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Council expected to raise city gas rates Monday

The Carlisle City Council is expected to okay a sizable increase in the city's gas rates at next Monday's regular meeting.

The increase is being passed along by the city due to an increase from its natural gas supplier, Columbia Gas. September gas bills will be the first to reflect the increase. From a present rate of \$1.69 per 1,000 cubic feet the city will be jumped to \$2.29 per 1,000 cubic feet.

That's what the city pays. Gas customers at present pay \$3.65 for the first 1,000 cubic feet. That's expected to raise to more than \$4 per 1,000 cubic feet for a minimum bill but no one is sure just yet what the final figure will be.

At the August council meeting Mayor Bill Power told the council he had been given projected figures that indicated the city's base rate will rise from the present \$1.69 to about \$5.37 in 1987.

The difference between the rate the city pays and the rate it collects is used to pay maintenance of the lines and expenses.

A city ordinance permits the council to pass on the rates without a rate ordinance but the council is expected to hear discussion on the matter, including the new

rate supplied by engineers, next Monday. The projected base rates for the city (the rate it will pay for gas) for the next eight years are:

- 1980 — \$2.58.
- 1981 — \$2.95.
- 1982 — \$3.22.
- 1983 — \$3.63.
- 1984 — \$4.03.
- 1985 — \$4.60.
- 1986 — \$4.97.
- 1987 — \$5.37.

"Gas rates were last raised in May, when a 10 cents across-the-board raise was approved. At the time the council was told that the uncertain financial situation of the city would force more raises in the near future. These raises, Mayor Power said at the time, could be dictated by the city's bondholders in order to keep enough cash flowing into the city's accounts to insure prompt payment of outstanding bonds.

An audit completed after the resignation of the city clerk in January resulted in a streamlining of the city's books in order to keep track of revenues and disbursements more closely.

News briefly

No council candidates yet

With the deadline for filing less than a week away, no candidates have come forth for the Carlisle City Council races this November.

Nicholas County Clerk Rose Scott said September 12 is the last day for filing for the independent race, which will decide who the Carlisle council members will be for the next two years. Miss Scott said no candidate has asked for a filing petition, either. To be

placed on the ballot independent candidates must have a petition signed by 20 legal residents of the city. City residents can sign only one petition each, Miss Scott added.

Current council members are Carol Sparks, Charles Fay, Clarence Ford, Frankie Hughes, Alec Crawford and Julian Green. Council members are elected for a two-year term.

Jody Duncan returns home

Jody Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Duncan who was injured Wednesday afternoon in a bicycle-wagonable accident returned home from St. Joseph Hospital, Monday.

Jody suffered a skull fracture, concussion and broken leg. He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily at his home.

MSU offers students passes

Morehead State University has announced that all 1979 home football games are high school guest games. The special dates, Sept. 22 — Middle Tennessee; Oct. 5 — Austin Peay; Oct. 13 — UT-Marion; Nov. 3 — Akron and Nov. 17 — Eastern Kentucky, are open to any high school student.

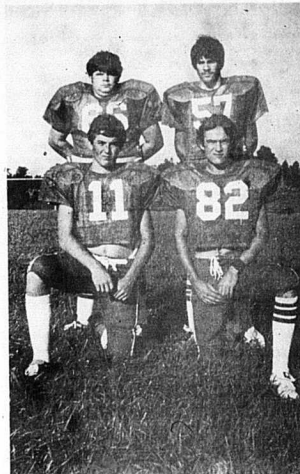
Tickets are available through principals or guidance counselors, or by calling toll free at 1-800-262-7474, MSU's Division of Admissions. Additional information on Football guest days is available from the Division of Admissions, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351.

cess. Currently, legislators are elected in odd-numbered years less than two months before regular legislative sessions begin. With a wide range of issues facing them, most legislators are not able to begin study of the state's budget until the 60-day session begins, leaving little time to become very familiar with the election of legislators from odd to even numbered years, give the legislators a year to study issues before going into session, and will be on the ballot in Kentucky this November. The Subcommittee on Legislative Effectiveness is studying ways to give the General Assembly more control over the state's budget-making process.

Baled burley allowed

Sept. 29, at the department's local county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. In the signing and marketing process, there are only four changes from last year. Each producer would be guaranteed price support on the larger of 1,000 pounds or 20 percent of the farm marketing quota (instead of 5 percent last year). Any unwanted quota would be apportioned to producers desiring to

sell more than 20 percent of the farm marketing quota from a state pool instead of a county pool. Sales opportunity would be available on each sales day instead of on only five specified days. Individual bales in a lot must be identified. Tobacco graders with the department's Agricultural Marketing Service would continue to apply official grades to the limited quantities of unbaled burley packed in bales during the 1979-80 season.



Captains

Captains for this year's Nicholas County High football Bluejackets are, kneeling from left, Pat Letcher and Mike Mattox, and standing, Wilmer Halcomb and Phillip Rose. All the Captains are seniors. Nicholas plays its first home game of the season Friday night at 8 p.m. against Fairview, a district match. —Mercury photo.

Jackets open home stand

By Kay Cooley
Proving oneself, the Nicholas County Bluejackets have so far "proved" themselves with their well-played season openers against Fleming County and Richmond Madison. Even though the Jackets lost 19-0 and 14-0, respectively, they have "proved" so far that they aren't just another underdog team.

But what does the future hold for the Jackets? The answer varies among different people but the main conclusion drawn seems to be that the future looks right in NCHS fan's eyes. "I think they surprised a lot of people," said Tammy Rorer, NCHS student and fan, "they are doing good to have lost all those seniors. I know I'm proud of them."

Of course one factor of the Jackets' success is their cheerleaders and vice versa.

"Overleading puts me really close to the team," stated Teresa Woolsey, "I think they'll live as long as they keep their heads together. It's exciting to cheer for a team like Nicholas County."

But how do the '78 graduates from Nicholas feel?

When asked about the team's upcoming hopes Jeff Elder, 1979 NCHS football player, responded, "I think they've got a real tough defense. Even though most of 'em are in their first year they're learning and gaining experience. As the season progresses they have a good chance of winning the state."

Let's take it one step further. How do the players themselves feel? Are they prepared?

"We all need to come to practice," said Jimmy Dale number 76 on the Bluejacket squad. "This week will tell if we will have a promising season."

Coach Ben Pumphrey, head Bluejacket coach, was unable to comment due to his involvement in his junior high football team's game Monday night.

As you can see the Nicholas County Bluejackets have thus far proved themselves. What does the future hold? Only time can tell.

Nicholas County returns home this Friday night in an important district game against Fairview. Kickoff time is set for 8 p.m.

School board members to meet in Jessamine

School board members and school administrators from 29 area school districts will study the 1980 Kentucky School Boards Association Legislative Program and develop strategies for advocating local control of public education at the annual meeting of the Central Kentucky Region of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) scheduled for 6:30 p.m., September 12, at the Jessamine County School Center.

High Adams, Jessamine County School Superintendent, is Regional Secretary. Other KSBA officials attending the meeting will include Charles Brauch, Vice President of KSBA, James E. Johnson, Immediate Past President of the KSBA and Herbert Liebman, a member of the KSBA Executive Board. The KSBA Central Kentucky Region includes the county school districts of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jackson, Jessamine, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Nicholas, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Scott, and Woodford. Past and Independent chairmen of the district are: Nicholas County Board of Education serves as Regional Vice-Chairman and

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