



Photos by MICHAEL BOWEN

The militia and color guard march around the square

# Kettle Creek battle anniversary sees moderate turnout

The celebration of the battle of Kettle creek saw a reasonable turnout this past weekend. The day began with the raising of the revolutionary colors and several commemorative volleys from the militia. Reenactors portraying colonial Militiamen, Tories, and a colonial color guard were joined by the Tiger Marching Band for their annual march around the square. The march was followed by the annual battle reenactment, which was joined by two small mortars. Several living history exhibits were also set up in the Washington Livery for guests who wanted a glimpse of life from the revolutionary era. A commemoration ceremony at War Hill in Kettle Creek National Park followed the reenactment. According to Wilkes County Commission Chairman Sam Moore, last year's celebration was cancelled and the year before, in 2020, the event was held in the Athens Technical College's Wilkes County Campus gym. "It is good to be back on the hill," Moore said. "This is the biggest crowd we've had," he added. Moore recounted the growth of the event from a few local citizens to a crowd of attendees from all over the United States. Moore took a moment to thank former Congressman Jody Hice for his hard work to get Kettle Creek recognized as a national park. Moore also stated that more improvements are coming for the park and indicated the installation of a pavilion and bathrooms at the foot of the hill.



Reenactors portray the battle of Kettle Creek



A cannoneer opens fire during the Kettle Creek reenactment

Several additional speakers commemorated the event before the wreath laying and a flag placing ceremony. To conclude the commemoration ceremony, the militia fired a salute, followed by the playing of taps.

# February Grand Jury hands down indictments

Indictments were handed down by Wilkes County's Grand Jury last week in a variety of cases investigated in Wilkes County. During the February term of court, the Grand Jury handed down a total of 49 indictments or true bills. There were not any no bills. True bills were returned on individuals as follows:

Eddie Bankston – aggravated assault.

Joe Barnett, Jr. – terroristic threats.

Michael Edward Bolton, Jr. – possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of firearm during the commission of a felony; theft by receiving stolen property.

Joseph William Brim – child molestation.

Nathaniel Cullars – simple battery (2 counts); malpractice, misfeasance or malfeasance in office (2 counts).

Richard Joerimuth Davis – Fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; obstruction of an officer; driving under the influence; driving while license is suspended; failure to maintain lane; open container.

Brittany Marie Dilley – cruelty to children in the second degree (2 counts).

Michael Lee Dove – terroristic threats; battery, family violence.

Jimmy Evans – illegal use of communication facility; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Thomas Odell Fagan, Jr. – aggravated assault, family violence; criminal damage to property in the second degree.

Willie James Faust – aggra-

vated assault; possession of a knife during the commission of a felony; aggravated assault, family violence; possession of a knife during the commission of a felony.

Petrina Ferrell – Criminal attempt to commit a felony (2 counts); illegal use of a communication facility (2 counts).

David Fields – Fleeing or attempting to elude an officer; driving while license suspended; possession of drug related objects; reckless driving; failure to maintain lane; tail light violation; improper passing.

Joel Gartrell – illegal use of a communication facility; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Roderick Bernard Gladmon – aggravated assault.

Michael Glenn – illegal use of a communication facility; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Jose Adrian Gomez-Torres – aggravated assault, family violence; criminal trespass – family violence (2 counts).

Christian Dashlone Gordon – possession of a schedule II controlled substance; possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

David Grant – illegal use of a communication facility; criminal attempt to commit a felony.

Jeremy Deunta Grant – child molestation.

Recardo Grant – obstruction of an officer.

Carlos Merrell Hamrick – battery, family violence.

Robert Claude Hardeman – criminal attempt to commit a felony (3 counts); illegal use of

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## JOB VACANCY: City Clerk

The City of Washington, Georgia seeks a City Clerk. The City Clerk performs duties as set forth by the City Charter and serves as records manager for the City of Washington. The City Clerk records official minutes of City Council meetings and prepares agendas and supporting materials. The City Clerk coordinates with liaisons within the city organization to ensure that agendas, minutes, and records retention requirement are met. The City Clerk also works with other departments and the City Attorney to ensure that requests for public information are fulfilled in a manner consistent with the Georgia Open Records Act. The City Clerk serves as the custodian of all official records of the City and oversees the records management program for the City.

The ideal candidate has proven experience in public sector records retention policies and procedures. Demonstrated knowledge of municipal laws and operating procedures is essential. The City Clerk should be able to utilize a variety of advisory data and information including the Georgia Local Government Code, Election Law Manual, Georgia Open Meetings and Records Act Handbook, and the City Code of Ordinances. A Bachelor's degree in business or public administration, political science, or a closely related field, from an accredited college or university and a minimum of five (5) years related professional experience is highly desirable.

The selected candidate must possess or secure a valid Georgia Notary Public Certificate within 60 days. Additionally, the successful candidate must attend a mandatory orientation training presented by the Georgia Municipal Association and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

The City of Washington offers a competitive benefits package that includes a salary range of \$45,000 - \$65,000 depending on experience and qualifications. This position is open until filled; however, interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply no later than Friday, March 11, 2022, by submitting a cover letter and resume. Applications may be submitted in any of these methods:

Email to [jdebin@wga.gov](mailto:jdebin@wga.gov)

Hand deliver: City Hall (102 E. Liberty Street, Washington, GA 30673)

Mail: City of Washington, c/o City Administrator, P.O. Box 9, Washington, GA 30673

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## Community Calendar

- First Mondays Lions Club, Lions Club building, 6 p.m.
- First Tuesdays Iris Garden Club litter pickup, various locations
- Second Weds. Fishing Creek Wildlife Action, Harris Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturdays Litter pickup, meet at CofC, 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays Washington Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club, 1 p.m.
- Thursdays Washington Rotary Club, Woman's Club, noon
- Fridays Alzheimer's Support, Connely Gallery, 11 a.m.
- February 18 Classic South Quilt Guild, Wesley Hall, First United Methodist Church, 2 p.m.
- February 28 Civil War Round Table, Woman's Club, 6 p.m.

## Independence United Methodist Church

Invites Everyone to Attend

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

247 Independence Street

Tignall, Georgia

Pastor: Michael Poplin  
706-474-2718 (text please)  
[mpoplin59@gmail.com](mailto:mpoplin59@gmail.com)

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