



**Reid delivers fans to those in need**

Augusta-Sparta District Lay Leader Travis Reid (left), along with (l-r) Denise Parker, George Zustak, and Shay Chamberlain distributed 87 fans to community members on Thursday, June 8 at American Legion Post 597.

The mission to serve senior citizens in the community who may be without air conditioning, although open to anyone in need, is an annual tradition. "We wanted to give these out to those in need, especially with the hot summer months coming up," Reid said. "This was to bless the people in our community, and I want to thank all those in the community who contributed to this cause, and who helped to make it happen."

Reid also thank Harvey Elam with Post 597 for allowing them to use the facility.

**Harris named deputy superintendent for DCSD**

Melissa Ann Harris, has been named Deputy Superintendent for Community Empowerment, Innovation and Partnerships for the DeKalb County School District.

DeKalb County is the third largest schools district in Georgia with nearly 100,000 students. In this role Harris oversees a newly created division of the district, charged with fostering a culture of transparency through improved communication and creating a coalition of support for district students from parents, community leaders, partner organizations and philanthropists.

Prior to joining DCSD, Harris served for 15 years at the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) in many critical roles where she oversaw the creation of high-level policy, strategy, and policy implementation which spanned across the Department of Education. Additionally, Harris has served in several external facing positions where she has played a primary role in reshaping the landscape of family and community engagement to support thousands of families served by the Department of Education.

Harris has been recognized nationally as an emerging school system leader and was selected for The Broad Superintendents Acad-

emy program in 2019 and the Parahara NextGen program in 2016. She has a Master's degree in Education Policy from the University at Albany, the State University of New York.

Harris is the daughter of Verdry

and Bernice Harris, of Atlanta, Georgia and the granddaughter of Norman and Eva Mae Harris; niece of Jean and Maude Marshall, Willie and Elease Kelly; Charlie and Brenda Harper, and Katherine Harris, all of Lincolnton.

**Consumer Ed answers questions**

**Dear Consumer Ed: How can I find out if the vehicle that I am interested in purchasing from a dealership is a salvaged vehicle?**

Consumer Ed says: In Georgia a vehicle is considered salvaged when 1) two or more component parts of the vehicle must be replaced in order to make the vehicle operable again; 2) an insurance company has paid a "total loss claim" and the vehicle has not been repaired; 3) an imported vehicle has been damaged in shipment, disclaimed by the manufacturer because of the damage, has never been the subject of a retail sale and has never been issued a title; or 4) another state has titled and branded the vehicle as "Total Loss," "Fire," "Flood," or "Water." Vehicles that have a salvaged title are illegal to operate on public roads in Georgia. Therefore, the dealership is likely selling a vehicle with a rebuilt

title. In order for the vehicle to be driven on public roads, the salvaged vehicle must have been repaired and go through an inspection prior to applying for a rebuilt title. Anyone applying for a rebuilt title must go through the application process, which includes requesting an inspection from the Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle Division's approved private inspectors or stations and paying the applicable fees to ensure the vehicle is in legally operable condition.

A vehicle that was previously a salvage vehicle and has since been rebuilt will disclose on the face of the title that the vehicle is rebuilt. Also, always consider obtaining a vehicle history report prior to purchase or lease, such as that available through the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS), which can provide valuable information regarding a vehicle's history, including title status.

Information about salvage and rebuilt motor vehicle titles can be obtained at the Georgia Department of Revenue's website at: dor.georgia.gov/salvage-titles-0.

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**Thorton and Leroy named to Dean's List at Kennesaw**

Sydney Thornton and Metz Leroy, both of Lincolnton, were recently named to the Dean's List at Kennesaw State University in recognition of their academic excellence for the Spring 2021 semester.

To achieve this honor, each undergraduate student must have completed at least 9 semester hours with a term grade point average of 3.5.

A leader in innovative teaching and learning, Kennesaw State University offers more than 150 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees to its approximately 41,000 students.

With 11 colleges on two metro Atlanta campuses, Kennesaw State is a member of the University System of Georgia and the third-largest university in the state.

The university's vibrant campus culture, diverse population, strong global ties and entrepreneurial spirit draw students from throughout the region and from 92 countries across the globe.

Kennesaw State is a Carnegie-designated doctoral research institution (R2), placing it among an elite group of only 6 percent of U.S. colleges and universities with an R1 or R2 status, and one of the 50 largest public institutions in the country.

**Across The Savannah  
Kettle Creek, a Rough Place  
for Tories and Loyalists**

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I was driving back into history. On to Washington, Georgia, I went where I hit Route 44 toward Union Point. In a matter of miles I crossed Kettle Creek. Then Stoney Ridge Road, Highway 68, took me to Highway 22, Court Ground Road, and it took me to War Hill Road. When I saw the handsome stone-wall and gate erected by the Kettle Creek DAR Chapter, I knew I was just below the hill where one of the most important battles of the American Revolutionary War took place and that would be Wilkes County, Georgia.

February 14, 1779—400 patriots surprise attacked a force of Loyalists twice their number. Things had not been going well for Patriots. The British had taken Savannah, Georgia, December 29, 1778, as part of a "southern strategy" designed to separate Georgia from the middle and northern rebellious colonies. No need to detail the battle. Online you can easily learn how Colonels John Dooley, Andrew Pickens, and Elijah Clark destroyed Colonel James Boyd's forces, killing Boyd himself. The victory proved pivotal.

"Kettle Creek was the severest check and chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia." —Colonel Andrew Pickens

I walked the hill with its cemetery and massive monument erected in 1930 by the United States Government upon request of what would be the Kettle Creek Chapter of the DAR. I stood on the hill imagining shots, shouts, screams, and high-pitched neighing of horses. The air was still, humidity high, and all was as quiet as a tomb, save for birdsong. While there reinforcements arrived, five ladies on a history tour. They said they were headed to Plains, Georgia.

The forested Kettle Creek battlefield, including "War Hill," is a 40-acre tract encircling a 500-foot high hill. The Georgia Historical Commission placed two historical markers in 1958 atop the hill and in 1962, 1973, and 1974 additional monuments came to be placed and



Entrance to Kettle Creek Battlefield. (Photos by Tom Poland)



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Revolutionary soldiers reburied atop the hill.

Among others thank the Daughters of the American Revolution for their diligence and patriotism here. A chapter of the DAR was organized in Washington, Georgia, September 11, 1895. The chapter's name, "Wilkes County," honored members' residence. Chapter members were eager to purchase the land where the Battle of Kettle Creek was fought. A survey was made in 1899, and in January 1900, the chapter purchased 12.5

acres for \$75.00. The chapter later became the Kettle Creek Chapter.

Back in school all I heard about was the Boston Tea Party and the shot heard around the world, but battles like Kettle Creek and South Carolina's Cowpens did their part to stave off British accents. Sometimes, like those five ladies, you have to seek history on your own. Kettle Creek is a good place to start.

Kettle Creek Battlefield was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 26, 1975.

**Too much love can ruin the chances of growing perfect summer tomatoes**

By Mary Carol Sheffield for CAES News

During the summer growing season, the love many have for a homegrown tomato approaches obsession. In fact, some people love tomatoes so much that they struggle to grow them - because they give their plants too much care.

The calls have started to come in to University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offices: "My tomato plant leaves are yellowing or browning, curling, spotting or wilting." I hear it every year, beginning right about now.

As I talk to gardeners, I learn that they water the plants every day, fertilize them dutifully and plant them in the same spot year after year. This well-intentioned care has resulted in the problems they are desperately trying to solve.

Follow these basic rules and you will produce a great crop of tomatoes this summer:

- Water correctly. Do not overwater.

The first week tomato plants are in the ground, they need water every day, but back off watering after the first week, slowly weaning the plants down to 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week. Watering tomato plants every day will prevent them from developing a strong root system and sitting in wet soil is an invitation to root rot and other soilborne diseases.

• When you water, do not wet the plant leaves. Wet leaves invite infections that can cause your plant leaves to spot, yellow and wilt before the plant has a chance to produce any of the tasty tomatoes that you are so anxiously anticipating.

• Water early in the day. Early watering gives the plant time to take up the water before the heat of the sun increases evaporation, making your water application more effective.

• Mulch around your tomato plants. To help conserve soil moisture, keep the root system cool. Mulching also helps reduce the chance of diseases infecting your tomato plants. A 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch will suffice and can help protect your plants from weed competition. It can also reduce the splashing of water that can transfer soilborne diseases to the leaves and stems of the plants.

• Rotate your crop each year. Try to plant tomatoes in a different spot every year, rotating through your garden space every three to four years. Planting them in the same place allows disease pathogens that are specific to tomatoes to build up in the soil. By moving them around in the garden each year, you can break up the disease cycle.

• Be careful with fertilizer. Young tomato plants are sensitive to nitrogen and can be easily burned if overfertilized. Also, have your soil tested and follow recommendations based on test results carefully. Don't apply all of the recommended fertilizer at the time you plant tomatoes. Wait until they have established a good root system and started to grow before you fertilize. Overfertilization of mature plants can result in lush green plants that never flower and therefore will not produce tomatoes.

More information is available in UGA Extension Bulletin 1271, "Georgia Homegrown Tomatoes."

UGA Extension can help answer questions about home horticulture, sustainable landscaping and environmentally friendly gardening practices using unbiased, research-based information. For more information contact your local UGA Extension office.

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The massive monument was erected by the U.S. Government in 1930.



The monument reads "This battle of the American Revolution in which the British were severely defeated checked their invasion of Georgia."

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