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teachers and police and other adults. You can do that while having them report to you any incidents that doesn't seem right to them. Unless something is a life or death situation it can always be addressed after the incident occurs. More than anything, get the kids in church.

Last are church Pastors. God love them all. They may have the toughest job out there and the least appreciated. They follow a calling of our Lord and Savior. They see and deal with the worst situations of anyone, including Doctors and Nurses. They constantly deal with pain, both physical and spiritual. They encounter broken families and those struggling to stay together. They serve many ways in the communities, even outside their church homes. They see the lost every day and do their best to lead the lost to Christ. Many times they fail and they frequently feel like they personally are failures. God still demands they continue their

work, even while knowing a lot of it will not bear fruit.

Thank God for these groups. Thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ.
Merry CHRISTmas to all.
Beauford Burton

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the preparation of the Grover Christmas Parade.

I hate that we were not able to have the parade on Saturday, Dec. 6 but I couldn't have participants and viewers standing and riding in the rain. We do not have a date to reschedule for this year but we have already set up a rain delay day for next year and I hope to see you all next year. The parade next year will be Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at 11 a.m. The rain delay date will be on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015. Thank you again.

Anna Grace Hughes
Parade chairman

No room: in the mall say church workers

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gifts are wrapped.

Black said the project helps gift-buyers have a less stressful holiday and all donations will help put a roof on the Haiti school.

The parent company of Cleveland Mall sent a memo to Family Worship as well as the Salvation Army that "The Cleveland Mall does not allow solicitation in and around the mall, regardless of the cause being represented."

Reflections: on the loss of a family doctor

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they raised 5 children, attending to their health, education and spiritual well-being. He influenced the life of many others including myself. His acts were consistently unhistoric, never making the headlines as caring, benevolent and even life-saving actions typically do not. It seems that the only time a doctor makes the news these days is if he has committed a crime or is accused of malpractice.

I had the honor of car-

ing for him for the last 3-1/2 years of his life. Though a shell of the person he once was, he always expressed his appreciation for the visits, either in my office or in his home. As his cognitive function declined, I found myself reflecting during our visits; the exceptional life of service, the dedication to his profession and family, the vast amount of knowledge and experience burgled by his dementia. Though Dr. John did not live a "hidden life" as he was always very ac-

tive in the community, his life was dedicated to providing those "unhistoric acts" to the residents of Kings Mountain and the surrounding area. I can't help but think how many of us would agree that our health and the greater good of the community, have been improved by this man's life.

(Dr. Scott Moss is a Kings Mountain native and a medical doctor in Charlotte. He was Dr. John McGill's physician for 3 1/2 years prior to his death.)

Cooking Corner

Ed. note- The recipes in today's cooking column comes from "Something Old, Something New" from the White Plains Shrinettes cookbook

CHRISTMAS SALAD

Mary Wilson

- 2 c. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp. Lemon juice
- 8 oz. pineapple
- 2 diced bananas
- 4 drops red or green food coloring
- 1/4 c. chopped nuts

- 1 small jar red maraschino cherries, drained
 - 1 small jar green maraschino cherries, drained 1/2 c. coconut
- Freeze in cupcake pans lined with cupcake papers. Serve on lettuce.

PORK CHOPS SUPREME

Dot Gantt

- 6 or 8 pork chops
- 3 medium potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 1 quart tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp. crushed basil

Brown pork chops. Peel and slice potatoes and onions; boil about 5 minutes. Drain. Place tomatoes and basil in bottom of pan. Layer potatoes and onions. Place pork chops on top. Cover and bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes or until potatoes are done.

Happy Anniversary

I want to take a little time to wish my beautiful, loving, sexy, amazing wife Denise Cobb a very Happy 5th year anniversary.

Denise, the last five years have been the greatest of my life. There are so many people that thought and some even hoped that this marriage would fail. Well, how wrong they were. Our love for each other has grown more each day over the past five years.

After five years of being married this December 21st, I can honestly say I never ever knew or thought I could love anyone as much as I do you. Also you get more beautiful each day.

I am so glad and honored to be your best friend, your soul mate and your husband. Babe, you could look in all the world and you could never find a love as true as mine. I love our honesty, faithfulness and love so true to each other, that we share.

We both know that love we share comes from God our Savior. I love the faith in God we both share, praying together each night and morning. I love our time in church at Chestnut Ridge with each other. I know that God put this marriage together for a purpose and nothing or no one can tear it apart.

You are such a great nana, wonderful mother and a very special Godly wife. Denise, I will love you forever. Thanks for loving me like you do. It is such a great feeling that I will always cherish.

Love you, Pete



Bids for new shooting range on Commission agenda Tuesday

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners was meeting Tuesday night to consider construction bids for the new shooting range.

Roger L. Holland of Holland & Hamrick Architects was recommending that Eagle Wood, Inc. receive the total contract award of \$2,206,425 and T. C. Strickland Construc-

tion Co. receive the contract award for the Concessions Building and Training House for the Cleveland County Shooting Range at \$485,445.

As the board began its new year a total of 11 board appointments were made by commissioners.

BRIEFS

Resurrection Lutheran Christmas Eve service

Christmas Eve Services at Resurrection Lutheran Church will be at 8 p.m., on December 24. The service will be led by The Rev. Dr. Michael Varn, current interim pastor and by seminary student Emily C. Lemoine of High Point, NC.

Special music will be given as a Prelude and

during the service by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Clay Ollis. This candlelight service marking the birth of the Christ Child will include Holy Communion.

The public is invited to join the congregation for this beautiful and meaningful service.

Mary's Grove church service

Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, 1223 Mary's Grove Church Road, will hold candlelight communion services Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the services in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

Casino: opposition group takes petition to Washington

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of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and Paula Hart, head of Indian gaming operations.

Forcade said the purpose of the trip was to "make sure the Department of Indian Affairs knows that the indications of community support they received in the application were misrepresented. We wanted them to

know that the application, in fact, was not official letters but was done in secrecy."

Harris told the group that "nothing has been decided, the process is early, early" and Forcade said she used the word early a number of times. The developers and the Catawba tribe have submitted an application as a mandatory trust application and that determination is yet to be made, Harris said.

"One of the key things we wanted to bring out was that, contrary to what local officials are saying, that a complete environmental study has neither been completed or approved.

Forcade added, "They stated their appreciation to us for taking the time and on our own dime to come to Washington, DC and express the wishes of the community."

Board: settles on transfer policy change; calendar tweaks proposed

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"There are still concerns about fairness among many on this board and in the community.

Nevertheless, Hoyle and others said the new policy language was a "good compromise."

The board was presented with possible school calendar changes that it will decide on in subsequent meetings.

Due to updates, school employees are now entitled to 11 holidays during the school year. The current 2015-16 calendar only designates 10. That means that additional holiday will need to be designated. To that end, the calendar committee, which is composed of parents, teachers and administrators, is proposing two changes:

Good Friday is currently a planning day. The committee recommends changing Good Friday from a planning day to an Annual Leave day. The planning day would be eliminated. Memorial Day is currently an Annual Leave Day. The committee recommends changing Memorial Day from an Annual Leave day to a holiday. The Annual Leave day will be moved to Good Friday as described in Option A.

State law mandates that the school calendar must contain 215 days total, including workdays, holidays and annual leave. Instructional days can either be 185 days or 1,025 instructional hours. The board heard a presentation from CPA firm Dixon Hughes Goodman regarding its annual audit of

the school board's finances.

The audit reported that the school system's general fund - essentially, its savings account - had fallen from 2012-13 levels, but was still considered "healthy" ... for a "school district of this size."

Auditors also explained that the decrease had been expected by school budget officials, and adjustments had been made.

Auditors noted a decline in profitability from food sales, which was accompanied by an overall decline in food sales and an increase in federal food funding.

School board members had few questions about the results of the audit, but Roger Harris posed a broad question about whether auditors had uncovered any waste in the budget. Auditors responded by saying they found only insignificant amounts of waste or unnecessary overhead. In an administrative action, the school board members elected Phillip Glover as new chairman of the board. Glover replaces Dr. Jack Hamrick, who has served as chair for three years. Shearra Miller retains her position as the board's vice chair.

The board recognized Burns High School teacher Chad Beam for being a runner-up for the Regional Teacher of the Year Award. An English teacher and Burns graduate, Beam was named the Cleveland County Teacher of the Year for the 2013-14 year.

Joining other board members who said Beam had high standards and was

a gifted educator, Richard Hooker praised him for his "enthusiasm" and "passion."

"It's teachers like you that make a real and lasting positive impact on students," board member Donnie Thurman, Jr., said.

In the public comment segment of the meeting, Jim Richard spoke on behalf of a number of students - including one who attended Kings Mountain Middle School - who claimed to have suffered intense and prolonged bullying this semester.

Richards, who came into contact with the children while serving as liaison for a local church, said that the Kings Mountain Middle Schooler had been traumatized so much that she had tried to commit suicide. He also said he had witnessed her hair falling out from the stress of the bullying, and that her grades had gone "from good to bad."

Although board members, as a rule, do not respond to public comments during the course of the meeting, Richards was instructed to meet with Dr. Brian Hunnell, the school district's director of administrative services.

At Monday's meeting, the board announced plans to videotape each meeting and post the footage with audio on the Cleveland County Schools web site <https://sites.google.com/a/clevelandcountyschools.org/ccs/>. The practice will begin in January. "(Videotaping meetings) lends itself to transparency," said board member Thurman.

Drug ring: busted

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secured bond.

Sheriff Norman said, "These arrests and the quantity of pills that were seized shows just how serious the problem is with the diversion of prescription medication. The Sheriff's Office continues to educate the community about this problem and ways to help combat it. I encourage any church, civic group or organization that wants to know more about how they can help to call the sheriff's office at 704-487-4788.