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Farewell, So Long, Good Luck



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The 1991 Graduating Class of Nicholas County High School Booth addresses commencement at NCHS

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CARLISLE — The proud of your roots. You have the nucleus of knowledge to achieve your dreams." Air Force Captain Damon K. Booth told the 1991 graduating class during commencement exercises Sunday.

Booth, a 1977 graduate of NCHS, said "When I left here, I had my own personal dream, but I had my doubts. I feared that someone from a big school in a big city would take my place in those dreams."

"I am pleased to report to you that my doubts about my preparation and fears of inadequacy were unfounded."

Booth, just returning from action in the Persian Gulf, said he was "humbled and honored" to be invited back to NCHS to address the class.

Booth, who has flown over 300 hours in 30 countries as a C-130 pilot, is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"Graduates from NCHS have always made things happen. Doctors, military careers, authors, lawyers, may-

ors, farmers, school board members, teachers, they all left NCHS with the preparation they needed to succeed in life."

"You have received a first rate education here. As you step up here to receive your diploma you will join the ranks of people proud to say they are alumni of Nicholas County High School."

The seniors were also honored during Class Night, held last Thursday at NCHS. Andrea Hall was honored as Valedictorian and Julie Hamilton was recognized as Honors Scholar.

Richard Lee Chauden was awarded a certificate for \$12,600 by the U.S. Army, good toward education at any college in the United States.

The University of Kentucky Minority Scholarship, good for four years, went to Greg Jones.

The U.K. Bourbon County / Nicholas County Alumni Scholarship went to Debbie Peck.

The Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents Scholarship was given to Becky Crawford.

The University of Louisville Scholarship was awarded to Andrea Hall.

The Kentucky Wesleyan Presidential Scholarship was given to Mike Johnson.

The Carlisle Rotary Club awarded the Charles M. Cox Memorial Scholarship to Julie Hamilton and George Joseph.

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Gabriel takes state titles

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LEXINGTON — Tom Gabriel, participating in his last track meet with NCHS, set the pace and came away with three Class A titles in the State High School Track and Field meet.

Tina Fryman and Michelle Hopkins also recalled in the girls' competition.

Gabriel, who had already claimed state championships in indoor track and cross country competitions, was not seriously threatened in the 800, 1600, and 3200 competition.

Gabriel had times of 1:57.78 in the 800, 4:20.8 in the 1600, and 9:48.87 in the 3200.

The three times were not only personal bests for Gabriel, they were also NCHS school records.

Gabriel paced the three events the week before in the sectional competition to go to the state championships.

Gabriel, who graduated from NCHS Sunday, is headed for Berry College. The Georgia school is consistently among the nation's elite in track and field competition.

Nicholas County Track Coach Chip Miller said that Gabriel is a role model for other track team members.

"Everything he has accomplished is due to his hard work and dedication."

"He works all year long, eats all the right foods, does all the right things. Because of his own ambitions, his concentration, and his dedication he is one of the best in the state."

"He is a once in a lifetime athlete in a small school like Nicholas County."

Gabriel was the only NCHS boy's track member to place in this year's competition, scoring all of the team's 30 total points.

The standing was good for a state ranking of fifth in Class A competition.

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Capt. Damon K. Booth

Vets celebrate Memorial Day

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CARLISLE — Local veteran organizations highlighted the Memorial Day weekend celebrations with ceremonies at the Carlisle Cemetery and the Nicholas County Courthouse Yard on Sunday afternoon.

Members of the Lloyd George V.F.W. Post 8666 and the American Legion Nicholas Post 17 as well as several Nicholas countians were present at the cemetery for a 21 gun salute and memorial service held near the sight of the graves of many Nicholas County veterans.

After the cemetery ceremony, veterans and onlookers alike filled the Nicholas County Courthouse yard for the unveiling of the memorial memorial honors war dead from Nicholas County from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Retired Army General Wilbur Buntin, Jr., a native of Nicholas County, spoke to the crowd of nearly 200, reminding them that the memorial serves as a reminder of the local soldiers who gave their lives for their country.

Members of the Nicholas County High School Band played the National Anthem and Taps during the ceremony.

Also in place for the Memorial Day celebrations were the flags along Main Street.

The flags were purchased by the Carlisle Rotary Club and put on the poles by Kentucky Utilities.

Rotary President William Crawford said the flags would stay in place until there was peace around the world.



Tom Gabriel

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The war memorial donated by the Lloyd George V.F.W. Post 8666 was unveiled in a ceremony Sunday at the Nicholas County Courthouse yard. The memorial contains all the Nicholas County servicemen who died in service during World War I and II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War.