

Revolutionary Days celebration to be biggest ever

This year's Revolutionary Days Celebration will be bigger and better than ever, including for the first time, a special reenactment of the battle at War Hill.

"This year, the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek will be an exciting event," stated Walker Chewning, Sons of the American Revolution Chairman of the 2009 celebration. Activities over the three-day celebration will include a parade, living history, battleground tours, memorial ceremony, colonial worship service, and for the first time, a special reenactment of the battle at War Hill.

Chewing said, "Come and help us celebrate our Patriot ancestors and the sacrifices they made for the freedoms we enjoy today."

The Revolutionary Days Celebration begins on Friday afternoon, February 13, at the Mary Willis Library. Dr. Christine Swager will relate portions from her newly released book, *Heroes of Kettle Creek, 1779-1782*. Original copies of newspapers describing the Monument Dedication in 1930 will be on display, including one from *The News-Reporter*.

After showing a U.S. Army film on the battle at the Library on Saturday morning, February 14, Army historians will conduct walking tours at the Battleground.

Dr. Walt Andrae said, "The tour will orient visitors to the directions and options open to the opposing forces. It covers the events that led up to the battle, the battle itself, and the aftermath. Additionally, the walking tour of the actual battle site, along with a discussion of the conditions and environmental factors, will provide a sense of the battle that can only be achieved by covering the ground much as the combatants once did."

Saturday's highlight will be the



pageantry at the afternoon Memorial Ceremony at the monument on the top of War Hill. Patriotic music, wreath presentations, and musket volleys will honor the memory of the Patriots with a dramatic portrayal of the victorious action that took place on February 14, 1779.

"Citizens of Wilkes County played an important part in the American Revolution," said Sam Moore, Chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners. "Many families in our area have ancestors who fought in the Battle of Kettle Creek. We appreciate the efforts of the DAR and SAR to sponsor this event and give the Patriots the recognition which they deserve. We look forward to another outstanding Revolutionary Days Celebration."

Revolutionary Days activities are free and everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information call the Chamber of Commerce at 706-678-2013.

Fighting in the Hornet's Nest

The Battle of Kettle Creek, one of the most important battles of the Revolutionary War in Georgia, was fought on February 14, 1779. The State was mostly under British

control, except for Wilkes County, which the British called the "Hornet's Nest." En route to the British army at Augusta, Colonel Boyd, with 600 British sympathizers, crossed the Savannah River into present-day Elbert County. Patriot Colonels Andrew Pickens, with 200 South Carolina Militia, and John Dooly and Elijah Clarke, with 140 Georgia Militia, marched to overtake the Loyalists.

On the morning of the 14th, Boyd and his men were camped at a bend in the then-flooded Kettle Creek. Their horses were grazing, sentries were posted, and the men were slaughtering cattle and searching for food. The Patriots attempted to attack the Loyalist camp by surprise but failed and a desperate battle raged on both sides of the creek for three hours before the Loyalists finally broke and fled. British Colonel Boyd and twenty of his men were killed and twenty-two captured. Colonel Andrew Pickens later wrote that Kettle Creek "was the severest check and chastisement, the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia."

Preservation of the Battleground

Shortly after the Washington Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter was chartered, members were anxious to purchase the land on which the Battle was fought. A survey was made of the property, and in early 1900, twelve and one-half acres were purchased for the sum of seventy-five dollars.

The ladies began to raise money to mark the Battleground. In 1929, the United States War Department appropriated funds and a marble company was selected to create the monument. The Kettle Creek Monument was unveiled on June 6, 1930, with a program that elicited national recognition.

In Hearst's Sunday American, a review of the monument dedication reported, "The historical old town of Washington Wilkes has renewed its interest in the events and traditions which have surrounded it since Colonial days. It has become again a matter of real pride that there was one spot in Georgia utterly unconquerable in the days of 1776, and that here was fought the battle referred to by an historian as the Gettysburg of the Revolution."

Each year on the anniversary of the battle, DAR members traveled to War Hill and laid a wreath at the site. During the 200th celebration in 1979, a new monument was unveiled and shortly after the DAR conveyed the Battleground site to Wilkes County.

In 1998, the Georgia Society Sons of the American became active in the sponsorship of the Memorial Ceremony, and the DAR and SAR have celebrated the anniversary of the battle on the second weekend in February ever since.

Last February, ninety organizations honored the gallant soldiers who fought there, and also remembered the men and women who have strived to preserve the Kettle Creek Battleground.

Meghan E. Arnold is on Dean's List at Gainesville State

Meghan Elizabeth Arnold has been named to the fall semester 2008 merit list at Gainesville State College.

She is the daughter of Mack and Kim Winfrey of Washington, and Bryan and Tami Arnold of Crawford.

Meghan is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing.

Students are named to the merit list based on the grades they earned and the number of credit hours carried. A student must attain a 3.5 or higher grade point average with a minimum of nine or less than 15 semester credit hours of academic work in one semester.



Students of the Month named

Washington-Wilkes Middle School Students of the Month are (front, l-r), Blanca Maldanadom, Hope Ward, and Tabatha Welch. (Back, l-r) Lauren Roberts, Dennis Hagan, and Devon Lewis. Two students are chosen from each grade level for this honor. Students selected must have a positive attitude, a strong desire to learn, excellent behavior, and a willingness to help others. They each received a certificate, goody bag, and a free meal certificate from McDonald's.



Fire safety at home stressed

Tim Wright (right) of the Washington Fire Department was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Washington Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, January 13. Wright, a 27-year veteran of the Washington Fire Department, gave a program about Home Fire Safety. He stressed the need for adequate smoke alarms in the home, their regular testing, and proper placement - especially the timely replacement of batteries. He told members that smoke alarms should be placed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. In addition, each home should have a fire escape plan and each member should know the plan route of escape in case of fire. George Brooks was the program host for the day.

Commissioners deny pipeline ... (continued from page 1)

federally-approved project, and as a consequence, it needs to come forward," Chally said. He also reported that permits to cross state roads had already been secured.

"We are required to work with local and state governments to obtain any necessary permits in connection with our project," he explained. "But while we are required to work with you," he continued, "the law is generally that the local and state governments can't restrict what we need to do. The federal law that authorizes this pipeline preempts attempts to stop the pipeline."

Rather than go through the hassle of a lawsuit against the county, Chally said, "our strong preference would be to work with the county itself and obtain the permits."

"As long as there are people who

are fighting," Moore said, "let them have their fight. If we agree to this, we feel it would look like we are taking your side."

Chally said that if the permits were not granted, then the legal action against the county would be filed "well before the next meeting" and probably within a week or two. "We have to begin construction no later than April 1 of this year," he said.

"We can be a good neighbor," Chally said. "There are benefits to the county - the tax revenue, businesses that will be here [during construction] - but what I want to find out is, is there a point where you would agree to sign these permits?"

Speaking on behalf of the landowners organization LEEP (Land-

owners for Environmental and Economic Protection), Cindy Bounds said, "we're just asking you to hold off until this has gone through the courts."

Commissioner Jerry Stover asked Bounds if the issue was over money or over the loss of land.

"It's over the loss of land," Bounds replied, but said, "if we lose our land we want to get top dollar. ... We're in the timber business and they are taking our inventory out of the market. We can't grow trees on that land - forever."

Bounds told the commissioners, "We appreciate your support, as landowners and citizens, we appreciate y'all sticking with us."

All of the commissioners were present at the regular January meeting of the board, including Devinski Lee, Ed Geddings, John Howard, Stover, and Moore. Also in attendance were County Administrator David Tyler, County Attorney Charles LeGette, and a number of visitors.

In other business:

* Marshall Grant was appointed to a position on the Planning Commission.

* Three years of tax relief was granted to Charlotte Simmons and Marion Pope for a parcel that was mistakenly billed twice.

* Three years of Homestead Exemption benefits were granted to John Bailey due to missing paperwork.

* Commissioners were informed that the City of Washington had annexed a lot on the Scull Shoals Road.

* Tyler reported that Local Option Sales Tax for the month of October amounted to \$55,658.52 and that Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax received for the same month was \$85,586.27.

* Moore announced that there would be a public hearing at the Senior Center on January 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

* Patsy and Winston Bailey again badgered the board demanding that two ordinances, one for noise and one for road use, be enacted to deal with the problems they had brought before the commission on other occasions. Moore explained that there are laws already on the books covering the offenses they described and reiterated that the commissioners are not responsible for their enforcement. The Baileys were advised to try to work something out with the Sheriff's Office. Geddings offered to meet with them and the Sheriff to try to come up with a solution.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on Thursday, February 12, at 2 p.m. with a work session beginning at 1 p.m.



There will be different groups and individuals singing praise unto the Lord.

Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the usher board's anniversary Sunday, January 25, 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Evangelist Brenda Nunnally.

New Saints CME Church, 515 Baltimore Rd., Washington, will hold the next SNAP meetings on Saturday, January 17, and 24, at 10 a.m.

Wills Memorial Hospital will sponsor a Tea and Learn January 15, 2:30 p.m., in the hospital cafe. Kathy Tuckey, program director with the Alzheimers Association in Augusta, will present a workshop on "Maintain Your Brain: How to Live a Brain Healthy Lifestyle." To register for this program, call 706-678-9272.

A job recruiter for the U.S. Census Bureau's hiring of fulltime temporary employees for applications and testing will be Wednesday, January 21, at 2 p.m., at the Mary Willis Library.

The Doris Booker Black History Program will be held Sunday, February 15, 4 p.m., at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Baltimore Road, Washington. The public is invited to attend.

Heard's Chapel will have a black history program Saturday, February 21, 3 p.m.

Solomon Pool Deliverance Ministries will have an Evening of Songs on January 31, 5 p.m.

Transforming Life Ministries will sponsor a Baby Dedication Worship Service February 23, 7 p.m., at the Third Shiloh Center. Babies must be at least six weeks old. All babies participating must register by January 23. Call Amethyst Wynn at 706-678-5492 to register.

Mulberry Baptist Church will have its black history program Sunday, February 8, at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Attorney David Danner of Nashville, Tenn.

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Junior Choir will celebrate its anniversary on Sunday, February 8, 3 p.m. The guest choirs will be Andrew Chapel of Jonesboro, and Holly Creek of Athens. Dinner will be served.

New Sutton Temple Baptist Church will have a black history program February 15, 11:30 a.m.

The Friends of the Mary Willis Library will meet Thursday, February 12, 3 p.m. at the library.

New Sutton Temple Baptist Church will celebrate the pastor's anniversary February 8, 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. G.L. Avery.

Michelle White will deliver her initial sermon Sunday, January 18, 3 p.m., at Clifford Grove Baptist Church, Rayle.

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Super Crossword SWEET GNAW-THING!

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