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# WASHINGTON SPARK!

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## Revolutionary Days

Mark your calendars for the 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek. A National Society SAR Historic site event sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. There will be activities for all ages during this 3 day event.

This historic battle took place on February 14, 1779 and was one of the most important battles of the Revolutionary War in Georgia. At the time, the State of Georgia was almost completely under British control. The battle at Kettle Creek lasted three hours and was a victory for American Patriots who took 75 prisoners and killed roughly 70 loyalists, while losing only 32 of their men. The victory demonstrated the inability of British forces to hold the interior of the state.



*Children line up for a lesson on proper formation and handling of the musket.*

The festivities will begin **Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 Noon with a walking tour of the Kettle Creek Site. Tours will begin at the Federal monument at 12:00, 1:30 and 3:00. A dinner and Revolutionary War program will be held in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots at the Pope Conference Center at 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 a.m. there will be a presentation on the battle and history of Wilkes County by Lt Col. Ret. Emory Burton followed by a Musket Salute and raising of the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flagpole. Historical performers will be on the City Square, Mary Willis Library, Robert Toombs House and Washington City Museum from 9 a.m. to noon. A parade will leave from behind the courthouse at 10:30 a.m. and the public is encourage to participate. At 2:30 p.m. Wreath presentations will begin at War Hill to honor the heroism of those that lost their life in this historic battle.

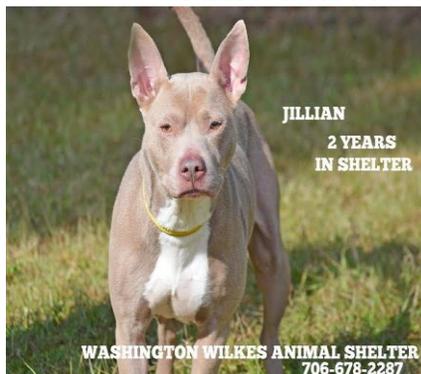
Festivities will conclude on **Sunday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** with a Memorial Service honoring the Wilkes County militia and the SC Upper 96 Militia who fought together. Services begin at 9 a.m. at Phillips Mill Baptist Church.

## City of Washington Celebrates 236<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the City of Washington's 236<sup>th</sup> birthday. Incorporated in 1780, the City was the first in the nation to be named in honor of George Washington, who at the time was the Commander and Chief of the Continental Army. The City hosted a birthday party at the Washington Historical museum where guests enjoyed cake and free tours of the museum.

### PLEASE ADOPT A NEEDY PET



*Jillian would love to find her forever home. Valentine's Day is fast approaching! Share your heart with this loving female. She is a lover of toys and would like nothing better than to have a family who will play with her. Can't adopt? Please consider being a foster!*

**Calendar:** The City Council meets Monday February 8th, at the Pope Center, 48 Lexington Ave. **Please note, Work session time has changed and begins at 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. City offices will be closed for President's Day, February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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