

**MAY**  
**15**  
**1997**



**NCHS prom  
royalty  
introduced**  
Page 3

**Community heroes honored**  
Page 10  
**NCHS celebrates its 50th anniversary Aug. 8-10**  
Page 5

# THE CARLISLE MERCURY

SERVING NICHOLAS COUNTY SINCE 1867

© 1997, Media General News  
131st Year, No.

gdn reserved

Carlisle, KY 40311-0272

Thursday, May 15, 1997

50¢ per copy

## Family stands behind youth accused of murder

Community thanked for emotional support

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
The family of the late Sharon Young of East Union Road,

Carlisle, plans to stand behind the youth accused in her death. Killed by a shotgun blast to the head only a week ago, the

one charged with murder was Young's 16-year-old son, Mark. "We think he is innocent, but if that's not found to be the case, we'll hate the deed, but we can never hate him," contended Sheila Gill, a sister of Sharon Young. "I want the community to know how much we love Sharon and I will talk about that, but I can't say anything that may hurt him at the trial. Young was found outside her East Union Road home at about 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 12. By nightfall, her son had been charged with murder. He is being housed at the Mason County Detention Center.

The death of a dear loved one has rocked the victim's family and mother's family. But, as Sheila Gill will tell anyone, the Fisher family is close and will remain that way.

"We are a very, very close family. We have loved ones in Nicholas, Bourbon, Fayette and the surrounding counties and anyone will tell you we are close," Sheila said. Sheila married to Jim Gill, also of Nicholas County, have resided in Texas since 1985. But came in to help

their mother, Helen Fisher of Summers Street and the family of the late Sharon Young. "I keep thinking this is a dream and I'll wake up," Helen Fisher said, seated in an easy chair of her apartment, with Sheila at her side, dear friend Clara Griffith, and Sharon's 10-year-old daughter.

"We still love Mark and we're gonna stick behind Mark. When I answer the phone, he tells me he loves me."

Helen Fisher is known to the community as "The Yeast Ball Lady," explained her daughter Helen Williams. "She just got through making 60 yeast rolls for the school the day before this happened." Helen works at the elementary school along with another sister, Georgia Livingston.

"We want the community to know we love Sharon and we appreciate everything everyone's done for us. The hospital had a special memorial

service for her and we appreciate that," Helen Williams said. Sharon, 27, the Country Cooking with the Helping Hands of the Irwinsville Baptist Church Morning Glory is for sale for \$6.50.

Sharon was always good with the residents. She's always been a good person to be around and was fantastic with the residents. We're going to miss her a great deal. She was very reliable. Personally, I liked her a lot. Once, her husband had written a Christmas story for our newsletter. It was heart-warming. She talked a great deal about her family and took pride in her family.

Neither Helen Fisher nor Sheila have attended the hearing for the youth nor do they plan to. "I won't go," Fisher maintained, reaching for coffee. "I had my recipe from

herself and her daughters, including Sharon. The Country Cooking with the Helping Hands of the Irwinsville Baptist Church Morning Glory is for sale for \$6.50.



The Fisher family has always been close as this photo shows. It was taken in 1989, the last time the whole family got together. From left were "mom" Helen Fisher, "dad" the late George Fisher, with Sheila Gill, the late Charlotte Fox, the late Bluff Fisher, with Cathy Helen Williams, George Livingston and the late Sharon Young.

## Commonwealth Attorney will ask youth to be tried as an adult

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
It is still unknown whether the juvenile accused of killing his mother with a gunshot wound to the head will be tried as an adult.

Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith told The Mercury Tuesday afternoon said he will ask that Mark Young be tried as an adult.

Young was charged with murder last week.

"First fall, by Kentucky law, someone under 18 uses a weapon, it's still in juvenile court. Kentucky law says has to be. The District judge made the decision if he is to be presented to the Circuit Court Judge Melcher is your District Court Judge. If it goes form District Court to Circuit Court the judge could send it to the grand jury. I can't give you a time frame because as of now there are still two bytes to go

through the District Judge and the Grand Jury. The Grand Jury can decide to try him as an adult or ask it back and try him as a juvenile. At this point it's hard to say.

Keith clarified that if the youth is indicted by the Grand Jury, he will be tried as an adult. The juvenile has been incarcerated at Mason County Detention center since last Wednesday night. Even if tried

Continued on Page 3

## Attorney says confession won't stick

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
The attorney for the juvenile charged with the death of his mother says law enforcement may have established ongoing statements to the media that his client confessed to the shooting death of Sharon Young of Carlisle.

"Let's just say I don't think they can support it," Attorney James P. Brannon stated Tuesday evening. My problem is with the police taking these things out they put in things that may never be admitted into court as

evidence." Brannon, a Paris and Carlisle attorney, also said he would ask Nicholas County District Court Judge The Honorable David Melcher to try Mark Young, 16, as a juvenile. Although if convicted of the murder charge as an adult Young could serve 20 years to life, the sentences of juveniles vary, he said.

Brannon may ask Judge Melcher to try Young as a juvenile during the Wednesday, May 14 hearing at the Nicholas County Courthouse. As long as Young is being considered a juvenile

the court is closed to the public. Brannon refused to comment on rumors stating the case was still under investigation. He said he would not comment on whether Young pled alone.

Brannon said he believed Young should be tried as an adult for at least two reasons. First, the youth has no prior criminal record. He also plans to request the constitutionality of the law which states a 14-year-old using a weapon in a murder case may be tried as an adult under the law.

Continued on Page 3

## -In Brief- Mystery theatre tickets on sale

Sixty seats are left for the "Whodunnit" mystery dinner theater of One Last Toast for Ronald Pidge.

Sponsored by the Nicholas County Historical Society June 23 at Nicholas County Elementary School. Tickets are \$17.50 each plus members.

Proceeds will help fund the Depot roof. The Depot is used for many community activities. Make checks payable to the historical society, P.O. Box 222, Carlisle, Ky. 40311. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**High School prom Saturday**  
The Nicholas County High School prom is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Blue Licks State Park's Worthington Center.

**Democrat Women to meet**  
The Democrat Women's Club will meet 6:30 p.m. May 20 in the small courtroom at Nicholas County Courthouse.

**Headquarters Bible School**  
Headquarters: Methodist Church Bible School begins 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 7. Everyone is invited.



Fiscal Court heard about a county road right-of-way dispute Tuesday. From left were attorney James P. Brannon, Virginia and D. Wendell Kingsolver, Mark and Shana Wiggins.

## Shepherd Hills road right-of-way unresolved

By Leigh Stone  
Managing Editor  
An hour and a half discussion didn't resolve the issue but gave County Attorney Jack Cooley a task.

By and Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver implored Nicholas County Fiscal Court Tuesday in a regular meeting that the chain link fence recently installed by their Shepherd Hills

neighbors, Mark and Shana Wiggins was on county right-of-way property. And, the Kingsolvers produced Fiscal Court documents made 30 years ago stating the land belonged to the citizens of Nicholas County.

But the Wiggins, present also with Mark's dad, Bobby, claimed they paid for an 80-foot lot, and measured the land and asked

Continued on Page 6



Megan Metcalfe

## Student of the Week

This week's Student of the Week is Megan Metcalfe. Megan is a senior at Nicholas County High School. She is the daughter of NCHS home economics teacher Bonnie Metcalfe and Tom Metcalfe of Carlisle.

Megan enjoys home ec, art and drama. She likes being a student at NCHS because "It's a small school where you get to know a lot of people."

Upon high school graduation, Megan plans to attend the University of Kentucky and obtain a degree to become an interior designer.

Megan was nominated for this honor by English Teacher Jack Hayes.

"She's a great person. She's been editor of the Blue Jacket Tribune and has done several community service projects," Hayes commented.

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