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on the Nottely.

Q. I've seen a Grist Mill. Sometimes the wheel moves and sometimes it doesn't. What is the story behind this unique building?

A. According to records, the original Old Tate Gristmill was built by Andrew Jackson Hughes in the late 1800's. It changed hands several times, and the mill was operated by several different families. It was last owned as an operating gristmill by the Ocean Tate family until the mid-1960's. The two-story mill was powered by a 14 ft. overshot wheel. The lower level held the corn shelling machine and the mills. The upper level held hoppers for the grains and a bolt to sift wheat and rye. The mill was in operation for possibly 100 years according to the families who used it to grind corn. It was dismantled in December 2008 and reconstructed in Meeks Park II. The waterwheel on the gristmill begins turning sometime in the Spring each year, and it turns until just after the Sorghum Festival. During the festival, visitors can

tour the inside of the dwelling and view the mechanisms that capture the water that make the wheel turn.

Q. What do we need to know about the dog park next to the Senior Center? Can we let our dogs run without a leash?

A. You can park in the rear Senior Center parking lot and walk your dog across the street to the dog park trails; however, dogs must be on a leash. Once inside the park, you will see a fenced-in area where you can unleash your dog – allowing him/her to run. While walking through the dog park, you might see a disc golf tournament going on as this dog park also serves as a disc golf course.

We ask that all pet owners behave responsibly when it comes to pet waste and that all trails be kept clean for others to enjoy. Visitors will find a pleasant surprise at the back of the dog park, where a dock and gazebo provide a beautiful view of kayakers making their way down the Nottely river to the mouth of Lake Nottely.

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systems in their incessant attacks against Israel and their other enemies.

Those are the people our president and university students are supporting... against our ally and the only democratic nation in that part of the world, Israel. Their support of this evil has resulted in the most widespread and vicious campus unrest since the restless 1960s. University campuses were taken captive, pro-Palestinian tent encampments as war zone control centers were set up in public places, clashes with police became the norm, burning and looting was not uncommon. Mayhem increased as almost to a person, university presidents and other school leaders refused to address the situation. University officials and the police lost control.

Even more nefarious, antisemitism began to raise its ugly head in a big way. Jews were threatened and Jewish students were not allowed to attend classes. University officials refused to protect their Jewish students. Some students felt threatened enough they took off their yarmulkes or Stars of David to avoid being harassed. Suddenly, because these students couldn't express their faith without fear, America lost its status as being a country protecting religious freedom.

As we gazed at our TV sets, we became inundated with 24/7 news coverage of the demonstrations and riots. We saw the warmongers wave signs proclaiming "mercy for the martyrs," "pride for Gaza," "from sea to sea, Palestine will be Arab," "boycott Israel," "sweep the Jews into the sea," "f-- Zionism," Zionism=Nazism, "from the river to the sea" and "get rid of the genocide." High-decibel chants pierced the air, one of their favorites being "There is only one solution, Intifada, revolution."

The chants of these people (and I use the term loosely) were calling for the complete destruction of Israel. Intifada is an Arabic word meaning uprising, shaking off and rebellion. To HAMAS it means murder, rape, mayhem, violence and armed terrorism. During the 2000 bloody intifada, over 1,000 Israelis died, most as a result of suicide bombings. To the Jew, Intifada means racial bias and antisemitism, hatred and bloodshed.

Meanwhile, most Americans sat on their hands, doing

nothing. However, the outcry from Christians has been deafening as this group, seeing religious freedom disappear before their eyes, rallied the forces to confront and physically combat the evil they saw rising from a flickering match into a blazing inferno.

Wrong!!!

These rebels are taking direct aim at God's chosen people, the Jews, glorifying terrorism and the Devil's agenda. Christians, observing the mayhem and evil being perpetuated upon them and the Jews, simply joined the rest of America in thinking to themselves and proclaiming in their discussions, "someone ought to do something about this." Because of this attitude, Christians for decades have sat in their padded pews on Sundays, content with the status quo and refusing to take a stand and confront evil. As a result, abortion is running rampant throughout the nation killing off millions upon millions of babies, schools are teaching LGBTQ+ values, the Bible was taken out of our schools, the WOKE agenda has infiltrated the schools and now antisemitism is making a comeback.

Pastors are experts at pontificating from the pulpit about how the Devil is taking control of America. We must pray, they emphasize. And that's what Christians around the land began doing... praying for the Jews. And doing nothing else. Saying "Let's pray about it" is disingenuous, at best. That's not what the Bible teaches. Prayer must be accompanied by action. In rebuilding the gates of Jerusalem, Nehemia and the house of Judah not only prayed to their God but they also did something about their perilous situation. They sat a guard as protection (Neh. 4:9). Half the people guarded, half built the wall. The job was completed in 52 days (6:15).

When Christians see injustices taking place, they need to mobilize into action. Evil cannot be condoned by inaction. Martin Luther King said it best, "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

When that happens and Christians don't step forward and take action, evil eventually becomes the new norm. Evil becomes glorified.

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terrorist doobies still hiding and firing rockets at civilian Israeli targets from Rafah schools, hospitals and other illegal cowardly locations.

The list goes on infinitum. Obviously.

But instead of addressing these issues, the left continues to harass Trump and has concocted numerous legal cases running in Democrat plantation cities just so they can call the former president a "felon" (which, by the way, technically, he isn't yet).

What sad little people we are to be moaning about all of this when we have a Secretary of Defense actually discussing worldwide nuclear war as if it was a sane option.

You can sure tell he wasn't in my "hide under your school desk" generation.

There are several Yiddish words appropriate to this that I can't use in a quality newspaper.

Orémus (a Latin word)
Y'all,
Murray Tarter

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Andrew Clyde and the extreme members of the Republican party want you to do just that. "Revenge" politics will only benefit one person, so be careful what you wish for.

While I disagree with how the current administration has handled some issues, I feel confident that the President has our best interests at heart in the long run, for all of us, Democrats and Republicans. I try to focus on the good things, of which there are many. Here's one: The S&P 500, which tracks the stock performance of 500 of the biggest companies on U.S. stock exchanges, closed recently at a new record high of 5,354. The Nasdaq Composite, which is weighted toward the information technology sector, also closed at a record high of 17,187. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was also up, but not to a new record. It closed at 38,807. Even if you don't have stocks, this news is indicative of a healthy economy, and we should all be encouraged by these figures.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 272,000 in May, and the unemployment rate changed little at 4%. The better the country does, the bet-

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their own tunnels. If you're unsure if you have voles or moles take a slice of apple and tie a piece of string around it. Place it in the hole and let it sit for a couple of days. When you pull it back out, if the apple is gone you have voles (herbivores), if the apple is still there you have moles (carnivores).

If you have questions about vole and mole control please contact your local Extension Office or send me an email at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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at the temple. On the way, their plans changed. A lame man needed help. In that moment, they prioritized love over routine, service over convenience. They engaged, not with silver or gold, but in the name of Jesus. And what a conversation they started! (Acts 3)

What about you and your church? What are your priorities? Are you adaptable? What does it mean to follow Christ? Do you serve in ways that stir up conversations about God's love, faith, and the gift of eternal life?

We can learn something from the Brazilian Christians. Join me in praying for them and the displaced people they serve. May God flood their and our hearts with His love.

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ently during the morning hours, would do such a thing? We can only speculate, e.g. they don't want their dogs getting muddy, etc., rather than just emptying the pool.

It's a sad commentary on a community of dog park users that someone is the Dog Park Pool Slasher! The police were even called to investigate. To this day, the guilty party remains at large. Now, the regular afternoon crowd of park users has to bring the pools and take them back home after use, instead of just leaving them at the park. Shame on the so-called dog lovers who are engaged in such disgraceful conduct!

Sincerely,
Jerry Bilinski

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age American? In my opinion, nothing. Consider just some of the issues that are not or refuse to be addressed: border security, federal debt, public education, infrastructure, federal minimum wage, healthcare, poverty, drug prices, Supreme Court ethics, and on and on. It's time for us, as Americans, to focus on the real issues facing this country. Congress must be the start.

The barbarians are at the gate. Let us make certain they don't get to go through it.

Peter J. Reo

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and was stunned that he was bested by a sawmill operator. But, he was also wise enough to realize that he had been wrong. His lesson to his students that day was that even educated people can learn new things if they will open their minds.

The same year that my great-grandfather Lon finished school at the Hallman School House in 1899, the Union County Courthouse was rebuilt after it had burned. This year, 2024, the Union County Courthouse celebrates 125 years of service to this community. Throughout this time our courthouse has been the center of political, judicial and social life in this community. Did you know the courthouse was slated for demolition in the 1980s? A group of people intervened and raised funds to restore the courthouse to its past grandeur. This group of people also formed the Union County Historical Society, which also raised funds to restore the clock tower in the 1990s.

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it, then spent 10 years in the insurance business. But his heart was in having his own gas station because he loved working with his hands, and a door opened for him to have his own station by the grace of God.

My brother and I used to go to the station in the summertime to help dad clean customers' windows, gas up vehicles and even put air in the tires when gas was around 70 cents a gallon. Dad was a gentle, tall drink of water, and he was always on call for his customers. I remember folks would call him in the wee hours of the morning to tell him that their vehicle wouldn't start, and he would get dressed and drive miles to help those in need. Dad's business flourished because he showed his love and honesty toward others in all the years he had the station. I never heard my dad complain

Our Old Courthouse has a grand history, and as a result of its long history and 125th birthday, the Union County Historical Society will celebrate with a birthday party on Saturday, July 13th, by having a BBQ on the Courthouse lawn at 11:30 a.m. Clayton Reeves will be cooking the BBQ meal. You can purchase a ticket from the Union County Historical Society for \$12. The proceeds from this BBQ will be used to help the Historical Society re-build a cabin donated to us by the F.C. Collins family. After the meal we will be having some guest speakers talk about the history of the Old Union County Courthouse. Our guest speakers for this event will be Jack Lance on why the courthouse needed to be rebuilt, Bud Akins on the last murder trial in the courthouse, and Lamar Paris on saving the courthouse from demolition. You can come by the Union County Historical Society Office in the Old Courthouse to purchase a ticket.

about anyone or talk bad about others. He always treated folks with honesty.

Our dad loved playing golf, and he found at a yard sale a set of left-handed clubs, which back in the '50s was hard to come by, and seeing his boys were left-handed as well he would spend his off days teaching us to play golf. He was truly a businessman, but foremost a family man. One Christmas morning my brother and I found two sets of clubs under the tree, and what joy filled our hearts that our dad loved us so much.

Thank you, God, for a dad who loved life, loved people and loved his family with all his heart. Again, hats off to all dads who love God first, then love their family. It is a gift from our heavenly Father who blesses us with all good things. Amen.

Frank F. Combs