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tion providers will be able to charge an administration fee for giving the shot to someone. Vaccine providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund.

Q. Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others after I get my two doses of vaccine?

A. Yes. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help

stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from others. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide before deciding to change recommendations on steps everyone should take to slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision.

Sources: The Georgia Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

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have a hard winter. Later in early fall, just to double check the extended forecast, we found a persimmon tree loaded with fruit. She cut it open and on the inside was the design of a spoon instead of a fork. She said, "Yep, that is a sure sign that the winter is going to be snowy."

I spent that whole summer with my grandparents. I checked my hands each morning, and 57 years later, I still do not have warts. Also, our cow never went dry that summer. But there was some sound reasoning behind what she told me about the toad and many other things in life. The reason she did not want me playing with toads is that one of the defense

mechanisms of the toad is to urinate on the offending person's hands. I am sure this process causes problems for a little boy whose hands are constantly rubbing his eyes and scratching his nose. What about the myth concerning the cow drying up? Well, it is just wrong to mistreat any animal. So, my grandmother was trying to show me there are consequences for my actions.

I fail to remember if 1963 was a snowy year, but it is fun to remember.

If you want to make a prediction for the winter, find yourself a persimmon and cut it open. Does the inside of the seed contain the outline of a spoon or a fork?

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from the patriots of the American Revolution? In 1776, all 13 British colonies in America practiced slavery; and nearly 75% of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were slave owners. In April 1861, Lincoln raised an army of 75,000 not to free slaves but to suppress a growing rebellion and kill fellow Americans.

Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri – all loyal to the Union, were slave states. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became law Jan. 1, 1863, and only freed slaves in the rebellious states when liberated by Union forces. This act was not one of humanity, but specifically designed to hurt the Confederate economy and war effort. When West Virginia was created in June 1863, it joined the Union not "free," but as a slave state. Even after the surrender of primary Confederate armies in April 1865, slavery would continue in loyal Union states of Kentucky and Delaware, the latter of which freed its slaves in December 1865 only once the 13th Amendment was ratified.

In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower responded to the question as to why a portrait of Robert E. Lee was prominently displayed in his office:

"General Robert E. Lee

was, in my estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our Nation. He believed unswervingly in the Constitutional validity of his cause which until 1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was a poised and inspiring leader, true to the high trust reposed in him by millions of his fellow citizens; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unflinching in his faith in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history. From deep conviction, I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's calibre would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the Nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained."

Greg C. White

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old. It was a beauty! It didn't have a compass in the stock or that thing that tells time, but its solid Walnut stock and gleaming black barrel was magnificent. My father taught me how to pump it. How to load it. How to hold it, both while shooting and while just carrying it to the Number 8 Saloon to arrest the boys from the DD Ranch for cow tipping. I learned a lot in those early years and have many fond memories of 'Ol Blacky, my .22-caliber single shot manual pellet rifle.

That brings me to the article on the front page of the Jan. 13 edition of the North Georgia News entitled "Former Hiwassee man charged following DC riot." There were a few things that caught my eye looking at the stock photo.

He's obviously a far-right terrorist wearing his tactical Loafers with, gasp! No socks! His protective camo shirt designed to help him blend in with the clear blue sky. His fully semi-automatic Assault Rifle with the 2,500 bullet high-capacity magazine ready to lay waste to everyone who should not agree with his views or God forbid say something he thought to be not PC. But the one thing that stood out the most was his expert handling of his Assault Rifle. I could tell right away he was a well-trained operative looking to impress all those around him. With a firm grip on his weapon and the muzzle pointing squarely at his head, all I could think was, You'll Shoot Your Eye Out Kid!

Tim Queen

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teous people.

Our God is more than able to move the right mountains and to carve His signature across the skies of His vast universe to enable Him to get all of the honor, praise and glory, for the things that he is doing and continue to do for His people. Keep doubt at bay and always keep praying, for the victory is the Lord's, not theirs, in Jesus' Name.

Frank F. Combs

Cancer freezing procedure

Freezing procedures available for breast, lung, liver and prostate cancers. These procedures have been around for years, yet many do not know about them. Research info under www.radiologyinfo.org and look up procedure by name: Cryotherapy.

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The people checking people in were friendly and welcoming. The volunteers helping were also friendly and efficient. We quickly got our shots and went to the other gym to wait 15 minutes in case of an allergic reaction. They even had water and snacks for us.

I want to commend GPH Dist 2 and other organizers, EMTs, fire fighters and volunteers for a job well done. Today's clinic could serve as a model for other communities as they try to roll out their immunization programs.

Joseph Mahon
Young Harris

Local Al-Anon meetings

Friends/families troubled by someone's drinking, call 1-828-837-4440 or 1-888-425-2666 for local meetings.

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community what it is today.

The County is working with the Health Department to provide shots at the new Sports Complex each Friday until everyone that wants the vaccine has been vaccinated. They are

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to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:10-11). He said after the suicide attempt, "I finally just got on my knees and gave it all to the Lord. My faith is everything. It's the air that provokes me to live."

Now Sanders coaches young men at Jackson State University. He partners with Stand Together in Dallas to eradicate poverty and youth violence. Through the way of suffering, he has found the peaceful fruit of righteousness and offers it to others. Let that be your story, too.

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have been grafted onto a rootstock. The grafted rootstock will provide more protection from root diseases and may also dwarf the tree, which cuts down on the difficulty of managing the tree.

If you have questions about pruning apple trees, contact your County Extension Office or email me at Jacob.Williams@uga.edu.

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It's not unusual for members of a unit to rotate to the same unit at a new duty station. But for it to happen to two totally unrelated folks, and then 25 years later to another, well, a coincidence? I think not. After all, it is a "very, very, very small world."

Janice, signing off until next week. Until then, "at ease."

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the military for that "right." But as soon as property began to be destroyed, I think it should have been shut down! I am sick of hearing that because we are white, we're privileged. Everyone has the same chances if they work for it. The police don't pick on just the blacks, or any other ethnicity. They have good reason for what they do – if you only watch one day of the news you can see who is committing the crime. The cameras aren't "racist." Black, white or otherwise, every race and every individual has the choice to commit a crime or not; and regardless, the police don't deserve to have people spit in their faces for trying to do their jobs!

But the media will also portray what they want us to see. They have shifted so far to the left, favoring a truthless and bigoted society that allows a faction lacking morals to rule over the majority because it might "hurt someone's feeling" to hear the truth. Just like not being able to pray in public because one or two might be offended! I'm sorry, but that is what our country was founded on! If you're not satisfied with the way things are carried out, please feel free to move to a country that better suits you!

As for the attack on the Capitol, I will never believe anything other than it was a well-orchestrated Democratic ploy to further destroy President Trump. If you watch, the Capitol police just move out of the way or run from the people entering. I'm sure some of the supporters were mixed in, but 90% of the gathering was peaceful. Our President did not incite any insurrection or violence. He just asked that his supporters be vigilant; same as all other candidates have done. He and his true supporters don't condone violence. Do we want to talk about what happened in the Wisconsin capitol in 2011; or at the 2018 Kavanaugh hearings; at the 2016 BLM protest that blocked interstates; or the looting/burning across the country this summer; or the Republican National Convention, just to name a few...?

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the military, past and present, and to the leaders defending our rights that give us the chance to express how we feel. I ask that ALL Americans, whether Democrat or Republican, please pray for one another! We know that the God of all people is in control. Give us the grace to accept what "He" decides and move forward as a nation undivided. God bless us all,
Jerry Parker

continue to #looklocalfirst, stay safe, and remember to thank our healthcare workers, teach-

ers, and first responders. Most of all let's continue to pray for those who are recovering.