



### SAR members attend Briar Creek anniversary

Five members of the Little River Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), including (l-r) William Tankersley, Don Thomas, Alton McCloud, William Colbert, and Gary Smith traveled to Screven County on March 6, for the 242nd anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Briar Creek which occurred on March 3, 1779.

The event was sponsored by the Wiregrass Chapter SAR in Swainsboro; the Briar Creek Chapter SAR in Sylvania; and the Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Swainsboro.

The Little River Chapter SAR represents the counties of Warren, McDuffie, Lincoln, and Columbia. Anyone interested in learning more about the Little River Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution should contact William Tankersley at [wjntank@comcast.net](mailto:wjntank@comcast.net) or 706-825-5810.

## Federal income tax filing deadline extended by Treasury Department, IRS until May 15

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on Wednesday, March 17, that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

"This continues to be a tough time for many people, and the IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibilities," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Even with the new deadline, we urge taxpayers to consider filing as soon as possible, especially those who are owed refunds. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds, and it can help some taxpayers more quickly receive any remaining stimulus payments they may be entitled to."

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest, and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the IRS to

qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until October 15 by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software, or by using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Filing Form 4868 gives taxpayers until October 15 to file their 2020 tax return but does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Taxpayers should pay their federal income tax due by May 17, 2021, to avoid interest and penalties.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days.

This relief does not apply to estimated tax payments that are due on April 15, 2021. These payments are still due on April 15. Taxes must be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. In general, estimated tax payments are made quarterly to the IRS by people whose income isn't subject to income tax withholding, including self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony, or rental income. Most taxpayers automatically have their taxes withheld from their paychecks and submitted to the IRS by their employer.

The federal tax filing deadline postponement to May 17, 2021, applies only to individual federal income returns and tax (including tax on self-employment income) payments otherwise due April 15, 2021, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other

type of federal tax.

Taxpayers also will need to file income tax returns in 42 states plus the District of Columbia. State filing and payment deadlines vary and are not always the same as the federal filing deadline. The IRS urges taxpayers to check with their state tax agencies for those details.

## Thomas, Edwards will speak at Chamber forum tonight

The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce is hosting its second "getting to know your local business community" forum on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

This month's spotlight will feature Lincoln County Historical Society Presidents Don Thomas and past president and current program director Gary Edwards. The duo will be providing insight into past, present, and future events at the historical park and updates on the refurbishment of the Wright House and its plans for the future.

Those wishing to listen in and pose questions to the featured speakers are asked to contact the Chamber through its website [lincolngachamber.org](http://lincolngachamber.org) or by email at [info@lincolngachamber.org](mailto:info@lincolngachamber.org). A call-in number and PIN will be provided for access to the forum. Only those who have registered by Wednesday, March 24, will have access.

"The Chamber is opening this forum to everyone in the community who is interested in listening and learning about our local businesses and non-profits. We have moved onto a zoom meeting platform,

## Emergency supply kit is essential

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such as a book on first aid.

- A wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- A flashlight and extra batteries.
- Prescription medications and glasses.
- A cell phone with a charger.
- Pet food and extra water for your pet.
- Infant formula and diapers.
- A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- A complete change of clothing, including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes.
- Household chlorine bleach and a medicine dropper. When diluted – nine parts water to one part bleach – bleach can be used as a disinfectant.

In an emergency, 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water can be used to treat water.

Do not use scented or color safe bleaches or bleaches with added cleaners.

- A fire extinguisher.
- Matches in a waterproof container.
- Mess kits; paper cups, plates, and towels; and plastic utensils.
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children.

Although most of the safety tips listed below are geared specifically toward helping residents prepare for winter weather, a few of them would be useful in any emergency situation:

- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and window sills to keep the warm air inside.

- Allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.

- Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.
- Fully winterize your vehicle and keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Make sure you have your chimney cleaned and inspected every year.
- Use flashlights during power outages instead of candles to prevent the risk of fire and have plenty of extra batteries on hand.
- Never bring portable genera-

tors, camp stoves, and grills into your home. They should be used only outside.

Keep them at least 20 feet away from your home's windows, doors, and vents to prevent deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Make alternate arrangements to operate medical equipment in case the power is out for an extended period of time.

- Monitor commercial radio, television, and the internet.

- Follow directions from local officials about driving during snow and ice storms.

## Republicans Hice, Belle Isle to challenge Raffensperger

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, and former Alpharetta Mayor David Belle Isle announced their candidacies for Georgia secretary of state Monday by attacking incumbent Brad Raffensperger's handling of last year's elections.

Hice, who immediately picked up the endorsement of former President Donald Trump, accused Raffensperger of standing by while widespread election fraud compromised the integrity of Georgia's elections process.

"Though I am encouraged to see the General Assembly taking it upon themselves to address some of the glaring issues in our elections, Georgia deserves a secretary of state who will own the responsibilities of the office," Hice said in a prepared statement.

"If elected, I will instill confidence in our election process by upholding the Georgia Constitution, enforcing meaningful reform and aggressively pursuing those who commit voter fraud."

Belle Isle was runner-up to Raffensperger in the 2018 Republican primary.

"I am running for secretary of state to clean up the mess, secure the mail-in ballot, and restore voter confidence," Belle Isle said in a prepared statement. "In the recent elections, we witnessed voter suppression on a massive scale, triggered by voter uncertainty and made worse by the secretary's poor decisions, carelessness, and failure to lead. ... It's time to hold the secretary of state accountable."

Raffensperger and other state

elections officials have repeatedly refuted claims of widespread voter fraud in Georgia during the 2020 election cycle, and multiple federal courts either declined to take up lawsuits filed by disgruntled Republicans or dismissed them.

Trump, who has consistently refused to concede that Biden carried Georgia in the November election, put his stamp of approval on Hice's 2022 candidacy Monday.

"Unlike the current Georgia secretary of state, Jody leads out front with integrity," Trump wrote in a prepared statement. "I have 100% confidence in Jody to fight for free, fair, and secure elections in Georgia, in line with our beloved U.S. Constitution."

Republican Gov. Brian Kemp and GOP Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan came to Raffensperger's defense during the weeks of criticism other Georgia Republicans leveled at the secretary of state.

On Monday, former Georgia Rep. Buzz Brockway, who also unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for secretary of state in 2018, suggested Republicans' targeting of Raffensperger rather than recently victorious Democrats is misplaced.

"We now have two announced primary challengers to the incumbent SOS (secretary of state) and zero announced candidates against [Democratic U.S.] Sen. Raphael Warnock," Brockway wrote in a Twitter post. "I'm beginning to question how serious the GOP really is in blocking [President Joe] Biden's agenda."

## DPH reports on COVID-19 cases; register for vaccine at [ecphd.com](http://ecphd.com)

Lincoln County had its twenty-third reported COVID-19 fatality according to the Georgia Department of Public Health's (DPH) website as of Monday, March 22.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County increased to 496 with twenty-three reported fatalities as of the 3 p.m. posting by the Georgia Department of Public Health on Monday.

Neighboring Wilkes County lists 661 cases and seventeen deaths, McDuffie County reports 1608 cases and 38 deaths, Columbia lists 10,697 cases and 156 deaths, and Richmond County reports 19,036 cases and 375 deaths.

Also reported as of 3 p.m. Monday, 843,675 Georgians had tested positive for COVID-19. Of those patients, 57,961 were hospitalized, and 16,171 deaths have been reported.

To register for the vaccine in Lincoln County, go online to [ecphd.com](http://ecphd.com) [East Central Public Health

## Booster club hosts golf tournament at Rocky Branch

The Lincoln County Athletic Booster Club will host a golf tournament for a \$5,000 cash prize on Saturday, April 17, rain or shine, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Rocky Branch Golf Club in Lincolnton.

The tournament will involve a five-person team scramble with "A, B, C, D, and E players."

Individuals may sign up at Rocky Branch or may call the club at 706-359-4303. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes one mulligan and one red tee drive.

A tournament party will be held Friday night before the match at the Rocky Branch clubhouse at 7 p.m. Food will be provided.

All proceeds from the golf tournament will go toward the Lincoln County Athletic Booster Club and its support for middle and high school athletics.

# Easter Sunday Worship

## April 4, 2021

8:00 AM Service

9:30 AM Service  
Nursery & Children's Church Available

11:00 AM Service  
Nursery & Children's Church Available

Lincolnton First Assembly of God

328 May Avenue Lincolnton, Georgia

Live Streaming During 11:00 Service at [www.firstagl.org](http://www.firstagl.org)



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