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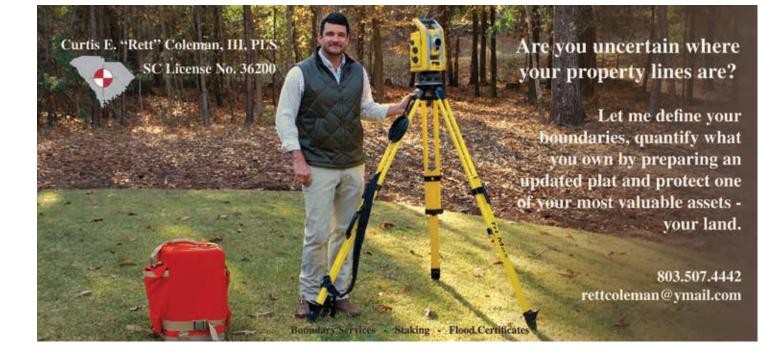


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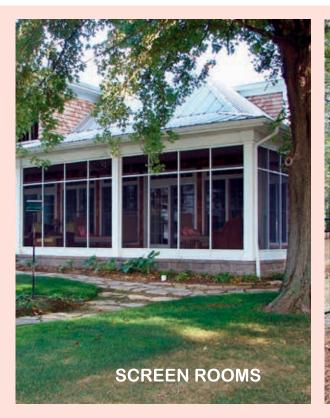


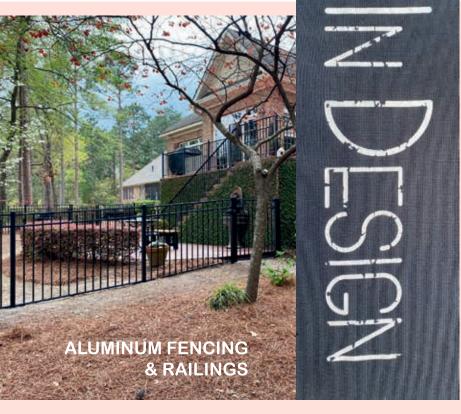
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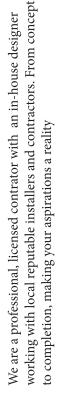


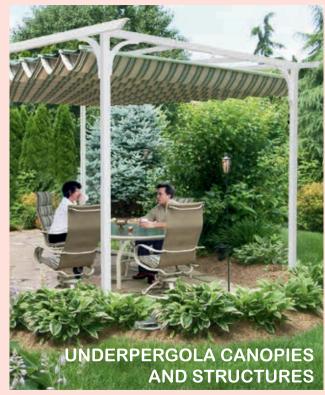






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"FINDING AMELIA'

BY TOM RICCIUTO



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You never know who your neighbors are... I met Michael Carra through my car club buddy, Gene. Both were good friends in California before retiring and moving to Aiken. I liked Michael as soon as I met him. He's a former Marine and retired police officer. Michael and his father were both motorcycle police officers in LA. As a kid from the 50's, 60's, and 70's, the TV shows Adam 12, Chips, and Dragnet TV pop into my head. Michael worked in Beverly Hills. You would think he would be sharing stories about famous people he stopped or arrested. Or his experience during the Rodney King riots. Nope - he is an experienced fixed wing and helicopter commercial pilot. He built his own pusher high performance race plane that he flies out of Barnwell. On the ground, his hobby is military history, mostly the events surrounding the attack at Pearl Harbor and WW2. His primary focus for several years has been searching for Amelia Earhart. His ideas behind her disappearance are completely different to all the theories put forth over the decades. Yup - we have one right in our own back yard. He is attempting to solve the mystery of her disappearance. To date, Michael and his team have made two trips to the jungles of Papua New Guinea. His trip in 2021 was recently featured in a 2-hour episode on the Discovery Channel. See the Press release below.... At first, I was "oh wow, no kidding. You think you found her location and her airplane?" I was like most people who thought to themselves, how could I be standing next to the guy who may solve this mystery?

Being a baby-boomer, I was curious. Knowing Michael lectures nationally, I asked him to give our Saturday morning car group a presentation. Let me say this before going forward. We know our Woodside neighborhood is saturated with all kinds of engineers. Needless to say, the response from our group was less than enthusiastic, "sounds good" when I announced to the group that Michael was going to speak. To our surprise, he nailed it. Once he got into the details, we were jaw dropping amazed at what he had found.



Amelia poses on the tail of her new Lockheed Electra. 1937.



Oh wow, no kidding. You think you found her location and her airplane?"



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2022. My second expedition to Papua New Guinea.

Michael started his thought process for the search using his pilot logic. Putting himself in Amelia's place when she realized they were lost. He said, "You turn around and go back to where you came from. You don't turn and get more lost." That night in 1937, Amelia was lost in a moonless pitch-dark sky. She had doubled back towards the airport at Rabaul, East New Britain. She got close according to Michael's calculations. He estimates, "She was close but could not find the airport, so she crashed in the jungle, not in the ocean". His scenario make sense. OK where did she crash?

Here is the money shot as they say... Michael has a map and reports from an Australian Army recon patrol from WW2 in 1945. The patrol found a crashed non-military plane and located a numbered engine tag. They recorded the number on their patrol map. Michael was able to find the family members of the veterans in Australia who still had the original map.

Here is the goose bump part— The serial number matches only one airplane in aviation history and that is the Lockheed Electra donated by Perdue University for Amelia's trip. WHAAAAT?

Michael has made two trips to the jungle. One sponsored by Discovery Channel in 2021 and another in 2022 on his own dime.

During his last trip, Michael's team used LiDAR to locate images under the jungle canopy. With the target information, they followed the



"like fath like son" My Hero, My Dad







Publicity shot. "A darling of the media"





Aussie soldier's path on maps uncovered by Michael. To get to the target location on the last day, they discovered it is located ½ mile through dense jungle below a 600-foot cliff. The New Guinea government allowed the team only 2 weeks in the area. They were out of time. Standing at the top of the cliff was so frustrating as there was no time to penetrate the jungle below. So darn close!

Michael is out of funds and is hoping a donor or investor will step up for a third trip to access the area and hopefully uncover the airplane in the LIDAR image. Maybe it's her plane, maybe not...all indications and common-sense points it to being the Electra.

He is a regular on the Woodside courses and often dines at Mulligan's at the clubhouse. The initial airing of his documentary had 496,000 household viewers and has passed, but watching the episode is well worth the time. It is currently available on Amazon Prime - HBO Max, max.com, and YouTube.

ON THE COVER: 2021 IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. LOCATED A WORLD WAR II JAPANESE "ZERO" FIGHTER PLANE.



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Those Who Served

OUR COUNTRY

Tony Kay United States Army

BY LOU ANNE BROSSMAN

"The Army did not get a days work out of me until fifteen months after enlisting due to the

amount of training.



TONY AND HIS WIFE, Laurie, moved to Woodside in 2013 after buying their lot

in 2005. At the time they were living in a

their home in Michigan and they decided

Being an excellent student in high school

Woodside would be their forever home.

golf course community in Bloomfield Hills,

Michigan and the vibes they got from Aiken

and Woodside felt very familiar to them from

drove Tony to really wonder what he wanted

to do as career. After a couple of non-starts

in college, Tony considered going into the

Army since he was losing his 2S student

deferment and the draft was as Tony says,

"knocking at my door". Tony's Grandfather

and Father served in the Army in WWI and

WWII, so Tony decided to go meet with a







Recruiter. This meeting led him to enlisting after testing well and being told by the Recruiter that the Army offered a MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) that he felt was well suited for Tony. The MOS involved so much training that it required a four-year commitment rather than the normal three-year commitment. At the time draftees went in for two years. Tony served four years of active duty from March 1967 until March 1971 leaving at the rank of Sergeant E-5.

After basic training Tony was sent to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA where he was enrolled in high intensity total immersion course in French. This involved studying nothing but French for six hours a day, three hours of homework each night, five days a week for twenty-four weeks. After completing this intensive training Tony was stationed at Fort Devens, MA for three months to learn how to become a SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) Analyst. This was also the time that he received his Top-Secret Crypto clearance. Tony likes to say, "the Army did not get a days work out of me until fifteen months after enlisting due to the amount of training".

Tony's most memorable experience while in the Army was attending the language school. After intelligence school he spent a year in Vietnam and says that was a very unforgettable time. He then spent twenty months at a very small listening post in a former Luftwaffe base in southern Bavaria. After spending time in Vietnam, Tony says that being stationed in Europe was a good experience where he would open his window every morning looking out at the movie set from "The Sound of Music" which he feels partially made up for his time spent in Vietnam.

One thing serving in the military taught Tony was how to take care of himself. Tony says "Until I went into the service, I lived at home and was shy. When you then get off an airplane in a strange place you must get out of your shell and take charge

of your fate. You need to observe what's going on, learn what to do and how to do it and if you're not sure, do not be afraid to ask questions".

Tony is most proud of the fact that he served when back in his day and even now, many find excuses not to. Tony says, "When it was time for my fellow veterans and myself to be in the bull's eye, we went".

Tony is the recipient of many medals and humbly shared them with us for this article. Tony says that compared to what some guys did he feels what he did was insignificant. He often tells fellow veterans here in Aiken that he knows were the REAL heroes "I was at the war, you were in the war". Tony is proud to be a recipient of the National Defense Service medal, the Army Good Conduct medal, the Vietnam Service medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Device medal and the Army Commendation medal. While in Vietnam, Tony and his unit was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

After leaving the service
Tony used the GI Bill to become a
computer programmer. He went on
to a job that took him around the
world teaching customers how to
utilize the software that his company
he worked for developed both in the
private and public sectors. Tony feels
his time in the Army taught him to be
self-reliant and gave him the ability
to thrive in business especially in an
overseas environment.

Tony would like to share a little secret with readers. Most people say, "Thank you for your service" and it is very much appreciated. When two Vietnam veterans encounter each other, they shake hands, look each other in the eye and say, "Welcome Home".

Thank you to Tony for serving our country and "Welcome Home".

If you'd like to be interviewed for this monthly series, please contact Lou Anne Brossman at louannebrossman@gmail.com.

SPORTS & ATHLETICS

Golfers Doug & Lou Anne Brossman

BY MEGAN BRADLEY

How long have you both been golfing?

Doug: Doug has been golfing for 58 years. Lou Anne: I've been golfing for about 25 years.

What made you two interested in the sport?

Doug: I started caddying when I was 13 years old to make some money and fell in love with the game.

Lou Anne: I started golfing with a girlfriend because we realized that most Friday's the guys in the office would head out to go play golf and we decided we too wanted Friday's off, so we took golf lessons.

What do you both enjoy most about golf?

Doug: The challenge, the satisfaction, the people you meet, the outdoors and the fact that it is a game you can play for life. Lou Anne: I love the camaraderie of golf. While I very much enjoy competitive golf, I really enjoy spending a fun day on the course with my golf girlfriends and with my husband. We enjoy traveling to play different courses both in the US and abroad. One thing over the past 2 years Doug and I have really enjoyed is going on the golf trips that

The Reserve Club plans. They are always nice places and beautiful golf courses, and everything is taken care of for us from arrival to departure. This makes golf so great and gives us an opportunity to meet and play with other Members we may not know well. We've traveled to Kiawah, Pinehurst, Pebble Beach, Bandon Dunes and have a trip planned for Sea Island, GA this coming December. There are many exciting locations planned for 2025.

What would you say to someone who wants to know more about golf at The Reserve Club and Woodside?

Doug: We live in the Reserve and have 2 very nice courses which gives us the flexibility of playing 2 different courses. Our courses are always in great condition. They are beautiful and challenging and having 2 courses I see as a great benefit. For Woodside, we are social members, and it gives us an alternative to play 4 courses within our gated community.

Lou Anne: Both The Reserve Club and Woodside are wonderful Clubs, and we are very fortunate that we have access to both within Woodside. It's nice that The Reserve Club and Woodside Country Club ladies golf leagues get together for golf tournaments every year giving us an opportunity to meet each other. You'll find many of us



invite ladies from one of the other Clubs to be our Guest in our annual Ladies' Member Guest Golf Tournaments. Both The Reserve Club and Woodside have very active men's and women's golf associations enabling a lot of golf play.

Anything else either of you would like to add about golf, Woodside or The Reserve Club?

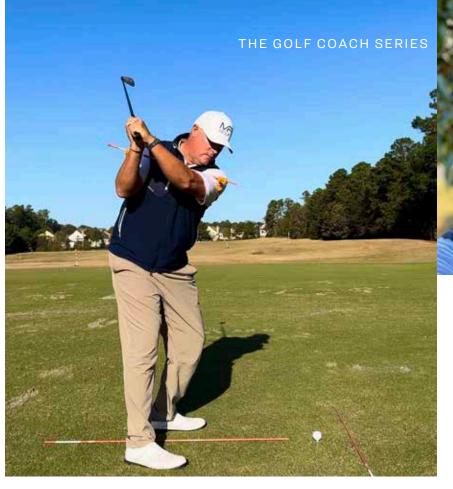
Doug: We have an excellent bag

staff who are very friendly and hard working. The Pro Shop staff are knowledgeable and helpful, and the teaching staff are excellent. Lou Anne: We feel very fortunate and blessed to have found Woodside and look forward to many years of golf play and friendships. In addition to golf, the social life of both Clubs is tremendous. We enjoy going to Pub Club every Friday night at The Reserve Club and continue to meet new members all the time which is great as well as seeing all of our existing friends. Both Clubs are very welcoming.





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Golf Insight from a Professional Golf Coach

BY MATT FIELDS

o you want to improve your turn and connection in your golf swing? If the answer is yes, then I have a way you can do that using a training aid you can make yourself. It's called the *Anti-Lift Pivot Stick*. All you need is a bungee cord and half an alignment rod.

To set it up, wrap the bungee cord around your upper back, positioning the hooks at the ends of the bungee under your armpits. Then, run the alignment stick through the hooks in front of your upper chest so that the stick presses lightly against your chest. Make sure the setup is tight and secure so that you'll be able to feel it if you don't turn properly.

The goal of this setup is to make a proper pivot or turn without letting the alignment rod press more firmly against your biceps. As you make your backswing, focus on rotating your body while maintaining a light pressure between the alignment rod and your biceps as you make your turn. This encourages a smooth, connected turn, helping you avoid lifting your arms away from your body. If you feel the rod pressing harder into your biceps, it's a sign that your arms are moving independently, which can lead to a disconnected swing.

Improving your turn in the backswing is crucial for several reasons. When your body turns properly your arms maintain better width and connection with your torso, staying synchronized throughout the swing. This prevents them from lifting away from your body, which often leads to a steep downswing and an over-the-top path. This steep approach can cause slices or pulls to the left, as the clubface struggles to square up through impact.

By keeping your arms connected to your turn, you can achieve a more natural

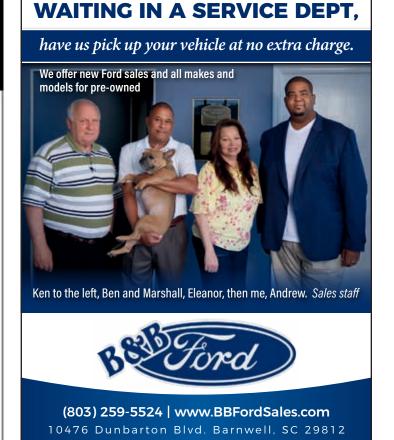
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AIKEN CHORAL SOCIETY has been bringing quality music to the Aiken Community for over fifty years. It was Aiken's first incorporated performing arts group which started in the 1950's as the Aiken Choraliers. Now exceeding fifty years of performances, Aiken Choral Society is proud to announce its 2024-2025 season conducted by Dr. Maureen Simpson, the first female to conduct Aiken Choral Society in its history.

Dr. Simpson's celebrates her fifteenth year as she presents "Christmas Around the World" filled with carols of many nationalities as well as many familiar tunes on December 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm to be performed at St. John's Methodist Church in downtown Aiken.

"It has been very rewarding to see our growth in the last few years adding new members of younger ages. We are also thrilled to have many new members coming from other singing groups and churches in North Augusta and Augusta as well. We welcome all singers in the CSRA who love to sing and have a basic capability of reading music" stated Simpson.

"Our last performance in May garnered a record setting audience of over 429 in attendance! We are thrilled that they enjoyed it so much; singing with us, swaying with the music and overall having a rollicking good time! We start this new season with a new rehearsal and performance home at St. John's as it offers us a handicap accessible venue for both our singers and audience members."

Dr. Matt Caine, Director of Traditional Music of St. John's Methodist Church, welcomes Aiken Choral Society to perform and rehearse at St. John's. "They are a welcome addition to our Music at St. John's Series. We are pleased to offer our community a variety of music programs throughout the year."





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N'awlins in Aiken

BY PENNY YOUNG, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Community Play Brings Family, Friends and Neighbors Together in Support of the Aiken Women's Heart Board and The American Heart Association

Join us for an evening of fun celebrating love in New Orleans. This special event is the annual Aiken Women's Heart Board Benefit at USC Aiken's Etherredge Center. This year's show is titled "I love NOLA". New Orleans is known as a city of romance and voodoo. Dark magic and love. What could go wrong? The show will run from February 19th through February 23rd, 2025. Evening shows start at 7:00 pm and matinee shows are on Saturday at 2:00 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm. There are many performances to choose from so bring your family and friends, heck even your enemies, and get ready for some boo-coo fun!

The Aiken Women's Heart
Board is made up of 45 women who
volunteer their time to focus on heart
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for donation to the American Heart
Association. In its 56 year history,
over \$2.7 million dollars has been
donated. Heart Board members provide

costumes, decorate sets, sell tickets and ads, work backstage, design programs and promote the event. Local retired engineers and many helping hands are responsible for building the beautiful sets. Aiken performers make up the cast and band. They could be your neighbors, co-workers, local business owners or fellow church attendees. Some of the cast have been performing since the Benefit began 42 years ago! Others are new voices to Aiken. Each show is unique, and custom written every year. This will not be something you have seen in another theater. Also of note, no song has ever been repeated in any of the shows. Aiken and surrounding communities support the annual Benefit by filling the theater seats. Once you attend it will be an event you will not want to miss in the future and that's f'true.

For ticket information, visit www.AWHB.org. You will find a list of ticket sellers along with their phone numbers. Simply give them a call and they will take care of your ticket needs. The cost is \$30 and all proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association. You

can even make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one online. Tickets make great Christmas gifts and shows are family friendly so all ages can attend. My nine year old granddaughter looks forward to the show every year and gets a ticket in her Christmas stocking, as do her parents. We even have large groups who travel from Columbia each year. Everyone enjoys supporting such a great cause. Tickets go on sale to the public beginning November 1.

Show your support by attending and supporting events of the Aiken Women's Heart Board. *Together We Can Make a Difference*.

We look forward to seeing you there. As they say in The Big Easy, let the good times roll!





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oodside residents had a delightful time at our recent afternoon tasting event at The Proper Plate! The atmosphere was lively and welcoming, perfectly capturing the essence of Southern hospitality. It was a wonderful opportunity for friends and neighbors to gather, share stories, and indulge in the flavors that make home-style cooking so special.

Attendees savored a selection of our best Southern dishes, from mouthwatering meatloaf, fried chicken, chicken salad, Mac n cheese, and those southern biscuits you can't refuse! Whether you're stopping by for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, you'll find something to satisfy your cravings. The Southern hospitality is evident in every aspect of the dining experience, making you feel like part of the family from the moment you walk in.

One of the standout features is their grab-and-go casseroles, which offer a convenient way for families to enjoy a proper meal at home. These delicious options ensure that you can bring the taste of The Proper Plate into your own kitchen without any hassle.

Residents engaged in lively conversations, sharing their thoughts on the dishes and enjoying each other's company. It was heartwarming to see neighbors connect over a shared love for good food.

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BY MORGAN CALHOUN











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in Downtown Aiken looking for hearty, homemade Southern fare. Whether you dine in or take out, you're sure to leave with a satisfied palate and a warm heart. Don't miss out on this local gem!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special event! We look forward to welcoming you back for more delicious meals and memorable moments.

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W.O.W. WALKS FOR ALZHEIMER'S

BY LINDA WALTERS

Thanks to all the W.O.W. members who participated in the Alzheimer's Walk on September 21st and everyone who donated to this cause. W.O.W. Walkers raised over \$8,000. Every dollar we raised benefits those affected by Alzheimer's disease in our community. The Alzheimer's Association is a global organization working to advance care, support, and research worldwide. From face-to-face support to online

education programs and promising worldwide research initiatives, the money we raised makes a difference in the lives of those facing Alzheimer's.

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WOMEN OF WOODSIDE





W.O.W. Fall Luncheon

BY LINDA WALTERS

With cooler temperatures, Autumn was in the air for the highly successful annual W.O.W. Fall Luncheon on October 18th at Woodside Country Club. The event was a resounding success, with 73 members and 14 new members in attendance. These new members have already made a significant impact, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to our organization. The luncheon provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to connect and welcome the latest additions to our organization.

The guest speaker, Melissa Osborne from

Golden Harvest Food Bank (GHFB), illuminated the impactful missions of GHFB programs and their significant contributions to our community. Melissa's words were not just a speech but a call to action, inspiring us to continue our support. For example, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, GHFB was instrumental in providing aid and relief to our local neighbors. So, this year's GHFB SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY campaign will focus on fighting hunger as well as providing critical disaster relief to those in need in Aiken

County. Melissa concluded by thanking W.O.W. for being the largest supporter of the SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY campaign and acknowledged W.O.W.'s significant role in its success. Congratulations, W.O.W.!

Linda Walters, cochair of the Holiday Home Tour (HHT), recognized homeowners who generously opened their doors for this year's HHT. Their selfless acts of hospitality made the tour possible and will provide the unique charm associated with the event. Their contribution is invaluable.

and we are grateful for their role in making this popular holiday event a reality.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members. Whether through your presence at the luncheon or your contributions behind the scenes, your dedication and support made this year's luncheon a resounding success. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and were instrumental in making this event memorable. We are truly grateful for your continued support.

Share the actions of your club or group! There are great stories to tell in Woodside! Please send in your ideas to

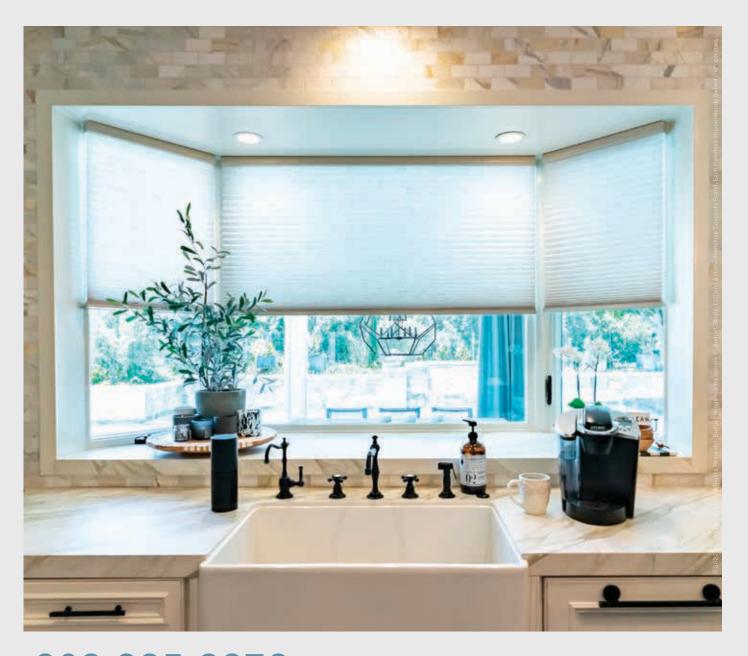






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- 2 The Whodunit Book Club
- 3 Singles Hand and Foot
- 4 Singles Hand and Foot/Can't Put Us Down Book Club
- 5 Singles Monthly Breakfast Group #1/ Sweet Tea and Sunshine Book Club
- 9 Holiday Home Tour/Women of Words Book Club
- 10 Singles Dinner
- 11 Singles Bridge/Singles Mahjong/ Shelf Indulgence Book Club /U.S. History Book Club/Grape **Expectations Wine Club**
- 12 Singles Shanghai Rummy/ Voracious Readers Book Club/ Bad Girls Book Club/Swirling
- Sisters Wine Group
- 13 Wine and More
- 14 Singles Mexican Train
- 16 Monday Maniacs Wine Group/ Mysteries and Martinis Book Club/On the Same Page
- Book Club/Passionate Page Turners Book Club
- 17 Singles Hand, Knee & Foot/ Singles Dinner Group #1
- 18 Dora's Book Lovers Book Club/ Better Than Therapy Book Club/ First Ladies Book Club/
- Singles Dinner Group #2
- 20 Out to Lunch Bunch
- 21 Singles Dinner Group #3
- 24 Singles Hand, Knee, & Foot
- 25 Reading Aloud Book Club

- 26 Singles Breakfast Group #2/We Are One
- 30 Between the Sheets Book Club

SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Home Tour December 9, 2024

Winter Luncheon/Reserve Club January 31, 2025

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- Kathy Avery 186 Bluet Loop
- Karen Barrett 175 Summerwinds Circle
- Tracy Borders 885 Steeplechase Road
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- Sallie Brinkley 118 Boxwood Road
- Leslie Bruce
- 5060 Beauty Berry Way Karen Cavanagh
- 111 Polar Hill Court
- Janice Chaney 435 Chrysalis Bend
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- 200 Silver Meadow Court • Lisa Croft
- 213 Boxelder Drive
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- Susan Danne 141 Cottonwood Creek Lane

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- · Nancy Koshik 117 Sweet Gum Lane
- Virginia Landry 242 Forest Pines Road
- Kathleen Meyers 185 Foxhound Run Road
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- Julie Roe 5170 Beauty Berry Way
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- Sue Ann Smith 124 Summer Squall Lane
- Dena Taylor 255 Society Hill Drive SW
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Women of Woodside welcomes all the new members for 2024/2025.

2024-25 W.O.W. DUES

W.O.W.'s new year began July 1st. If you did not join W.O.W. at the Kickoff or haven't previously been part of the W.O.W. community of women, make this the year you join. Members must be residents of Woodside Communities/ Woodside Plantation, The Village of Woodside, and Anderson Farm.

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Ronnie has practiced law in Aiken since 1978 and focuses on all personal injury matters, and he has tried over 200 cases during the course of his career. Ronnie has served as President of both the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association and the Injured Workers' Advocates, Locally, Ronnie has been involved with Aiken City Council, United Way of Aiken County, American Cancer Society, Aiken and North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, and Children's Place. He was named Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers for the Augusta Region and received the Matthew J. Perry Public Service award from the South Carolina Association of Justice.



JEANNE NORRIS

Jeanne Townes Norris is an Aiken native and joined the Maxwell Law Firm in 2006. She practices in the areas of workers' compensation/on the job injuries and personal injury. Jeanne is admitted to practice in both state and federal court in SC and is a certified mediator. She previously served on the South Carolina Bar's Workers' Compensation Council and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Injured Workers' Advocates Organization. Locally, she is former past President and current member of the Children's Place, Inc. Board.



CHRISTY TYNER

Christy Chapman Tyner is a native of Aiken, South Carolina and joined the Maxwell Law Firm in 2005. She focuses on Plaintiffs personal injury, handling matters such as motor vehicle collisions, dog bite/attack cases, and slip and fall cases. Christy is admitted to practice in both state and federal court. She serves on the Board for the South Carolina Association of Justice and is co-chair for the Professional Division of the United Way.



ZACHARY MOULTON

Zachary (Zack) Moulton is a native of Aiken County and joined the Maxwell Law Firm in 2017. Zack focuses on all personal injury matters, and he handles probate and estate planning matters including wills, trusts, estate administration, and probate litigation. He currently serves as the Second Circuit Representative for the Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar Association and as a Section Council Member for the Probate, Estate, and Trusts Section of the South Carolina Bar.

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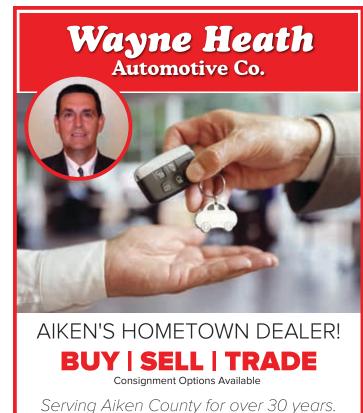
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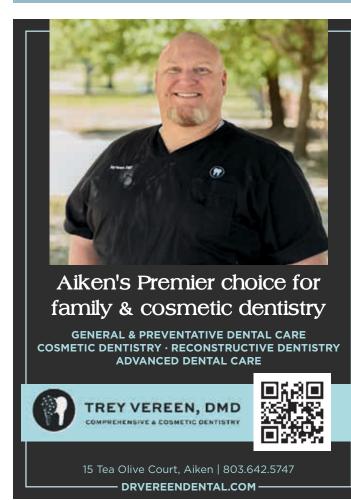






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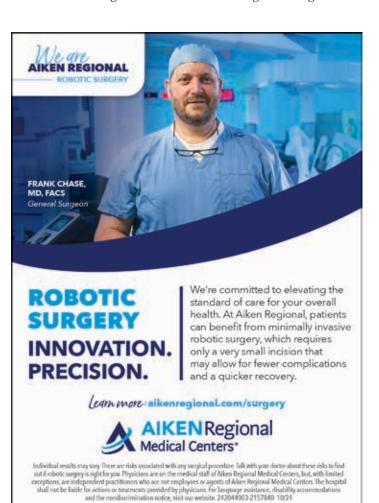
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Dr. Frank Chase is seated at the console of the robotic surgical system at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. Robotic surgery can offer many advantages to patients. Additionally, the system offers greater ergonomic comfort for surgeons.

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The platform also has ergonomic advantages, including a seated console that allows the surgeon to sit rather than stand, which can be especially helpful during long, complex procedures. More precise dissection and suturing are also advantages for both the surgeon and the patient. Hernia repair, particularly, completed with robotic surgery, has been shown to have greater durability, according to Dr. Chase.

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The tax filing deadline is Tuesday, April 15, 2025. This is the big tax filing deadline for all individual federal tax returns and payments. If you request an extension then the extension deadline is October 15, 2025. Don't forget that even with a tax extension, your tax bill will still be due on April 15, 2025, if you owe. For single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately, the standard deduction rises to \$14,600, and for head of households, the standard deduction will be \$21,900. If you are age 65 or older or legally

blind, your standard deduction increases by \$1,950.1

Tax season starts the day the IRS begins accepting returns, usually late January. There are many benefits that come with filing your taxes early. Having your documents ready sooner rather than later helps flag any life or tax changes that you or your tax professional may have questions about. On paper, April 15th feels like it's far away, but if you need help or drag your feet getting documents together, you could have a hard time filing on time. If you go to a tax professional to get help with taxes, scheduling an appointment is going to be much more difficult the closer you get to the deadline. One of the significant advantages of filing early is that taxpayers who are due a refund can receive it sooner. Getting organized well in advance is essential to avoid any last-minute hassles & extra stress.

One possible disadvantage of early tax filing can sometimes be hindered by the delayed arrival of essential tax documents. Most forms that my come later result from investments such as K-1s, or 1099-Bs which can sometimes have a significant impact on your tax return. If you own a small business, or are self-employed, you might opt to file your taxes a little later in tax season to have more time to fund your individual retirement account (IRA).

Filing taxes early can have both advantages and disadvantages. While it can help you avoid late fees, receive your refund faster, and reduce stress. It can also result in delayed information or missed deductions. Ultimately, the decision to file early or wait until closer to the deadline will depend on your circumstances. Whatever your decision, be sure to take the necessary steps to ensure a successful tax filing process.

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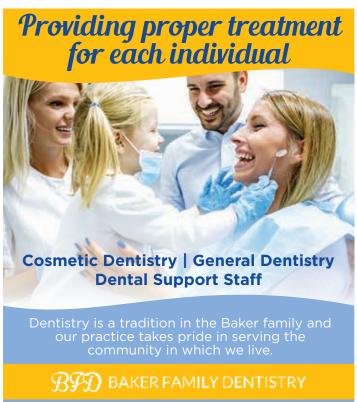
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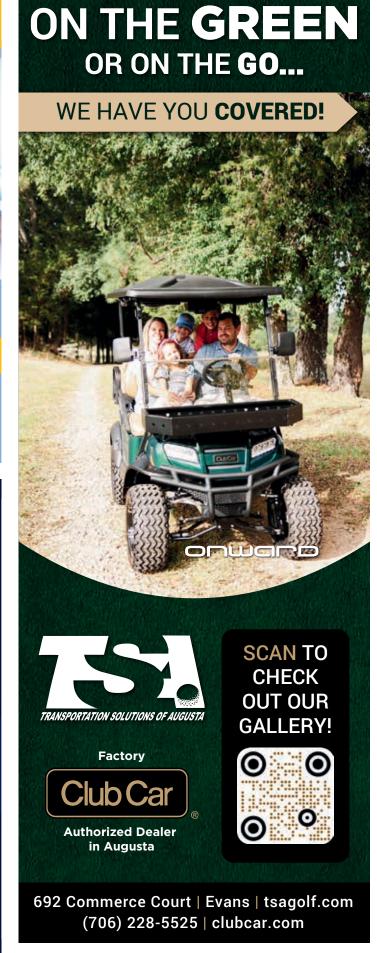
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Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	Sold Date	DOM	Beds	Baths	SqFt	City
306 Forest Pines Road	Woodside Plantation	\$485,000	\$485,000	05/31/24	14	3	2	2,487	Aiken
191 Summerpark Place	Woodside Plantation	\$549,700	\$550,500	06/07/24	58	2	2	2,048	Aiken
270 Highland Reserve Court	Woodside Plantation	\$827,000	\$802,000	06/10/24	59	4	3.5	3,242	Aiken
222 Boxwood Road	Woodside Plantation	\$310,000	\$316,000	06/19/24	3	3	2	1,371	Aiken
121 Dewberry Lane	Woodside Plantation	\$425,000	\$430,000	06/20/24	4	3	2	2,474	Aiken
405 Forest Ridge Drive	Woodside Plantation	\$575,000	\$552,500	06/28/24	55	3	2	2,933	Aiken
113 Boxwood Road	Woodside Plantation	\$299,700	\$307,000	06/28/24	2	2	2	1,328	Aiken
218 Birch Tree Circle	Woodside Plantation	\$545,999	\$554,000	06/28/24	78	4	3.5	3,378	Aiken
309 Red Oak Lane	Woodside Plantation	\$425,000	\$400,000	06/28/24	35	4	3	2,297	Aiken
229 Double Eagle Court	Woodside Plantation	\$449,500	\$385,000	06/28/24	51	3	2.5	2,700	Aiken
113 Boxwood Road	Woodside Plantation	\$299,700	\$307,000	06/28/24	2	2	2	1,328	Aiken
131 Sugar Maple Circle	Woodside Plantation	\$659,000	\$610,000	07/09/24	96	3	3.5	2,858	Aiken
123 Bald Cypress Court	Woodside Plantation	\$459,900	\$440,000	07/15/24	70	3	3	2,424	Aiken
332 Live Oak Road	Woodside Plantation	\$599,000	\$585,000	07/26/24	35	4	2.5	2,683	Aiken
111 Poplar Hill Court	Woodside Plantation	\$399,000	\$388,000	07/29/24	48	3	2	1,863	Aiken
123 East Pleasant Colony	Woodside Plantation	\$819,000	\$795,000	07/31/24	317	4	4.5	4,212	Aiken
163 Red Cedar Road	Woodside Plantation	\$749,000	\$729,000	08/08/24	59	3	3	3,148	Aiken
121 Mulberry Court	Woodside Plantation	\$650,000	\$623,000	08/09/24	77	4	4.5	3,326	Aiken
217 Birch Tree Circle	Woodside Plantation	\$599,000	\$599,000	08/12/24	68	4	2.5	2,575	Aiken
351 Three Runs Creek Way	Woodside Plantation	\$689,000	\$689,000	08/15/24	118	3	3.5	2,516	Aiken









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