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## Bridge's Name Honors Pardue

On Monday, Jan. 9, the bridge over the Jonesville Creek in Yadkin County, which also spans U.S. Highway 21 that connects Arlington to Jonesville, was named the L. Eugene Pardue Memorial Bridge to honor the legendary Eugene "Gene" Pardue, long-time commissioner of Arlington and Mayor of Jonesville.

Known for his quiet, unassuming nature and his dignity, humility, respect, and warmth, he is admired far and wide, and carries a countenance which portrays his honest and righteous character. We forever remember his attendance at the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce Investors Luncheon accompanied by Jonesville Town Manager Michael Pardue and sitting near the middle back. He personified discernment and inclusion. He is one we always want to see arrive.

Gene Pardue led the effort to merge the towns of Jonesville and Arlington in 2001. Today, Jonesville has 2,300 residents and is said to have more hotel/motel rooms per capita than any town or city in America. He also led the merger of the Jonesville and Elkin Sewer Authority.

The bridge dedication ceremony was led by N.C. Department of Transportation Construction Engineer Ivan Dishman. VFW Post 7794 presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Don Hudson gave the Invocation. Among the speakers and guests were Jonesville Mayor Anita Darnell and Jonesville Town Manager Michael Pardue, Piedmont Triad Regional Council Executive Director Matthew Dolge, N.C. State Sen. Joyce Krawiec, and Gene Pardue family members.

## Eddie Settle Sworn In As N.C. Senate District 36 Senator

At 4 p.m. on Jan. 8, Eddie Settle, owner of Nu-Line Printing, Rudy Holbrook's nephew, noted commercial beef rancher, former youth football coach, husband of Shelia and father of Matthew Settle and Melissa Settle Orr and husband Mike Orr, became the N.C. State Senator for District 36. He was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Phil Berger Jr. at the Wilkes County Heritage Museum.

Settle was elected on Nov. 3 by running second in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties and winning Alexander County in a landslide. He recently completed three terms as a Wilkes County Commissioner. Eddie's forte was education, new school construction, and a new judicial center and jail. We also credit wife Shelia's role in Eddie's rise to leadership status.

Nearly 300 well-wishers attended the event in Wilkesboro at the former Wilkes County Courthouse constructed in 1903 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979. The fourth floor's Blue Ridge Museum Hall of Fame was SRO. Notables participating, in addition to Settle and his wife Shelia and Justice Berger, included the Honorable U.S. House 5th District Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, Mount Airy Mayor Dr. Jon Cawley, Wilkes County Commissioner Keith Elmore, the Rev. John Newton, Elkin High School's JROTC, U.S. Marines Corps Gunnery Sgt. (ret'd.) Jeff Walsh, Wilkes County Commissioners Casey Joe Johnson and Stoney Greene, Alexander County and Congressional District 10 GOP Chairman Jack Simms, the Rev. Don Hudson, and Pastor Dwight Austin.

Greeters were Kent and Martha Herman, Rudy and Nikki Holbrook, and Brian and Beth Wyatt. Musicians were R.J. Absher, Wes Tuttle, Ann Tuttle, and David Culler. Catering was by Jeff Taylor.

Sen. Settle's office address is 16 W. Jones St. Office 2117, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. The telephone number is 919-733-5742.

The North Carolina Constitution mandates 120 House representatives and 50 Senators. Senate candidates stand for election every two years.

## N.C. Constitution

The Constitution of the State of North Carolina became official one day after the American Declaration of Independence was announced in 1776. The North Carolina Constitution has had two major revisions, the first in 1868 following the War Between the States, and the second in 1971. The current N.C. Constitution has a Preamble and 14 Articles. It has had dozens of amendments either proposed or ratified.

## Senior Night

On Jan. 5 at Surry Central High School, its outstanding wrestling program staged a meet between the Golden Eagles, North Wilkes, and Forsyth County's Atkins High. At the end of the first match between Surry Central and North Wilkes the Eagles' Head Coach Stephen Priddy recognized his seniors including Alex Kinton, Luis Insunza, Enoch Lopez, and Jeremiah Price. Coach Priddy introduced each grappler sharing his contributions, years of experience, exploits, and special honors. Each was also accompanied by a most significant other. Three-time 147-lb. State Champion Jeremiah Price (grandparents Robert and Libby Price and mother Pam) was showcased as our Tar Heel state's most celebrated and top rated wrestler and predicted to be a four-time state champion when the state meet in Greensboro on February 10-11. Jeremiah has also signed to conclude his college career at ASU where he has earned a four-year full scholarship.

Retired teacher and coach Phil Bowers is an avid Golden Eagle fan and recently shared his founding the program in 1975 and how the teammates met the challenge of being first-year competitors; how by taking their licks, by season end they had a winning team record. Jeremiah's dad, Assistant Coach Josh Price, has sponsored youth league teams for 20 years and Coach Priddy has coached for 22 years.

## Roll Tide

Every Christmas Eve, Rudy and Nikki Holbrook host a community gathering in Austin that is the highlight of many families' celebrations. More than 100 come to renew friendship, wish one another the best, and thank God for our countless blessings. We mingle in the Holbrooks' hideaway. The fellowship and food blesses us to the nth degree. Our host sets aside a few moments for us to pray and give thanks. Rudy owns an incomparable pedal-car collection and can spot a rare piece instinctively.

About midway, Eddie Settle and son Matthew arrived and Matt was sporting a University of Alabama toboggan. I said, "Had no idea you were an Alabama fan," to which Matt said, "Just last week we drove down to the Auburn game. We are die-hard fans." I said, "Do you know Jerry Duncan who played under Bear Bryant and grew up in Sparta?" Needless to say, I and the Settles are huge Jerry Duncan fans. Matt added, "You should see the Jerry Duncan exhibit at the Bear Bryant Museum."

A call to Jerry has scheduled a meeting of the Duncans and Settles on Jerry's next visit. He owns a Christmas tree farm southwest of Sparta leased to Johnny Wishon. Jerry and wife Karen are devoted sponsors of our Elkin Rescue Squad, as are the Settles.

## James Blackburn

Grandparents Robert and Libby Price invited me to Surry Central High School to witness and photograph grandson Jeremiah Price signing his National Letter of Intent to matriculate to Appalachian State University.

By chance, I also said hello to a senior citizen almost my age: James Blackburn, a career U.S. Navy seaman, a devoted member of Cool Spring Baptist Church, and an avid supporter of the Thanks to Calvary Mercy and Truth Christmas Outreach.

When James mentioned his state championship year was 1963, I quickly recognized he had been a winner when the Champ defeated every 147-pound wrestler in the state. Today there are eight winners in each weight class. After our introduction, James has been my guest on WIFM's "People Doing Good For Others" and we see one another often.

Growing up in Wilkes County, he had transferred to Elkin High School for the opportunity to play more sports including wrestling. James thanks his dad for having a logging business that helped James develop his body strength by loading logs and cutting pulp wood. He said, "My coach, Mr. Crissman, taught me the techniques that led to beating a boy from Jacksonville for the title. When I could combine strength with know-how I had championship skills. A special thanks to Coach Crissman."

## Becky McMillan

Was invited to Joe McMillan's in Wilkesboro for hot chocolate on Christmas Eve morning. In his den is a beautiful Steinway Grand Piano. It's his ever-present reminder of late wife Becky, her love of music, and how she shared her talents to hundreds of neighborhood children. Joe shared with me that at age 5 she was playing by ear at the Laurel Spring Methodist Church in Alleghany County when the preacher asked her to play a song she had never heard. After a few moments of silence, her cousin came to her rescue and hummed the tune in her ear. Becky quickly recognized the tune and played it perfectly from start to finish.

Joe McMillan's children are close and look forward to staying by his side. I spoke to devoted son Joel who checks on dad daily. Families that love stay close.

Joe is a real-estate broker and at 89 closed the largest sale of his life. Also he said the seller had requested Joe's representation and agency. Joe is a North Wilkesboro Rotary Charter Member. They meet every Monday at 6:00 in the Brushy Mountain Smokehouse.

Joe tops everyone's list of people we must know to make our lives fulfilled. Way to go, Joe!

## Northern Regional Hospital CEO Elected to Health Policy Board

Northern Regional Hospital President and CEO Chris A. Lumsden of Mount Airy will be in a position to influence federal health-care policy over the next three years as a member of a national hospital association's regional advisory group.

Lumsden will represent his hospital and other N.C. hospitals and health systems as a newly elected delegate on American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board 3 (Southeastern United States). The national organization represents hospitals and healthcare networks throughout the United States and serves their patients and communities through advocacy, representation, knowledge exchange, and thought leadership. AHA uses analysis and recommendations from its Regional Policy Boards in policy deliberations.

"I am honored to represent Northern Regional Hospital and other North Carolina hospitals and health systems," Lumsden said. "Serving on this Board allows me the opportunity to favorably influence federal health-care policy and legislation that impact the well-being of rural, community-based hospitals." His term on the policy board will run through 2025.

AHA Region 3 Executive Matthew Wright says, "Chris is a transformational leader whose passion for health care is critical as the AHA develops policies to address the specific challenges that hospitals across the country are facing. His decades of experience and unique perspective will inform the Regional Policy Board as we undertake this important work."

Lumsden has served as president and CEO of Northern Regional Hospital since 2018. He previously was CEO of Virginia-based Halifax Regional Health System for 30 years. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and was selected as a Top 20 most admired CEO in the Triad Region by the Triad Business Journal. In August he received the American Hospital Association's Grassroots Champion Award during the North Carolina Healthcare Association's biannual meeting, recognizing his efforts on behalf of hospitals and healthcare in North Carolina's rural communities.

Lumsden is on the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Surry County Economic Development Partnership, and several boards associated with the North Carolina Healthcare Association.

Northern Regional Hospital is a five-star rated, 133-bed hospital serving northwest North Carolina and neighboring counties in southwestern Virginia. Northern Medical Group is the hospital's physician network of primary and specialty care providers.

## With Willing Kindness

There are countless folks with kind hands. As is often said, "They have a kind nature and open hands." We are also struck by their bright spirits. Let me share a few:

- Janice Davis, Petie's wife, helped me for 30 years at Surry Central High School. She says our Christmas Friendship Book is her favorite annual gift.
- Troy Hodges served H&W Trucking loyally for decades. He said, "The Christmas after joining H&W and Bobby Harold, my first Christmas bonus was more cash money than I had ever seen."
- Cousin John Moseley, owner of Merritt Machine Shop on Snow Hill Drive in Mount Airy, has the most visually attractive premises I know. I drove there late, 6 p.m., around Christmas and its premises, machine shop, and storage buildings were without blemish. Just totally appropriate. In my note to John I said, "Your property makes a statement about 'you can trust us.'"
- During my Christmas apple ministry my next stop was the lobby of Wilkes Regional Hospital. My go-to's are Tammy Love and Frank Buran. As I unloaded my boxes on the curb, Frank came out of the delivery door and offered a hand truck and his hand in taking the apples to departments. When he came on the scene, all was well. Was like some magic moment appeared. Frank had all of the answers. Just imagine his impact at Wilkes Regional!

## Word Match Game

Match the word on the right with its definition from the left.

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|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| A. dross           | _____ | 1. nearsightedness |
| B. trifle          | _____ | 2. safe place      |
| C. dregs           | _____ | 3. distress        |
| D. rubbish         | _____ | 4. a part of       |
| E. leverage        | _____ | 5. dessert         |
| F. culture         | _____ | 6. garbage         |
| G. zoning          | _____ | 7. goodwill        |
| H. consensus       | _____ | 8. hammer lock     |
| I. haven           | _____ | 9. patience        |
| J. solace          | _____ | 10. overwhelmed    |
| K. spud            | _____ | 11. remnants left  |
| L. stupendous      | _____ | 12. waste          |
| M. meekness        | _____ | 13. customs        |
| N. obstreperous    | _____ | 14. worthless      |
| O. enclave         | _____ | 15. clever plan    |
| P. boggled         | _____ | 16. regulations    |
| Q. grace           | _____ | 17. tuber          |
| R. maneuver        | _____ | 18. agreement      |
| S. dump            | _____ | 19. advantage      |
| T. myopia          | _____ | 20. amazing        |
| U. wrestler's hold | _____ | 21. unruly         |

## Granite Bears Cheerleaders

Many play key roles in the crowning of a state champion and our Mount Airy High School Granite Bears Cheerleaders are no exception. On Saturday, Dec. 10, our spirit leaders were instrumental in our monumental victory over formidable foe the Tarboro Vikings.

Our cheerleading team members are chosen from a competition each spring. Our sponsor/coaches are Devin Moore and Sabrina Taylor. Our teammates cheer at each football and varsity basketball game and at other events by request. The members are gifted in school spirit and athleticism. They are official representatives of the good character of our school.

Our 2022-23 cheerleaders are:

Ava Wertman	Avayah Wall
Aubri Smith	Mercer Meadows
Addison Marshall	Ashton Lamb
Lily Kirkman	Brianna Horne
Blakelyn Edwards	Emilee Corn
Emma Bowman	

## Brent McKinney

Brent McKinney is a lifelong and birthright Quaker (Society of Friends). He graduated from Surry Central High School in 1970, N.C. State University, earned his Master's at Purdue University, and has received his P.E. designation. We met at Guilford College in 1998. His wife is Brenda; children are Bryson, Mamie Sutphin, and Leah Baker. Brent and Brenda live on his paternal family farm in the Ararat community of Surry County and he continues to eagerly dedicate many hours to Quaker causes. He has made 80 mission trips to Jamaica when other family members also go to teach Vacation Bible School in the summers.

For the past 20 years, Brent twice a week teaches classes in Transportation and Land Planning at N.C. A&T University in Greensboro. A recent class designed a 214-acre, 1,800-student high school. I was honored to attend the assignment unveiling and shall treasure the wealth of knowledge garnered by Brent's mentees.

I encourage retired teachers I know to substitute when needed. Give as long as we have talents to share. In Brent's case he retired in 2000 as Director of Transportation for the City of Winston-Salem.

Brent and Brenda are renowned grandparents as they daily lend themselves to helping train, carpool, and spiritually nurture eight grandchildren, five near Pilot Mountain and three in Winston-Salem. I can't imagine more capable and competent caregivers than the McKinneys. They are passing along incomparably rich traditions and foundations.

## Susan Morrison

In a recent "thank you" for apples at Christmas, Susan Morrison, wife of the late David Morrison, shared how much she appreciated being remembered. "I am thankful that what meant so much for him has continued."

Susan and David met at UNC-Chapel Hill when he was in Pharmacy School and she in the School of Nursing. David, Phillip Ratley, and Jack Gentry formed the Sela Bible Study in 2010, and it thrives to this day as we meet each and every Friday at 6:30 a.m. We miss David dearly and I can see his beautiful white shirts, Carolina Blue striped tie, blue pleated slacks, and shined shoes.

David's legacy will forever endure. In the early struggle years of the Elkin Rescue Squad Benefit Golf Tournament I approached David at the D-Rex Pharmacy prescription counter and sight unseen, asked him to support our cause. Without hesitation he said, "Sure. Let me get you a check." I got a donation and next year he sponsored a team, and the third year two teams. I cherish learning about starting D-Rex, developing and moving to their new facility, discovering his trusteeship at Campbell University, their devotion to Southeastern Seminary, special love for James, devotion to the D-Rex Team, opening a new store in Yadkinville, the splendid azaleas behind the Jonesville store, going to John and Dori's wedding in Hickory, learning of John's plans to plant a new church in Hickory, and being invited to Mrs. Alice's birthday party.

He lives to this day. I see him leading our Bible study, the steps he built for employees climbing to the dumpster at D-Rex in Jonesville, at the ribbon cutting by the Chamber at the Yadkinville store, in his support for Mrs. Alice as she handled the greeter desk, as Susan praised Sarah for her devotion to D-Rex after David's passing last February, in Ronnie Swaim's accolades for his leadership at D-Rex, and his mentorship for aspiring pharmacy college interns far and wide, an experience all will cherish and treasure. We've all lost influential contacts; however, none rival David Morrison's impact. Those who benefit to this day would form a line around a city block. In being reminded of his stewardship and servant's heart and his family values, our spirits will forever resonate as we recall David's place in our lives.

## The Doobie Brothers

The Doobie Brothers band in the late 1970s included three lead guitarists and two drummers because the band performed so many different kinds of music including country rock, soul, Southern-fried boogie, funk, and R&B. Somehow it worked for them. I watched them on YouTube. It was a unique ensemble, to say the least.

## True Servant

Geneva Mabe, a quiet, unassuming matriarch, lives in southernmost Surry County near the Yadkin River. I first met her after being invited to participate in the Copeland Seniors' monthly meeting at the Copeland Ruritan Club where she served as its president. We met on the third Wednesday for fellowship, fun, and delicious food carried in by its members. I'll forever be grateful to have been extended an invitation as I've met so many wonderful community servants. Another memory is that she had recently lost a grandson in Wilkes County in an auto accident.

Mrs. Mabe possesses outstanding leadership acumen. Although quiet-spoken, she is totally reliable and when she gets behind a project its probability of succeeding is mostly given! She is on our list of friends we want to recognize as givers and role models. Her best friend was her late sister, Mae Crissman.

## Don Armstrong

We recently lost dear friend Don Armstrong at age 92. He admirably served the Neighbors Stores for 20 years. Within hours of asking God to help me with my drug addiction on May 3, 1986, he, without hesitating, came and sat with me until late in the night and disposed of a quantity of pain pills that were a threat to my recovery. Don had honorably served the Mount Airy Police Department for 30 years prior to joining our team. Don conducted countless character investigations and helped weed out undesirable job candidates. He also served as courier and confidant.

## Coach Maynard

Coach Stuart "Rock" Maynard came to Guilford College in 1952 after winning the state football championship at Williamson High in 1951. He became the head baseball coach, assisted in football, and taught Physical Education. We met in 1961 as he embraced me, a lonely, backward freshman lineman. He would say, "York, you are my kind of player. Having you on our team is an honor."

At his funeral in May of 2013, I spoke out of the silence and said, "Mrs. Ruth Maynard, Coach encouraged us to do, be, and give our best. He championed the underdog, expected us to achieve our potential, and honored us by seeing only our goodness. His relationships were steadfast and enduring. He was sensitive to our needs and forgave our shortcomings. We were drawn to his gratitude, honesty, humility, and love. He sought ways to serve God, family, and friends. Coach held us in the light and believed there was that of God in all of us."

## Funerals & Eulogies

When folks recall a few good moments for me, I hope they mention my efforts to attend funerals and accept invitations to eulogize a friend. Petie Davis recently gave a Christmas book on a compilation of eulogies. In our region, Dr. Bill Johnson (retired) is recognized as being the best eulogist we've heard.

Many people say, "I hope no one asks me to do a eulogy." I can say there will be a moment in every presentation when the eulogist will become overcome with grief and hardly able to speak, but after recovery things get easier.

Please let me share some recent moments of spiritual growth:

- In a funeral at Friendly Chapel Church, eulogist Scott Jenson concluded the ceremony by delivering a cappella Jim Hill's 1955 classic "What A Day That Will Be." Most of us were in tears.

- A eulogist at Shoals Methodist said the deceased would ask us to feed his sheep as Jesus said to Peter in John 21:15-17.

- Another Shoals Methodist eulogist challenged us, as we learn in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." The deceased had lived a life of helping in countless ways.

- At Ed Bondurant's funeral I commented, "I once had asked him to be the P.A. announcer of a baseball game and he had never been to a game. He was a bit ragged at the start, but recovered magnificently!"

## State Employees Credit Union

On the program "People Doing Good For Others" on Wilkes Communication in 2021, we interviewed Keri Shore, manager of a State Employees Credit Union branch on Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. She was the most dedicated career executive I had ever known. She stated SECU was founded in Raleigh in 1937 with capital of \$437. Today, SECU is in all 100 North Carolina counties, has 272 branches, is our state's largest credit union, has 7,200 employees, and does things right.

Its benevolent foundation, which has helped Mount Airy's Shepherd's House, Mountain Valley Hospice, and Surry Medical Ministries, was founded in 2004 and led by Jim Blaine. Its capital is funded by \$1 monthly from each of 1,500,000 checking account customers. To date it has bequeathed \$200 million. The funds go to education, health care, human services, and housing.

Keri Shore also shared, "Our employees believe in it, its longevity speaks for itself, it's co-op, it's non-profit, they do no advertising, its stewardship has a culture of giving. We do things the right way, and we are people helping people."

## York Sisters

On Monday after Christmas, Alan and Kyle York and daughters Mayley, 12; Mary Carter, 8, and Maggie Grace, 3, came down from Lynchburg, Va., to celebrate Christmas. After exchanging gifts, Mayley shared her interest in Civics and that there are 100 Senators and 435 U.S. House members, that Senators serve six-year terms, House members serve two-year terms, each state has two Senators, and each House member represents 600,000 citizens but that number is subject to change as population increases or decreases. Age minimum for House members is 25 and the Senators' minimum age is 30. She also loves studying the Bible at her Christian School.

Mary Carter started to ponder about teaching herself to play a piano that was idly resting in the home. After teaching herself some notes learned on YouTube she is now to have weekly lessons. She also played "Silent Night" on a pump organ in our living room. Mayley, after learning the pedals must be pumped, assisted Mary Carter by pumping the pedals. Mary Carter also loves to write stories about stories in books.

Maggie Grace's hobby is building things from a fresh supply of Play-Doh. She spent most of her hours on the supper table making playdough things. My best head shots of the visit were of her smile and the Play-Doh.

## York Bequest

Prior to their passing, Tom and Marian York bequested \$46,000 in Lowe's Companies Inc. stock to the White Plains community via the Ruritan Club. Tom designated members Dale York and Garnett Beasley to oversee their desires for use of the contributions and income from the proceeds. The value of the stock has grown to \$240,000 since 2005.

Surry Community College recently received a \$75,000 endowment to fund scholarships for worthy students in trade areas with a preference to fund the needs of students from the White Plains community. I'm grateful for the opportunity to attend and photograph the ceremony as Dale and Garnett convey the \$75,000 to Surry Community College and its representative Sheila Franklin.

## Those Who've Helped

Many amateur photojournalists spend days reminiscing, looking at photographs, and cherishing the day and location of prized shots. Late on a Sunday afternoon, I recaptured the following places, people, and things that welcomed the opportunity to share the unique and special things

they do and where they do these endeavors. Please enjoy these contributions. They are:

A. Friend James Forester and I attending the North Carolina State High School Athletics Association Wrestling State Championship in Winston-Salem.

B. Clayton and Carol Hall at Mount Airy Friends Meeting.

C. Larry Chaney trusting Gary York to finance the sale of his store at the intersection of N.C. Highway 268 and U.S. Route 601.

D. Jim Hughes saying Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce's Misty Matthews' encouragement led to his family's moving to State Road, N.C.

E. Brent McKinney and I enjoy breakfast monthly in Aunt Bea's BBQ Restaurant at Pilot Mountain.

F. Chief Technology Officer David Brown recently retired from the Surry County Schools where his technical mastery and management skills contributed to countless educational endeavors.

G. John and Mary Freas whose farm in Traphill, N.C., has been in his family for over 200 years.

H. Gerald and Teresa Plaster, Mike Felts, Daniel and Robin Beseth, Lupe Chavez, Tim Childress, Jimmy Thomas, Allen Prater, and Phillip Gordon enjoy daily sessions at the Edgar M. Armfield Sr. Civic & Recreation Center in Pilot Mountain.

I. Surry County political leaders Mayor Dr. Jon Cawley and City Commissioner Phil Thacker and Surry County Commissioners Bill Goins, Mark Marion, and Larry Johnson attending the annual Veterans Day ceremony.

J. Johnson Farm Operations' wheat field along Highway 268 east of Fairview.

K. Mount Airy Toyota's billboard along U.S. Route 52 Bypass at Big Lots, Harbor Freight, and Family Dollar.

## People With Helping Hands

Petie and Janice Davis	Mildred Beal
Gary and Vickie Harold	Horace Bondurant
Brannock and Hiatt Furniture	Jeff Boyles
Crab and Will Smith	Bruce Nations
Kester and Rosie Sink	Harris Greene
Herb and Lisa Handy	Clifton Jessup
Robby and Carla Timmons	Alliance Insurance
Dale York and Garnett Beasley	Joy Gardner
Allen and Brenda Edwards	Gladys Hernandez
Sam and Susan Gentry	Hattie Brintle
Clark and Susan Goings	Sarah Johnson
John and Mary Freas	Lupe Chavez
Dr. Swanson and Ruth Richards	Dairy Center
Bud and Mary Kilby	Tim Childress
Faye and Randy Hudson	Allen Prater
Gerald and Teresa Plaster	Phillip Gordon
Daniel and Robin Beseth	Mike Felts
Jimmy Thomas	

## Vouch For Me

In 1985 while starting efforts to build Neighbors #12 at the intersection of N.C. Highway 89 and Interstate 77 in western Surry County, we became aware that the interesting property was owned by the legendary Grace Cook, who was gaining on 100, and the property would pass to her daughter, Jean Wright.

At the time, my closest ally was Buck Faw, a local business guru, banker, and attorney. I asked, "Do you know Grace and Jean?" He answered, "I sure do. They are good people." I asked if he would take me to meet them and he agreed.

Subsequently, he set up an appointment and we showed up at the set time. In a few moments he shared my family and recommended me. Grace promptly said, "All we need to know is your recommendation. If you say Mr. York is okay, then we can do a deal."

In several other situations my family's reputation helped. To mention a few:

- Satch White said, "If C.L. White says you're okay, then O.K."
- The late Troy Smith came to me because he knew my grandfather and dad.
- The late Johnny Johnson helped me with the Foltz family at Neighbors #9.
- Tom Webb connected us to Bobby Harold.
- The late Frank Comer helped the York Oil Co. for 50 years.
- Wayne Smith at Farmers Bank in Pilot Mountain extended credit on my dad and mom's name.
- The late Roger Harris developed Neighbors #6 after the security doubled.

## Waiting In Line

The following is an excerpt from the poem "Every Minute Someone Leaves This World Behind" by Marianne Baum.

So while we wait in line:  
Make moments count.  
Make priorities.  
Make the time.  
Make our gifts known.  
Make a nobody feel like somebody.  
Make our voices heard.  
Make the small things big.  
Make someone smile.  
Make the change.  
Make up.  
Make peace.  
Make sure to tell our people they are loved.  
Make sure to have no regrets.  
Make sure we are ready...  
Every minute someone leaves this world behind.

## Gifts

Most-gifted Sunday School teacher Joy Bono, in a lesson based on 1 Corinthians by the Apostle Paul, shared that we are blessed with varied and distinctly different gifts to give to others, and that we are to search for our highest and best opportunity to discover these abilities and to use them effectively. In her compilation were these innate skills:

1. Evangelism — to lead others to Christ.
2. Exhortation — to speak words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel.
3. Faith — the ability to discern confidence, the will and purpose of God.
4. Giving — the ability to contribute material resources of the Lord with liberality, cheerfulness, and joy.
5. Help — the ability to do routine tasks which frees others to do more strategic skills.
6. Mercy — the ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion to alleviate suffering.
7. Prophecy — to share God's comfort, courage, and rebuke.
8. Shepherd — the ability to nurture and console.
9. Teach — those who can and will teach are to communicate what they've learned — tell stories.
10. Wisdom — share knowledge; apply spiritual truths.
11. Administrators — to understand the goal, to devise and execute plans, to stay on task.

## Love — 1 Corinthians 13

The Apostle Paul and his co-author Sosthenes wrote the epistle 1 Corinthians to a Christian community in Greece that was divided and competitive. The writers remind the Corinthians of the call to love one another by giving them what "love" looks like (I'm paraphrasing).

In the New International Version of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 says:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

## Word Match answers

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|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. T | 6. S  | 11. C | 16. G | 21. N |
| 2. F | 7. Q  | 12. D | 17. K |       |
| 3. J | 8. U  | 13. F | 18. H |       |
| 4. O | 9. M  | 14. A | 19. E |       |
| 5. B | 10. P | 15. R | 20. L |       |

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