

# Griffen to join Washington guard service

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A very proud grandmother,  
Heather Mitchell, brought

in her granddaughter's Tammy on the day before she left, after completing Basic Training in the United States

# Lexington VA Hospital to serve troops

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LEXINGTON — The Lexington Veterans Medical Center has been chosen as one of the 80 primary hospitals to receive patients from either side of the Middle East the star of a Department of Defense (DOD) facility.

Public Law 97-174, The Veterans Administration and Department of Defense Health Resource Sharing and Emergency Operations Act, signed in 1982, established the VADOD Contingency Hospital System.

Historically, the Lexington VAMC has provided medical care since 1851, serving veterans from Kentucky, Tennessee, East Virginia, Arkansas, and North Carolina.

By 1989, the hospital was redesignated as a general medical and surgical hospital with the Cooper Drive division opening in 1978, as an acute care facility.

Presently, a tertiary care center, it is composed of two divisions located five miles apart, but consolidated under one management.

The medical center serves eligible veterans primarily from central and eastern Kentucky.

The Lexington VAMC also receives referrals from West Virginia and Tennessee. It has over 700 beds, as well as a 100 bed nursing home care unit.

The older Lexington division currently houses intensive medicine, psychiatric, geriatric and nursing home care units, and several outpatient clinics.

The VA's only specialty referral laboratory is also located at this facility. The Cooper Drive division is physically connected to and

formally affiliated with the University of Kentucky Medical Center and houses acute, medical, psychiatric, surgical and neurological beds, as well as numerous specialty clinics.

Final year showed statistics of 2000 patients treated, 2877 inpatient and 149,000 outpatient visits.

In addition to the large medical, surgical, psychiatric, neurology and rehabilitation services, support services and administrative services, VAMC has numerous special programs and clinics.

They include open heart surgery, hemodialysis, hemodialysis training, alcoholism treatment program, hospital based home care, geriatric evaluation, rehabilitation, supportive care unit, medical, surgical and coronary intensive care unit, mental hygiene clinic, day hospital, residential care program and a pain clinic.

The medical center also offers some of the latest technologies including computerized radiology, endoscopy, angioplasty and sleep apnea evaluation.

Yetera's Administration health-care system is the primary provider to DOD in case of war or national emergency involving military personnel.

VA's backup role is the fourth mission of the Veterans Health Services and Research Administration (VHSA).

"No beds are being reported as vacant," said the VAMC Medical Preparation Office in Lexington, Va.

All VA hospitals are potential sites for conventional war injuries as well as chemical casualties.

"When military personnel are injured or become ill as civilians, in a national emergency such as

to Washington Talking with Tammy on the day before she left, after completing Basic Training in the United States

Neval Training Base, Orlando, Florida, she has put aside her military duties. She reported to Washington, D.C. Friday, February 8.

The President's Honor Guard is far more intense than a drill team. We stand behind the President when he speaks, we march in parades.

For example, we will be going to the Bermuda Triangle and Italy. We carry the banner of the President's Ceremonial Honor Guard. That's also how you recognize us.

The qualifications are strict. Senior Chief Petty Officers and Master Chief Petty Officers came from Washington, D.C. to choose 25 men and women. Five females were chosen.

A candidate has to be 5-foot-8 or taller, with an ASVAB (entrance into the Navy exam) score of 80 or better; have to volunteer; and go through an interview of background and an intense security check.

"We stand behind the President which is why we have to go through a security check," Tammy explained.

"I plan to make a career out of this. I am not going to the Guard is a two year program. I did not want to go on minimum wage, she said as the Navy."

"It was adventure and travel and new people. I do all the things that I love to do. The Navy takes you there good care of it. It is rough being a woman in the Navy. There is a balance of men and women

As possible. "It is the concern of the VA and DOD that patients are treated as best they can in the care close to family access."

"We had reporting reflects the number of patients who could be discharged, the number of patients who could be transferred to another VA facility or a non-VA hospital and the impact of the loss of VA health-care providers receive

Independent Auditor's Report  
The Commonwealth of Kentucky  
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
To the People of Kentucky  
Honorable Wallace C. Wilkinson, Governor  
Honorable James R. Thompson, Lieutenant Governor  
Honorable the Nicholas County Fiscal Court

We have audited the financial statements, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Nicholas County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 1990, and the related statements of assets, liabilities, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. Our reports on these financial statements express an opinion on the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of our auditor provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Nicholas County, Kentucky, presents its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred. In accordance with the accounting procedures and the maintenance of a general fund asset group or general long-term debt group of accounts. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the reports of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Nicholas County, Kentucky, at and for the year ended December 31, 1990, and the related statements of assets, liabilities, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. In conformity with the accounting procedures and the maintenance of a general fund asset group or general long-term debt group of accounts. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As required by the Single Audit Act of 1984, we have reported on the three point rating and on the compliance with laws and regulations. In the primary reports, the auditor's accounting procedures and compliance policies in good order. We wish to commend the county for its efforts and urge that similar efforts be continued.

Bob DeBakey  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit feedback completed -  
Satisfactory  
The above transmitted letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court for the year ended December 31, 1990. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and general information, are available from the Auditor of Public Accounts, 126 Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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# THE CARLSLE MERCURY SPORTS



The Carlsle Mercury/William R. Milton Photo  
Nicholas County's Nikki Smoot looks for an open lane to the basket against Bryan Station.

# Lady Jackets roll over Augusta

By William Millon  
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CARLSLE — The Nicholas County Lady Bluejackets held the Augusta Lady Panthers scoreless in the third quarter and cruised to a 58-35 victory, Monday night.

The Lady Jackets forced easy steals with their full court press and found the outside shot while winning their 19th game of the year against only four losses.

Augusta dropped to 11-8 on the season. Nicholas County opened up the game with a 7-0 lead and never looked back. Nikki Smoot scored five of those points.

Augusta finally got a basket at the 4:40 mark when Mandi Fay passed a missed shot.

After Tary Earline and Elizabeth Schanding added scores for the Lady Jackets, Rashal Hamilton scored two quick buckets for the Panthers.

Nicholas County assistant coach Penny Brier, called time out at the 2:42 mark with her Jackets leading 11-6.

This was the closest Augusta squad would get the rest of the year.

Nicholas County went on a tear, led by Smoot's four points and two steals, to out score the Lady Panthers 10-1 to close out the first quarter.

Elizabeth Schanding grabbed a steal and drove in for the layup at the start of the second quarter for a 23-7 Nicholas County lead.

Smoot and Schanding led another Nicholas County charge, and the Jackets had another 33-9 lead.

Augusta took command and made their only run of the game in the last four minutes of the half. The Lady Panthers run on a 4-2 advantage to close out the first half trail 35-23.

Nicholas County came out of the break and took control. The Lady Jackets pressed the young Augusta guards for six steals in the period, and ran up a 19-0 quarter advantage.

Smoot had a game-high 17, Earline and Schanding came away with 12, and Christine Hutton had 10 points.

Kim DeKoning posted nine points, but led the tough inside game of Nicholas County with 17 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Tina Fryman added four points and Amy Simons and Alicia Silbert pitched in two points each to the effort.

The J.V. team also came away with a win. The Jackets beat Augusta 59-30 to improve to 12-4 on the season.

Nicholas County faces the Jessamine County Lady Colts next. The game takes place at home. The Jackets will have the junior varsity game tipping off at 6:00.

# Nicholas pulls away late for win over Bracken Co.

By Hank Bold  
The Carlsle Mercury Staff

CARLSLE — The Nicholas County boys' basketball pulled quiet away from a stubborn Bracken County team in the game's final 2:21 to post a 69-57 win, last Tuesday night.

Both teams counted 18 points in the game's first eight minutes, but Bracken County managed only one lead, 6-5, with 5:28 to play in the period.

Travis Sims hit two baskets within 30 seconds of each other, and Nicholas pulled out to a quick 11-6 lead.

Bracken County counted a layup by Mark Turner with 53 seconds left in the quarter to tie the score at the first stop.

The game remained tight in the second quarter, with Bracken County taking an other lead, 20-16, with a quarter opening shot by Andy Rice.

Brian Hillander canned an eight foot shot from eight feet out to tie the score at 20-20. Kern canned a free throw as did Sims, Nicholas pulled, and with 4:25 to play in the first half the game was tied 21-21.

Brian Hillander notched a layup, David Silbert hit from six feet, and Hillander claimed an offensive rebound. With the put back, Hillander cannot get the basket and Nicholas held on to lead 27-24 at the halfway mark.

In the third quarter, Nicholas pulled away with a 3-0 lead, with 3:35 to play on a three-point basket by Jarrod Willis.

Daniel Brown hit from three point range and with 2:15 to play with 1:50 to play to give the homecoming Jackets a 43-30 advantage.

Bracken County stayed right with the Jackets, mounting an offensive put back by Hillander with 59 seconds to play as all of the scoring the Jackets could manage.

# Jackets claim homecoming win

By William Millon  
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CARLSLE — The Nicholas County Bluejackets celebrated the homecoming festivities by blasting the Bath County Wildcats 59-63 Friday night in front of a near-capacity crowd.

The Bluejackets opened the game with a 6-0 start, and never looked back.

Daniel Brown led Nicholas County with 24 points as the Bluejackets improved their season record to 16-6 on the season.

Bracken County stayed close with two steals and a couple baskets in the game to make it 48-45 with 5:50 to go in the game.

Hillander grabbed an errant Polar Bear pass at mid-court and tallied a layup to make it 50-45.

Brown split the Bracken County defense for a length of the court layup and Nicholas County was ahead 53-47 with 4:34 to go.

Bracken County closed within four, 55-51, but another long drive by Brown gave the Jackets a six point advantage.

Bracken County counted a basket by Mark Turner with 2:21 to play cutting the lead to a slim four points, but Chad Tilbo hit a three pointer from the right corner, Hillander canned a pair of free throws as did Brown and with 58 seconds left Nicholas was ahead 61-53.

The Jackets added a free throw by Willis, two more by Hillander and a layup by Brown to post the final margin.

With the win, Nicholas County improved to 15-6 on the season, while Bracken County dipped to 14-14.

# Gabriel picks up more honors

By William Millon  
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CARLSLE — Nicholas County High School's cross country standout Tom Gabriel has added a few more jewels to his crown.

Last fall, Gabriel captured the state title in Class A cross country competition. At the All-State Team for cross country runners.

Gabriel is among the handful of runners who met the requirements of a 3.5 grade point average and a top 25 finish in state-wide competition.

Gabriel says this honor is special. "I never expected to do this well."

This award is great. The award is based on grade point average, so it awards the individuals that work the hardest to keep their grades up."

"I've been working pretty hard to keep my grades up at college."

Speaking of college, Gabriel, a senior, is headed for Berry College, located in Rome, Georgia.

When asked why he decided to go to Berry, Gabriel said, "Berry is a very strong school as far as academics are concerned, but what really impressed me were the 150 miles of cross-country training tracks. That showed a commitment to the program."

Berry finished the fall cross country season ranked number 22 among the nation's division NAIA schools.

The college is also a training site for Olympic athletes and Hillander with 12 points each and Jarrod Willis dropped to 11. Bill Brown dumped in six points, Silbert had four, Simons came away with three, and Shawn Seaton and Charles Nicholas were named to the track at the Carlsle Mercury on Page 12.

# Nicholas County High School

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# NOTICE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

Nicholas County High School is looking for two parents that fit the following criteria -- to serve a one year term on the school council.

Candidates should be resourceful, flexible, open, effective, objective, supporting, polite, impersonal, and diplomatic.

Qualifications  
A. Must have a child in the school during the time they serve.

B. Parent representative shall not be a relative of any district employee. (Relatives mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.)

C. Parent members must attend training sessions.

D. Nominations shall be made in writing and submitted to the principal up until five school days prior to the date scheduled for the election.

E. Parent council members shall be a parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled in the school.

F. Parent council members shall not be district employees.

Only those parents who have a child currently enrolled in that school are eligible to vote for parent members. Verifications will be necessary.

On February 21, 7:00 p.m., in the Nicholas County High School cafeteria, a committee meeting will be held. The meeting will be for those qualifying to hold office or to vote.

Individuals wishing to have their names placed on the ballot, should contact the Principal in writing before February 15th. If you need additional information, please call the high school principal, Greg Reid, at 289-3780 or 289-3781.

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