

## Gordon named band director

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CARLISLE — Upon receipt of a special waiver Monday, Nicholas County Superintendent Cabot Gilbert has hired William Gordon as Nicholas County Band Director and music teacher.

According to the hiring and firing practices established by the Kentucky school reform bill, House Bill 940,

schools must advertise for a new position for 30 days before the superintendent can officially hire certified personnel to the school.

However, in situations that call for immediate action, the superintendent can ask for a waiver of the 30-day requirement with permission from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Such was the case with a

new band director, Gilbert said.

A waiver was sought because of the urgency to find a band director since the sudden resignation of former director Shawn Parrish.

With little time to waste, Gilbert sent all applications to Nicholas County High School Principal Greg Reid.

Reid called a special meeting of the members of the Nicholas County High School Site Based Management Council on July 26, 1991.

Members in attendance voted in favor of the recommendation. They were Sue Kirby, Reese Wayne Smoot, and Martha Taylor. Ron Baker, High School vice-principal, was on vacation.

The committee, along with visiting parents and students,



William Gordon

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## Two charged in marijuana bust

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CARLISLE — About 40 marijuana plants and an entire marijuana processing laboratory were seized by state and local police at the home of two Nicholas County residents, Saturday night.

According to a state police report, local and state law enforcement officers, acting on an anonymous tip, executed a search warrant at the home of Jeffrey L. Buckler, 40, and Helen M. Isaacs, 39, on Johnson Road at about 6 p.m. Saturday, and discovered about 40 marijuana plants in a shed in the back yard of the premises.

Buckler and Isaacs appeared before Nicholas County District Judge R. Wayne McGee for arraignment Monday morning, July 29, represented by counsel.

The couple entered a plea of not guilty to charges of cultivation of marijuana for the purpose of sale and for possession of drug paraphernalia. They were held on \$10,000 bond.

Since the arrest, they have been lodged at the Bourbon County Jail.

Carlisle Police Officer David Hardin said the shed

in which they found most of the marijuana had been equipped with a false floor apparently to make the shed seem a housing for lawn and gardening equipment.

The process used appeared to include a hydroponic approach using an aquarium for a water bed source.

However, beneath an equipment counter, police discovered a small dogway which led officers into a larger room at the back of the shed, Hardin said.

In that room police discovered several large planters containing marijuana plants, two large heat lamps with 1,000 watt bulbs in each, carbon dioxide tanks and a water trough inside which the planters sat.

Along with the plants found in the building, police discovered two additional plants growing about 200 yards away in a hot bed on a ridge next to a garden, police said.

Also confiscated were glass tubes and beakers which may have been used for the processing of several vials of hashish oil found in the room.

In the house, police found 35mm photographic film containers filled with marijuana seeds.

## Hamm remanded to grand jury

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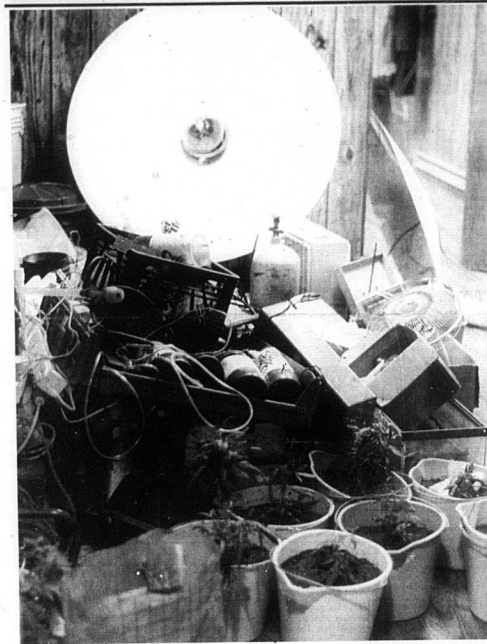
CYNTHIANA — A Harrison County District Court judge has ruled there is sufficient evidence to remand Stephen D. Hamm to the Harrison County Grand Jury on two charges of murder.

A Urinalysis showed an alcohol content of .14 percent in the defendant's urine.

Witnesses said that on the night in question, Hamm was driving on the wrong side of the road on U.S. 27 northbound through Cynthiana with no headlights at approximately 9 p.m.

Based on the evidence presented, Judge McGee remanded the case to appear before the grand jury August 16.

Investigations are continuing by the Cynthiana Police Department officers.



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## Marijuana Lab Seized...

Besides seizing over 40 marijuana plants, Kentucky State and Carlisle police also confiscated thousands of dollars in marijuana cultivation equipment. The heat lamp in back is equipped with a 1,000 watt bulb priced at over \$300. Carbon dioxide tanks, fish aquarium, and egg cartons were probably used in a hydroponics system to sprout seedlings, police said. Other equipment more commonly associated with laboratories were also found and taken from the shed in which the police found the plants growing.

## Disaster leasing available to farmers

By Josh Shephard  
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CARLISLE — Those Nicholas County farmers who expect heavy losses on their tobacco quota this year should make plans early to seek eligibility in disaster leasing.

Jim Furnish, Nicholas County ASCS supervisor, said Friday.

In an ASCS directors meeting on Thursday

Furnish said information was presented that may make disaster leasing difficult to

representatives at the meeting seemed rather emphatic about processing applications for disaster

leases before late fall, when farmers usually make their claims. Though I'm not certain that acquiring could experience losses of disaster leasing in November

will be difficult, I would advise farmers who even think they may have damage to consider applying now, so they know they are covered,

Furnish said. With widespread reports of tobacco damage caused by standing water, black shank,

and blue mold, it is possible some Nicholas County farmers will over 20 percent of their

effective quota, Furnish said. Some Nicholas County tobacco crops are experiencing a great deal of trouble, he said, especially along Hinkston Creek and East Union.

Barterville and Bantwell areas may also see significant damage due to an excess of water left over from the heavy downpours Nicholas County experienced several weeks ago, Furnish said.

In general surveys of various tobacco fields across the county, Furnish said damage is evident, but he said, it is still too early to determine if should some tobacco fail to crops will make a comeback.

"In some areas disaster has occurred, but for the most part there exists only a potential of heavy loss. I've seen many plants which have yellowed at the bottom but are still green up top so there are areas where

the plants are still trying to come back out," Furnish said. However, Furnish advises farmers to take precautions ahead of time to make it

as hard right now to predict just what may befall a tobacco field, but even if a farmer only feels he might have a significant shortfall,

take the time and contact this office," Furnish said.