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that are required each year, not to even mention recreation and maintenance of Meeks Park and other county facilities, all predominately done with the 1-cent SPLOST sales tax collected for each dollar spent in the county.

Q. Do you keep the county informed of our financial condition?

A. That is certainly our intent. Unfortunately, if you do not read the *North Georgia News* each week, there is no way to keep up with what is going on in county government. Each week, through my *Q & A* column, my goal has been to keep everyone informed about what is going on in the county. We also publish the *Q & A* on our web

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Appalachian Sweetness Day. It's that time of year where the richness of the fruits and earthy squashes are enhanced by spices and sugar. Pears, apples, pumpkins and winter squash all taste better with cardamon, cinnamon, sorghum and honey.

Here's a recipe that is fit for a "gang" visiting your place to indulge their Florida sensitivities with our colorful autumn flora. I concocted this recipe for a camp of 10 "stitchers" over a dozen years ago, and it has proven to be one of the most requested dishes whenever we gather.

Autumn French Toast
Prep:35 mins Cook
Time:40 mins Yields/Makes:
8 servings: 1 stick of soft butter/ 16 slices of white bread (1 inch thick)/ 1 cup Half & Half/ 6 large eggs/1 tsp vanilla/1 lb breakfast sausage/2 cups of apple butter/1 1/2 cups of sharp cheddar, shredded/1/2 cup of brown sugar

Directions: Melt Butter in bottom of baking pan. Place 8 slices of bread (texas toast or soft crust unsliced loaf of bread that you slice to

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In case you are not aware, Spirit Camp is an after school fundraiser done by the high school cheerleaders. They come over to the Primary School and teach the younger girls a song, chant and cheer. They dance and play games too. It's once a year in the fall and my daughter lives for it. She talks about it all year. This is her third year going. The last day, Wednesday, parents come early and watch all the kids perform what they learned. Except this year.

We showed up at 4 p.m. to watch and were told at the front desk that the kids would not be performing for parents this year because of security.

A note was not sent home or any other form of communication. I was furious. I paid for this! I deserve to see the product of my investment. I pay for soccer after school and watch her practice. I pay for gymnastics and watch her

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borders. Most recent examples are Nairobi, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, and let us not forget 9/11/2001. If you look at where most of the terrorists were raised in the 911 attack you would find Saudi Arabia on top of the list.

In answer to Ms. Ramsey's comment regarding the decrease of the population of the Muslim world; the actuality is the population is rapidly increasing. The United States as the only super power has a responsibility to promote our democratic values in the region. Democracies do not go to war with each other, they promote tolerance and peaceful resolutions of disputes.

You have particular concern with Israel, a country the size of New Jersey surrounded by its enemies with barely defensible borders; nonetheless welcomed millions of refugees from Europe, North Africa, Russia, and Ethiopia. Israel has provided economic and humanitarian assistance to a number of African countries as well as Haiti and the Israeli Arabs have a much bet-

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have been no government shut down, but he refused to do that. Instead, the House Republican majority repeatedly adopted a bill containing the delay provision, and the Senate correctly rejected this improper coercive procedure.

We are also looking forward to another government shut down and probable severe economic consequences when the President and the Senate properly reject an outrageous threat by Collins and his colleagues that if Obamacare is not postponed they will not increase the national

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Q. You mentioned in a previous column that we were going to pay for the new Community Center with the new SPLOST (IV), but I have never heard about that. I thought it was being paid for with this SPLOST (III).

A. It has probably been addressed in several other areas in the past, but three different times in my *Q & A* column I have addressed this issue directly: May 9, 2012, May 17, 2012, and August 15, 2012. All explained that we plan on paying for the Community Center with SPLOST IV Funds. This has always been part of our SPLOST IV budget.

this thickness.) Beat together 1 cup of half & half cream , 6 large eggs, 1 tsp. of vanilla and 1 tsp of ground cinnamon. In a separate frying pan, fry a lb of breakfast sausage, crumbled. Drain. Pour 1/2 of the egg liquid mixture over the bread. Sprinkle and spoon the sausage, the apple butter and the cheese over the egged bread. Sprinkle on 1/4 cup of brown sugar. Place the last 8 slices on top of this. Pour the balance of the egg over the top. Sprinkle balance of brown sugar. Cover w/ tin foil. Let sit overnight in the fridge. Bake, covered, in 350 degree oven for 30 mins. Remove foil and bake 10 mins. uncovered. Serve with this heated syrup combo: 2 tablespoons of melted butter, 1/2 cup of maple syrup and 1/2 cup of sorghum syrup.

Share your sweet recipes with us at the Market on Saturday. We'll be taste testing and giving out certificates to our favorites. Just bring your creations to the office from 7 and 10 a.m., accompanied with a card with your name, contact info and recipe. Um-Um, I can smell the spices bubbling up, now!

practice. I pay for Girl Scouts and go to meetings. What's next, band performances to empty music halls, basketball games in front of empty stands? They don't check IDs at the football game. Do they check IDs when parents pick up at football practice? I'm tired as the parent being treated like the potential criminal.

It is clear to me that the school system's attitude toward parental involvement is purely lip service, after all, actions speak louder than words and UCPS has shown over the last two years that they want zero parental involvement regardless of stated claims.

A.J. Huff

ter standard of living than in the surrounding countries. Most of the surrounding countries have never signed a peace treaty with Israel after 65 years of its existence as a nation and so are technically still at war with Israel.

In order to achieve peace, Israel returned land as well as released hundreds of prisoners with no material benefit. Unfortunately, most of their budget is devoted to defending their country. People in Israel want peace.

Does Israel benefit? Yes, but it is an incidental benefit. Israel benefits when the Arab countries are fighting among themselves because they are not fighting with Israel. Syria, whose government has said many times they want to wipe Israel off of the map, is busy with their civil war. Yes, Israel benefits. Israel is our only real ally in the Middle East. Israel and the United States share on a continuous basis, intelligence assets which benefits both countries.

Floyd Schultz

debt limit, so that the United States will be unable to pay legal obligations already incurred by act of Congress.

The House Republican majority is resorting to outrageous, disgraceful methods to improperly delay affordable health coverage for uninsured Americans. Meanwhile, members of that majority and their conservative radio and TV commentator allies are grossly misrepresenting the content and effect of the Affordable Care Act.

Charles Cheves

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on his death bed in 1897. He asked his good friend George Adam Smith to pray for him and to read the New Testament to him. As Smith sat down by his bed, Drummond

remarked, "That is the book one always comes back to."

The Bible is our book. God gave it to us. Let us love it, read it, follow its teachings, and live by its directions. Selah

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day long field trip on Tuesday, March 18. Tuition for the program is \$350 for Chamber Members and \$550 for Non-Chamber Members. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available.

So, are you ready to gain a broader understanding of community? Are you prepared to use the information and

skills that you will gain from this experience to be a leader in our community? If so, contact the Chamber office at 706-745-5789 or email Tobie Chandler at admin@blairsvillechamber.com for a complete schedule and application. I can be reached directly at President@BlairsvilleChamber.com.

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for illegal possession of alcohol. The 75 year old Clifford told the young deputy that he was a self-appointed know-it-all and struck the deputy across the top of his head with a walking cane.

My 16-year-old father jumped in between the deputy and Clifford just as the deputy was pulling out his Billy Stick.

The deputy told my Dad that he was going to teach that old man a lesson.

Just in time, the supplier of Clifford's alcohol and the boss of the young deputy came walking into the Pool Room.

Chief Looney demanded to know what these two were fighting about. Just as the deputy was about to tell his side of the story, Clifford landed another lucky, but feeble blow to the head of the deputy.

The Chief walked the young deputy outside and explained that Clifford Hyde was one of the Grand Old Men of Phil Campbell and that his liquor was supplied by the Chief himself.

The next week the deputy and Clifford were seen sit-

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don't be surprised if you have a number of protests ahead when you arrive in your districts.

You're losing support faster than NFL quarterback Josh Freeman did in Tampa Bay. Freeman settled in Minnesota. Y'all might not be that lucky for you must face the consequences of your actions and the faces of your constituents in the districts you represent.

It's time to take back our government at the ballot box.

Hey, it is what it is.

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And doesn't it give you great comfort to know the IRS is the enforcing mechanism for this boondoogle?

If there was ever a created problem, this would probably go to the top of the list. We had the best health care system in the world and there was a mechanism for helping those who could not afford insurance. Instead of scrapping a system that worked for most Americans, we could have covered those outside the system for a fraction of the cost without destroying a tried and true method for delivering health care.

Have you ever heard the expression, "I am from the government and am here to help you." Thanks, but no thanks. On second thought, I do not have a choice, do I?

Peter W. White

Bob Short lecture at UCHS

The Union County Historical Society will hold a "Special Membership/Board" meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. in the Old Courthouse on the Square in Blairsville, GA. Everyone is welcome. Our guest speaker will be Bob Short, lecturing on "The History of the State of Georgia." Please try to attend for a great evening, meet your friends and make new friends, and learn some interesting history on the state of Georgia.