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## Board opens bids School lunches will cost more

Due to government cutbacks in reimbursing the Nicholas County Board of Education's food service program, the Board was forced to increase the cost of school lunches by 10 cents at Monday night's regular session meeting.

Bill Guthrie, Director of Federal Programs for the Board, informed the members that the far reaching cutback could cost the Board over \$20,000 next year alone if the increase were not enacted.

Guthrie said that the price of school lunches in the local school system is far less than in surrounding counties, and that the lunches have not increased in price in at least eight years. He said that even with the increase, the county would be significantly lower in its price than neighboring school systems. Guthrie produced prices for nine area school systems that overwhelmingly supported his statement.

With the increases, the lunchroom prices will be as follows: elementary lunch, 34 cents; high school lunch, 50 cents; breakfast, 30 cents; and reduced price breakfast, 15 cents.

Guthrie also said that there was a possibility that the price of milk would have to be raised to 15 cents next year because of an elimination of governmental support for the school milk program. Milk for those persons on free lunch programs will no longer be

free after the first carton.

In explaining the impact of the cut, Guthrie said that besides lowering the reimbursement rates and eliminating the free milk program, local parents could expect tougher guidelines for determining those who qualify for free and reduced price lunches. Not only will the income limits be lowered, but families will now have to document their income claims.

Guthrie said the fact that lunch prices had not been raised in the last eight years was a credit to the Board and the cooks at the schools who continually get by when all odds are against them. However, he said the lunch program simply could not continue on firm footing without the increases. He reiterated that even with the increase, Nicholas County has one of the least expensive food service programs around.

In other action the Board:

- Accepted the resignation of Ricky Willoughby as bus driver.
- Approved sick and/or maternity leave for Brenda Anderson, commencing on or about Sept. 1, 1981 and extending six to eight weeks thereafter.
- High School Principal David McMillen will assume the duties of Mrs. Anderson, in addition to his own, during her absence.
- Approved the purchase of a 50-passenger Dodge school bus as a state contract price of \$14,112.80.

Superintendent Elder told the Board that using the bus on short trips could realize enough saving to pay its purchase price in as little as three years.

- Accepted the bid of Goodyear Tire of Mt. Sterling to provide tires for the Board for the 1981-82 school year. The Board will get a price of \$102.48 for the 20 regular tires which it most frequently purchases. The price for the 20 stud and snow tires was bid at \$134.15.
- Accepted the bid of Ashland Oil to furnish the Board with motor oil for the 1981-82 school year. The Board will purchase oil at a price of \$1.25 per gallon for 10W30 in a 56-gallon drum.
- Accepted the bid of Kerma Bakery for supplying the school with bakery products for the 1981-82 school year.
- Accepted bid on bus insurance

from Glenn Kimberling's Motorists Mutual Company to provide bus insurance at the price of \$212 for the 1981-82 school year.

- Accepted the bid of Borden Dairy for providing milk products to the school for the 1981-82 school year.
- Rejected all bids for gasoline for the 1981-82 school year for further consideration. The low bidder was Northfield Oil, Cynthia, but due to past business dealing with Northfield, the Board, by a 2-2 vote, chose not to enter into a contract with the company.
- Members Anderson, Duncan and Hunter voted down the bid price of \$1.69 plus tax for gasoline. The price in that bid could increase as the market dictated.
- Discussed adding John Frick to the extra duty list as assistant basketball coach. The Board questioned

whether or not the added responsibility would interfere with his duties as a vo-ag instructor and PFA supervisor, a job which already carries a 15-month contract. That item should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

- Switched routes of the buses currently numbered 3 and 18. The bus drivers and routes will remain the same, only the buses will change hands.
- Switched the bus routes driven by Mr. Campy and Mr. Coldiron. The routes will remain the same, the drivers are only switching routes.
- Approved Board policy review resolution.
- Approved the transportation of Head Start students by Community Action, and to pay \$250 to Community Action for those services.

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## County's tax assessment increased by \$3.5 million

The property tax rolls were opened for public inspection last week, and a check of the county's assessment revealed that the overall assessment increased by nearly \$3.5 million, from \$72,344,610 to \$75,790,340.

A breakdown of the assessment shows that residential property went from \$24,488,400 to \$27,601,235; commercial property went from \$7,229,750 to \$8,325,550; and farm property went from \$39,916,460 to \$39,863,660.

The decrease in farm assessment, said PVA Rose Brady, was due to increased applications from county farm owners to have their assessment

based on agricultural use value, and from an increase in persons taking the homestead exemption for persons over 65 years of age.

Those farm exemptions increased from \$28,948,185 in 1980, to \$29,823,995 in 1981. Homestead exemptions also rose, 1980's \$1,797,000 in exemptions increased to \$2,306,000 in 1981.

Those exemptions can have a drastic effect on the amount of assessment that one pays taxes on, as an "underdog" provided by Mrs. Brady clearly shows.

One Nicholas County farmer who missed the March 1 deadline in applying for his agricultural value

exemption has his farm assessed at \$77,000. Had it been based on agricultural value, he would have paid taxes on only \$19,600.

Mrs. Brady said that things are going fairly smooth now, and that she doesn't feel she has received more than the usually expected complaints.

As of Friday, 15 assessment appeals have been filed with the County Board of Assessment Appeal, and some others are expected to follow. All appeals must be filed by no later than noon Saturday when the tax rolls close their public inspection period.

## Gas users to receive 25 percent rate hike

Higher wellhead prices producers are charging for natural gas under provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act to reflect increasing costs of exploration and drilling will mean higher gas bills for customers of Carlisle this winter.

Bill Power, mayor, said the higher prices its supplier is having to pay to obtain natural gas needed to meet the short-term and long-term requirements of Carlisle customers are expected to increase local gas bills about 25 percent beginning Sept. 1, 1981.

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The higher cost of purchasing gas was reflected in a filing Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., the unit of the Columbia Gas System that supplies natural gas to the City of Carlisle and 49 other gas companies, made July 31 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It shows Columbia Transmission's cost of purchasing gas from producers and other suppliers increased \$32 million since its last semiannual filing.

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## Bluejackets give strong showing in season preview

The Nicholas County Bluejackets gave local residents a preview of the coming season with a strong performance Saturday in a controlled scrimmage against Jessamine County.

While no official score is kept in controlled scrimmages, the Bluejackets scored one touchdown on a 40 yard run by Mike Boykin, while the defense held Jessamine scoreless.

Nicholas County's Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Ben Pumphrey, said he was very pleased by the effort his team gave in the outing.

Pumphrey indicated that the scrimmage accomplished most of its goals—

particularly in giving Keith Williams and Robert Hopkins experience in their new backfield positions. Williams carried the ball seven times during the scrimmage, and Hopkins carried 10 times.

Offensive leaders David McGuffey and Mike Boykin only carried the ball a total of five times during the scrimmage, but those five carries amounted to 84 yards rushing and a touchdown.

McGuffey also completed four of eight passes for 68 additional yards.

Defensively, Pumphrey was quite pleased with the shut-out effort. Overall team speed and aggressiveness were attributed as being the major contribu-

tors to the performance.

Pumphrey also credited Jessamine County's defense as being "very sharp." He said their nose guard and linebackers were especially good, as was their overall outside pursuit.

Obviously, Jessamine tested the Jackets with formations from an unbalanced line, and with the option play.

Overall, Pumphrey seemed pleased with the performance. But he said that with only three returning starters from last year's squad, the Jackets still have some weaknesses. In particular, he stressed that improvement was needed

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**Entrailed...**

Jed Gerstein sat intently enthralled by the pickin' and fiddlin' at an old fashioned fish fry thrown Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bowles in the barn above their grocery on the Myers Station Road. The fish fry featured good food, good music, local politicians, including District Judge Candidate Jack Arnold, and raised \$102.87 for the Nico-Boosters organization. Jed is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crawford, Route 4.—Mercury photo.



**Record breaker**  
Carlisle's Tim Dudley fired a course record 66 Saturday during the opening round of the 70th annual Carmel Country Club Member-Guest Golf Tournament. The old record was set in 1974 by Tim's father, Andy Dudley, at 67.—Mercury photo.

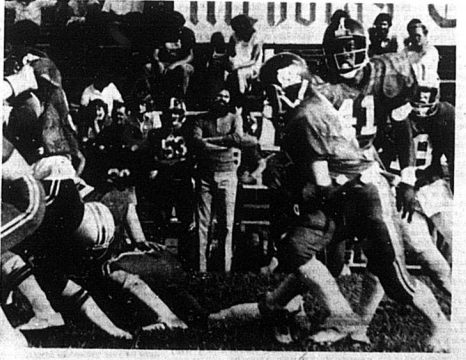
The eight-year-old son of Mrs. Linda Daley, Route 1, Carlisle, was hit by a car while crossing Highway 26 near the new National Guard Armory Monday afternoon at 4:15.

The child, Leonard Biggs, was reportedly crossing the highway with another child after playing in the lot adjacent to the new armory building, when he darted in front of a car driven by CWO Pryman of Carlisle.

Nicholas County Sheriff J.W. Ecton said that the impact knocked the child unconscious, and that he was carried on the hood of Pryman's car for 112 feet, before finally being thrown off.

Biggs was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, where officials there reported Tuesday that he was in "fair condition."

The child is suffering from a broken leg, as well as various abrasions and contusions to the face and arms.



Nicholas County quarterback David McGuffey completes a hand-off to running back Robert Hopkins as bodies clash on the awaiting line of scrimmage in Saturday's scrimmage with Jessamine County.—Mercury photo.