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ertson County Black Devils were Maddox Donovan with 14 points, Braxton Martin with 12 points, Caiden Smith with 10 points, and Preston Blake with 10 rebounds.

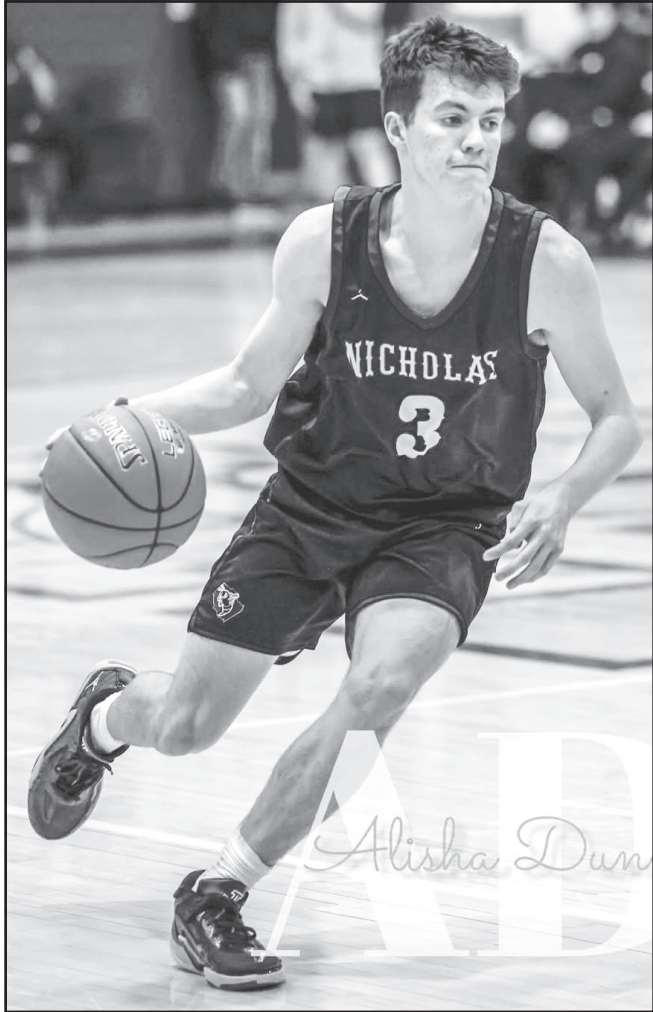
The Jackets leading scorers against the East Carter Raiders were Braxton Martin with an impressive 31 points and 10 rebounds, Maddox Donovan with 18 points, Peyton Hatton with 13 points, and Caiden Smith with 10 rebounds.

The BlueJackets then traveled to Whitley County finish out 2025, competing in 3 games in 3 days at the BSN Borderline Classic, where they unfortunately lost 3 in a row, against Middlesboro (62-64) on Dec. 27th, against Western Hills (Cincinnati, Oh.) (64-76) on Dec. 28th, and against Barbourville (65-76) on Dec. 29th.

The Jackets leading scorers against the Middlesboro Yellowjackets were Braxton Martin with 24 points, Preston Blake with 17 points and 15 rebounds, and Maddox Donovan with 16 points.

The Jackets leading scorers against Western Hills were Braxton Martin with 23 points, Caiden Smith with 14 points, and Maddox Donovan with 13 points.

The Jackets leading scorers against the Barbourville Tigers were Braxton Martin with 18 points, Caiden Smith with 17 points and 15



rebounds, and Preston Blake with 10 points.

The boys started out 2025 on a high note, winning their first game of the new year on the road against their district rival, Harrison County (55-41). The Jackets leading scorers against the Thorobreds were Peyton Hatton with 19 points and 13 rebounds, Braxton Martin with 13 points, and Preston Blake with 14 rebounds.

The Jackets will finish out the month of January with an away game on Jan. 13th against Calvary Christian during the Boys 10th Region Class Tournament,

three straight home games against Pendleton County on the Jan. 17th, Menifee County on Jan. 20th, and Bluegrass United (Lexington, Ky.) on Jan. 23rd.

The boys will have an away game against Robertson County on Jan. 24th, are back at home for a couple of home games, against Model on Jan. 25th, and against Harrison County on Jan. 28th. The Jackets will be back on the road against Pendleton County on Jan. 31st.

(photos courtesy of Alisha Dunn)

those repairs had been done locally.

The judge said that a tree had fallen along Abner's Mill Road during the snow event, and that there were minimal power outages throughout the county, but that the power had been restored to those residences fairly quickly. He also said that the National Guard had been deployed in the county as well, and that they had made a run or two during the snowstorms.

Both Judge-Exec. Hamilton and Sheriff Sidles said that the county road crews, along with the Sheriff's Department, worked very closely with Nicholas County Emergency Management, and Emergency Management Director Doug French, who is also the Nicholas County Fire Department Chief. Judge-Exec. Ham-

ilton said that Emergency Management handled the local and county residents' worries, and that he himself had kept in contact with Fleming County Judge-Exec. John Sims, Jr. during the two snow events last week.

A big thank you goes out to all the state and county road crews, Judge-Exec. Steve Hamilton, Mayor Ronnie Clark, Carlisle Police Chief Gary Kinder and the Carlisle Police Department, Nicholas County Sheriff Jeff Sidles and the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department, the Carlisle and Nicholas County Fire Departments, Nicholas County Emergency Management, the National Guard, and everyone else that pitched in to help Nicholas County and its residents through the most recent winter weather events.

Adams "That was a very stupid thing to say, talking about "You better come locked and loaded."

Justin M. Nardone was arrested and lodged in the Bourbon County Detention Center on a \$500.00 unsecured bond.

He is scheduled to appear in Nicholas County District Court for arraignment on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, at 10:30am.

All persons are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty.

Shawn Chadwick Fugate



Shawn Chadwick Fugate, 50, husband of Delina Cox Fugate, passed away January 4, 2025, in Irmo South Carolina. Formerly of Nicholas County. He was born on June 10, 1974, in Rensselaer, Indiana to the late Melvin Fugate Jr. and Dianna and John

Paul Ritchie. He was an Operation Manager for Qualex Manufacturing in Irmo, South Carolina. He loved time on the lakes and beaches and loved his four dogs dearly. He is survived by his wife Delina 'Dee' Cox Fugate, five children Chad Fugate, Sarah Fugate, Johnny Fugate, Benjamin Schulte, Ryan Shadrick and one bonus son Reese Law, his mother Dianna and John Paul Ritchie, a sister Stephanie Anthrop. He was preceded in death by his father Melvin Fugate Jr., a brother Scott Fugate, his maternal grandparents

Ernest and Hilda 'Billie' Watkins Gray, his paternal grandparents Melvin Fugate Sr. and Marie Fugate Sawyer. Funeral services wre held at 1 pm on Monday January 13, 2025, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Bailey and Bro. Mike Watson officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Visitation was Monday from 11 am – 1 pm. Pallbearers were John Fugate, Chad Fugate, Victor Cox, Benjamin Schulte, Ryan Shadrick and Reese Law. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Franklin Miles Hughes (Frankie)

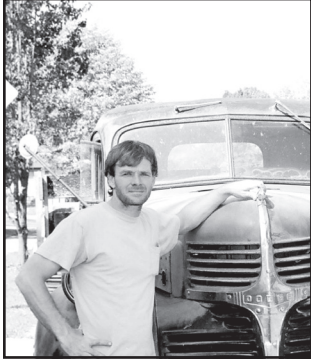


Franklin Miles Hughes (Frankie), widower of Marilyn Boothe Hughes, passed away January 5, 2025, at the age of 92. Frankie was born on Cassidy Creek in Nicholas County, Kentucky to James Miles Hughes and Elizabeth Crawford on August 5, 1932. He grew up on the Clay Farm. After graduating Carlisle High School, he served in the Korean war for the United States Army. Frankie and Marilyn

were married October 20, 1956. In their early years, they ran a small restaurant (Little House with The Big Eats) in Carlisle, Kentucky. Frankie served several terms on the Carlisle City Council and 2 terms as the Mayor. He was a member of Carlisle Christian Church, Nicholas County VFW and American Legion. Frankie was a charter member of the Nicholas County Fire Department. He retired from the United States Postal Service. Frankie is survived by three sons; Miles (Dawn) Hughes, Mark (Cindy) Hughes and Matthew (Penny) Hughes, grandchildren; Jeremy, Leah, and Justin Hughes, Cordell Watkins and Samantha Jones, great-grandchildren; Gracie Hughes, Noah and Grant Shanklin, Emma

Hughes, Gracey Skaggs, Hudson and Annistyn Jones. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marilyn, grandson, William Robert (WR) Hughes and sister, Anna Mae Davis. Funeral services were Friday, January 10, 2025, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home. Visitation was from 11-2 with service starting at 2pm. Steve Smith officiating with burial following in the Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeremy Hughes, Justin Hughes, Brian Clark, Brownie Hollar, Wayne Tapp, Tom Crawford and Jamie Davis. Honorary Pallbearers were Noah and Grant Shanklin, Gracie Hughes, Emma Hughes and Gracey Skaggs. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

William Lester Howard



William Lester Howard, 62, passed away Friday, January 10, 2025 at his home in Nicholas County.

Born April 19, 1962 in Nicholas County, he was a 1981 graduate of N.C.H.S., worked for many years as a master plumber and later in maintenance at Bourbon Heights, and was baptized at Mt. Zion Christian Church. William greatly enjoyed tinkering with his cars, beekeeping and his beloved dog, Skipper.

Surviving are his parents, John Thomas & Roberta Robinson Howard; 2 brothers, Harold (Patricia) Howard & Russell Howard; his sister, Della Mitchell; a nephew and 3 nieces: Austin Howard, Shasta (Dustin) Stoddard, Taylor Mitchell & Macie Howard; and 4 great-nieces & nephews: Cady & Zaden Howard

and Tessa & Elijah Stoddard.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Austin Lee Howard.

Services were held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 14th at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Rev. Jerry Eubanks &

Rev. Brenda Routt. Burial will follow in Carlisle Cemetery.

Friends and family served as casketbearers.

Visitation was after 5:00 P.M. Monday.

Condolences may be left at www.mathers-gaunce.com.

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al 200 tons of salt, as well. After the winter weather events had passed on, the Judge-Exec. Hamilton said they had around 250 tons of salt left, and that the county had ordered an additional 200 tons of salt, for any more upcoming winter weather events, when they arrive.

The judge said that in addition to the state and county road crews, they had some additional drivers come in and clear the roads, and that some county residents even pitched in with the proper resources, such as the use of trucks and tractors with snow blades, to help as well. He did say that a few of the county trucks had some minor maintenance issues during the snow events, but that

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alcoholic beverage, and while he was going to stay with a friend, he became more outraged. He stated to Deputy Sheriff

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
STEVEN D. HAMILTON
NICHOLAS COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-0002

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
January 10, 2025

WHEREAS, on or about January 10, 2025, a public safety threat is anticipated in Nicholas County, Kentucky, directly related to an extended period of severe forecasted inclement weather, to include extensive snow, freezing rain, ice and arctic, frigid temperatures; and

WHEREAS, on this date, the governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Hon. Andy Beshear, has declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth as a result of this anticipated severe weather storm, which may cause widespread power outages and treacherous road conditions;

WHEREAS, the need has arisen to heighten protective measures in order to promote the health, safety, and welfare of, and to protect, the residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, this situation is likely to create a considerable hardship for the citizens of Nicholas County; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN D. HAMILTON, Nicholas County Judge Executive, by the authority vested in me by KRS 39A.100(3), do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Nicholas County, pending further executive order and direct that:

- The local Emergency Operations Plan shall be fully executed;
- The Emergency Management Director shall direct the Emergency Management to provide such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate all agencies of local government to provide assistance to Nicholas County.
- All agencies of Nicholas County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be required for response to this emergency.
- Under this State of Emergency, as provided in KRS 39A.100(2) the Nicholas County Judge Executive can waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to: a) performance of public work, b) entering in contracts, c) incurring obligations, d) employment of permanent and temporary workers, e) utilization of volunteer workers, f) rental of equipment, g) appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Dated this the 10th day of January, 2025.

Steven D. Hamilton
Nicholas County Judge/Executive

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