Registration set

for kindergarten

Special to The News Herald

MORGANTON — The dates for registration of all students who will be enrolled in the 2013-2014 Burke

County Public Schools' kindergarten classes will be

Parents are urged to register children during this

enrollment period. All registration should be com-

pleted at the elementary school in the district where

A child eligible to enroll must be five years of age

In addition, proper immunizations, birth certifi-

cate/proof of birth document and a complete health

assessment are required for a child enrolling in

In order to assist with immunization costs, the

state immunization section is now providing state

purchased vaccines to all health care providers for administration to all children regardless of the financial status of the parents. Immunizations can be obtained at physicians' offices for a minimal admin-

istration fee or from the Burke County Health Department at no charge. The law also requires a health

assessment in the calendar year the child is enrolled.

Completed immunizations and a health assessment

are required at the time the child begins school in

For any incoming kindergartner who has not pre-

viously been assessed, each elementary school will

be providing DIAL - 3 Assessments which evaluate

various areas of development. These include: vision

and hearing, motor development, understanding of

concepts, and language skills. Screening dates have

been established and additional information may be obtained by contacting any elementary school.

March 1 through March 28.

parents/guardians reside.

school for the first time.

on or before August 31, 2013.

### **Grace Ridge to offer** downsizing program

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MORGANTON — Grace Ridge Retirement Community will present a free informational program on how to downsize prior to a move.

The program will be presented by Cynthia Watson from Certified Senior Movers.

Watson is certified in senior move management and will offer tips on how to downsize, what to do with "stuff," gifting to relatives and how to handle the stress of moving.

The program is set for Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Grace Ridge.

#### **Water cutoff notice**

Town of Valdese and Triple Water customers: Tuesday is water cutoff day for the town of Valdese and Triple Water utility customers. Payments can be placed in the drop boxes prior to the Tuesday to avoid disconnection and a \$25 fee for disconnection/reconnection.

# MORGANTON ROTARY



The owners of Silver Fork Winery, Jennifer Foulides and Ed Wisnieski, are pictured with Randall Bracket at a recent Morganton Rotary meeting. The program presented information from the planting of the vines to the production of the final wine product.

The Morganton Rotary Program for Jan. 30 was presented by the owners of Silver Fork Winery, Jennifer Foulides and Ed Wisnieski. The program presented information from the planting of the vines to the production of the final wine product.

### Calendar

**MONDAY** 

**Burke County retired school** personnel, 10 a.m. meeting, Timberwoods Restaurant. Members asked to bring cans of soup and Spam for BUCM. Program speaker, Jill King, executive director for BUCM.

**The Veterans of Foreign Wars** and ladies auxiliary Table Rock Post 5362 sponsor din**ner,** 5:30-7:30 p.m., monthly meeting follows.

Morganton Kiwanis Club's ninth annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction,

Morganton Community House, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7 tickets at door or from any Kiwanis member, takeouts available. For more information, visit www. morgantonkiwanis.org.

**TUESDAY** 

**Town of Valdese and Triple** Water customers cutoff day for utility customers. Payments can be placed in the drop boxes prior to the Tuesday to avoid disconnection and a \$25 fee for disconnection/reconnection.

Free informational session on downsizing, 10 a.m. Grace Ridge, 500 Lenoir Road, Morganton. Cynthia Watson, with Certified Senior Movers, will share tips on handling the stress of moving, gifting to relatives and what to do with stuff. RSVP or for more information, Jeff Bright, 828-580-8330.

**Icard/Lovelady Democrat** club, meeting 7 p.m., Curley's, dinner at 6 p.m. All Democrats

# Loving grandfather is hurt by sudden silent treatment

**Dear Abby:** My two adult granddaughters have rejected me, their doting grandfather. Their father gave me this explanation: "They are uncomfortable with the way you rub their shoulders and necks."

These girls and both parents have misinterpreted my innocent expressions of affection, which haven't changed since the girls were little. The only change is in their perception of my actions.

I am devastated. I asked twice to meet with these family members to discuss their concerns. It has been three months; no meeting time has been offered. There has been no contact, and neither girl has called me for any reason this year.

I can't just stop loving those with whom I have forged a 20-year bond of affection. How can this rupture be repaired?

- GRIEVING **GRANDDAD** 

### **Dear Grieving Granddad:**

Clearly, there is a need for some professional mediation here, provided your granddaughters and their parents are willing. If your touches have been regarded as inappropriate, you should have been warned about it years ago. Obviously something has made your granddaughters uncomfortable, and the rupture won't heal until it can be discussed openly.

**Dear Abby:** Lately I have noticed that people are



 $Dear {f Abby}$ Abigail Van Burer

bringing their dogs shopping with them. I'm not talking about service dogs, but pets.

The other day, a woman brought her dog into the grocery store. While I'll admit the little thing looked cute sitting in the shopping cart, someone else's food will be in that cart next, and who knows where that dog's feet have

Why does management allow this? I'm willing to bet money that if I were to bring my pit bull,

"Bruiser," inside the grocery store with me, I'd be stopped immediately. Talk about a double standard. I welcome your comments.

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### **Dear Askance:** You

should speak to the store manager and ask why it was permitted, because I was under the impression that health laws do not permit canines inside establishments that sell food - unless they are service dogs. "Bruiser" might be unwelcome not because of his size, but because there is concern about the breed's reputation.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby. com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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