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Kentucky State Police from the Dry Ridge Post stood outside Sharon Young's residence at 2245 East Union Road, Carlisle, after she was killed by a gunshot blast early Tuesday morning.

Carlisle woman killed
Sixteen-year-old son confesses to murder charge

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
A Carlisle woman is dead as a result of a shotgun blast and her teenage son has confessed to the shooting.
Sharon Young, 35, of 2245 East Union Road was shot once in the back of the head outside her residence early Tuesday morning.
We have a 16-year-old in custody, charged with murder, a capital offense. He has confessed to the crime, said Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer Jan Wuchner of the Dry Ridge Post.
Wuchner called *The Mercury* at approximately 8:30 p.m. Tuesday to tell of the arrest.
Friends of the family said Sharon Young had a 16-year-old son, Mark, a sophomore at Nicholas County High School.
Wuchner said the youth would be taken from Carlisle to a juvenile detention facility Tuesday night.
Young was apparently on her way to her car to go to work when she was killed.
"She was found outdoors at her home by a family member. We believe she was killed outside the house. Her check, in time at work was \$45 a month and we got the call at about 6:40. The estimated time of death was 6:30," Wuchner said.
Young was employed at Johnson Matthers Nursing Home, Carlisle.
Her husband was not at home at the time of the incident, having already left for work, Wuchner said.
Tim Layne is the investigator with Steve Auvenshine, Wuchner said Tuesday afternoon.
Young's body was transferred to Frankfort for an autopsy.
Mrs. Young leaves behind her husband, Tony, two daughters, ages 9 and 11, her son, and several other loved ones.
Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time but will be under the direction of the Matthers-Gaunce Funeral Home, Carlisle.

Nicholas County teachers looking for jobs elsewhere

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
At least two Nicholas County School teachers believe other teachers in the district will get a job elsewhere this fall.
Seven teachers/staff members were mailed termination notices April 25 in the Nicholas County School District. They included Jack Hayes, English/journalism teacher, Travis Huber, Nicholas County Kentucky Education Association president and science teacher, Anita Hendrickson, math teacher, Head Basketball Coach John Norman who teaches physical education and alternative school, and elementary assistant principal Pam Randolph and third and fourth grade teacher Sara Curran. Family Resources employee Barbara Hopkins also received a termination notice.
The site based councils of both the high school and elementary school were to make the staffing cuts per Superintendent Randy Eversly's request. Eversly said cuts were needed to keep the district in legal financial standing. School districts without a balanced budget at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, are in danger of having its finances run by the state.
"I'd say 20 or 25 teachers are looking for a job elsewhere," estimated Jack Hayes, one of the terminated high school teachers. Hayes has served Ni-

nicholas County Schools for five years and resides in Lexington. People ask me, you don't live here. Why do you care? and Hayes points to a group of students. There are great kids here. They're some of the finest people I've ever met.

Jack Hayes
NCHS teacher

Hayes said his letter was different from other letters Eversly sent. His letter stated the site based council elected not to have his position at the school for the 1997-98 school year, which, Hayes said, is in error. The high school site based council elected to not renew a P.E. position and the teacher aide position.
His letter, dated April 23, stated, "Dear Mr. Hayes: This letter is to inform youth at the School Based Council abolished your position for the 1997-98 school year.
Due to a decrease in enrollment and to comply with KRS 161.800, I regret to inform you that your contract and all extra duties are suspended for the 1997-98 school year. Your current dates for the 1996-97 school year will end when you fulfill all the obligations set forth in your current contract with the Nicholas County Board of Education. You will be notified when a position in which you're qualified becomes available. If you have questions regarding this matter, Continued on Page 3.



JACK HAYES

-In Brief-
LPC/Board meet tonight

A joint meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education and the Local Planning Committee has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8 in the Nicholas County Elementary School cafeteria.

Lady Jackets Car Wash

The Nicholas County Lady Jackets will sponsor a car wash beginning 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Bus Garage. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Annual FFA Banquet May 13

The annual Future Farmers of America banquet will be held at Nicholas County High School 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

Education Foundation

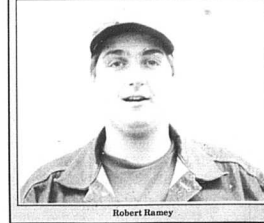
The Nicholas County Education Foundation will meet 4 p.m. Monday, May 12 at the Board of Education Office.

Democratic Women meet

The Democratic Women's Club will meet 6:30 p.m. in the small courtroom of the courthouse May 20.

Barbara Kingsolver Day set

Carroll Mayor Ronnie Clark and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith agreed a proclamation Tuesday morning in honor of Barbara Kingsolver Day May 15.
Mrs. W. R. Kingsolver, will reside in Nicholas County, and whereas, Barbara Kingsolver has attained much prominence as an author, having had several of her works on the Best Seller List, and whereas, she donated some years ago her original manuscript of *The River* to the Museum of the Nicholas County Historical Society at the Carlisle Depot, and whereas, her biography will be aired on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) on May 15, 1997, at 8 p.m., with scenes of her achievements, May 15, 1997, is hereby proclaimed Barbara Kingsolver Day in Nicholas County, Ky. Done this 6th of May 1997.



Robert Ramey

Student of the Week

Robert Ramey is this week's Student of the Week.
Ramey, 17, is the son of Connie and Warner Ramey.
A junior at Nicholas County High School, he likes to play basketball and work on the family tobacco/beef cattle farm.
Upon high school graduation, he wants to attend college, possibly Sullivan College, and get a degree in accounting and one day become a certified public accountant.
Ramey was selected for this honor by U.S. History teacher Danny Tackitt. "I selected Robert on the basis of his attitude and quality of work. He is always on time and does very good work and has an interest in the subject (U.S. History)."

The Carlisle Mercury will profile one student each week, chosen by the faculty of their respective school. Watch this space in future issues.