

COMMUNITY/OBITUARIES

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The board approved that no semi-trucks and trailer would be allowed parking on the Station 1 lot; approved to leave the tax rates the same; and following a lengthy discussion with

Chief French, and going through it line by line, approved the budget. Before adjournment, Chief French informed the board that cribbage had been purchased for the EM truck. The meeting was subsequently adjourned, with the next meeting to be held on Sept. 9, 2026, at 6:00pm, at Station 1.

Sterling Health Care continues donations to area School-Based Health partner schools



Sterling Health Care recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Nicholas County Schools as part of the School-Based Health program partnership. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Chris Casterline, dentist for SHC-Carlisle and the SHC mobile unit; Sara Kiskaden, NCHS athletic director; Dr. John Derek Faulconer, superintendent; and Sandy Gifford, SHC school-based health coordinator.

Sterling Health Care Receives Gold Recognition as National Quality Leader

RANKS AMONG TOP 10% IN NATION'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Sterling Health Care (SHC) has been awarded the prestigious gold Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) badge for its notable achievements in the areas of access, quality, health information technology, and health outcomes using Uniform Data System (UDS) data from the most recent reporting period. The Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) was one of only five gold awardees in the state of Kentucky, and one of only 139 in the entire country to earn the award presented by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This recognition places SHC among the top 10 percent of community health centers in the entire country. SHC Chief Medical Officer Dr. Richard Hall extended praise to employees and patients alike after receiving the news.

"Attaining Quality Leader Gold status is possible only with the incredible teamwork of Sterling Health Care's providers, nurses and staff," he said. "Credit also goes to our patients who are active participants in their health-care journey. We hope this will also translate into better health outcomes for our community."

"It is a great honor for Sterling Health Care to receive this award" said Tina Bryant, SHC Chief Executive Officer. "It represents the highest standard for FQHCs in the nation and we are thankful for the recognition. We will continue our quest for providing the greatest customer service and delivering the highest professional care for every patient we see," Bryant added. "As an FQHC, we stand ready to work with all patients to provide that

DAVID LYNN WILCOXSON



David Lynn Wilcoxson 78 passed away August 18, 2026. He was born in Nicholas County on December 3, 1947, to the late Leonard and Eliza Beth Hunt Wilcoxson. He was a former employee of the Nicholas County Hospital, he liked to make people laugh, he loved riding the backroads and enjoyed a cold Budweiser. He is survived by a son Adam Wilcoxson, a daughter Rhonda Hunt, three grandchildren Makena Martinez, Courtney Sibert and Payton Si-

bert, a sister Faye Kimes, a brother Wayne Wilcoxson, three nieces Tonya Wilcoxson, Beverly Boots Scott and Becky Sams, two nephews Jerry Tom Kimes and Steve Kimes, a Cousin Diane Barbee and best friends Dee Buckler and Patty McClure. He was preceded in death by three brothers Jimmy Wilcoxson, Larry Jo Wilcoxson and Ronnie Wilcoxson, a niece Vickie Wilcoxson, a great niece Kassie Boots and three uncles Henry Hunt, Joe Hunt and Leonard Hunt. Funeral services were Tuesday August 25, 2026, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Reverend Allen Waugh officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday 10 am- 12 pm. Pallbearers were Adam Wilcoxson, Brandon Hollar, Jerry Tom Kimes, Chris House, Charlie Buckler and John Buckler. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Bryant, SHC Chief Executive Officer. "While Sterling Health Care staff can treat their medical needs throughout the day, this assistance boost affords all students the opportunity to experience memories outside the classroom they might not otherwise be able to because of a financial barrier. This also allows the organization to make a significant impact for our school-based health partners." Four districts – Montgomery, Bourbon, Nicholas, and Powell – were the recipients of this year's donations, which marks the sixth year SHC has provided them.

PAMELA ELIZABETH WHITE CONN



Pamela Elizabeth White Conn, 72, of Preston, Kentucky, passed away on August 22, 2026. She was born February 18, 1954, at Mary Chiles Hospital in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, to the late Byram White and Geneva Faye McGlothlin White. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Byram White Jr., who passed at birth; a sister, Joyce Ann White Buchanan; her brother-in-law, Larry Buchanan; a niece, Kaylee Jo Buchanan; and many other dearly loved family and friends. Pam is survived by her husband of 55 years, Anthony Dwayne Conn of Preston, KY; her son, Louis Dwayne Conn and his wife Candace of Flemingsburg, KY; her son, Justin Byram Conn of Preston, KY; her granddaughter, Hailey Alyse Conn and her fiancé, William Kaiser of Flemingsburg, KY; her sister, Judy White of Statesville, NC; her niece, Jennifer Sims of Newton-Conover, NC; her grandniece, Alexis Dockery of Newton-Conover, NC; her grandnephew, Jayden Felder of Newton-Conover, NC; her nephew, Terry Buchanan of Flemingsburg, KY; her grandnieces,

Niki Buchanan of Flemingsburg, KY and Elizabeth Buchanan of Mason County, KY; her uncle, James White of Lexington, KY; her uncle, Ralph McGlothlin and his wife Nevada of Carlisle, KY; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly; and her special little dog, Abbey. Pam was a homemaker and was extremely talented at crafting and quilting. She made anything she put her mind to – quilts and blankets, doll purses, and any other odds and ends. She loved God and gave herself to the Lord. She attended church at Hedricks until her health kept her from leaving the house and attending in person, but even then she was faithful in prayer and always made it a point to attend worship on TV. She loved her family more than anything on this earth and devoted her life to her husband, children and grandchild. She was a sweet soul with a soft heart who will be cherished and deeply missed. This world is better and brighter because she was in it. Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Wednesday August 26, 2026, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Pastor Randall Jackson officiating with burial following in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Kentucky. Visitation Wednesday 11 am – 1 pm. Pallbearers are George Harmon, Henry White, Steven White, Ed McGlothlin, Dave Gray, William Kaiser, Manual Hunt and Bill Booth. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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