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Mr. John Benham Retires

by Lacey Creech & Mariah Hotze

After 35 years in education, Mr. John Benham is ready to start the next chapter in his life: getting to know his grandkids better, traveling the United States, and, after 5 or 6 months, getting a part-time job. His very successful education career started in 1978, at Woodsboro, as a coach. He and his wife, Jane, wanted a quality school for their kids, Kevin and Kelli, and lucky for them, a Principal job at Wink Elementary came up. In that job Mr. Benham got to experience one of his most memorable times: watching both kids graduate. After those hard earned years, Mr. Benham moved up to Superintendent. When asked what he would miss most, he stated, "the great and respectful people, kids, and faculty."

Even though this is goodbye for now, Mr. Benham will be coming back to visit and see all the improvements being made, since he was instrumental in getting the bond passed, and also to see any other changes made by the new superintendent, Mr. Dewitt Smith. Mr. Benham thinks Mr. Smith will be great in his new role because, he is "very bright." Mr. Benham wishes him "nothing but the best."