



Photos by Ron Isbell
Zack Lemhouse, a fiddler from York, SC, warms up with a tune and a campfire at Saturday's event in Grover.



Marti Mongiello of The American Revolutionary War Living History Center & Experience (ARWLHC) in Grover, host of the Revolutionary War Day event, and Joe Martin of Grover inspect Martin's hand-carved walking sticks. Martin, a carver originally from West Virginia, was one of several artists attending last week's event.

myth," he said. "I invented the first flexible catheters and wooden swim fans."

He also talked about his life, how he got into politics and what pushed him to become a true American patriot.

Mongiello gave tours of the inn, sharing the history and giving people an inside look at the "slave quarters" downstairs.

Former black slave "Ishmael Titus" shared his story with vis-

itors.

"He was born a slave in Amelia County, Virginia, about 1743. He was sold twice, finally to a man in Roane County, North Carolina (possibly Rowan County)," according to Mongiello. "He was freed for substituting for (serving in the army in place of) his master's son. After serving that enlistment, he reenlisted. He just missed Camden. He did serve at

Deep River, King's Mountain, and Guilford Court House. He was captured by Tories and aided Colonel Cleveland, also a Tory prisoner, to escape. He was living in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in 1832."

Even though the rain, during the event, dampened the outdoors, it did not seem to dampen the spirits that were brought back to life in this trip through time.



Characters reborn at Living History Day

By EMILY WEAVER
Editor

GROVER - The Inn of the Patriots recently held a Living History Day, complete with colonial campsites, musket firing, live reenactments, a colonial dress-making tutorial and an afternoon tea with Ben Franklin.

The 9 a.m.-9 p.m. event featured live music from Zach Lemhouse, a distinguished violin player, and baking and tasting sessions of Scotch-Irish cuisine including soda bread, scones, colcannon, corned beef and cabbage, with the former executive chef to the president of the United States of America - Martin C.J. Mongiello, proprietor of the inn.

Major Chronicle, portrayed by Matt Vincett, explained the fashion of early settlers. The standard dress for working women at the time, he said, was a shift (undergarment), a petticoat and a stay (corset).

Women of wealth, he added, would not leave the house without also donning a pair of gloves and a hat.

It was cold back then, he said. "If your head gets wet, you (have a chance at) getting sick and dying," he said. "You had about a 50/50 chance of surviving a head cold."

Muffs made of beaver pelts were also in fashion. Just like his pioneer ancestors, Vincett traps beavers and makes his own muffs and clothing from their pelts and from materials and patterns commonly used in colonial times.

He does his own hand-stitching and embroidery to keep the clothes authentic. A table inside the inn was covered with some of Vincett's beautiful, handcrafted designs.

Ben Franklin, portrayed by Dave Sherrill, said that he sat down with eight ladies for tea time at 2 p.m. He talked with them about his inventions and dispelled common rumors.

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