

## Sunday sees more solemn observances remembering Revolutionary War patriots

Revolutionary Days activities this year include more observances on Sunday including a Colonial Worship Service and a solemn ceremony in Elijah Clark Park.

"For the second year, a Colonial Worship Service will be conducted during the Revolutionary Days observance, led by the Georgia Society SAR State Chaplain Reverend Dan Gates," said William Ramsaur. "The Smyrna United Methodist Church is an ideal setting and many attendees will worship in Colonial attire. The service starts at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a brief ceremony in the Churchyard to honor the seven Revolutionary War Patriots buried there."

According to Chaplain Gates, "We are a nation founded on faith in God. In commemorating the events of Kettle Creek, it is fitting that we gather like the people of Wilkes County did on the Sunday after the battle in 1779 to pray and remember the fallen. On February 15, we will do the same in their memory."

Later that morning, representatives of the Children, Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution organizations will gather with the public at 11 a.m. at the gravesite of Elijah Clarke in the Elijah Clark State Park near Lincolnton. The ceremony will honor the memory of Elijah Clarke, John Dooly, and

other members of the Wilkes County Militia and recognize their part in the successful Battle of Kettle Creek. Musical selections, wreath presentations and musket salutes will be included. Living history and other activities at the log cabin are scheduled at the Park on Sunday afternoon until 4 p.m.

Dr. Chris Swager will describe the exploits of Clarke, Dooly, and the Wilkes County Militia in a pre-

sentation entitled, "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest." Dr. Swager stated, "After Kettle Creek, the Wilkes County Militia took the fight to the British and the Loyalists and were involved in every battle in north Georgia and the western Carolinas. Sandwiched between hostile Indians to the west and the British to the south and east, the Militia fought to keep their homes and families safe."

## Free educational workshop set for hopeful home buyers here

The next Keys to Homeownership free educational workshop will be held Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mary Willis Library in Washington.

"We want to invite residents to attend this series of classes," said Barbara Bacon, "to help them better understand how to become homeowners; maintain homes they may already have; improve and maintain good credit; how to avoid predatory scams and to hear about Rural Development, HUD and DCA programs and services they may be eligible for."

The participants will also learn

how to maintain and improve their credit. "Financial fitness is the key to wealth building," Bacon said.

Last year's workshops were attended by a diverse group of residents, Bacon said, "We had single mothers; single fathers; married couples, and mothers and daughters, which showed family unity."

These services are sponsored by the City of Washington and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and are being offered free to the participants. Contact Kim Evans or Barbara Bacon at 706-678-3277 to sign up or for additional information.



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

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.

The Old School Reunion will meet Saturday, February 28, 12 noon, at the Mary Willis Library.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will have a Sunday School workshop Saturday, February 28, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The coordinator for the workshop will be Valerie Jackson of Augusta.

New Sutton Temple Baptist Church will have a marriage workshop February 13, 7:30 a.m.

## Celebration ...

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the ceremony, the SAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee under the direction of Walker Chewing will sponsor a "live" skirmish. Towns added, "It will illustrate how Patriot Colonels Clarke, Dooly and Pickens defeated the much larger forces of Colonel Boyd's Tories. We are pleased to be a part of the Kettle Creek Revolutionary Days activities."

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# TAKE NOTICE!

This is to Proclaim to the Citizens of Georgia and to Other Colonies...



Revolutionary Days  
February 13, 14 and 15, 2009

Washington,  
Georgia  
and the  
Kettle Creek  
Battleground

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Battle of Kettle Creek

### Friday, February 13

3:00 p.m. - Presentation by Christine Swager of her new book entitled, Heroes of Kettle Creek 1779-1782 at Mary Willis Library.

3:00 p.m. - Battleground Walking Tour - Special Tour led by Army historians and Kettle Creek archaeologist at Kettle Creek Battleground.

3:30 p.m. - Children's Colonial Hour - Meet Nancy Hart, learn how children lived in Wilkes County in 1780, and see 4th & 8th Grade Poster winners at Mary Willis Library.

### Saturday, February 14

8:30 a.m. - Battle of Kettle Creek Video, followed by discussion led by Army historians, Walt Andre & Steven Rauch at Mary Willis Library.

10:00 a.m. - Parade & Living History - Assemble at Mary Willis Library and proceed to Wilkes County Court House for performances by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Nancy Hart and many other Colonial re-enactors in the historic Washington Town Square and windows of merchants.

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Kiwanis BBQ Lunch - \$10 per plate; Washington Town Square.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Battleground Walking Tours - Trace the steps of Patriots and Loyalists as they fought on February 14, 1779; Led by Army historians at Kettle Creek Battleground.

2:00 p.m. - Battleground Memorial Ceremony - Pageantry at Kettle Creek Monument on War Hill, including presentation of wreaths and musket salutes. Dramatic skirmish of Battle of Kettle Creek following Memorial Ceremony.

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - Open House with special exhibits at Washington Historical Museum, Robert Toombs House Historic Site and Callaway Plantation.

### Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. - Colonial Worship Service, followed by ceremony to honor seven Patriots buried in Churchyard. Sponsored by GA Society SAR Chaplaincy Corps. Smyrna United Methodist Church, 100 S. Smyrna Church Road.

11:00 a.m. - "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest" Ceremony and Living History Presentations - To recognize the Revolutionary War leadership of the Wilkes County Militia by John Dooly and Elijah Clarke. Elijah Clark State Park, 2959 McCormick Highway, Lincolnton.



Fourth grade winners in the Kettle Creek SAR/DAR Poster Contest were (back, l-r) First Place Angela Hill; Second Place Yael Ayala; Third Place Camrye Powell; (front) Fourth Place Amber George; and Raina Dodson, Honorable Mention.



Eighth grade winners in the Kettle Creek SAR/DAR Poster Contest were (l-r) First Place Sara Wilson; Second Place Tyrin Fanning; Third Place Ramona Lott; and Tiare Tatum, Honorable Mention.

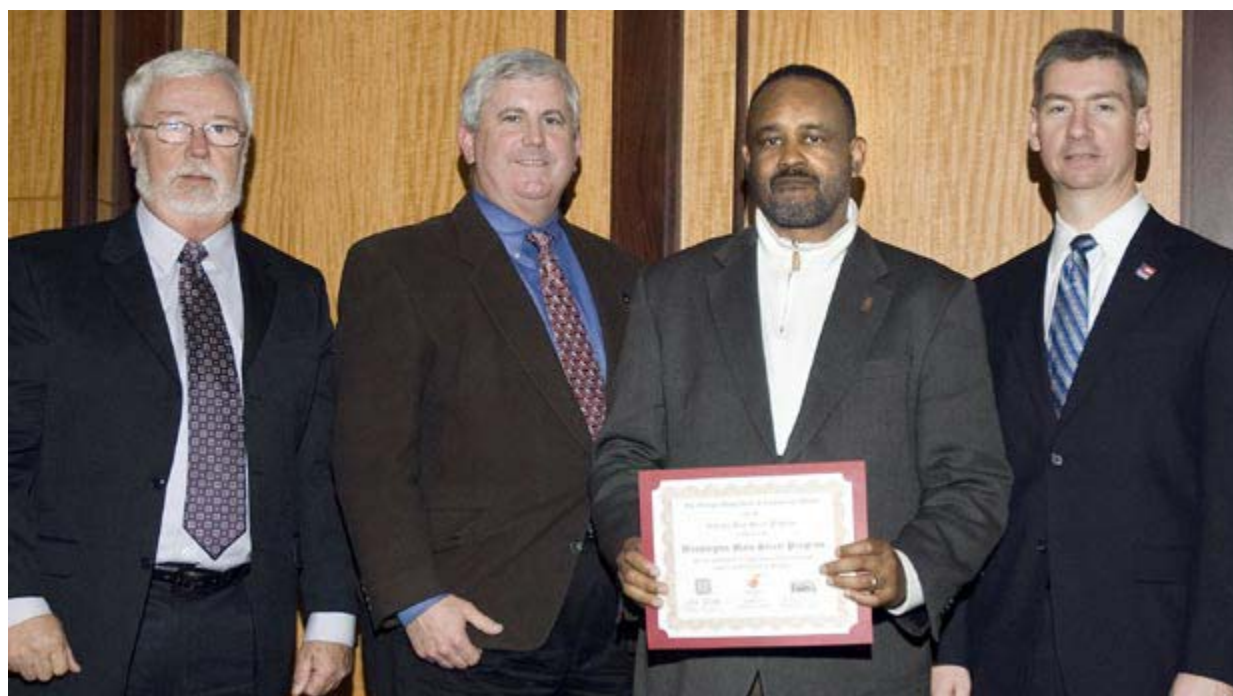
## Poster contest winners to be honored Saturday on Square

Washington-Wilkes students participated in a Revolutionary Days poster contest and winners will be presented at the observance on The Square Saturday.

Mary Willis Librarian Lillie Crowe said, "Each of the students really understood the assignment. Plus they have had so much fun accomplishing this project."

Fourth-grade students in the Washington-Wilkes Elementary School prepared posters which illustrate the Battle at Kettle Creek. The winners are: first place, Angela Hill; second place, Yael Ayala; third place, Camrye Powell; fourth place, Amber George; and honorable mention, Raina Dodson.

The Georgia History Class in



## Washington's Main Street program is honored

The Washington Main Street program was recognized recently for its efforts at the Georgia Main Street/Better Home Town Accreditation luncheon in Atlanta. Representing Washington were (l-r) Bruce Fitzgerald, Main Street Director David Jenkins, Mayor Willie Burns, and Phil Foil, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. The city received recognition from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Washington Main Street Program and its commitment to downtown revitalization and historic preservation. Approximately 80 cities in Georgia were recognized for their efforts at the luncheon.

## Historic preservation tax credits subject of Main Street seminar on Wed., Feb. 18

The Washington Main Street Program is hosting a Historic Preservation Tax Credit Workshop on Wednesday, February 18, at 1 p.m. at the Washington Jockey Club.

"If you own a historic home or business and are looking at renovation, there could be substantial tax credits available to you," Washington Main Street Director David Jenkins said. "The purpose of the workshop is to provide an educational opportunity for Georgia's new Historic Preservation Tax Credit, which could mean up to \$100,000 tax credit for residential properties and \$300,000 for commercial properties."

There is no cost to attend the workshop, which is open to the public.

"Historic preservation is a vital aspect of Washington and we are using this opportunity to educate our citizens about the new opportunities we now have," Jenkins said. "While we are most interested in Washington residents, we gladly welcome the attendance of our neighbors."

The workshop is in cooperation with the Georgia Historic Preserva-

tion Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. "Please register so that we can adequately set up the room," Jenkins said. Seating

is limited to the first 75 registrants. "Also, please have lunch in one of our downtown restaurants before the workshop."



## Maintain Your Brain at Wills Memorial

Kathy Tuckey (center), program director with the Alzheimer's Association in Augusta presented the program "Maintain Your Brain" recently to the Tea and Learn meeting at Wills Memorial Hospital. In an effort to keep a healthy brain, Tuckey suggested eating healthy, watching out for salt, do exercise and crossword puzzles. Some 20 guests attended the session, Pat Niemann of the Wills Memorial Auxiliary said.

## Community Calendar

- February 12 County Commissioners, 2 p.m.  
Friends of the Library, 3 p.m.  
W-W Garden Club, 2 p.m., NW Library  
WMH Tea and Learn, 2:30 p.m., Cafe  
LWREA, 11 a.m., Lincolnton Library  
Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m.
- February 13 New Sutton marriage workshop, 7:30  
Pauline Chapel special program, 7:30 p.m.  
Black History Program, 4 p.m., Mt. Carmel  
New Sutton black history program, 11:30 a.m.  
Pole Branch Young Adult Choir anniversary, 3 p.m.  
Black Rock AME black history program, 11 a.m.  
Pauline Chapel honor program, 3 p.m.  
Hilliard Station black history, 11:45 a.m.
- February 16 DAR, 12 noon, Woman's Club  
LIR, Parish House, 2-4 p.m.  
Presidents Day Holiday
- February 17 Relay for Life hotcake supper, 5:30 p.m., McDonalds  
Board of Education, 7 p.m.  
Professional Learning Day for teachers, holiday for students  
Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., MW Library
- February 18 In Service for teachers; holiday for students.
- February 19 Tignall Homemakers, 2 p.m. NW Library  
Community Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m., Methodist Church  
Board of Registrars, 10 a.m., Courthouse  
Heard's Chapel black history program, 3 p.m.  
Lions Club chicken barbecue, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., clubhouse  
New Saints SNAP meeting, 10 a.m.
- February 22 Jackson Chapel AME black history program, 11 a.m.  
Christ City of Prayer black history, 11 a.m.  
Springfield black history program, 11:30 a.m.
- February 23 TLM Baby Dedication, 7 p.m., Third Shiloh  
Civil War Roundtable, 6 p.m., Jockey Club  
Wills Memorial Hospital COPD seminar, 5 p.m., Nash Library
- February 24 Wills Memorial Hospital COPD seminar, 2 p.m., Nash Library
- February 28 Mt. Carmel SS workshop, 9 a.m.  
Old School Reunion, 12 noon, MW Library  
New Saints SNAP meeting, 10 a.m.
- March 1 Gibson Grove Fifty State Rally, 11:30 a.m.
- March 5 Storm Spotter Class, 7 p.m., W-WCHS
- March 9 Washington City Council, 6 p.m.