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KSP says records in hands of prosecuting attorney

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
The Kentucky State Police investigation of the shooting death of Sharon Young of Carlisle has been put in the hands of Commonwealth Attorney Jack Keith.

Young, a 16-year-old son, Mark, was charged with murder in the shooting death of his mother Tuesday May 19. Young died of a shotgun blast to the back of the head at approximately 6:40 that morning at her residence on East Union Road, the KSP related Tuesday evening following the youth's confession.

"Our investigation to this point has been delivered to the Commonwealth Attorney. He controls the direction of this case," stated KSP Public Affairs Officer Jan Wuchner Tuesday

morning. According to Kentucky law, Wuchner said he could not re-

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James P. Brannon

veal details of the investigation since it concerned a juvenile. This has been handed to Jack Keith for prosecution. It is not like we're looking for another assailant, Wuchner stated.

Attorney James Brannon told *The Mercury* Tuesday evening he is unsure if there truly was a confession made by Young to law enforcement officers.

"There's a tape of it and I'm anxious to get that tape. I'm not sure that's what I've asked for it but I can't seem to get that far. As soon as I get it we may find out the only confession may be the one they need to go to, from what I've been hearing."

Brannon also said some of the statutes regarding juvenile law in Kentucky are so new they're retested and it's difficult to get commitments to the media.

As to the future of the case, Brannon said there's no way to tell what the Grand jury will decide. They could charge with a lesser offense. Or not at all. It's premature to say, which is what I've been saying, like to say someone's confessed, particularly when it's not so.

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Before The Mercury, Civil War era newspaper covered Carlisle area

The following information is published with courtesy by the permission and research of Charles Gates of Carlisle and his daughter, Bonnie Lou Saunders. The father-daughter duo have submitted many articles of historical interest about Nicholas County to *The Carlisle Mercury*.

The following was discovered at the University of Kentucky Library. It is the first of four pages *The Mercury* will publish in future issues.

It is published and forwarded from *The Rat Terrier*, published by The Terrier Committee, Vol. 10, Carlisle Ky., Feb. 11, 1869, No. 1.

The *Rat Terrier* motto: Hats to your holes!"

find it with either of the above gentlemen, at their places of business.

Any of our friends who may be disappointed in getting a copy should let us know immediately, and we will supply them.

Wanted, at this office, a Devil Noted applicant they come will recommend.

Prof. A. Bankum Stewart will deliver a lecture on Phenology, at the Court House, on next Tuesday night, Mr. Stewart does not claim to be Professor O. S. Fowler of New York, but merely one of his students. However, he has examined some of the principal heads of Europe, namely, Queen Victoria, Louis

Hanks has become quite a lady's man since he left the precincts of Old Nicholas. Success to him may we say.

The River, Brassy Fork, at this point, has some time past, been frozen to the bottom, and heavily laden wagons are at present crossing with impunity. The skating is fine and as yet we have heard of no accidents occurring.

(Communicated)

The Way of the World! Romance in Ellsville! Ellsville, Feb. 9th, 1869.

To The Editors of the Terrier-Gentlemen: A few years past, Miss M., a very youthful girl with dark hair and sparkling blue eyes, and that lovely appearance of an angel, won the confidence and love of a very worthy young man, J. B. residing in this vicinity, but as both parties were young, and there existed a slight objection to it, the marriage was just postponed from time to time, young

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THE RAT TERRIER.

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Agents for the Terrier—The following persons are the only authorized agents, James I. Stitt, Carlisle; M. S. Swedley, Weston; W. E. Howe, Morefield; John G. Harris, Head Quarters; J. H. Holliday, Blue Licks; Geo. W. Henry, Millersburg; C. T. Hill, Forest Retreat.

Those wishing our paper on Napoleon, the King of Bavaria, Louis Bonaparte, the Czar of Russia, and other distinguished individuals. Admittance 25 cents.

We notice in town during the last few days the handsome physique of our really good looking young friend, Horace Taylor, Esq. of Clark County, in this State.



**-In Brief-
Fish & Game Club to meet**

Nicholas County Fish and Game Club will meet 7:30 p. m. Friday, May 23. A potluck meal will be served.

Sons of Liberty at Sharpburg

The Sons of Liberty will be in concert 7 p. m. Saturday, May 31 at Fellowship Tabernacle in Sharpburg. Everyone welcome.

NCHS group meets June 3

There will be a Nicholas County High School homecoming Committee meeting at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, June 3 at the Board of Education Office.

Carlisle Cemetery Memorial Day

The VFW and American Legion of Carlisle invite the public to a Memorial Day Service 1:30 p. m. Sunday, May 25 at Carlisle Cemetery. The ceremony will include a 21 gun salute, according to VFW adjutant American Legion Finance Officer Bill Hardin. Guest speaker will present a brief message.

Living Memorial this weekend

A Living Memorial Drive-Bly will be held 10 p. m. Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25 at Carlisle Cemetery. Tours are the sponsor and asks that those with loved ones to be commemorated with a luminary to call Gladys Shroat at 289-5174 or Esther Myers at Carlisle Drug 289-2246.

Ten local students earn MCC degrees

Ten Nicholas County students received associate degrees from Mayville Community College during commencement exercises held recently in the Calvert Center's Public Auditorium.

The student receiving an Associate in Arts degree was Jennifer D. Willoughby.

Those students receiving Associate in Applied Science Degrees were: Brenda Amburgey, Angela B. Bowles, Karen T. Busch, Carol Y. Hunt, Tammy W. Hunt, Eugene Mathis, Dana J. McCard, Stephanie Gekerman and Melinda L. Smith.

Prom royalty 1997

Nicholas County High School Senior Jennifer Caswell got at congratulatory hug from Junior Class Treasurer Tanya Ibrama at Saturday night's prom held at Blue Licks State Park's Worthington Center. See Page 6 and 8 for more photographs.

AOC to help fund county courthouse renovation

By Leigh Stone
Managing Editor
Renovation draws nearer to Nicholas County Courthouse.

Some Frankfort assistance from the Administrative Office of the Courts and financing through the Kentucky Association of Counties Lending Fund (KACOLF) may help proceed the courthouse dome and provide new windows.

Nick Schwendeman called me one morning last week from the AOC. I didn't think he'd be in his office that early in the morning. It was just about 8 He said the AOC had agreed to pay 52 1/2 percent of the renovation like they did the roof last year, and Nicholas County Judge Executive Chuck Smith. "We were glad to get the roof. We haven't had a leak since it was put on. Now we need to fix that dome. The wood around it has deteriorated."

The courthouse is a little over 100 years old and to Smith's recollection, had little repair done until recently. Some repair

was done when he worked in the sheriff's office in the 1980s, he recalled.

Dana Price, Smith's secretary, commented, "We went up this morning. It looked like it had moved five inches. It was really scary."

Price also said last year roof project was approximately \$105,000 with AOC providing 52 1/2 percent.

A spokesman for Schwendeman was out of the office until sometime Wednesday, past *The Mercury's* press time.

Price said the KACOLF lease works like a bank loan in that the county must make monthly payments. However, it isn't a fund that is carried over year to year like a loan. By law, the

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Student of the Week



Sarah Smoot

This week's Student of the Week is Sarah Smoot. Sarah is a senior at Nicholas County High School and is the daughter of Phyllis Smoot of Carlisle. She is on the yearbook staff and enjoys helping out with senior class projects. She is a member of Senior Superlatives and Wills & Prophecies. She likes English and math and at home, enjoys using her computer and reading.

Upon graduation she wants to attend the University of Kentucky and study medicine to one day become a surgical assistant.

Sarah was nominated for this honor by Assistant

Principal Ron Baker. "Sarah has worked hard in the office. She is always willing to do what is asked of her. She is a very pleasant, young woman. She always looks for ways to help someone out and has an excellent attitude."

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

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