



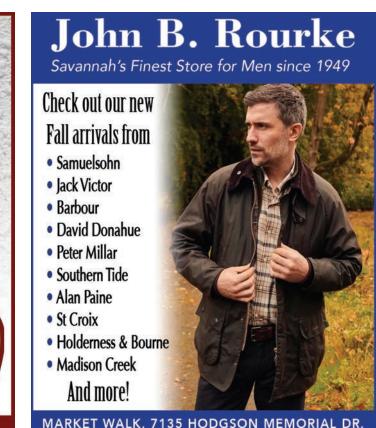


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Phil the Park begins when you show up to claim your spot and set your table...you can make a day of it or choose from the schedule of activities. At 4:30, judges begin to evaluate picnic displays. At 5, the 3rd Infantry Division Rock Band takes the stage. Savannah Music Festival's Jazz Academy follows at 6. The main event – the Savannah Philharmonic Spectacular concert, conducted by Artistic Director Keitaro Harada, with guest artists Alysha Umphress, gold medalist at the 2023 American Traditions Vocal Competition, and the SCAD Bee Sharps, the college's exceptional vocal ensemble – is set for 7 o'clock.

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St. Peter's Episcopal celebrates the 20th anniversary of its Schantz organ. **See page 15.** 

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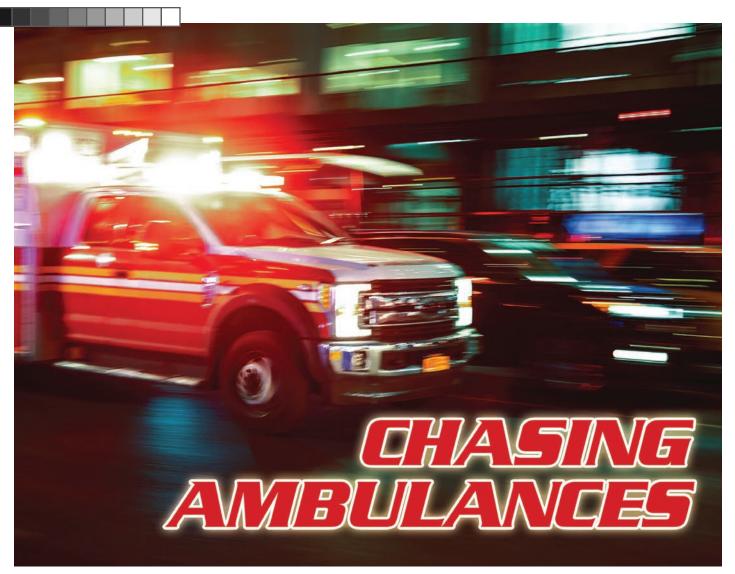
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## Is Skidaway Island Due for a Dedicated EMS Service?

In February of 2022, as one of Your Skidaway Neighbors backed her golf cart out of her garage, she dangled her left foot freely outside the cart like so many people are prone to do. As she turned the cart, her foot became lodged under the front tire and she was tossed headfirst onto the driveway, suffering significant trauma to her head and neck. Her husband immediately dialed 911, then waited anxiously with his wife until the ambulance arrived – 46 minutes later. Though the family prefers to keep the incident private, the husband commented, "I thought with two fire stations on Skidaway Island we also had an ambulance. When I found out we didn't, it made me sick."

The delay presented by ambulances responding from off Skidaway Island has led to an active movement to establish a dedicated, 24/7 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance based at Chatham Fire Station #5 on McWhorter Road. The intent is to significantly reduce lifesaving response times for medical emergencies – especially trauma, stroke, and cardiac events – from the current average of approximately 18 minutes down to five to seven minutes.

The dedicated ambulance service would only respond to medical emergencies on Skidaway Island. That includes situations involving the state park, individuals employed by island entities, customers of

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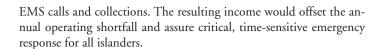
Village businesses, labor vendors such as home improvement contractors and lawn maintenance workers, and event guests visiting the island. For the proposal to advance, it requires the cooperation and ongoing financial participation of Skidaway Island's five residential communities: The Landings Association (TLA), the Marshes, Modena Island, Thrive, and South Harbor.

Chatham Emergency Services (CES) is a privately held nonprofit entity that, under Georgia State law, is Chatham County's exclusive ambulance service. As a nonprofit, CES is not allowed to operate with a deficit. Approximately half of its operating costs are covered through Medicare. The balance comes from Medicaid, private insurance companies, and Chatham County. Because reimbursement rates vary from one private insurer to the next and many are slow to pay, the proposed ambulance service is expected to generate an annual shortfall not covered by these resources.

According to calculations shared at an August meeting of proposal stakeholders, Skidaway Island residents would pay approximately \$75 per year, possibly less when combined with contributions from stakeholders beyond the five residential entities, such as other property owners. That fee could vary from year to year, based upon CES'

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The stakeholder committee cites medical experts who uniformly attest that early treatments and reduced transport times will greatly improve patient medical emergency outcomes. Dr. Michael Babcock, an interventional cardiologist and Landings resident, says, "With heart attack and stroke, time is of the essence, and getting patients to advance therapies can make a significant difference in survival."

Landings resident Dr. Brian Kornblatt, an ER physician, concurs. "Minutes can make the difference between having a full recovery or becoming severely disabled. I feel the cost of the on-island ambulance is worth every penny."

#### **HELP IS ON THE WAY**

Currently, the fire station on McWhorter Road has a trained paramedic available 24/7 to respond to 911 calls on Skidaway Island. The paramedic is paid for in part by an annual TLA service stipend. TLA is the only island entity that presently contributes to offsetting the expense. If the Skidaway ambulance service is established, the paramedic would serve a secondary role in the event of another medical emergency.

According to Chuck Kearns, CEO of Chatham Emergency Services, the golf cart incident coincided with another emergency call on Skidaway. He explains, "This is an unusual situation, and the dual, simultaneous EMS calls contributed to the long response time. What

#### **On-Island ALS Ambulance Funding**

Annual CES Cost Less Resident Pla		\$379,153 -\$5,000			
Contribution Ne	eded	\$374,153			
Housing Units	Units	Contribution			
TLA	4420	\$332,413			
the Marshes	220	\$16,545			
Thrive	146	\$10,980			
Modena	40	\$3,008			
South Harbor	149	\$11,206			
Total	4.975	\$374,153			

Annual Household Contribution

\$75\*

\*Contributions by the Village, Landings Club, etc. will reduce these contributions

happened was a call for EMS went out just moments before the injured lady's call – in another area of Skidaway." The paramedic from Skidaway Fire Station 5 responded to the first call, along with an ambulance from the mainland. A second ambulance was dispatched to the golf cart accident.

Currently, in addition to CES ambulance services, for many years, island residents have relied on First Responders – a round-the-clock team of volunteers equipped with basic lifesaving (BLS) kits. However, neither First Responders nor fire station equipment is permitted to

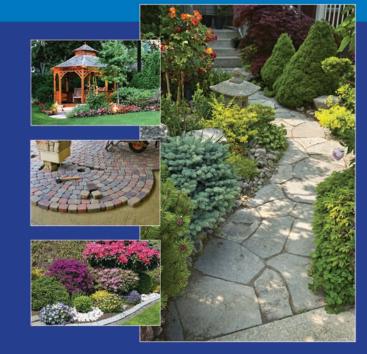
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"The Skidaway Island First Responders Board of Directors agrees to support the decision of the residents of Skidaway Island on whether or not to provide an ALS ambulance with a paramedic on-island full time."

Kelly H. Gordon, president of First Responders

transport patients to hospital emergency rooms. Georgia law requires patient transports be handled by CES. To achieve advanced competency among all emergency medical services state-wide, the State of Georgia recently instituted additional credentialing and training requirements. As Chatham County's sole ambulance provider, CES is accountable for following these standards, and committed to utmost compliance.

According to stakeholder committee member John Kinnaman, on October 10, the Chatham County 911 Center will transition to a new, robust dispatch platform. CES will no longer be allowed to dispatch Skidaway Island First Responders to emergency calls on the island. Kelly H. Gordon, president of First Responders, says, "The Skidaway Island First Responders Board of Directors agrees to support the decision of the residents of Skidaway Island on whether or not to provide an ALS ambulance with a paramedic on-island full time."

#### THE 411 ON 911

When a medical emergency call comes into Chatham 911, operators will relay the details to CES, which then dispatches an ambulance. This relay process can add as much as four minutes to response time, according to CES' Kearns. Under the new 911 system, the delay should be significantly reduced.

One might expect an ambulance to be deployed from a central location, as fire engines are dispatched. In fact, CES follows a practice called "flexible deployment," in which ambulances are posted to locations based on call volume and history, to keep them available as fast as possible, when and where needed. This contributes to the service's overall economic and operational efficiency. CES prioritizes its calls to avoid a lesser situation from interfering with a greater, life-threatening medical crisis. Kearns adds, "Lower priority or minor calls do not get a 'red lights and sirens' response. The ambulance is on the way, but it is following all traffic laws and rules. These 'cold' responses tend to skew the data, making some emergency call responses longer."

Ambulances respond to an average of three Skidaway Island calls per day. Typically, two of the three calls require transport. To which hospital the patient is taken is largely a matter of preference by the patient or family, according to Kearns. If a preference is not provided, other factors determine the patient's destination. Sometimes, the nature of the medical crisis will dictate the decision. For instance, Memorial is Savannah's designated trauma center, and St. Joseph's is known as "the Heart Hospital." In a life-threatening situation, proximity will be the deciding factor.

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#### **CHATHAM EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Georgia is separated into 10 separate EMS regions, which are then broken down into service zones, identified by need. Chatham County is in Region 9, and has five EMS zones, all served by Chatham Emergency Services (CES), except for Hunter Army Airfield (Zone 5):

- **Zones 1 and 2** the Savannah city limits, from the Savannah River to the south side, including Skidaway Island
- **Zone 3** Thunderbolt, and Talahi, Oatland, Tybee, Whitemarsh, and Wilmington Islands
- **Zone** 4 West Chatham, including Bloomingdale, Pooler, Garden City, and Port Wentworth

In 1997, CES was known as Southside Fire/EMS, and served areas outside the Savannah city limits. Over the years, it consolidated the two ambulance services – Mercy Ambulance Service and MedStar One – that responded to 911 calls within the Savannah city limits. It became the county's lone EMS provider when those agencies decided to stop providing ambulance services in Chatham County.

In 2017, CES merged with Coastal EMS Ambulance Service when that company made a business decision to leave Chatham County. CES' volunteer board of directors felt its mission was to provide these essential lifesaving services to the community, even as other agencies were losing millions of dollars a year in the ambulance business.

These service unifications contributed to greater financial obligations for CES, and Chatham County contracted with the service to pay an annual stipend of approximately \$600,000 – barely the cost of operating a single ambulance. County administrators intended to pay down and eventually end the stipend, but the recent pandemic, combined with inflation, caused a dramatic increase in the demand for ambulance services and associated staffing, supply, and fuel expenses.

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to ER staff. Unfortunately, the demand for emergency rooms services is fluid and sometimes exceeds their capacities. When an ER fills up, ambulances and their patients may be stuck waiting an hour or more. "The worst cases of hospital bed delays can be seven hours," says Kearns

This hospital bed delay – also known as "wall time" – prevents the ambulance from responding to another call. To remedy this, area hospitals have expanded emergency room services, but inevitably incoming patients' treatment will sometimes be delayed, or the ambulance may be diverted to another hospital. If the dedicated on-island ambulance is delayed by hospitals, CES will respond to Skidaway calls with an off-island ambulance, continuing the current protocol.

#### **OTHER CHALLENGES**

Regrettably, some people fail to understand the role 911 plays in assuring critical emergency care and regard the service as an all-purpose help line. Between 2019 and 2022, the number of 911 calls reportedly increased by about 6,000, a majority of which might be described as "nuisance calls" rather than legitimate medical emergencies. These incidents seldom require immediate medical attention or transport, such as a child who's swallowed a penny, or a persistent ache or pain that should be addressed by a family physician. Nevertheless, the State of Georgia mandates an ambulance be dispatched to the scene. However, according to Kearns, approximately 50 percent of Chatham County EMS calls each day do not result in transport to a hospital.

While EMTs and paramedics appear to handle the same job duties, they are quite different in their levels of training and the procedures they are allowed to perform. EMTs can handle most basic procedures, such as CPR and using oxygen on a patient. Paramedics are certified to provide more advanced care, such as administering lifesaving drugs, starting an IV, and performing intubations and tracheotomies.

The Landings Association is currently drafting a survey to gauge the level of support among its residents for the ambulance proposal. Randomly selected focus groups met in late August to identify additional issues that should be considered. Once the TLA Board has approved it, the survey will be finalized and processed for online implementation. "Our best estimate is early to mid-October," according to TLA Board President Herman Stone.

The five Island residential entities advancing consideration of the ambulance proposal intend to hold meetings and other outreach opportunities for residents to ask questions and learn more. The first such meeting is planned for late October. With support from Skidaway Island stakeholders, the on-island ambulance service could be in place and responding in early 2024.

Thankfully, your Landings neighbor has recovered from the accident in her driveway. Her husband credits the level and speed of treatment she received at St Joseph's Hospital, where an ER team was prepared for her arrival and a CT scan was performed almost immediately. "The incident was followed by six months of recovery. She is in great shape now," he says.

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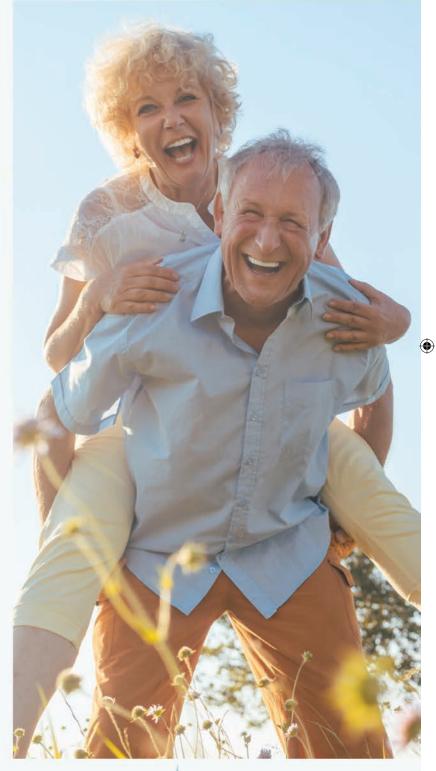
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# PIPE DREAMS REALIZED

By Philip Schweier

n Friday, October 20, St. Peter's Episcopal Church will launch a series of recitals to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its Schantz organ. The first concert features Richard Elliott, principal organist for the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

"I call the Schantz my big buddy," says Kathleen Turner, St. Peter's organist and choirmaster. "This is truly one of the top organs in this region."

Prior to its installation, the church relied on a small electronic organ played by Dr. Irene Feddern, who occupied Turner's position from 1998 through 2009. When the idea of installing a pipe organ in the church's nave was proposed, Feddern provided expert counsel to the music committee tasked with making the decisions. "I tried very hard not to steer them," Feddern says. "I wanted them to be involved in the decision, and we hashed it out."

The committee invited representatives of several companies to Savannah, and journeyed to the Washington, D.C. area, to hear various instruments. The final choice of builder was the Schantz Organ Company of Ohio. With a projected cost of more than \$100,000, some members of St. Peter's felt that this was an unnecessary extravagance, an issue with which even Feddern struggled. Would investing in this expenditure cut into the outreach projects that St. Peter's sponsors each year?

"Coming to the conclusion of 'both and,' the church recognized that our calling was both to support outreach efforts and to fund a musical instrument that allows choir and congregation to be supported as we sing to the glory of God," explains Feddern.

An anonymous member of the parish do-

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nated \$30,000 to get fundraising underway. Feddern credits committee leaders Ross Hanson and John Clapp, as well as the 136 donors who contributed.

After signing the contract, Schantz engineers visited St. Peter's to assess the space, analyzing the acoustics and evaluating technical needs. They were pleasantly surprised to discover that the church's builders had anticipated an eventual organ and provided the necessary electrical requirements.

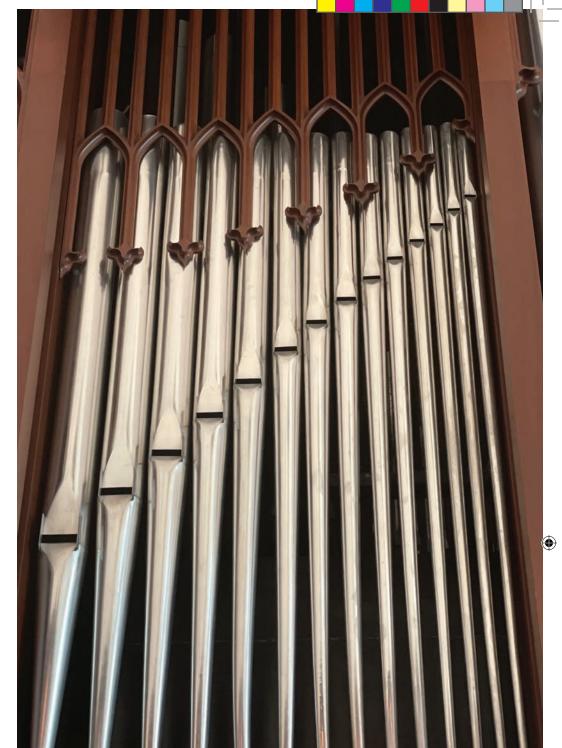
According to Schantz's Jeff Dexter, pipe

organ building is a centuries-old craft, with several aspects remaining unchanged for more than 500 years. However, the advent of electricity and software-based systems has advanced the art. "It requires a number of different disciplines," he says, from woodworking and metalworking to solid-state electronics and software programming.

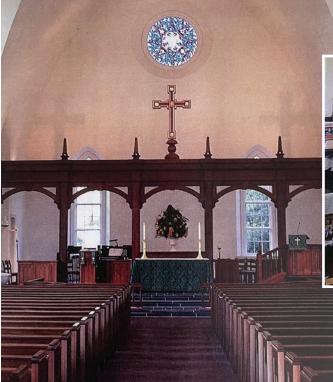
Listed by Schantz as #2223, the instrument took two years for the company to design and build. "St. Peter's #2223 is remembered in our shop for its extensive casework," explains Dexter. "The nearly three-story case

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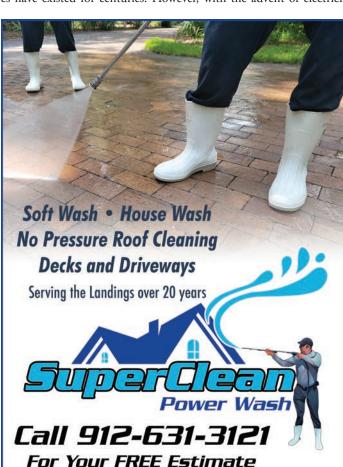


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is built from mahogany and was designed by our staff architect, Eric Gastier. The antiphonal organ (located on the back wall of the nave) has a matching, smaller-scaled case front."

The organ is comprised of three manuals (keyboards, in laymen's terms) and a pedalboard, with 41 stops and 54 ranks controlling the airflow through 3,258 pipes. Dexter says pipe organs situated in cases have existed for centuries. However, with the advent of electrici-



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LEFT: St. Peter's chancel, prior to the installation of the Schantz organ in 2003.

ABOVE: For two weeks, craftsmen from Schantz occupied the church, using it as a staging area to assemble the organ.

ty, many organs were placed in separate rooms, rather than being a free-standing architectural element.

Eventually, word came that three tractor trailers loaded with the organ's components were on the way from Ohio. "When we heard the trucks were finally coming," Feddern recalls, "I was in the church and I just shrieked, and that church can be incredibly loud anyway."

Schantz staff spent two weeks assembling the organ inside the church. On Sunday, October 5, 2003, to introduce the new organ, Feddern played the first stanza of the opening hymn on the old electric organ as the choir processed down the center aisle. When the choir reached the chancel, the choir sang the second stanza a cappella while Feddern moved to the Schantz's console to play the third stanza so the congregation could hear the difference. A dedication Evensong service was held a week later. Dale Caldwell, an Indianapolis organist, gave a short recital following the service that demonstrated many of the special qualities of the instrument.

Dexter says that many believe the single most important 'stop' on the organ is the room in which it sits. "St. Peter's Episcopal Church is



After a two-year wait, St. Peter's organist Irene Feddern was "euphoric" to sit down and play the church's new pipe organ.

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a wonderfully supportive acoustical environment," he says, "and combined with the free-standing case, its scaling, voicing, and construction come together to provide an elegant and noteworthy instrument."

#### RICHARD ELLIOTT

Richard Elliott, principal organist for the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, will launch the celebration of the St. Peter's Schantz organ. He was born in Baltimore where he grew up enjoying all kinds of music. "My father had an extensive record collection, and a friend of his played in a Dixie jazz band," Elliott recalls.

Elliott's family attended many concerts and operas and he naturally developed musical ambitions. Recognizing he wouldn't be happy playing only one type of music, he originally intended to become a studio musician. He studied organ at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, while also serving as an assistant organist for the famed Wanamaker Organ, the largest fully functioning pipe organ in the world. While a student at Curtis, he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS Church), forever changing his future. After receiving his bachelor's degree, Elliott enrolled at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he met Kathleen Turner.

After earning his master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from Eastman, Elliott became a professor of music at Brigham Young University and was appointed a tabernacle organist in 1991. In addition to accompanying the Tabernacle Choir and giving recitals at Temple Square, Elliott has recorded many organ pieces with various recording labels, and occasionally gives recitals throughout the U.S. The audience at St. Peter's can look forward to a variety of music from him.

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, 3 West Ridge Rd. HOW MUCH: Donations great-

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terssav.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.

"I try to choose pieces that suit the instrument," he says, "something to connect with that." Like the weekly broadcast from the Mormon Tabernacle, he might include a Broadway tune, two or three pieces in honor of the State of Utah or the organ in Salt Lake City, as well as a lighter piece. Maybe a Sousa march or a spiritual.

The 20th anniversary celebration will continue throughout the church's Musicale season, with three additional organ recitals on the church's schedule. St. Peter's associate director of music, Julia Tucker, will perform Saturday, November 11; Eric Plutz, chapel organist at



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Saturday, November 11, St Peter's associate director of music Julia Tucker will perform the second of four organ recitals. She joined St. Peter's Episcopal Church in August, collaborating with Kathleen Turner,

St. Peter's organist and choirmaster. "The St. Peter's organ is, I think, the best in Savannah, and just really beautiful," Tucker says.

Originally from Alabama, Tucker has served as an organist since her early teens and has been an active professional church musician for more than a decade. Tucker graduated from Auburn University, then earned a master of organ performance and master of piano performance from Syracuse University. She later received her Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance from Arizona State University.

Tucker and her husband, Joel Morehouse, moved to Savannah two years ago. When Tucker first visited the church to play for an Evensong, she recognized it would be great place to put down roots. "I walked in, and thought, 'Wow, this is

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under the same roof. As the firm has grown,

facilities have expanded to meet the need for

space. Organ components are built and tested

in various departments then assembled in a

As the company celebrates its 150th an-

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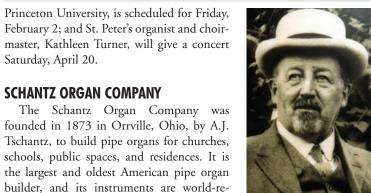
three-story assembly room.

a really beautiful church and a beautiful organ, and everyone's so nice, and Kathleen is wonderful," Tucker says. "I'm really happy about it."

Since arriving in Savannah, Tucker has kept an active performing schedule as an organist, collaborative pianist, and choral singer, singing soprano with Spectra, a local women's treble choir. "We did our first concert at St. Peter's in December, and it was so cool to hear the choir sing the first few notes in the dress rehearsal," Tucker recalls. "We all saw how amazing the acoustics were. It makes it easy to make great

Tucker is committed to helping the choir and congregation deepen their worship through music. "I believe that music has the power to connect us to the divine, to bring us closer to one another, and to inspire hearts and minds," she says. "St. Peter's has a proud history of excellent music and there are many great opportunities for continued community-building and growth on the horizon."

Tucker appreciates the confluence of factors that contribute to the culture at St. Peter's. "It's so rare to get a great organ, great music, great acoustics, and great people in the same situation," she says. "It's like a unicorn."



Abraham Schantz, c.

of the Schantz family continues their ancestor's original vision. Its work ranges from restoration of existing instruments to the construction of entirely new pipe organs, in size from modest organs of a few ranks of pipes to complex designs for some of the

largest churches, cathedrals, and public spaces in the world.

For more information regarding the music program at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, please contact Kathleen Turner at 912.598.7242 or kturner@saintpeterssav.org.

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# PAINTING THE TOWN PIN Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign in Its 16th Year

he 2023 Paint the Town Pink campaign officially kicked off this week, marking the 16th consecutive year that St. Joseph's/
Candler and the Savannah Morning News have partnered to raise awareness of breast cancer, education, treatments, research, survivorship, and support. The locally based awareness initiative also throughout the month: spotlights the Telfair Mammography Fund at St. Joseph's/
Candler, which provides no-cost breast health services to uninsured and underinsured individuals. These services include screening and diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, MRI, and image-guided breast biopsies.

With support from campaigns like Paint the Town Pink, thousands of women have been helped since the Mammography Fund was created in 2005.

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Mammography has been proven to save lives by detecting breast cancer in its early stages. Early diagnosis is the most important factor in surviving breast cancer, and St. Joseph's/Candler encourages all women to consult their primary care physician to determine if they are candidates for an annual screening mammogram.

Throughout the month of October, various Paint the Town Pink promotions will continue to raise awareness about this deadly form of cancer and the importance of mammography in saving lives. Local businesses, schools, and civic organizations are raising awareness with

special events and promotions benefiting the Telfair Mammography Fund. If you would like to donate to the fund, text PTTP to 50155.

Here is a list of upcoming events and promotions happening throughout the month:

October 1-31, Savannah Morning News: Throughout the entire month of October, readers will find inspiring local stories on breast cancer prevention, treatment, survivorship, courage, and hope. Also, look for a chance to win one of the great weekly prizes.

October 1-31, Plant Riverside: The iconic smokestacks above the city will be illuminated pink for the entire month of October, as well as a special drink promotion in Electric Moon with \$1 of each drink going to the Telfair Mammography Fund.

October 1-31, Step One Automotive Group presents Drive Out Breast Cancer: Step One Automotive Group on Chatham Parkway will wrap one of their vehicles in pink and invite people to sign their names, write a message, or share a memory. For each signature or message, Step One will donate \$1 to the St. Joseph's/Candler Telfair Mammography Fund. The goal is to raise \$6,000.

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# Live smart

October 1-31, Wet Willie's: For the entire month of October, Wet Willie's will donate a percentage of sales for all pink daiquiri flavors (Pink Ribbon items) on their menu. Then, on Saturday, October 14, from 7 p.m. until closing, a percentage of all sales will benefit Breast Cancer Awareness non-profits, including the Telfair Mammography Fund.

October 11, St. Joseph's/Candler, Heartwood, and WSAV's Buddy Check are bringing Mobile Mammography to Richmond Hill. On-site 3-D mammograms will be available from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, at The Outfitters, Heartwood, 35 Great Ogeechee Parkway, in Richmond Hill. Call 912.819.6140 to schedule an appointment or visit sjchs.as.me/ Heartwood.

October 13, Savannah Classical Academy hosts a special "Out of Uniform Pink Day." The \$5 donation per student will go to the Telfair Mammography Fund.

October 21, Healing Heroes Fashion Show: Join WSAV News anchor Tina Tyus-Shaw for a celebration and tribute to breast cancer survivors with a fashion show featuring local survivors. The event will be held Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion. Tickets are \$10 and benefit the Telfair Mammography Fund. Purchase tickets online at sjchs.org/healing-heroes.

October 26, Savannah State University Women's Basketball will host a "Pink Night" at 7 p.m. in Tiger Arena with proceeds benefiting the Telfair Mammography Fund. Pink Night includes a raffle for a MacBook computer and pink iPad (tickets are \$5), fashion show by SSU students, 3-on-3 contest, blindfold free throw competition, and 3-point contest. Pink Night T-shirts will be for sale. For more information contact head coach Cedric Baker at bakerced@savannahstate.edu or coach Felicia Alston at alstonf@savannahstate.edu or 912-358-3437.

October 30, St. Joseph's/Candler's 16th Annual Mammography Day:

St. Joseph's/Candler and the Savannah Morning News are challenging women of the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry to have a screening mammogram during the month of October. Several locations throughout the area will be available on one special day, Monday, October 30. Register by calling 912.819. PINK, or visit sjchs.org/pink for more information, locations, and times.

- St. Joseph's Hospital
- Candler Hospital Telfair Pavilion
- Telfair Breast Imaging, Eisenhower Drive
- St. Joseph's/Candler Imaging Center, Bluffton Campus
- St. Joseph's/Candler Imaging Center, Pooler Campus
- Mobile Mammography Unit, Plant Riverside/River Street

Other businesses or organizations that would like to be involved in this year's Paint the Town Pink campaign should contact the St. Joseph's/Candler Foundations at 912.819.8683.

#### Mammography FAQs

#### When should I have a mammogram?

The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms beginning at age 40. A breast problem or family history of breast cancer may warrant more frequent or earlier mammograms.

#### Is there a qualified mammography facility in Savannah?

The Telfair Pavilion, as well as other St. Joseph's/ Candler area imaging practices, along with staff and radiologists, are certified by the American College of Radiology. St. Joseph's/Candler imaging centers are certified as mammography facilities by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in accordance with the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA).

#### How do I schedule a mammogram?

If you are scheduling a routine screening mammogram and have no known breast problems (lumps, drainage, or pain), please call 912.819.PINK or 912.819.6800. If you are experiencing a problem or change in your breast, you may need a diagnostic mammogram. Please contact your physician to make an appointment.

#### How do I obtain the results?

You will receive a letter from the radiologists, written in laymen's terms, summarizing the findings. Your physician will receive a copy of the formal report as

#### Is it possible to obtain results at the time of my appointment?

Yes. Proper steps must be taken in advance to ensure that the radiologist is able to accurately review your mammogram on the same day as your appointment. If you had your previous mammogram at another facility, please bring copies of the mammogram and report, or a disc with the images and report if your previous mammogram was performed digitally. Please inform the technologist that you would like to receive your results on the day of your appointment.

#### Does insurance cover the procedure?

Confirm this with your insurance company prior to your appointment.

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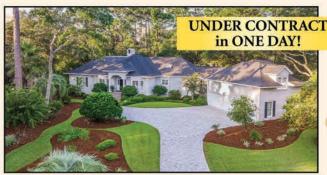
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#### **USS LAFFEY DD-724**

#### The Destroyer That Would Not Die

To Navy historians, Laffey is a sacred name. The first USS Laffey (DD-459) was a Benson-class destroyer named in honor of Irish-born seaman Bartlett Laffey. He earned a Medal of Honor for his actions as a crewmember of the Union gunboat USS Marmora in action against Confederate forces at Yazoo City, Mississippi, in March 1864.

In the Battle of Cape Esperance of Guadalcanal in November of 1942, the Laffey (DD-459) was hit by a 14-inch shell from the Japanese ship Hiei. Then, a torpedo in her fantail put the destroyer out of action. As the order to abandon ship was passed, an explosion ripped the destroyer apart and she sank immediately with heavy loss of life. Of the 247 crewmen aboard, 59 were killed, including the commanding officer, William E. Hank.

Twelve months later, the second USS Laffey (DD-724) - bigger, faster, and better-armed than its namesake - was launched. It was more than 375 feet in length, with a maximum speed of 34 knots, and a crew of 336 sailors. The new Laffey participated in the D-Day assault in June of 1944. During the first week of the Normandy invasion, it bombarded German gun emplacements, and defended the crippled USS Nelson against German attack vessels.

In the battle of Cherbourg (June 22 - 27, 1944), the Laffey experienced its first near-disastrous attack. While assisting battleships Nevada, Texas, and Arkansas, a medium-caliber shell from German shore batteries skipped off the water and lodged itself in the Laffey's boatswain locker without detonating. The unexploded shell was carefully hoisted out and rolled overboard.

The Laffey was later dispatched to the Pacific, where her first action was in support of the Leyte Landings in October of 1944, during which she rescued a downed Japanese pilot. He was subsequently transferred to the carrier USS Enterprise (CV-6) and provided valuable intelligence against the enemy.

While supporting American landings at Ormoc Bay, Philippines, in December of 1944, and at Lingayen Gulf, Philippines, in January of 1945, the Laffey survived numerous kamikaze attacks. The ship's captain, Cdr. Fredrick J. Becton, was awarded a Silver Star for leading each survival action. As dangerous as those early engagements in the Philippines were, it soon got much worse when the Laffey was ordered to support the Okinawa campaign.

In 1945, the U.S. launched a maximum firebombing campaign against mainland Japanese cities. In response, the Japanese military converted most available aircraft to kamikaze planes loaded with explosives to be piloted into Allied vessels, mainly those operating from Okinawa. To defend against the kamikaze attacks, the Navy organized a series of nautical picket lines, far enough offshore (usually 30 or more nautical miles) to provide adequate warnings to our fleet about approaching kamikaze aircraft. The picket lines were usually manned by heavily armed vessels equipped with radar. These picket ships, if spotted by approaching enemy pilots, were often attacked. Alone and far from protective friendly vessels, they had to fight for survival by themselves. Such was the case for Laffey.

On April 13, 1945, the Laffey was boarded by extra additional radar specialists, loaded with 300 additional rounds of 5-inch ammunition, and ordered to proceed at flank speed to her picket station 30



nautical miles northwest of Okinawa. Three days later, a swarm of kamikazes approached the lone destroyer, the sun to their backs. As the Laffey gunners rushed to their stations and opened fire, the ship's fighter direction officer requested immediate combat air support. The escort carrier Shamrock Bay (CVE-84) responded with four FM-2 Wildcat fighters. Although

arrive on scene, they quickly shot down six Japanese aircraft before they had to break off, low on fuel and ammunition. Meanwhile, the crews on two of Laffey's gun mounts knocked down two Japanese dive bombers, one at 9,000 yards and one at 3,000 yards, with 20-mm gunfire. Almost simultaneously, another gun crew knocked down two more dive bombers. Laffey's gun crews were four for four with no hits received from the enemy. But the battle was just beginning.

it took more than 20 minutes for the Wildcats to

The next two attacking dive bombers were newer and faster aircraft, but still no match for the accuracy of the Laffey's gun crews. As they attacked from opposite sides, each suffered the same fate as their predecessors. The port-side airplane crashed just a few yards from the vessel, and its payload detonated close enough to wound several of the ship's crew and ignite fires on deck. The well-trained crew sprang into action, dousing the fires and replacing the wounded crewmen. A few minutes later, another dive bomber took aim at the Laffey and was hit by 20-mm gunfire. Its course deflected, the damaged kamikaze crashed just off the starboard quarter of the ship. Fragments of the aircraft injured a Laffey gun crewman. Another dive bomber came

in low and fast but to no avail as it was hit by gunfire and exploded in mid-air. In only 12 minutes of battle, Laffey's gunners were eight for eight and the fighting destroyer had received a little structural damage and suffered one killed-in-action sailor. Following a three-minute respite, another bomb-loaded plane dove straight for the destroyer. In spite of multiple 20-mm and 40-mm hits, it crashed into the deck of the Laffey, spewing burning gasoline over two gun mounts and killing the crewmen. One surviving gunner jumped over the side to douse the flames covering his body.

The Laffey remained afloat under its own power, but the extensive damage and loss of four sailors suggested her luck might be running out. Its defensive capability was reduced and communications from the command deck to the forward engine room was knocked out, but the ship's clever engineers adjusted speed from slow to fast whenever they heard heavy gunfire.

At 0847 hours, yet another dive bomber came zooming in and crashed through several gun mounts on the fantail, killing six gunners and setting the entire fantail deck ablaze. Within moments, another kamikaze came in low from astern and made a crash landing on deck. Its payload exploded, threatening the aft 5-inch ammunition storage magazine. Quick-thinking Becton ordered the compartment flooded, which undoubtedly saved the day for the Laffey and her crew.

Moments later, a third aircraft came in from astern, dropping its

bomb at the starboard quarter just above the propeller guard. Though targeted by the ship's 20-mm guns, the plane flew on. When the bomb exploded in the aft, fragments ruptured hydraulic lines in the steering gear. The rudder was jammed at 26 degrees to port, causing the Laffey to steam in a tight circle, with speed as the only means to hinder enemy aim. Despite the ship being badly damaged, it was her good fortune that the watertight bulkheads and hatches to the aft engineering spaces held, preventing severe flooding and ensuring she had full power during the battle.

Meanwhile, the four Wildcats returning to their carrier engaged more than 20 enemy aircraft. Had these Japanese warplanes been free to pursue the Laffey, her situation would have been considerably worse. The Wildcats, with the assist of an approaching F4U Corsair, shot down six Japanese planes. One of the Navy pilots, Ltjg. Carl J. Rieman, after the war, fathered 12 children, with 50 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren he came to know as he lived until 2011.

As the Laffey continued steaming in a tight circle, Corsairs launched from Yontan airfield on Okinawa and from the carrier Intrepid (CV-11) arrived to provide defensive assistance, as well as Hellcats from the light carrier San Jacinto (CVL-30).

After enemy attacks on the Laffey ceased, Becton assessed his ship as 30 percent combat effective, with the situation remaining dire. The aft end was severely damaged, several gun mount stations were either damaged or destroyed, much of the ship's communication was



The Laffey suffered severe exterior damage to the wardroom bulkhead on her starboard side.

knocked out, and numerous fires were burning. Within a few minutes, a sister ship sailed alongside and used water spray to help douse the flames.

During the 80-minute battle, the ship had been damaged by four kamikaze bomb hits and numerous machine gun volleys from attacking planes. In response, the determined crew shot down at least eight





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enemy aircraft and damaged the six kamikazes that hit their ship. Despite the damage, the ship's hull integrity remained in good

After an emergency tow to Kerama Retto for basic repairs, the gallant destroyer steamed on her own power to Seattle for a more extensive refit. That unaided voyage was further proof the noble ship simply would not go

The Laffey was one of the most decorated vessels of World War II. RAdm. C. Turner Joy declared the performance of the Laffey's crew, "Stands out above outstanding." But they paid a

high price – 32 dead and 72 wounded, including the ship's doctor.

In addition to the Laffey's five Battle Stars, Becton was awarded a Navy Cross, Ens. Robert Thomsen a Navy Cross (posthumously), as was 18-year-old coxswain Calvin Cloer for bravery in combat until death fighting a serious on-board fire and giving his place in sickbay to other injured shipmates.



The USS Laffey is currently on display at Patriots Point in Charleston, South Carolina.

Adding to her reputation as "the ship that would not die," the Laffey was completely repaired and reactivated for the Korean War, earning two more Battle Stars. The Laffey was decommissioned in 1968 and put on display at the U.S. Naval Museum at Patriots Point, Charleston Harbor, South Carolina.

In 2008, more than 100 leaks were discovered in the Laffev's hull. Patriots Point officials secured a \$9.2 million loan from the State of South Carolina to cover the cost of repairs. She was towed to North Charleston for repairs in drydock and returned to Patriots Point in January of 2012. More than a dozen former

crew members were among the crowd to greet her. Said one veteran, "This means a lot of years of fighting to get her saved again. The Germans tried to sink her. The Japanese tried to sink her, and then she tried to sink herself sitting here. She's whipped them all and she's back

To tour the USS Laffey and other vessels on display at Patriots Point, visit www.patriotspoint.org for information.



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#### <u>NFL</u>

San Francisco at Cleveland Indianapolis at Jacksonville New Orleans at Houston Detroit at Tampa Bay Baltimore at Tennessee

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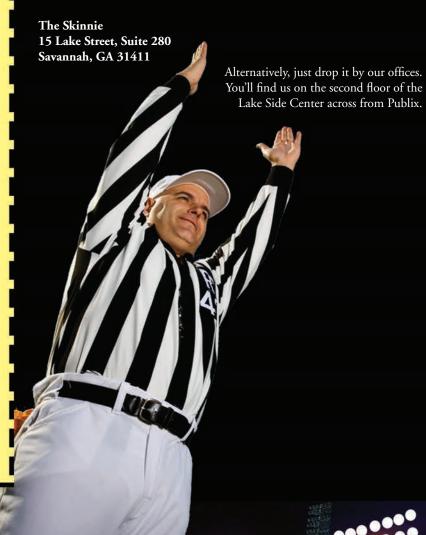
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#### The Skinnie Football Pick 'Em Pool

couple of perennial powerhouses rose to the top of the pack. Crystal "Ball" Higgins and John "Do Right" Durant both fared exceptionally well, only missing two out of 25 predictions. It all came down to the tiebreaker, Ohio State vs. Notre Dame. The Buckeyes and the Fighting Irish slugged it out in a defensive struggle. Together, they put only 31 points on the board. "Do Right" Durant expected more offensive fireworks and guessed 66 total points. Crystal "Ball" was a bit less optimistic with a prediction of 56 – close enough to get her the "W." Congratulations, Crystal "Ball" Higgins, on an impressive showing.

If you haven't participated in our contest yet, 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.

A rooting interest makes football weekends fun. Twenty college games and five from the NFL. Games will be played between Friday, October 12, and Sunday, October 14. Entries are due by 5 p.m., Friday, October 12. Email picks to chendrix@theskinnie.com. Or send your entry the old-fashioned way to:











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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. Casev 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.

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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)

**CONTACT:** Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass

WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/ Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskdaway.com for more information.

#### WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors

**WHEN:** Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar

**CONTACT:** Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

#### **GOTTA LOVE IT**

**WHAT:** Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders

**HOW MUCH:** Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.

**CONTACT:** Vicki Knapp at landloversmembership@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers. com for more information.

WHAT ELSE: The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

#### **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.

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#### PET PROJECT

**WHAT:** Pet care drive for Humane Society of Greater Sayannah

WHEN: Drop off Monday-Thursday, or Sundays, now until Sunday, Oct. 8 WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3

West Ridge Rd.
CONTACT: Susanne O'Day, children's

minister, 912.598.7242 or soday@saintpeterssav.org

WHAT ELSE: Requests from the HSGS: Dog treats, peanut butter, cat treats and toys, cat litter, pill pockets, empty cardboard egg cartons, and toilet paper rolls.

#### ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

WHAT: Stuffed animal blessing

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 8, at the 10:15 a.m. service

**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Rd.

CONTACT: Susanne O'Day, children's minister, 912.598.7242 or soday@saintpeterssav.

WHAT ELSE: Coinciding with our pet care drive for the Humane Society, we celebrate St. Francis with a blessing of stuffed animals for our young and young at heart. Join a BYO picnic lunch for young families after the service.

#### **WHAT:** 50th anniversary celebration for Wilder-

whal: 50th anniversary celebration for Wilderness Southeast
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 7; Paddle races, 3 - 5 p.m.;

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY** 

Guest speakers will discuss Zoroastrianism,

Hinduism, Buddhism, and Native American

**SHUTTER BUG** 

WHAT: The photography of Bailey Davidson

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.

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 unpre-

dictable, imperfect, and distorted.

**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public

**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111

WHEN: Now through Oct. 31.

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.

#### **ROUND AND ROUND**

**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lecture: "Dorothy Parker and the Algonquin Round Table"

**WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 9, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Wine-and-cheese reception at 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** Members - \$15; Non-members - \$20

**CONTACT:** www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org

WHAT ELSE: Nothing says literary New York quite like the Algonquin Round Table, and no one at the "Ten-Year Lunch" is as memorable as Dor-

#### **PAWS AND PLAY**

**WHAT:** Meeples for Cats game day fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. WHERE: Roll the Bones, 7400 Abercorn St., suite 704

HOW MUCH: \$10 door donation CONTACT: Follow Meeples4Cats on Facebook

WHAT ELSE: A game day fundraiser for Red Clay Animal Rescue, featuring board games, game demos, raffles, an escape room, and pet photo contest. Donate early for extra raffle tickets.



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othy Parker, the tiny woman with the enormous mind. Hear Roger Smith recreate the wit and the work of these groundbreaking American writers.

#### **SHALL WE DANCE?**

WHAT: Ballroom dance instruction WHEN: Monday, Oct. 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway United Methodist Church HOW MUCH: \$15 per person for each session CONTACT: Marilee Dalbey, 334.797.9952 or marileedalbey@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Register at Landlovers.com. Get your dancing shoes out and join us to learn the Cha Cha! Professional ballroom instructors teach one new partner-style dance per month. Please wear comfortable clothing and hard-sole shoes. Must be a member of Landlovers to attend.

#### **STITCHIN' TIME**

WHAT: Various projects of members' choosing WHEN: Tuesdays - Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 14, 28; Dec. 14 – 2 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Members homes

HOW MUCH: Free CONTACT: Leslie Matthews, lmatthews50@

gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: We welcome crafters working on any type of needle projects, from knitting to needlepoint, beading, felting, crewel, and cross stitch. Landlovers membership is required.

#### **MARITIME MALADIES**

**WHAT:** an Evening @ Skidaway: Marine Pandemics: It's Not Just People

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 10; reception at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m.

WHERE: the Ocean Sciences Instructional Center on the UGA Skidaway Marine Science Campus (10 Ocean Science Circle, Skidaway Island. The program will also be on the UGA Skidaway Institute YouTube channel.

HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public CONTACT: Marc Frischer, 912.598.2308 or marc.frischer@skio.uga.edu

**WHAT ELSE:** UGA Skidaway Institute researcher Marc Frischer will explore the range and diversity of marine disease outbreaks that are increasingly affecting marine organisms.

#### **DEAR ABBIES**

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails October meeting WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 12, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.

**CONTACT:** To learn more about Skidaway Abigails or to attend this event as a guest, contact chair@skidawayabigails.org

**WHAT ELSE:** Jill Cardenas, executive director of the Mediation Center, will be the featured speaker. The Mediation Center helps individuals or groups resolve conflicts using a neutral mediator to reach

workable agreements. Guests (\$10 guest fee) must be accompanied by an Abigails member.

#### **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.

#### **BOTANICAL BARGAINS**

WHAT: Fall Plant Sale

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. WHERE: Savannah Botanical Gardens, 1388 Eisenhower Dr

**HOW MUCH:** Free admission and free parking **CONTACT:** Please call 912.355.3883 or email sacgc1388@botanical.comcastbiz.net.

WHAT ELSE: The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs and the Savannah Botanical Gardens host this fundraiser to benefit the Savannah Botanical Gardens. There will be decorative pots for sale and lots of plants to go in them – wonderful local nursery plants, plants from the Botanical Gardens, and pass-along plants donated by local area garden club members.

#### ON THE HOUSE

WHAT: Casual gatherings at members' homes WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. WHERE: At LL host homes

**COST:** Free

contact: Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@ aol.com, or Connie Rice, csrice1948@gmail.com) WHAT ELSE: We are looking for people to host at their homes. Please reach out to Becky Dominguez if you would be interested in hosting some of your neighbors for the evening. Guests will be assigned to various homes and bring an appetizer to share and their own libation.

#### **BE A DECENT DOCENT**

**WHAT:** Tour guide training – volunteer docents needed

WHEN: Beginning Oct. 16

WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, 14 W. Macon St., Madison Square

HOW MUCH: Free of charge

**CONTACT:** Jamie Credle, 912.233.3845 or jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org

**WHAT ELSE:** The class of new trainees will meet on four Mondays for a two-hour session each

week. Docents lead tours and assist with programs for people from around the world who visit the historic Green-Meldrim House.

#### WHERE ART THOU?

**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lecture: "Frida Kahlo – A Life in Art"

**WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 16, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; Wine-and-cheese reception at 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** Members - \$15; Non-members - \$20

**CONTACT:** www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org

WHAT ELSE: Artist and art historian L. Edward Smith combines biography and painting in this fascinating lecture that captures the tragedy, anguish, and chronic pain that Frida Kahlo blended into her works of art.

#### **FORT DAY**

**WHAT:** Landlovers tour of Ft. McAllister State Park in Richmond Hill

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 18

**WHERE:** Meet in the parking lot of the Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m.

**HOW MUCH:** Parking is free with a Georgia Parks pass or \$5 per car; Entry to the fort is \$9 (\$8 senior) per person, payment collected upon arrival

CONTACT: Sally Robinson, srobinga@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Join us in visiting the Civil War Fort McAllister State Park in Richmond Hill followed by lunch at Uptown Deli. The fort marks the end of Sherman's March to the Sea, and is the best-preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy.

#### THE RIGHT STUFF

**WHAT:** Ladies On The Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 19: 12 to 2:30 p.m. Social hour 12-1 p.m.; lunch and program 1-2:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club HOW MUCH: LOTR members, \$30; guests,

**CONTACT:** To register (deadline is Oct. 17) or to join LOTR please visit www.ladiesontheright.

WHAT ELSE: Keynote speaker will be Mallory Staples, state director of the Georgia Freedom Caucus, which advocates for less government and regulation, lower taxes, and protection of personal freedoms. LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action on issues that impact our country, community, and lives.

#### **FOR THE BIRDS**

WHAT: Skidaway bird talk

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. **WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West

Ridge Rd.

HOW MUCH: Free for FOSA members, \$5 for

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.

guests, payable online or at the door

WHAT ELSE: Landings resident Russ Wigh will discuss Skidaway Island's bird migration habits and the potential impact of noise pollution on bird populations here, as part of Skidaway Audubon's speaker series. Attendees are asked to pre-register online at SkidawayAudubon.org.

#### **AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER**

**WHAT:** Savannah Council on World Affairs meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 19; 7 p.m. coffee and cookies, 7:30 p.m. presentation

cookies, 7:30 p.m. presentation
WHERE: Skidaway Community Church, 50
Diamond Causeway

CONTACT: For more details, visit www.savan-

WHAT ELSE: "Turkiye and U.S.-Turkish Relations," presented by former ambassador to Iraq and Turkey James F. Jeffrey, currently chair of the Middle East Program at the Wilson Center.

#### **HAIL TO THE CHIEF**

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "The Presidency of His Accidency, John Tyler"
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 23, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.;
Wine-and-cheese reception at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island Community Church,

50 Diamond Causeway **HOW MUCH:** Members - \$15; Non-members

CONTACT: www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@ seniorcitizens-inc.org

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WHAT ELSE: "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" offered up John Tyler as the "bonus" to President William Henry Harrison. Little did they know, Tyler would become president upon Harrison's death. Join historian Chris Hendricks as he brings this eventful presidency to life.

#### **DINNER AND A SHOW**

WHAT: Trolley to Savannah Live! WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m. departure, 8 p.m. show

**WHERE:** Board the trolley at Skidaway Island Methodist Church

**HOW MUCH:** \$60 per person (includes show ticket, trolley ride, and all fees)

CONTACT: Jane Golz at 704.641.4467 or golzjane@gmail.com; Marilee Dalbey at 334.797.9952 or marileedalbey@gmail.com; or visit Landlovers.com for more information.

WHAT ELSE: Participants will be driven downtown to enjoy "Savannah Live," a music and dance review. Time for dinner on your own in the Historic District prior to the show at the Historic Savannah Theatre. Must be a Landlovers member to attend. Tickets available online. Limit 2 tickets

#### **CHIPPING FOR CHILDREN**

**WHAT:** L9GA Kids Café charity golf scramble "Together for the Kids"

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 26

per person; space is limited to 37.

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.

#### **GREEN LIGHT**

WHAT: Plant-based picnic WHEN: Oct. 28, 12 noon WHERE: Skidaway Farms

**HOW MUCH:** Bring a dish to share or contributions of place settings, paper plates, eating utensils, napkins, paper towels, trash bag

CONTACT: Simone Heyman, simoneheymanwfpb@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Share a meal and learn about the health benefits of plant-based food. Open to all Skidaway residents, but must be a member of Landloyers.

#### 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. WHERE: 1 Skidaway Village Walk CONTACT: Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@ aol.com

**WHAT ELSE:** Books and art for sale, and author signings.

#### **BOW REGARDS**

**WHAT:** Landings Garden Club Holiday Bow Sales

WHEN: Saturday, Oct 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. WHERE: Village Library

HOW MUCH: Prices start at \$15 each CONTACT: Joni Brownstein, jonibro2022@ outlook.com or 925.787.9800

**WHAT ELSE:** The Garden Club's annual fundraiser to fund Skidaway Island beautification and conservation. Shop early for best selection among the nine designs to choose from.

#### **GETTING SMARTER?**

WHAT: The Learning Center Lecture: "Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education"
WHEN: Monday, Oct. 30, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.;

Wine-and-cheese reception at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Skidaway Island Community Church,

50 Diamond Causeway **HOW MUCH:** Members - \$15; Non-members

+ S20

**CONTACT:** www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center to register or contact dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org

WHAT ELSE: Beth Howell, Georgia Southern University English department chair, explores the implications of artificial intelligence for higher education and the potential impact to critical thinking and the value of the humanities.

#### **GATHERING GROCERIES**

**WHAT:** Packing groceries for Second Harvest **WHEN:** 9 - 11 a.m., Nov. 3, Feb. 2, April 5, June

**WHERE:** Second Harvest, 2501 E President St. **CONTACT:** Terry Lewis, terrylewis324@gmail.

#### **FOR THE CHILDREN**

WHAT: The One Hundred Children's Foundation grants presentation and cocktail reception WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5 - 7 p.m. WHERE: Palmetto Ballroom, The Landings HOW MUCH: \$65 per person including elegant hors d'ocuvres

WHAT ELSE: Join us as we celebrate the organizations that have been awarded grants from the One Hundred Children's Foundation. This fun evening includes a silent auction. A member and credit card bar will be available. Tickets are available at theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org.

#### **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.

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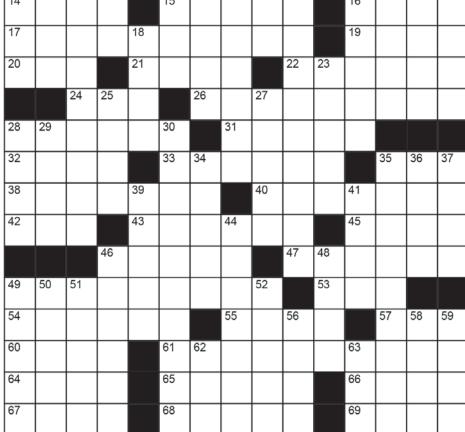
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. In need of a map
- 5. Bank heist, e.g.
- 10. Wished, as a farewell
- 14. Feedbag fill
- 15. Way past plump
- 16. Responsibility
- 17. Teachers at the prom, perhaps
- 19. Revival setting
- 20. Airline's home base
- 21. Early 20th Century art movement
- 22. Walk like a show horse
- 24. Hang back
- 26. Happen upon
- 28. Pricy wheels, slangily
- 31. Street-smart
- 32. Highest point
- 33. Bite off too much
- 35. Pipe material
- 38. Snack bar?
- 40. Military bigwig
- 42. Work on a tan
- 43. "Always on My Mind" singer
- 45. Way to pay
- 46. Copycat
- 47. Like some birthday parties
- 49. Some three-digit numbers
- 53. Before, in verse
- 54. Type of owl
- 55. Gyro holder
- 57. Harbor vessel
- 60. Every which way
- 61. Kirk's ship
- 64. Potatoes, perhaps
- 65. Lord's subject
- 66. Doomsayer's sign
- 67. Follow, as advice
- 68. Shopping binge 69. "\_\_\_\_ #1!"

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- 1. Ness, for one
- 2. Where Pearl City is
- 3. Ranch worker
- 4. Cooking meas.
- 5. Elizabeth McGovern's character on "Downton Abbey"

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- 6. Home
- 7. Sinner's punishment
- 9. Defendant in a lawsuit

- 12. Conical-cap wearer
- 13. Fragrant compound
- 18. Perimeter
- 25. Congregation's cry

- 34. Bona fide
- 35. 8 to 11, on TV

- 37. Outfitted
- 39. Chilling, say
- 44. Sovereign's staff
- 46. Like a cheater's deck
- 48. Run-down car
- 49. Put to shame
- 50. Textile fiber
- 51. Lose ground
- 56. Nursery purchase
- 59. Actor Wilder
- 62. Quick drink
- 63. Theater section



- 8. Opposite of WNW
- 10. Horticulturist's study
- 11. About, old-style

- 23. Talk a blue streak
- 27. Freight
- 28. Overhead items
- 29. Shade of beige

- 30. Example-setters

- 36. Flower holder
- 41. \_\_\_\_ and anon

- 52. Military blockade
- 58. Kind of ID

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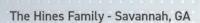
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