The Landings 50th anniversary Family Fun Day
WHERE: Landings Community Park
WHEN: Sunday, May 15; 12 noon to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: pr@landings.org or visit www.landings.org/50th
WHAT ELSE: Featuring food trucks, a golf cart parade, music by the Charlie Fog Band, kids' events, and more. Plus, a community scavenger hunt kicks off the day, to complete at your own pace for prizes.

TAPESTRY

WHAT: "I Feel the Earth Move," a tribute to Carole King
WHEN: Monday, May 16; 4 to 5 p.m.; wine and cheese reception following
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway
HOW MUCH: \$20 for members of The Learning Center; \$30 for non-members
CONTACT: 912.236.0363
WHAT ELSE: Jane Ogle frames the songs of Carole King with stories from the singer/songwriter's career. Earning a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, King inspired women of the 1960s and '70s to find liberation in arts and activism.

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: TAGatNIGHT
WHEN: Wednesday, May 18; 5:30 to 7 p.m.
WHERE: Savannah African Art Museum, 2011 E. 37th St.
HOW MUCH: TAG members can sign up through Evite
CONTACT: To bring a guest, contact Chris Lanigan at Chrislanigan40@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Savannah businessman Don Kole shares his collection of more than 1,000 objects acquired from his travels throughout Africa. On-site docents will treat TAG members and guests to an intimate tour and share how the museum dynamically engages with tourists and locals alike. TAG members have priority if space is limited.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on The Right (LOTR) luncheon-meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 19; social hour, 12 to 1 p.m.; lunch/program, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club Ballroom, The Landings
HOW MUCH: \$25 for members; \$35 for guests
CONTACT: For more info or to register/pay (by May 16), visit ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: Important information regarding the upcoming May 24 primary election will be presented, as well as local elections for several Savannah and Chatham County offices. LOTR does not endorse political candidates, but provides a forum for educating members on candidate platforms in order that they can make informed voting decisions. All are invited to attend.

TROPICAL TO-DO

WHAT: Landlovers Caribbean Calypso Spring Social
WHEN: Thursday, May 19, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom
HOW MUCH: \$75
CONTACT: Milli Sample at landloverssocials@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Sign up at Caribbean Calypso Spring Social – Landlovers Events Portal (eventsmart.com). Enjoy Caribbean-style food stations and passed hors d'oeuvres, beach music, and karaoke, as we transition our board and bring this year to a close. There will be a cash/member bar. Any Skidaway Island resident who is a member of Landlovers and 21 years or older may attend. Attire is resort casual.

GARDEN STATE GOLF

WHAT: Landings Garden Staters Club Golf tournament and dinner
WHEN: Sunday, May 22, 1:30 p.m. shotgun; 5:30 p.m. cocktails followed by dinner
WHERE: Palmetto golf course and Palmetto Club for cocktails and dinner
HOW MUCH: \$51.36 per person charged to your club account; bar charges additional
CONTACT: RSVP to landingsgardenstaters@gmail.com. Any questions, contact Beth Silady at 912.349.7437
WHAT ELSE: Let us know if you're signing up for golf and dinner or dinner only. If you don't want to golf, join us for dinner with NJ friends. If you haven't already joined Garden Staters, 2022 dues are \$10 per person. Checks payable to NJ Garden Staters and tubed to Beth Silady, 7 Rookery Road (Palmetto).

PLANT BASED SOLUTIONS

WHAT: Landlovers Plant Strong of Skidaway Island
WHEN: Monday, May 23, 7:00 pm
WHERE: Simone Heyman's home, 12 Wesley

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HOW MUCH: Free but Landlovers membership is required.
CONTACT: Please RSVP to Simone at simone-heymanwfb@gmail.com if you will be coming
WHAT ELSE: Mike Stevenson will be leading the discussion of Dr Michael Greger's *How Not to Die*. You do not have to read the book to be involved in the conversations, just come and learn. Open to all Skidaway Islanders.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

WHAT: Remembering the Fallen: 26,000 Flags | One Mission
WHEN: starting Tuesday, May 24
WHERE: National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, Pooler
CONTACT: To volunteer, visit <https://www.mightyeighth.org/flagsforthefallen/>
WHAT ELSE: Volunteers are needed to help place 26,000 48-star WWII-era flags in the Memorial Garden. The display will run Thursday, May 26 through Monday, May 30.

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/screener and tax preparers.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

WHAT: Boy Scout Troop 57, for boys 10-18
WHEN: Weekly meeting Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
CONTACT: BSA office, 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.

PI SERVING

WHAT: Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah
WHEN: October through April
WHERE: Skidaway Island and beyond
CONTACT: Beth Holmquist at bholmquist@comcast.net for membership information
WHAT ELSE: This active group of Pi Phi alums enjoys four to five gatherings a year. Plans are underway for a tour of Benedetto Guitars on Oct.

15; a holiday cocktail party on Dec. 3; a Panhellenic Cocktail Party on Feb. 2; and a Founders Day luncheon at Vic's on the River on Apr. 30, featuring popular local speaker, Roger Smith.

CORVETTE SUMMER

WHAT: Skidaway Island Corvette Club
WHEN: Third Thursday of each month, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
WHERE: Skidaway United Methodist Church parking lot
HOW MUCH: No dues at this time, however an \$8 name tag fee may be forthcoming
CONTACT: Clayton Scott, 912.658.3116.
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Island's club for Corvette owners is 35 members strong. Its goals are camaraderie and to share the enthusiasm for this classic American auto.

LOSS MITIGATION

WHAT: Pandemic support group
WHEN: Meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Library
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Suzanne at St. Peter's, 598.7242
WHAT ELSE: Many of us have lost friends or family, and pandemic isolation has made dealing with these losses difficult. Dr. Stevens Peirsol will guide the group, offering those who would like to share and find help in processing loss.

HOCUS POCUS!

WHAT: Landings Magic Society
WHEN: 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May
WHERE: Plantation Club card room
CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, jsruhl@gmail.com or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening. Active participation is encouraged.

BATH AND BODY WORKS

WHAT: Landlovers community service toiletry collection
WHEN: ongoing
WHERE: Drop-off location is the front porch at 2 Moonrise Circle, Deer Creek
CONTACT: llcommservice@gmail.com, Carol Stiles at carolstiles@gmail.com, or Sue Souls at smsouls@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Share your vacation with Social Apostolate, which works with poor, homeless, and disabled people in different ways, including providing showers for those in need. If you have any unused hotel soaps, shampoo or lotions, please consider giving them to someone in need. No mouthwash or larger-sized toiletries, please.

IT'S AN HONOR

WHAT: Honor Flight Savannah seeks war veterans and volunteers
CONTACT: honorflightsavannah.org or 912.367.9020
WHAT ELSE: Honor Flight Savannah is offering WW II, Korea and Vietnam War era veterans living in southeast Georgia and southeastern South Carolina an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials. Funding for trips is dependent on contributions from community citizens and businesses.

SPEAK EASY

WHAT: Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"
WHEN: Every Friday morning from 10 to 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: A 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. Due to Covid-19, masks are currently required.

WORLD TRAVELERS

WHAT: Landlovers Marco Polo
WHEN: 6:30 p.m., third Monday of the month, October thru May
WHERE: Members' homes
HOW MUCH: An international appetizer
CONTACT: Please email Deb Wilson and Sue Souls at llmarcopolo100@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: If you were born in or have lived for at least one year (including an academic year) outside the U.S., you are eligible to join. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share as well as their own beverages. Open to all Landlovers members.

SEW WHAT?

WHAT: Landlovers Material Girls
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church
WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free but you must be a member of Landlovers
CONTACT: Janet Smart at maxwellsgal@aol.com or Sandra Grant at sandragrant07@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just The Landings. Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just come to socialize and learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds.

Complete Island Hopping listings are available at www.theskinnie.com

CHALLENGER CLUES*

ACROSS

- 1. New Jersey commuter line to N.Y.C.
- 5. Constellation called "table mountain"
- 10. Beguile
- 14. Central Asian mountain range
- 15. Thicke and Turing
- 16. Rolled in breadcrumbs before cooking (cordon bleu)
- 17. EMITS.....First Rotation
- 19. Quickly
- 20. Greek aspirant
- 21. Stats for aces
- 23. TV cable channel launched in 1988
- 24. Math branch using quadratic equations
- 26. Lit
- 28. Pet mammals in a cage
- 33. 1996 British Open golf champion, Tom ____
- 36. Nice friend?
- 37. Car made in Trollhättan
- 39. Murder, e.g.
- 40. The fourth canonical hour
- 41. Sprinkle
- 43. Lay ____ the line
- 44. Saw things?
- 46. Site of the Shish Majal
- 47. Minor
- 48. Crucible
- 50. They're made with trammels
- 52. Miffed
- 54. Syst. used to rank chess masters
- 55. Fate
- 57. Between ports
- 59. Charm
- 64. "Psst!"
- 66. EMITS.....Fourth Rotation
- 68. Ape
- 69. Fanon
- 70. City where the Seawolves play AA baseball
- 71. Affix a notice to a wall
- 72. Neighbors of Croats
- 73. Canoodle

DOWN

- 1. Catherine ____ (last wife of Henry VIII)
- 2. Matty, Moises, Jesus, or Felipe
- 3. Modern math symbols that equal 2 times Pi

With apologies to Olympic figure-skater Nathan Chen

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- 4. Kind of light
- 5. Like a dedicated bachelor
- 6. Lilly or Whitney
- 7. Cognomen
- 8. Fictional dog with horns
- 9. Set upon
- 10. Fat farm
- 11. EMITS.....Second Rotation
- 12. Biblical character slain by God (Genesis:38)
- 13. Emulated Niobe
- 18. Police, to a capo
- 22. Detail on a blueprint
- 25. Cato's "welcome"
- 27. Pipspeak
- 28. Must
- 29. Islamic head of state
- 30. EMITS.....Third Rotation
- 31. Member of a volleyball team
- 32. Peace Corps founder Shriver, informally
- 34. Juliet's love
- 35. They fly between the Oahu and Maui
- 38. Host of old TV's "Texaco Star Theater"
- 42. Jack salmon
- 45. Pre-game dance done by the New Zealand rugby team
- 49. Mytilene is the capital of this Aegean island
- 51. Anions and cations
- 53. "The Wreck of the Mary ____"
- 55. Kind of light
- 56. Only state flag that is not a rectangle
- 58. Month that Moses was born and died
- 60. Last word of the Apostle's Creed
- 61. Stick in the mud
- 62. Auricular
- 63. Fetor
- 65. Largest art museum in the Western Hemisphere
- 67. J.D. in the U.K.

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THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

By Amy Collings

If you've ever enjoyed watching bald eagles on a bird-cam, in the treetops at the Bartram Road lagoon, or above the Moon River Bridge, thank the Endangered Species Act. May 20, the third Friday in May, is Endangered Species Day, an opportunity to celebrate success stories like the bald eagle, and to raise awareness about restoration efforts for imperiled species.

In the 1960s, as few as 500 bald eagles remained in the continental U.S. Pesticides had contaminated their habitats and resulted in the death of young eagles, often before hatching. Thanks to the protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) passed in 1973, bald eagle numbers have rebounded to more than 71,000 breeding pairs today.

"The underlying purpose of the ESA is to preserve biodiversity," says Skidaway Audubon President Dawn Cordo. "Losing even a single species can negatively impact an entire ecosystem, because the effects can be felt throughout the food chain."

Under the ESA, the federal government has the responsibility to protect species that are likely to become extinct, as well as threatened species that are likely to become endangered. The ESA protects critical habitats – areas vital to the survival of endangered or threatened species.

Georgia is home to 69 species of plants and animals protected under the ESA, including the leatherback sea turtle, Kemp's ridley sea



turtle, the hawksbill sea turtle, the red-cockaded woodpecker, the flatwoods salamander, piping plovers, red knots, and wood storks. The diamondback terrapin is a protected species under Georgia law.

How can you help? The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has established several specialty license plates, each funding a different conservation program, including the Wildlife/Bald Eagle plate. Revenue from this license plate go to Georgia's Wildlife Conservation Fund. In addition to supporting conservation, education and monitoring and restoration efforts, these funds help acquire thousands of acres of wildlands. To obtain a special plate, visit the Chatham County Tag Office.

In addition to bald eagles, Skidaway Island is home to federally protected wood storks. Standing taller than three feet, with a five-foot wingspan, they are often seen wading in shallow waters, their long bills ajar searching for fish. In the U.S., this rare bird breeds only in

coastal Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Stork populations have dropped due mainly to loss of habitat.

Among the objectives of Skidaway Audubon is to encourage residents to help protect water quality for the many water birds that feed in local lagoons and need clean water to survive.

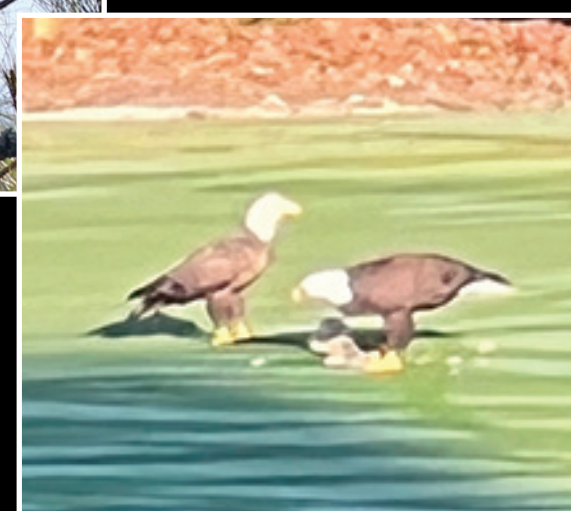
"We're an all-volunteer organization, and deeply appreciate our dedicated volunteers and our very generous donors. Together, they make our programs and environmental initiatives possible," Cordo explains. "Please check out our website and click on 'About Us' to learn how to make a difference and help protect our threatened and endangered species."

To support Skidaway Audubon's conservation efforts, donations can be made online at various levels of support, from \$35 Friends of Skidaway Audubon to \$1,000 Audubon Ambassadors.



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