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Grand jury indicts Hamm

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CENTRALIA — The Harrison County Grand Jury indicted Steven D. Hamm on two counts of murder at the Harrison County courthouse Friday afternoon.

Hamm was arrested and charged with murder July 8 in connection with a two-vehicle collision that caused the death of two Nicholas County residents late Saturday night, July 6, 1991. He was remanded to the Harrison County Grand Jury by District Judge R. Wayne McGee as a result of evidence presented in a preliminary hearing held in late July.

McGee ruled there was sufficient evidence to bring the case before the Harrison County Grand Jury.

According to the evidence submitted at the hearing, a laboratory established that Hamm's blood alcohol level at the time of the accident registered at .11 percent, a level above Kentucky's definition of illegal alcohol impairment.

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

With the Grand Jury ruling, Hamm will be arraigned on September 6 where a trial is expected to be scheduled in late July.

Water main burst Sunday

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Mulberry Street was temporarily closed Sunday afternoon so Carlisle City workers could repair a split in an eight inch, cast iron water main, which was reported broken and leaking water into city streets at about 12:15 p.m.

Carlisle City employees arrived to find a continuous flow of water leaking along Mulberry Street, originating in front of the Presbyterian Church parsonage.

According to Carlisle City employee Tommy Crawford, the water-line had sustained a centrifugal break. This type of line break occurs when the pipeline settles beneath the ground. This type of settling can create pressure on the pipe, Crawford said.

Though the cast iron pipeline is strong, it has its breaking point and the Mulberry water main reached its limit and split, he said.

The most difficult part of the repair, he said, was in loc-

ating the shut-off valves feeding water into the line. "It is not difficult, but it takes some time for us to locate the valves beneath the blacktop of the road," Crawford said.

Only about four to five customers were without running water for most of Sunday afternoon, he said.

With the water flow cut off the pipe, city workers were able to jackhammer away at rock beneath a portion of the split pipe that prevented them from affixing a repair clamp to the break.

"The line break was a clean, even split, so that a hand clamp with a rubber gasket was all we needed to get the pipe functional again. We did not have to resort to replacing the entire section of the line," Crawford said.

Following repair work, which concluded late Sunday afternoon, fire hydrants along Mulberry and Broadway Streets were opened to flush out rusty water in the lines, Crawford said.



The 201st Engineering Company of the Kentucky Army National Guard from Nicholas County the away from the site where they have set demolition charges of C-4 plastic explosives in a ring man to detonate among the split hills of Hidden Valley training grounds. Although guard engineers are better known for the things they build, they are also trained to be adept at setting and detonating explosive charges as well.

Guard detonates Hidden Valley

By Josh Shepherd
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HIDDEN VALLEY — Bivouacked inside Hidden Valley just outside of Clay City Saturday, the 201st engineering company of the Kentucky National Guard proved themselves as adept at demolition as they are at building things.

The National Guard is required to perform a minimum of four field training exercises a year. Sgt. James A. Baker said. Several of these exercises are held at training camps located around the entire State of Kentucky, but the primary grounds for the 201st is in the Hidden Valley, located just outside Clay City in Powell County.

Guardians were being evaluated for their strategic operation on one of the camp sites in the extensive field area.

However, on another field of a few hundred yards away, a handful of guard members were becoming re-acquainted with equipment not usually associated with engineers, explosives.

"Demolitions form an integral part of our training," Sgt. Baker said. Although adept at building bridges, they also are employed at bringing them down as well. Mine field sweeping, removing road blocks or other forms of obstructions are other uses where engineers need to use high explosives to remove.

In the field, First Lieutenant Barry R. Graham explained that the guard would be working with both electric and non-electric explosives and detonation systems.

Nine guardmen, including Ron Hower of Nicholas County, were first issued quarter pound charges of TNT and were time set according to the length of fuses they would use.

Graham explained that the fuses were set to explode in a sequence.

"This type of system is perhaps the simplest type of detonation strategy we work with."

"There are a number of other types of detonation designs we can use to remove obstructions or destroy bridges. With TNT we remove earth and rock obstructions. We use the C-4 plastic explosive, which is much things out and quickly," he more powerful, to cut through steel or thick plastic," Graham said.

Throughout the day, guardmen set out different combinations of detonation strategies in the area, some exploding as loudly they could be heard in a residential area several miles away from the site.

"Engineers are known mostly for our ability to construct bridges or destroy quickly and efficiently during war time or during a battle. With TNT we remove earth and rock obstructions. We use the C-4 plastic explosive, which is much things out and quickly," he more powerful, to cut through steel or thick plastic," Graham said.

Court addresses fire department support

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — Nicholas County Fiscal Court members found themselves in a difficult situation Monday night when they addressed the lack of funding dilemma faced by the Nicholas County Fire Department.

In a special session of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court Monday night, all members of the court expressed their desire to maintain a County Fire Department and agreed funding is necessary.

However, magistrates were in a bind. All funds in the 1991-92 county budget have already been allocated.

Nicholas County Judge

Executive Reese Smoot asked Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes if the Fire Department is solvent enough to last until the next fiscal year. Hughes said the department is hardly in need of funds, but is solvent enough to last a year.

According to Hughes, the department operates on a 2.3 tax rate, which, he said, is not the lowest tax rate upon which a county department operates.

"Jessamine County operates on a 1.7 percent tax rate, which is the lowest. But the Jessamine County Fiscal Court purchase one piece of equipment for the fire department a year, furnish a station and cover utilities and

lower bid than Hollar of \$6.25 plus a 2.5 percent franchise fee to the county on trash collection to Nicholas County Residents.

Turley Sanitation made the stipulation in their contract that they reserved the right to increase the price due to new state regulations. Nicholas County Attorney Jack Conley reported from the Turley bid.

Fiscal court members decided to look further into the bid from Turley Sanitation before rendering a decision.

The following were also discussed at the meeting:

Approval of the board of health tax rate of 3 percent, which is unchanged, was unopposed.

No action was taken on the Nicholas County Hospital tax rate because of questions they had regarding the hospitals request.

Turley Sanitation made a



The Carlisle Mercury-Pan Bowles Photo Sam (Mike Duff) and Sally (Cy Charness) provided entertainment with humor and education in history in the Simon Kenton Outdoor Drama Thursday-Saturday at Blue Licks State Park.

Solid waste bids tabled

By Melissa Hall
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CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court tabled a decision to grant a Nicholas County firm a bid on solid waste collection.

Brownie Hollar owner of a local solid waste collection, bid \$7 per month for the first year and \$7.75 the next year for Nicholas County residents trash pick-up.

The trash would be transported to a landfill in Mason County, Hollar said. The landfill will attempt to meet all Kentucky landfill requirements when they come into effect, he said.

"Right now I cover the city and about 200 county homes. In order to cover the entire county, I would like to get two more large model trucks, and Hollar."

Turley Sanitation made a