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\$120,000 settlement for Regent Parkway

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Lancaster County officials have agreed to pay a developer \$120,000 for a troublesome substandard Indian Land road that has been a 10-year headache for Panhandle commuters and homeowners alike.

After meeting behind closed doors for almost 45 minutes Monday night, May 23, Lancaster County Council came into open session and unanimously voted to settle the pending lawsuit with Regency Parkway Partners for \$120,000.

A half-mile shortcut road, Regency Parkway runs between Harrisburg Road and S.C. 21 in Fort Mill and is used by more than 10,000 vehicles a day, said Lancaster County Councilman Brian Carnes. The road is in his district.

"The county required it (the settlement) for it to become part of the county's road system. The county has already taken possession of it. This confirms the title and the just compensation for Regency Parkway without having a jury decide it," said County Attorney John DuBose.

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Elderly man dies after car accident

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A Lancaster man died at a Pineville hospital after a car accident last week in Indian Land.

William Edwards Adams, 87, died from injuries sustained in the accident after being taken to the hospital, according to the Lancaster County Coroner's Office.

The driver of the vehicle, Mary Patricia Adams, 80, of Lancaster, was also injured in the accident. Both were taken to Atrium Hospital in Pineville by Lancaster County EMS, police said.

The accident happened on U.S. 521 near the intersection of Doby's Bridge Road about 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19. According to the police, Mary Adams ran off the right side of the road; hit a ditch and then an embankment.

The accident is under investigation by the S.C. Highway Patrol.

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TOP TWINS



Photo by Matt Collier; courtesy of the Plylers

Twins Avery, left, and Claire Plyler are the top two graduates for Buford High School. After much back-and-forth tussling, Claire will be valedictorian, with Avery the salutatorian.



Mac Bank/reporter

Twins Bella, left, and Kaelie Sikorski are the top two graduates at Indian Land High School. Kaelie is valedictorian, with her sister Bella a close second.

Identical sets of sisters finish 1-2 at county high schools

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The same, yet different. For most twins, that statement says it all. Being a twin is a rare thing, but having those twins finish at the top of their class as valedictorian and salutatorian is even more out of the ordinary.

However, that is what has happened to not just one set of twins in Lancaster County School District, but two.

THE PLYLER TWINS

Claire and Avery Plyler, 18, are used to sharing things, but that hasn't stopped them from competing for those same things.

The Buford graduates will be this year's valedictorian and salutatorian for the Yellow Jackets class of 2022.

Getting to be the top two graduates in the class of 2022 has been a long back-and-forth process between the identical twins.

Sometimes Avery would be leading the race for valedictorian, sometimes Claire would be and sometimes a third student would bump them both from the top spot. However, in the end, Claire will be the valedictorian, with Avery the salutatorian.

Both of them will attend Coastal Carolina University together later this year.

"Ever since seventh grade at the end-of-the-year awards, either one of us has always been given the highest honor award, which means the highest grade-point average," Claire said. "Sometimes it was Avery. Then in eighth grade, I got it, and ever since then we have known our rank."

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THE SIKORSKI TWINS

Like the Plyler twins, the Sikorskis, also 18, have known for a while their ranking in the Class of 2022 for Indian Land. Kaelie will be graduating as valedictorian with a 5.381 GPA and Bella as salutatorian with a 5.355 GPA.

"In elementary and middle school, we were kind of up there in getting awards, but when we got into high school, we started taking dual-enrollment classes," Kaelie said. "We just took advantage of all the classes we could take and it got us higher (in the rankings)."

The sisters knew where they ranked in their class by the time their sophomore year rolled around.

However, the sisters agreed they were never rivals with each other for the top spot in the class.

"We weren't competing with each other," Bella said. "We just helped each other study for exams and study for quizzes. It wasn't competitive. We ended all of the same classes with the same grades anyway. There was no competition, it just happened."

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Former TLN editor led with a servant's heart

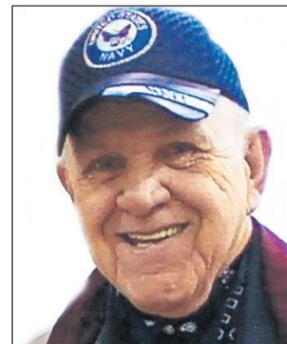


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Charles "Buck" Moore, a former reporter and editor for The Lancaster News, died May 16, following an extended illness that kept him homebound for the last five years. He was 80.

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Military veteran, hard-nosed newspaper man, devoted husband, father and grandfather, Charles "Buck" Moore led with a servant's heart.

"He was a private man, a man of few words. He was a true family man, honest, honorable and a man of character," said the Rev. Brad Threath, pastor of White Springs Baptist Church.

Moore, a former reporter and editor for The Lancaster News, died Monday, May 16, following an extended illness that kept him homebound for the last five years. He was 80.

"He served his country well. He served his community well and, even more so, he served his family well," Threath said.

Born Sept. 1, 1941, Moore's early life

was anything but typical. He came up hard and was only 11 when his father, Robert Moore, died.

He quit school as soon as he was old enough and joined the Navy in 1961. In the military, Moore served as a hospital corpsman for eight years, including 18 months with the Marine Corps. He married his wife, Juanita, a registered nurse, in 1962 and they returned to Lancaster in 1969.

After working for Springs and Westinghouse for several years, Moore started taking classes at the University of South Carolina, while writing and shooting sports photos part time at The Lancaster News.

A non-traditional student, Moore raised a family while working on his degree.

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