

Make A Positive Impact In The Lives Of Children

It has been 41 years since Whitney Houston sang the lyrics, "I believe the children are our future," but the sentiment still stands strong today. Investing in the success and well-being of children is one of the most impactful things a person can do for the future of society.

Research increasingly points to the quality of a child's environment and his or her relationships as important components of development. There are certain ways adults can fundamentally alter a child's long-term outcomes for the better.

The power of presence

The adage presence over presents remains true. A critical factor in the healthy development of children is the presence of at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive adult, says a 2024 review in Child Health Nursing Research. Instability can greatly affect a child, and the 2024 review points to the foster care system to support that assertion. Each additional move a child makes in foster care is associated with weaker attachment formation and a heightened risk of mental health problems. Consistency and being around for children are the most positive things adults can do for kids.

Cultivate resilience

Emotional resilience is the ability to adapt to challenges, manage stress and recover from setbacks. It is important for children's lifelong success, says the Center of the Developing Child at Harvard University. Adults can encourage proactive problem-solving and not jump in to "fix" everything. They also can teach stress management techniques and model positive coping strategies. Educating children that others have different goals and feelings can help them better navigate socially.

Provide the support needed

Ensuring that kids have access to the educational tools they need is key to their success. According to a 2018 study that examined the impact of early childhood education, children who receive early intervention services before age three demonstrate significantly higher academic achievement by the third grade. Early intervention is a system of support and services for young children with developmental delays or disabilities. Even children who do not need EI should be exposed to a wide array of educational materials so they can foster a love of learning.

Children can benefit from certain behaviors and interventions that can result in positive changes for the future.

God Knows You

By Bob Hardison

Solid Friendships Make Life Better

Q: I work a lot and life has gotten busier. I used to have two or three close friendships, but I've let them stagnate and now they aren't as satisfying as I want them to be. How can I rejuvenate them or make new ones?

A: Making a good friend isn't complicated, but it isn't easy either. It's as easy as good conversation, shared time, and maybe mixing in some laughter and tears. On the surface, we do these things every day; but to get beyond a surface level—where meaning-

ful friendships begin to transform our lives—it takes intentionality.

Having a friend and being a friend is a voluntary effort that's marked by proportional, shared investment in sharing information about yourself and being interested in another's life. Share your stories. What's good about life? What's hard? What's fun? What's next and what's your dreams?

Friendships are marked by comparable efforts to get involved in one another's lives. If that doesn't happen, the relationship becomes a helping relationship such as, counseling, shepherding, or

mentoring.

One more thing, be intentional about making a friendship with a non-Christian peer, too. Friends talk about things that are important to them. As the friendship deepens, talk more openly, more passionately,

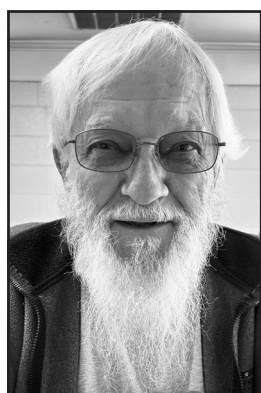
and vulnerably about your faith. Remember Second Corinthians 5:20 says we are to be Christ's ambassadors. Friendships with both believers and non-believers will transform your life and the life of another.

Bennett Nance

Mr. Bennett "Ben" Harmon Nance, age 80, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina passed away Monday, June 8, 2026, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

Ben was born on July 28, 1945, in Webster County to William B. Nance and Dora Harmon Nance. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. Ben also loved hanging out at Roman Road Restoration shop. He often ate at Glenn's Restaurant.



In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters, Pandora Nance, Vicky Boles and brothers, Billy Ray Nance and Kenneth Bruce Nance.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Nance (Beth) of Nokomis, Florida and grandchildren, Gunnar Nance, Frankie Nance and Emmett Nance.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wilkes County Cruisers, 845 Brown Ridge Road, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

Online condolences may be made to www.reinssturdivant.com. Paid

WC Retired Teachers Meet

The Webster County Retired Teachers had an end-of-the-membership-year meeting Monday, June 8, at the Mexican restaurant in Providence. Thirteen members were present. WCRTA President Nan Laughary welcomed the group, led the Pledge to the Flag, and gave the devotional. President Laughary led a meeting warm-up by asking members what they did for relaxation.

WCRTA had already completed the state association's program requirement; therefore, the meeting was focused on reviewing meeting plans, offices, and chairs for next year. Some programs to be continued are: School Supplies, Member Caring, Food Bank, Scholarships and Facebook.

Chairs for KRTA required committees of Legislation, Health and insurance, and Membership were continued. Treasurer Marilyn Whitsell gave a financial report, explaining the current balance and expenses of the scholarships and state convention. Secretary Geraldine Stone had already sent minutes of the April minutes to members by e-mail.

The next meeting will be the first of the membership year. A picnic at Canaan Ridge is planned for Monday, August 10.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

Big Rivers Electric Corporation will hold an open house on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM Central Daylight Time (4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time) as an opportunity to provide written feedback related to Big Rivers' 2026 Integrated Resource Plan. The open house will be held at the Big Rivers Training Center located 300 North Water Street, Henderson, Kentucky. The information available at the open house and instructions for written feedback will also be available on June 25, 2026, on the Big Rivers website, www.bigrivers.com/irp.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BID

The Webster County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the following:

2026 Dodge Durango AWD PPV

- 5.7L V8 HEMI Engine
- 8 Speed Automatic Transmission
- DB Black Clear Coat
- Parkview Rear Back Up Camera
- Cloth Front Bucket Seats/Vinyl Rear Seat
- HD 220 AMP Alternator/HD 800 AMP Battery
- Tri-Zone HVAC
- BR9 Pursuit Rated Braking Package
- Keyless Entry w/Push Button Start
- Column Shifter
- 255/60R18 BSW V Rated Tires
- Vinyl Floor
- LED Left Spotlight
- Uconnect 5 w/10.1 Inch Display/ AM/FM/Bluetooth
- 4 Key FOBs
- Black Steel Wheels with Chrome Center Caps
- Heavy Duty Cooling System
- Secure Park
- Front and Rear Dome Lights
- Trailer Hitch with 4 & 7 Pin Connection

All bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Webster County Judge Executive's office by 9am Central, 10am Eastern on June 22, 2026. The bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on June 22, 2026.

The Webster County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Stephen R Henry
Webster County Judge Executive

Patsy Nall

Patsy June Sanford Conn Nall, 88, of Owensboro, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 11, 2026 while under the care of Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky at the Heartford House surrounded by her loved ones.



She was born at home on June 22, 1937 in Lauderdale County, TN to the late Erse and Inez Thurmond Sanford.

Patsy was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and was retired from the City of Owensboro as an Accounting Clerk.

A life of faith and caring lived with an attitude of grace and acceptance, Patsy adapted to the circumstances she found herself in with the determination (some call it stubbornness) and grit to move forward. Beloved by all, she brightened the lives of everyone she knew.

In addition to her parents, Patsy was preceded in death by her first husband, Jim Conn; second husband, Harold Nall; son, Alan Conn; step-son, Robby Nall; siblings, C.F. Sanford, James Sanford and Gene Sanford.

Survivors include her children, Kent Conn (Mary Frances), Stan Conn (DeeAnn), and Dan Conn; step-daughter, Kim Willis (Eugene); grandchildren, Zach Conn, Erica Conn, Malachi Watts (McIntyre) and Alex Conn (Abbie); step-grandchildren, Savannah Nall and Kayla Nall; and step-great-grandchildren, Lawson Nall and Indie Schweikardt.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory.

Burial was at Springdale Cemetery in Sebree.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Trinity United Methodist Church, 2815 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY 42303 or to Sebree United Methodist Church, 12180 KY 132, Sebree, KY 42455.

Online messages of condolences may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com Paid

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number 917-0034, RN #8

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Suite 350 Lexington, KY 40515, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 1,123.1 acres located 0.7 miles north of Providence in Webster County.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.4 miles northwest from KY Route 670's junction with KY Route 293 and located 1.6 miles south of Slover Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Providence and Nebo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use auger and area methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Dr. James Salmon c/o James L. Salmon Jr., Thomas & Frank Skinner, and Providence Coal Reserves, LLC.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date. 6/17c