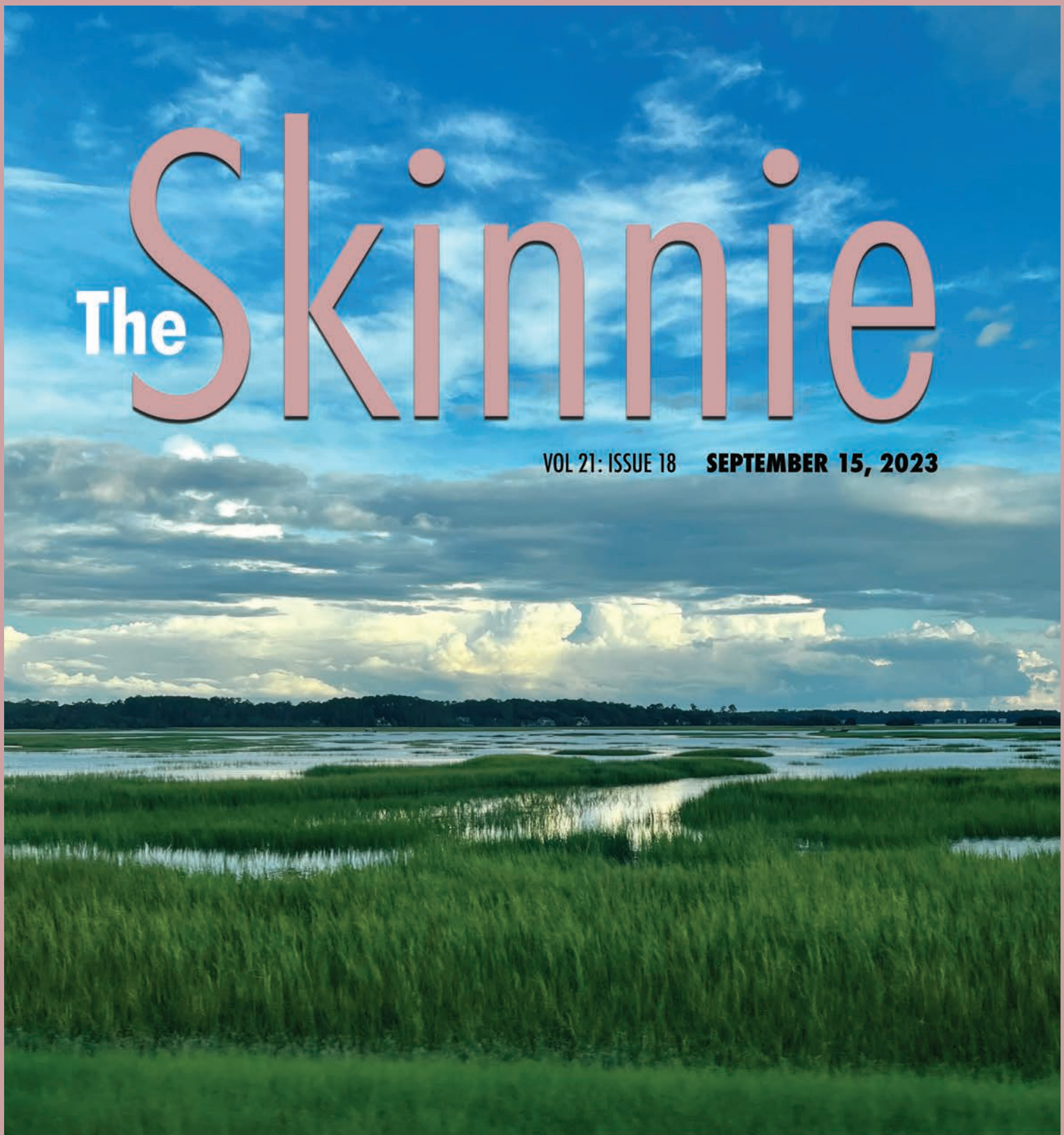




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# Upfront

by Scott Lauretti

It's a different world on the water. In some ways, better. Quiet. Peaceful. Unhurried. The views back towards civilization frame it in generously flattering light.

The relatively unspoiled natural environs that connect our patches of population are visually magnificent in ways I haven't witnessed anywhere else. The islands protecting our eastern flank, especially the ones immune to the temptations of development, are hard to imagine if you haven't examined them with your own eyes.

I've run boats south into Florida and north up the coast of the Carolinas and more than 100 miles east offshore. Before I moved here 22 years ago, I had never stood at a helm, wheel in hand. Now, it's like someone else lived those 37 years of landlocked life. To experience your home from the perspective of a deck – humble or grand, moving fast or puttering along – is to appreciate its essence. It's an exercise in sensory perception. Like all exercise, it requires intention and effort, and the rewards leave you euphoric afterwards.

Last week, we navigated to Seabrook Island's Bohicket Marina, on Bohicket Creek off the North Edisto River, a few miles from the Intracoastal Waterway, which takes you most of the way from here to there. You pass Daufuskie and Hilton Head Islands, then the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, before idling through Beaufort between two bridges on either end of town. On the other side of the historic South Carolina town, you might find yourself underneath a simulated dogfight, or lifting and lowering eyes to follow the jet fighters doing touch-and-goes at the Marine Corps Air Station that seems in reach of a well-cast fishing line. From there, it's smooth, pristine sailing – or open-throttle powering – the rest of the way.

Why Bohicket? It's a short shuttle to Kiawah Island, and the magic that awaits there.

But what's it like to ride three and a half hours – give or take – under the late summer sun? If I could capture it fully, I'd be a famous writer. It's a thing that defies adequate description. It's a thing that wishes we hadn't minimized the impact of particular words through overuse. Because it is – simply and precisely – awesome. (Per the Cambridge English Dictionary: "causing feelings of great admiration, respect, or fear.") Which alludes to a source of the intensity behind the resultant joy of a nautical adventure – the water can be a dangerous place.

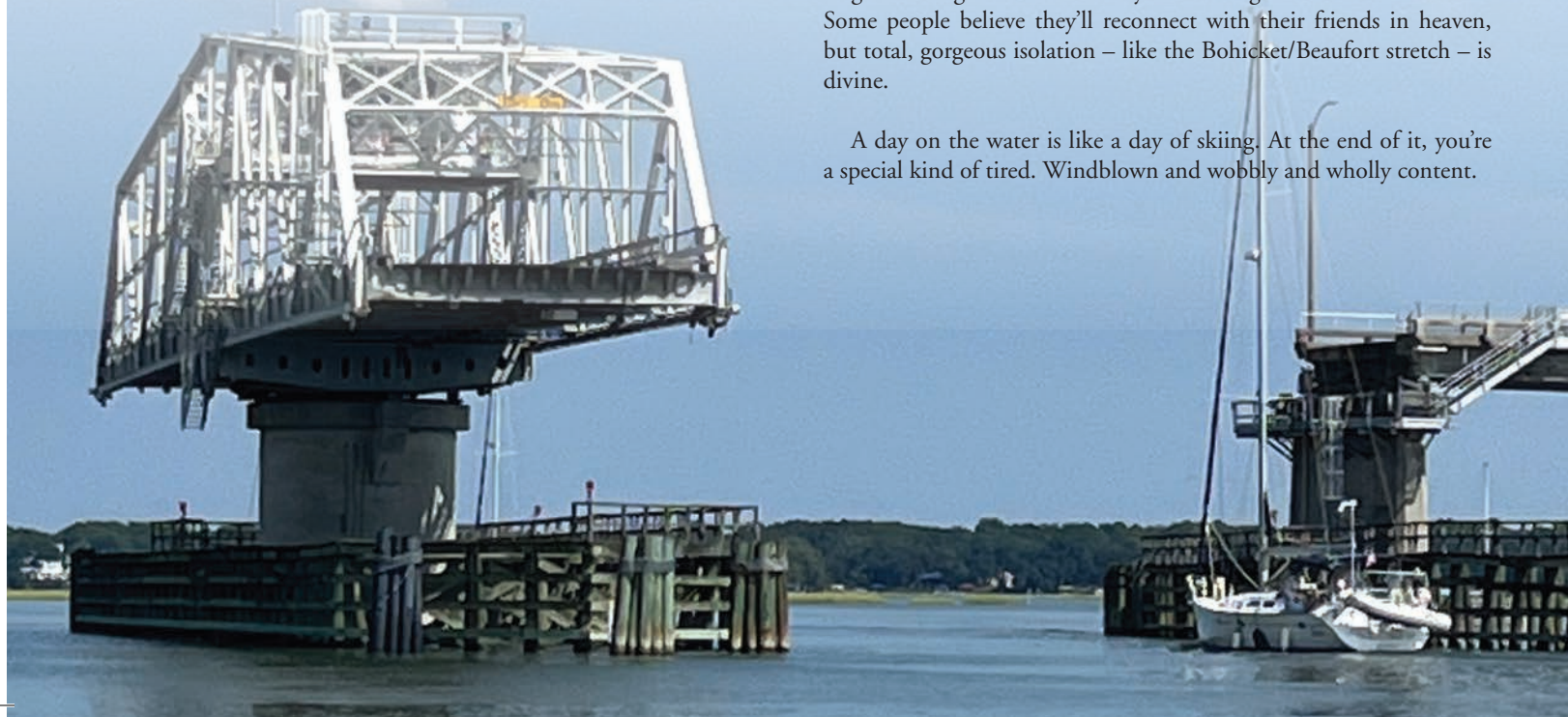
There are many moments of mind-blowing beauty; but, at any time, one of your engines – and you might well not have more than one – could fail...sometimes through no fault of your own, or because you've run it aground or inadvertently wrapped a trailing line in its prop(eller) or unceremoniously run out of gas. The tides wait for no man (or woman), so the water around here is always moving – in many places, quite fast. Without controllable propulsion, mechanical or otherwise, you'll be heading at something for which your vessel was not intended before you can finish yelling at your first mate.

And there's the weather. The land is flat here, so the horizon outruns the limits of your aging eyes. But, within your vast field of vision, you notice it's pouring over there. And over there is where you're heading...as marked by a sudden lightning strike.

As they say in finance: There's a tradeoff between risk and reward. The rewards of a long boat ride are so elementally simple that they might seem silly condemned to this page, but here goes. The colors. A range of greens so complete and perfect that the single descriptor – "green" – feels lazy. The grasses that line the route tease every gift from the sun that it has to offer. They sway gracefully, shyly darkening before enthusiastically returning to direct light and the shade of an overripe lime. The wet, twinkling surface in front of you yields to a baby dolphin's breach. A single bird, purely white, joins you, darting ahead, then falling behind. The sky's blue is so rich and heavy that you check your face for your sunglasses, wondering if such a saturated hue is available to the naked eye.

We returned home on a Thursday, leaving Bohicket around 1. For the hour-plus to Beaufort, we cruised at 37 knots, give or take. We didn't overtake a boat or encounter one coming the other way. Not a single building or a visible car anywhere along the route on either side. Some people believe they'll reconnect with their friends in heaven, but total, gorgeous isolation – like the Bohicket/Beaufort stretch – is divine.

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# Making Beautiful Music Together

## Savannah and Its German Sister-City, Halle

By Philip Schweier

As Oktoberfest festivities approach, Germany has given local residents another reason to celebrate. The UNIBIGBAND from Martin Luther University in Halle, Germany – Savannah’s partner city – will perform a series of free concerts throughout the Coastal Empire as part of an international music and cultural exchange.

Founded in 1993, the band consists of 29 students and teachers from the university. Concerts at international festivals have taken the band throughout Europe and South America, performing with numerous well-known musicians and delighting audiences with jazz and pop standards as well as original compositions. The group has released several CDs and performed in various radio and TV productions.

UNIBIGBAND’s visit is made possible by the Teutonic Council of Savannah and the support of the Halle Foundation in Atlanta. It serves

to solidify the Halle/Savannah partnership and further develop collaboration between Martin Luther and Georgia Southern Universities, especially in the field of music. Since 2013, there has been a lively exchange of teachers and students.

Hartmut Reszel, UNIBIGBAND’s founder, says “In addition to the exchange of individual music teachers and students between MLU/GSU for the past nine years, for the first time our larger ensemble is to continue this cooperation.”

Reszel has been a successful musician, composer, and teacher in numerous national and international projects since the 1980s. In 2014, he met James Anderson, vice president of the Teutonic Council of Savannah and emeritus professor of music at Georgia Southern University. The men began working on bringing the band to Savannah, but the recent pandemic got in the way. Less than six months before the band’s sched-

uled 2020 visit, the trip had to be postponed. “We didn’t give up, and continued to work together to carry it out,” says Reszel.

Consequences of the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and increases in inflation created additional challenges. Thankfully, there are several partners and supporters on both sides of the Atlantic who helped reschedule the visit for 2023, coinciding with the band’s 30th anniversary.

“We are extremely grateful to the Halle Foundation in Atlanta, under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Eike Jordan, which has provided a generous grant,” says Dr. Judith Marquardt, deputy mayor, department of culture and sport in Halle.

In addition to Marquardt and the City of Halle, Reszel cites the support of Georgia Southern University and the Jazz Association in Savannah, as well as the assistance of Mindy Shea of Visit Savannah and Savannah mayor, Van Johnson, and his office.

### BIG BAND = BIG CHALLENGES

Reszel details the complexity of coordinating travel arrangements for 29 musicians and singers, a sound technician, and three accom-

panying people. “Flight bookings, insurance, immigration forms, and much more have to be organized for the large group,” he says.

However, the band is unable to bring all their instruments. Drums, keyboard, guitar, and bass, as well as the large wind instruments – nine in total – must be bought, borrowed, and provided. This includes music stands, and well as a sound system with amplifiers, and microphones for the singers.

In addition to scheduling the various concerts and events, the band relied on the organizational support of Dr. Dieter Gunkel and the Teutonic Council to address other details, such as a convenient, affordable hotel, local transportation, and a suitable rehearsal room.

“Musically, it is a great challenge for the band to perform in the motherland of jazz, and to exchange ideas with musicians in Georgia about their great traditions and new developments,” Reszel notes, adding that his musicians will share new accents with their own compositions from Germany and other parts of Europe.

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countries. Georgia, in particular, has great traditions here.”

The band is scheduled to arrive Thursday, September 28. After enjoying a few days of rest and Southern hospitality, the musicians will perform their first public concert Sunday, October 1, at the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rincon, landing site of the original Salzburger in 1734. The following day, students from Savannah Country Day, Groves High School, and Islands High School will join the band for a performance at Savannah Arts Academy. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the band will perform evening concerts at the Jewish Education Alliance and Plant Riverside, respectively. They will close out the week with a performance at the Tybee Island Pier. Other performances may be scheduled, with times and locations to be announced.

### PRUSSIAN PARTNERSHIP

Halle and Savannah became sister cities in October of 2011, officially documenting the historical connections that date back almost 300 years to when Johann Martin Boltzius and Israel Christian Gronau from the Francke Foundations in Halle accompanied the Salzburger refugees to Georgia. For the 12 years since the union was conceived, the Teutonic

**WHAT:** The Big Band of Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany  
**WHEN:** Sep. 30 - Oct. 8; Times vary  
**WHERE:** Various locations including Savannah Arts Academy, the JEA, Plant Riverside, and the Tybee Pier  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**WHAT ELSE:** Sponsored by the Teutonic Council and the City of Halle, Germany.

Council of Savannah, which connects Savannah's three German-American societies, has served as the primary group to promote understanding, knowledge, and friendship between the two cities. In addition to arts and music, the cities have shared personnel.

In February, the Teutonic Council sponsored an exchange between the fire departments of both cities. Sandra Hoffman from Halle spent three weeks working with the Savannah Fire Department, hosted by Savannah firefighter Brooke Mollenkamp. In June, Mollenkamp journeyed to Halle to work with the fire department there. Both were able to exchange expert information and best-practice experience, learning from each other and broadening their horizons – for the benefit of




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– Hartmut Reszel

both departments.

“These visits, along with the student, teacher, and trainee teacher exchanges, have brought our cities together on various levels, strengthened our partnership, and fostered wonderful friendships,” says Halle’s Marquardt.

It is hoped such efforts will lead to greater interest in each culture and provide increased momentum on other levels. With numerous visitors and contacts from different levels, mutual understanding and interest can continue growing. “Since many of our band members are students of the teaching profession, the insight into the training at GSU and in various American schools is extremely valuable,” Reszel concludes.



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# Promises Fulfilled

By Philip Schweier



Foster care is a challenge – for the children and the families who care for them. Thankfully, Promise686, a new ministry in Coastal Georgia, is available to help. Promise686 is a non-profit initiative that takes its name from Psalm 68:6, which speaks to God's promise to place the lonely in families. To fulfill this promise, Promise686 engages local churches to establish family advocacy ministries (FAMs). The FAMs address both relational and physical needs of vulnerable children and their families – kinship care families, foster families, adoptive families, and biological families in crisis.

“We use an online platform to enter real time, vetted physical needs of vulnerable children and families,” explains Lisa McCaslin, area director for Promise 686.

Through a community connection platform called CarePortal, child welfare professionals send these needs – bedding, furniture, school supplies, etc. – to a network of church responders who can then choose to provide that physical need, fund that physical need, or pray. For example, perhaps a family's circumstances require a child to move in with his grandmother, but she needs a bed for him. The need is entered into CarePortal, and FAMs are notified through the inter-church network. One respondent may be able to donate a spare bed frame, while another might be willing to cover the cost of a new mattress, or bed sheets.

The CarePortal system has proven very successful in the Savannah area. Since the end of March 2023, 91 children have been served, re-

sulting in an economic impact of more than \$69,000. Currently Chatham County DFCS, Brightside Advocacy, the Front Porch, the Living Vine, and ThriVe® Express Savannah have been trained to enter needs into CarePortal.

One real-life success story McCaslin shares is that of a woman known as Miss T, who had taken her 7-year-old grandchild into care. Community Bible Church fulfilled the request for a bookbag with school supplies, which McCaslin delivered to Miss T's home. “We had incredible time together,” McCaslin says. “Here I thought we were blessing her, and she turned around and gave us a baby bath, a baby swing, a pack'n play, and a car seat.” Little did the grandmother know that the Living Vine was in need of these very items for two mothers and their newborns.

Though churches and their response teams are the primary participants in CarePortal, the system is free to anyone who wants to sign-up as a responder. If a person unconnected to a church wishes to participate, CarePortal automatically connects them to a church to help facilitate the delivery of the item(s) in need.

McCaslin credits Dentistry for Children and Adolescents and Keller Auto Sales for their support in bringing Promise686 to Chatham County.

So far, 14 churches have signed up, through which 15 care communities have been launched. These consist of six to eight volunteers offering wrap-around support for foster, adoptive, or vulnerable families through meals, child-care, transportation,



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**WHEN:** Sep. 24, 6 – 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Community Bible Church, 1112 E. 69th St.  
**CONTACT:** To learn how you or your church can get involved, please contact Lisa McCaslin at 912.667.0862 or [lmccaslin@promise686.org](mailto:lmccaslin@promise686.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Panelists and presenters include Farrah Lawrence of Chatham County DFCS; Kate Blair of Brightside Advocacy; Dawn Fegel of Love One Ministry; current foster families; and Savannah Bananas' Bananas Foster. Light refreshments will be provided.

and prayer.

Promise686 supplies all the resources and support a church needs to establish a FAM at no charge to the church. McCaslin says responders go through specialized training on poverty, trauma, and dignity to prepare to meet families with a lens of compassion and acceptance.

### IN THE BEGINNING...

According to its website, Promise686 was launched in 2007 by Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, Georgia, to raise awareness of adoption needs. Recognizing the financial cost of adoption as a barrier to children and families connecting for a lifetime, its original focus was adoption grants. Two years later, Promise686 became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and expanded its ministry to foster care. It partnered with private agencies to ensure greater awareness of the needs of children in foster care and began mobilizing churches to care for vulnerable children by recruiting, equipping, and supporting foster families.

By 2013, Promise686 was active in 28 counties across Georgia, and launched the Promise Network, a group of churches and affiliate partners collaborating toward a common mission. Since then, the strategy has evolved into three steps:

- Help prevent children from going into foster care by supporting biological families in crisis.
- Intervene when a child enters foster care by assisting local foster families.
- Connect children and families by providing adoption resources.

While Promise686 still offers adoption grants, FAM work became the primary focus in 2018. The ministry helps churches create and lead successful FAMs, providing what at-risk kids need most – strong families. "Promise686 encourages churches to be the hands of feet of Christ by moving into the brokenness of families," explains McCaslin, "and providing relational support and physical needs."

To date, Promise686 has partnered with 1,578 churches in 34 states.

Evans General Contractors and Savannah Marine Contractors have become sponsors in Effingham County. McCaslin is continuing engagement efforts in Bryan, Bulloch, Liberty, and Long Counties as well. Her work includes foster care, respite care, and adoption recruitment. There are currently 264 children in foster care in Chatham County.

### GOING BANANAS

Promise686 is in an educational partnership with Bananas Foster, a 501(c)(3) launched by Emily and Jesse Cole, owners of the Savannah Bananas. The two were drawn to supporting adoptive and foster families, and became a licensed foster family in 2020. Recognizing the platform



The Seamans family was recognized with a standing ovation at a Savannah Bananas game for being a foster family.

the Savannah Bananas provides, they celebrate the foster care community while educating and inspiring others to get involved.

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*On Thursday, September 28, the Copper Penny will host a market in the Skidaway Room of the Marshwood Club from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and 10% of all sales will benefit Promise686. Please join us to learn more about Promise686.*

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Our first Football Pick 'Em Pool winner's announcement of the season is a doubleheader. The initial slate of games was played between August 26 and September 3; the last of which fell just past our deadline, so we ran a second pool in the meantime. We hope you entered both.

The winner of round one was Crystal "Ball" Higgins with 19 of 25 correct picks – a strong showing for the start of the season. Congratulations, Crystal, on another fantastic win! (She's been in the winner's circle before...this in not her first prognosticator's rodeo.)

The second set of games was played between September 7 and 10. The action was a lot closer between our participants in the sophomore selection class. We saw a significant increase in entries and four of our contestants correctly predicted 18 of 25 winners. Jerry "The Great One" Grader, Jim "Old Faithful" Olsen, Bill "Money" Monroe, and Jim "Fo Sho" Foshee led the pack. It came down to the tiebreaker – the total points between Alabama and Texas. The Longhorns and the Tide combined for 58 points.

Jim was a little optimistic about the two offenses, projecting 70. Bill was also up there at 65. Jim went a bit low with 54, and Jerry "Price-is-Righted" him at 55 to win by one. What a finish! Congratulations to Jerry "The Great One" Grader!

Thank you all who keep coming back season after season. We hope you enjoy playing as much as we enjoy putting on this little contest every issue. If you haven't joined our game, now is the time.

Everyone is welcome. It's easy. Predict the winning team for each game. And get more winners right than the rest of your friends. For the tiebreaker game, predict the total points that the two teams will score (combined). The winner gets a real prize.

Twenty college games and five from the NFL. Games will be played between Thursday, September 21, and Monday, September 25. Entries are due by 5 p.m., Thursday, September 21. Email picks to [chendrix@theskinnie.com](mailto:chendrix@theskinnie.com).

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# Saving Your Skin

*Depending on its type, skin cancer treatment may require surgery*

If you are among the many people who have moved to coastal Georgia for retirement, congratulations! You have earned a chance to relax in one of the most beautiful places on the planet. However, you've also added to your risk factors for skin cancer because the sun in the region is intense. Exposure to the sun's UV rays is considered the major risk factor for most types of skin cancer.

"Many of the people I see are retirement age," says surgical oncologist Yana Puckett, MD, MBA, MPH, MSC, "and even though they may be new to this area and its year-long sun exposure, their age is another risk factor. The damage from UV rays is cumulative, and most skin cancers are caused by UV exposure accumulated over a lifetime."

Puckett specializes in complex surgical oncology to treat breast cancer and melanoma. She is double-board-certified by the American Board of Surgery in general surgery and complex general surgical oncology.

"Because of where we live, a robust cutaneous oncology program is crucial to this community," Puckett adds.

Cutaneous oncology is the treatment of all types of skin cancer, which are categorized by where they originate in the skin. These include:

**Basal cell carcinoma:** The most common

type of skin cancer, it starts in the basal cell layer, which is the lower part of the top layer of skin called the epidermis.

**Squamous cell carcinoma:** This type starts in the upper part of the epidermis. It commonly appears on areas of the body that get lots of sun exposure, such as the face, ears, neck, and the back of hands.

**Melanoma:** The cells that make melanin (the pigment that gives skin its brown or tan color) are called melanocytes. They are also in the epidermis. If these cells start to grow out of control, it is melanoma. Although less common than other types of cancers, melanoma is more lethal.

"Melanoma accounts for 10 percent of skin cancers that develop, but 90 percent of the deaths from skin cancers," Puckett explains.

Puckett also treats relatively rare cancers like Merkel cell carcinoma and soft tissue sarcoma.

Different types of skin cancers require different treatment methods. Even within a specific cancer type, such as melanoma, there are a variety of options. "Sometimes melanoma can be aggressive, sometimes not," Puckett says. "There are so many ways to treat it. It requires a thoughtful approach."

Basal and squamous cell skin cancers that



**Surgical oncologist Yana Puckett**

haven't spread beyond the skin can be treated by a dermatologist. One protocol employs cryotherapy, where the physician uses liquid nitrogen to freeze and kill the cancer cells. In other cases, a cream or ointment that kills cancer cells can be applied directly on the skin.

Advanced cases are often referred to Puckett. "If a cancer is very aggressive and grows into a large mass, that's when I see those patients as a surgeon," she says.

After an examination, Puckett reviews pathology results and creates a surgical plan tailored to the patient. Sometimes, she will perform a biopsy on the patient's lymph nodes to determine if the cancer has spread. A patient might need additional treatment like chemotherapy, immunotherapy, or targeted therapy, which involves drugs that target proteins that stimulate cancer cell growth.

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# Do You Have Regular Skin Checkups?

*St. Joseph's/Candler primary care physician Dr. Jennifer Kirkman advocates for full-body skin exams.*



**Dr. Jennifer Kirkman**

If you are over 40, talk to your primary care physician about annual skin screenings, or see a dermatologist if you haven't done so already. The skin goes through various stages throughout life. As babies, we may have frequent rashes. As adolescents – and unfortunately sometimes beyond – there's the dreaded acne. When you reach 40, the concern becomes precancerous and cancerous lesions, especially in the South with intense and frequent sun exposure.

Dr. Jennifer Kirkman is a primary care physician at the St. Joseph's/Candler Richmond Hill office. She has additional training in dermatology, and it's one of her main interests. She performs annual full-body skin exams on all her patients 40 and older.

"As we age, we develop skin tags, precancerous spots, and cutaneous horns," Kirkman explains. "We can get rid of those lesions because they can be bothersome. They can be painful, and some can get infected or grow to be cancerous."

During Kirkman's exams, she uses a dermatoscope, which is a magnified glass and a light. It helps her determine if pigmentation is abnormal. She also looks for raised lesions, inflamed skin, and uncharacteristic texture. If the patient consents, Kirkman can remove the lesion or area of skin in her office and send it off for pathology.

"I really love coming up with the best solution for the patient," Puckett says. "That's why I have such a passion for this work."

### REMEMBER THESE TIPS

Coastal living is wonderful. But you must protect your skin and your family members'. One bad sunburn in childhood increases the risk of melanoma later in life.

- Use sunscreen generously: Liberally apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 35. Look for broad spectrum, meaning it protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply every two hours!

- Keep yourself covered: Wide-brim hats, sunglasses, and light, long-sleeved shirts pro-

vide great protection and, unlike sunscreen, never wear off. For longer outdoor activities, look for garments with an ultraviolet protection factor, or UPE.

- Don't forget your lips: Make sure your lip balm has an SPF of at least 15.

- Avoid peak hours: Sun intensity is at its highest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Plan your activities around this window of time if you can.

- Don't use tanning beds: There can be peer pressure to look tan year-round. But that's simply not a good reason to use a tanning bed, which can raise the risk of skin cancer.

Biopsies are usually very well tolerated, Kirkman says. Most can be performed in-office during a 15-minute appointment. Lesions can be removed several ways including shaving it's a superficial specimen, or with a punch biopsy for deeper penetration, or complete excision. All the above are performed under local anesthesia, so you shouldn't feel a thing. Pathology typically takes one to two weeks, and Kirkman calls each patient with the results.

### HOME SKIN EXAMS

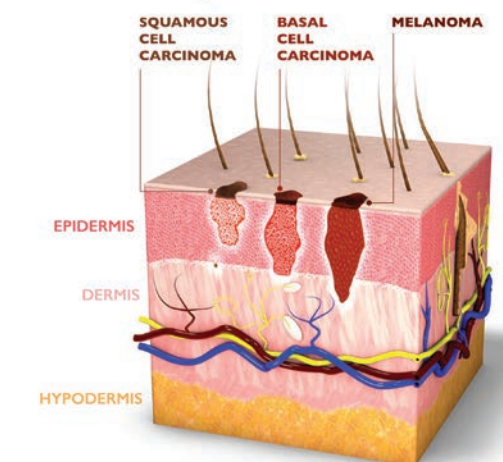
Kirkman encourages her patients to check their skin at home at least once a month. Most of us know where our skin spots or moles are located. She recommends looking for any changes in size (especially if they are getting bigger), texture, and color. If you notice anything concerning, call your primary care physician.

"Your skin is the largest organ in your body," Kirkman says. "It's also the organ that is your first line of defense. If your skin isn't healthy, it's likely your organs underneath aren't going to be healthy either. So, we have the barrier aspect of the skin, but also the skin aids in hydration, cooling, and a lot of homeostasis function that people don't think about. It's important to pay close attention to our largest organ."

Don't forget sunscreen if you are outside, Kirkman stresses. She recommends SPF 50 or higher, and it must have zinc in it. She encourages reapplying every hour.

### TYPE OF SKIN CANCER

THERE ARE THREE MAJOR TYPES



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**Dr. Sara King** is a Pittsburgh, PA transplant, with an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from California University of Pennsylvania and a Doctorate of Audiology from UWV. She completed her residency after joining AHAS.

Dr. King is a familiar face on Skidaway after spending two years at AHAS Skidaway Island before relocating to AHAS Pooler. She has returned to Skidaway and is thrilled to be back in the neighborhood. You'll find her on the slopes on her snowboard when she's not tending to her patients.

**Dr. Katy Laws** is a native of Swansboro, NC, with an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from East Carolina University and a Doctorate of Audiology degree from Nova Southeastern University in FL before joining the team at AHAS in 2019.

On off days from caring for her patients, you'll find her on the tennis courts or cuddling her Bernese Mountain Dog, Delaney.

**Dr. Casey Allen**

Savannah native Dr. Allen, completed her undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!) and a masters degree in Audiology from the University of Tennessee.

Having joined the AHAS team in 2015, Dr. Allen became a full-time Dr. of Audiology with AHAS upon receiving her Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Tennessee. Her furry son Mylo steals her heart and spare time when she is not looking after her patients.

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# Smells Like Sunday

## MEZZE RIGATONI ALLA GENOVESE

**W**hat's in a name? With respect to this dish, the question has no easy answer. "Genovese" is Italian for Genoan (the English way of indicating a person or thing is from Genoa, or "Genova," as the city and province of the same name are known in the mother tongue). But the sauce that defines pasta all Genovese is associated with Naples and its surrounding areas, which are 400-ish miles down the coast from Genoa. That's a long way, given that early versions of this southern-Italian favorite appear in documents from the 15th century, when a 400-mile journey might have seemed extra-terrestrially complex.

Naples was (and is, to a lesser extent today) a prominent port city.

Genoa, too. Logic suggests that Genoan merchant/sailors brought their culinary customs to Naples, where this sauce gained wider popularity than it enjoyed back home. Regardless of its origin story, pasta alla Genovese is all about onions, slow cooked to coax their silky sweetness to melt into a complex and comforting mash-up to complement meat. Most versions include pancetta (Italian bacon), which I love but don't include in mine.

Given the mass migration of Napolitani to the Americas, it's surprising that this reminder of home isn't more prevalent in Italian-American kitchens. Given its deliciousness and the way it perfumes your house the day you cook it and into the next, it should be.



From the Kitchen of Scott Lauretti

There are rival perspectives on how to deal with the meat component. Some folks shred it after much cooking time has passed and add it back to the pot, creating a thick ragu. I prefer the poor-person's way. I remove the intact roast, allow it to rest, then serve it as a secondo (main course) alongside a green vegetable, while the sauce that's left behind is married to pasta for a primo (first course). Two for the price of one.



Pasta alla Genovese takes time, but it's worth it. If you don't have a big family, invite friends, or expect leftovers. Which is fine because it's great the second day.

- 1 2-to-3 lb chuck roast
- 5 large Vidalia or yellow onions
- 1 celery stalk
- 1 carrot
- 1 bunch Italian parsley
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 c white wine
- 2 lbs mezza rigatoni (or rigatoni or paccheri, some kind of substantive pasta shape)
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Salt
- Freshly cracked black pepper

Peel, halve, and slice the onions fairly thin. Dice the carrot and celery. Roughly chop about 3 tbsp parsley. Liberally season chuck roast with salt and pepper. Pour enough olive oil into a Dutch oven or big, high-sided, heavy pan to cover the bottom. Heat on medium-high. Brown meat well on all sides, remove, set aside. Reduce heat to medium-low, add onions, carrot, and celery to pan, season well with salt, stir to coat with pan juices, and cook for 10 minutes. Add chopped parsley

and bay leaves, stir well, and cook for 2 minutes. Add the browned beef back to the pot, incorporate to coat with some of the vegetables, cover with pot lid, reduce heat to low, and cook for 3 hours, checking occasionally to make sure the liquid hasn't evaporated – adding a little water, if necessary – and stirring so everything cooks evenly. After 3 hours, the meat should be very (almost falling-apart) tender. Remove and lightly tent it with aluminum foil. Add the white wine to the remaining sauce, increase heat to high, and bring to a boil. Reduce to low heat and cook uncovered, stirring regularly, for another 45 minutes to an hour. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of very well salted water to a boil. About 10 or 15 minutes before the end-time for your sauce, cook pasta per package instructions. Drain cooked pasta and add to sauce. Add grated cheese and another 1/2 tsp of chopped parsley (for color). Stir very thoroughly to blend everything into one beautiful, finished product. Slice the meat and serve on its own tray, accompanied by greens like sauteed spinach or green beans or roasted asparagus. Buon appetito!



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# Billy Ray

Savannah native William S. "Billy" Ray, Jr. specialized in smiles in both military and civilian life. Ray is a retired dentist, having practiced his profession in and out of uniform.

Ray graduated from Savannah High School in 1957 and enrolled at Armstrong Junior College. A year later, he transferred to the University of Georgia, intent on pursuing dentistry. to become a dentist, a degree which Armstrong did not offer. Ultimately, he completed the academic component of his dental training at Emory University's dental school. There, he joined the Navy Reserve unit and was commissioned a Navy ensign in the spring of 1960.

In 1963, with his dental degree in hand, Ray reported to Newport, Rhode Island for basic training. While learning the ins and outs of

Navy officer responsibilities, he joined the pistol team, qualifying as an expert shooter. Completing his basic officer training, he was posted to the Naval Station at Charleston, South Carolina, where he was assigned three dental officer duties, providing services to sailors on the Navy's minesweepers, its nuclear submarines in Norfolk, and its live ammunitions depot. He also cared for the Navy personnel attached to the ROTC program at the University of South Carolina.

All the while, he kept shooting, competing at a marksman and earning the admiration of his teammates.

Within a year, Ray transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Charleston, a major trauma center for the Navy's Sixth District, which spans much of the coastal Southeast. There, he was

*He Served by Ron Lauretti*



assistant to the oral surgeon in charge. The team worked on a wide range of cases, from general dentistry to cancer surgeries to broken jaws. Given the use of dental records in human identification, the team also worked to properly process deceased military personnel.

In 1965, when Ray's military obligation was completed, he accepted an honorable discharge and entered private practice. He had a growing family to support and was anxious to strike out on his own. That he did, building a practice that endured for half a century in Savannah. Early on, he also did one day a week for six years at the Navy hospital in Charleston.

There is a rule of thumb that at least 10 rear echelon personnel are required to support each front-line fighter. "Although I never saw actual combat," Ray says, "I gave my best possible dental service to those who did and who needed a lot of rear echelon support!" Ray is especially proud of the repair work he performed on the mouths of patient-warriors injured in Vietnam.

Ray recalls his experience in the Navy as essential to his success and personal satisfaction. He will always be a sailor at heart, which he affirms currently as a member of the Savannah Navy League.

Ray's family includes four adult children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren – plus Sophie, his German Shepherd.

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# island hopping

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**WHAT:** Kiwanis Club of Skidaway  
**WHEN:** Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Club  
**HOW MUCH:** Free to attend; Coffee/Tea: \$2.50 (Occasionally free pastries)  
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## GOTTA LOVE IT

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**CONTACT:** Laurie Redmond at [landloversmembershipdirector@gmail.com](mailto:landloversmembershipdirector@gmail.com) or visit [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://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.

## NATURALLY INCLINED

**WHAT:** The works of Janet Bailey  
**WHEN:** Now through Sep. 30  
**WHERE:** JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111  
**WHAT ELSE:** Janet Bailey has painted tides, landscapes, sky, star, moon, and space-related paintings for several decades. In her abstracted paintings, anything related to our natural surroundings – what is both seen and unseen – has long been her interest and influences her work.

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## POWER PLANTS

**WHAT:** P.E.O. Chapter BB annual plant sale  
**WHEN:** Accepting orders now through Oct. 5. Order pick-up Oct. 19 A-L 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; M-Z 12 - 1 p.m.  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Pricing Varies by plant/flower  
**CONTACT:** Chris Aiken, [cbaiken@aol.com](mailto:cbaiken@aol.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women in higher education.

## DEAR ABBIES

**WHAT:** Skidaway Abigails September meeting  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sep. 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 W. Ridge Rd.  
**HOW MUCH:** Guests (\$10 guest fee) must be accompanied by an Abigails member  
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**WHERE:** Davenport House Museum and Shop, 323 East Broughton St.  
**CONTACT:** Sheena Fulkerson at [sfulkerson@davenportmuseum.org](mailto:sfulkerson@davenportmuseum.org) or 912.236.8097  
**WHAT ELSE:** The Davenport Houses needs volunteers to lead tours through the historic 1820s Davenport House Museum. Volunteers who complete the training typically work two shifts per month.

## HOW EGG-CITING!

**WHAT:** Release of turtle hatchlings  
**WHEN:** Sept. 19, 5:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Sunset Park, 707 Landings Way South  
**HOW MUCH:** Free; donations appreciated  
**CONTACT:** [friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Attendees will learn how volunteers rescue Diamondback terrapin eggs and now they are incubated. Then, you will help release the hatchlings into the marsh. Register at [skidawayaudubon.org](http://skidawayaudubon.org). Due to the popularity of this event, participation is limited to island residents with gate passes, 100 attendees per session, and to just one session only.



## FRIENDLY WORDS

**WHAT:** Skidaway Scrabblers  
**WHEN:** Every Thursday afternoon  
**WHERE:** Members' homes  
**CONTACT:** Cathy White, [cathy77024@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy77024@yahoo.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** We are a happy group of dedicated Scrabble players who enjoy a social game. Join us for a game or two and discover that you, too, may want to be a Skidaway Scrabbler.

## GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

**WHAT:** Game Night at Skidaway Community Church  
**WHEN:** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. beginning June 21  
**CONTACT:** Dr. Joe C=rotty, SCC program director – 598.0151, ext. 1104  
**WHAT ELSE:** Join us for an evening of checkers, chess, Trivial Pursuit, group games, and Christian fellowship. To register, visit [www.Skidcc.org](http://www.Skidcc.org).

## BUNCO SQUAD

**WHAT:** A fun and easy dice game  
**WHEN:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of the month starting Oct. 10  
**WHERE:** The Landings Association building  
**HOW MUCH:** \$6/ea; \$20 room rental each night. TLA room must be reserved six months in advance. Please visit TLA website to make reservations  
**CONTACT:** Wendy Crowell, [Wendylwc68@gmail.com](mailto:Wendylwc68@gmail.com) and Barb Capes, [lbunco2@gmail.com](mailto:lbunco2@gmail.com).

## ALL ABOARD

**WHAT:** Mexican Train Dominoes Group  
**WHEN:** Every Tuesday, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Club/Byrd Room  
**CONTACT:** Lesa Thompson, [lcthompson2761@gmail.com](mailto:lcthompson2761@gmail.com)

**GO NUTS**

**WHAT:** PEO Chapter AS annual pecan sale  
**WHEN:** Order now thru Oct. 14; Pickup at Skidaway United Methodist Church Nov. 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**HOW MUCH:** \$12 per bag  
**CONTACT:** Guerry Drey, 571.242.3327, or Salli White, 912.598.4654  
**WHAT ELSE:** These attractively wrapped pecan delicacies come in a variety of delicious flavors and make perfect gifts. All proceeds benefit PEO's scholarship and loan funds for women who seek undergraduate and post-graduate degrees at accredited national and international institutions. PEO's main fundraiser for the year.

**SISTER, SISTER**

**WHAT:** Panhellenic Picnic in the Park  
**WHEN:** Monday, Sep. 18, 6 - 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island State Park covered pavilion  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** RSVP to panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com by Sep. 11. Please include name, sorority, and college  
**WHAT ELSE:** This event is open to all sorority women. No need to be an active alum. If you were in a college sorority, you are welcome to come. Please bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Panhellenic Sororities of Savannah will be supplying the desserts, ice, and all paper and plastic products.

**THE RIGHT STUFF**

**WHAT:** Ladies on The Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting  
**WHEN:** Sep. 21: social hour – 12 noon to 1 p.m.; lunch/program 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Landings Palmetto Club ballroom  
**HOW MUCH:** LOTR members, \$30; non-members, \$35  
**CONTACT:** To register (by Sep. 18) or to join LOTR, visit ladiesontheright.org  
**WHAT ELSE:** Garland Favorito, chairman of the Constitution Party of Georgia and co-founder of VoterGA, a non-partisan, non-profit organization leading Georgia's election-integrity movement. LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate, and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community, and lives.

**ANIMAL ATTRACTION**

**WHAT:** Wildlife management talk  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Sep. 21, 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island  
**HOW MUCH:** Free for FOSA members, \$5 for guests, payable online or at the door  
**CONTACT:** friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com

**WHAT ELSE:** Landings Director of Public Works Sean Burgess will address the many aspects of wildlife management at the Landings, as Skidaway Audubon kicks off its annual speaker series. Attendees are asked to pre-register online at SkidawayAudubon.org.

**POSTAL PEOPLE**

**WHAT:** Landings Stamp Club  
**WHEN:** Friday, Sep. 22, 10 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church conference room  
**COST:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Carl Luecke, cluecke@comcast.net or 912.349.0340 for meeting details.  
**WHAT ELSE:** Beginner, advanced, or anyone in between is welcome to join our monthly meeting. Learn about buying, selling, or preserving your collections, and discover different types of stamps from all over the world.

**OPEN RECEPTION**

**WHAT:** Landlovers Opening Reception  
**WHEN:** Wednesday Sep. 27, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Palmetto Ballroom and Azalea Room  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Holly Taylor and Kathy Collura at landloverssocials@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Enjoy complementary light bites and a member/cash bar as you browse activities, social events, and philanthropic projects. Join or renew your membership (\$30 annually.) All Skidaway residents are welcome!

**KEEPING THE FAITH(S)**

**WHAT:** Exploring Non-Abrahamic Faiths  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays, Sep. 27 – Oct. 18; 6:45 – 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway  
**HOW MUCH:** Attendance is free, but reservations are required. Register by the Monday prior to each Wednesday at skidcc.org or by calling 912.598.0151.  
**WHAT ELSE:** A free discussion series covering the histories, beliefs, and practices of four distinct non-Abrahamic faiths, each of which has left an indelible mark on distinct parts of the world. Guest speakers will discuss Zoroastrianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Native American spirituality.

**SHUTTER BUG**

**WHAT:** The photography of Bailey Davidson  
**WHEN:** Now through Oct. 31. Join us for the opening reception on Oct. 5, 5 – 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111  
**WHAT ELSE:** Davidson graduated from SCAD

in 2001 with a master of fine arts degree. Since then, he has maintained a freelance photography business specializing in commercial and editorial work while continuously creating art. Davidson has chosen the plastic Holga pinhole camera and its unique characteristics as the consistent theme for this body of work. With the camera and lens being rudimentary, the results are often unpredictable, imperfect, and distorted.

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY**

**WHAT:** 50th anniversary celebration for Wilderness Southeast  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 7; Paddle races, 3 - 5 p.m.; Celebration, 5 - 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Safe Harbor Marina (formerly Bahia Bleu), Thunderbolt  
**CONTACT:** Lisa Goodman, WiSE Executive Director, at 912.236.8115 or naturesavannah@gmail.com, or visit Wilderness-Southeast.org  
**WHAT ELSE:** Paddle for prizes and help fundraise for Fish Gotta Swim®, a hands-on environmental program for at-risk youth in Savannah. Enjoy kayak races, delicious food, beverages, live music, silent auction, and the premiere of "50 Years WiSE." Teams and individuals are encouraged to sign up for the paddle races; deadline for race entry is Oct. 1.

**VITAL ORGAN**

**WHAT:** Organ recital, featuring Richard Elliott, principal organist for the Mormon Tabernacle  
**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m.; wine-and-cheese reception at 5:45  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island  
**HOW MUCH:** Donations greatly appreciated  
**CONTACT:** kturner@saintpeterssav.org or 912.598.7242  
**WHAT ELSE:** Richard Elliot is a world-class performer. This promises to be an entertaining and glorious performance marking the 20th anniversary of the installation of the Opus 2223 Schantz pipe organ at St. Peter's.

**CHIPPING FOR CHILDREN**

**WHAT:** L9GA Kids Café charity golf scramble "Together for the Kids"  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 26  
**WHERE:** The Landings Golf and Athletic Club  
**HOW MUCH:** \$50 per player plus \$35 per person for lunch, the chance auction, and the live auction  
**CONTACT:** Laurie Redmond, laurie\_redmond@yahoo.com

**HEY, SAILOR**

**WHAT:** Basic sailing class, sponsored by the Landings Sailing Club  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., plus four hours on the water

**WHERE:** TLA Meeting Room, 600 Landings Way South  
**HOW MUCH:** \$100, of which \$25 of which will be refunded if you join TLSC within 30 days  
**CONTACT:** Angela Margolit, amargolit@hotmail.com, 973.296.8011  
**WHAT ELSE:** Open to all Landings residents 21 or older who are either new to sailing or want a refresher course.

**WORDS AND PICTURES**

**WHAT:** The Village Library and Landings Art Association Fall Book and Art Sale  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., plus four hours on the water  
**WHERE:** 1 Skidaway Village Walk  
**CONTACT:** Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@aol.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Books and art for sale, and author signings

**SECOND HARVEST**

**WHAT:** Packing groceries for Second Harvest  
**WHEN:** 9 - 11 a.m., Nov. 3, Feb. 2, April 5, June 7  
**WHERE:** Second Harvest, 2501 E President St.  
**CONTACT:** Terry Lewis, terrylewis324@gmail.com

**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE**

**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, 912.598.0323  
**WHAT ELSE:** Prior experience is not necessary. Many volunteers learn on the job and only do whatever they feel comfortable with. Tools are provided.

**SHALOM**

**WHAT:** JWOL Membership  
**HOW MUCH:** Annual membership is \$20  
**CONTACT:** Phyllis Aaron, 610.203.4393  
**WHAT ELSE:** Mail or tube check to Phyllis at 4 Breakfast Court. Membership entitles each member to share in the many wonderful programs and social events JWOL offers.

**FINANCIAL AID**

**WHAT:** AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers  
**WHEN:** Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 1 for 10 weeks; hours and days are flexible  
**WHERE:** Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries  
**CONTACT:** Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or johngerardi@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.

**TAXATION REPRESENTATION**

**WHAT:** Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association  
**WHEN:** starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. - 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

**CARING WITH CASSEROLES**

**WHAT:** Casseroles for Safe Shelter  
**WHEN:** Every 3rd Tuesday  
**WHERE:** Dropoff at 2 Moonrise Circle; Other locations TBD  
**CONTACT:** Sue Souls, LLcommservice@gmail.com or smsouls@gmail.com

**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.

**FORE LADIES ONLY**

**WHAT:** Ladies 9-Hole Golf Group  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays (Tee times from Chelsea system)  
**WHERE:** Varies each week  
**HOW MUCH:** Only for events that include catering by the club.  
**CONTACT:** Jan Rosenbaum at LandloverLadies9@gmail.com or jesr7915@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Landlover Ladies 9-hole Golf

welcomes those who have a basic understanding of the rules, pace of play and have a GHIN number. Our focus is on having fun with a casual get together afterwards. The Landing Club golf and Landlovers memberships are required.

**HORSE SENSE**

**WHAT:** Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed  
**WHERE:** Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah  
**CONTACT:** For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482  
**WHAT ELSE:** Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

**ON THE HOUSE**

**WHAT:** Casual gatherings at members' homes  
**WHEN:** Quarterly, or at discretion of the coordinators. First gathering is Sept. 9, 6 - 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Host homes  
**COST:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@aol.com, or Connie Rice, csrice1948@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Guests bring appetizer and BYOB

**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.

**LENS CRAFTERS**

**WHAT:** Landlovers Photography Club  
**WHEN:** 3:45 - 4:45 p.m., third Tuesday of the month October, November, February, March  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Methodist Church, Bailey Hall  
**HOW MUCH:** \$20 per year  
**CONTACT:** Edgar Yu and Carl Kotheimer, Landloversphotoclub@gmail.com  
**WHAT ELSE:** Monthly speakers, regular workshops, photo walks/excursions, photo challenges, annual exhibit of our best work, get-togethers with photo enthusiasts at all levels of expertise. Beginners and Smart Phone photographers are welcome!

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- 1. Conn. neighbor
- 5. Herringlike fishes
- 10. Leave in, to an editor
- 14. Ancient Andean
- 15. "Water Lilies" painter
- 16. Fiesta fare
- 17. Go to great heights
- 18. Itsy-bitsy bits
- 19. How one might run
- 20. Spanish gentleman
- 22. Mac maker
- 23. Wife, jokingly
- 25. Hindu soul
- 28. Aspen aficionado
- 29. Word after pocket or loose
- 31. Deliberate destruction
- 36. They may be pulled
- 38. Dilbert's workspace
- 39. Erotic
- 41. Early English comedy, "\_\_\_ Gurton's Needle"
- 42. "Get lost!"
- 44. Minuscule
- 45. Accept responsibility
- 50. Unaccompanied
- 51. Weatherman offerings
- 55. Lose steam
- 56. Parlor piece
- 57. Beat badly
- 58. Clothing line
- 59. Certain exams
- 60. Frank Herbert sci-fi series
- 61. Nothing but
- 62. To the point
- 63. A whole bunch

DOWN

- 1. Catchall abbr.
- 2. Forest ox
- 3. Wound covering
- 4. Minuet-like dances
- 5. Clothing size
- 6. Monopoly purchases
- 7. Polar parkas

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- 8. Possessed one
- 9. Ave. crossers
- 10. Kind of infection
- 11. Buccaneers' home
- 12. Reason for a food recall
- 13. Representative
- 21. Spiny lobster
- 22. Like Cirque du Soleil performers
- 24. Fix, in a way
- 25. Plays a part
- 26. Quaker's "you"
- 27. "Death in Venice" author
- 30. Son of Cain
- 32. They're punched at work
- 33. Top of the heap
- 34. Secluded valley
- 35. Mysterious: Var.
- 37. Guaranteed
- 40. Russian urn
- 43. Diego Rivera creations
- 45. Weighty put-down
- 46. 1979 sci-fi classic
- 47. Snorkeling sight
- 48. Hostile force
- 49. Have a hunch
- 52. Music category
- 53. Spotify selection
- 54. Hearty dish
- 56. URL punctuator

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