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City residents concerned over heating bills

By Elicha Insko
Staff Writer

Escalating gas prices have raised a lot of questions by many people of Carlisle and other areas.

At Monday night's regular monthly City Council meeting concerned citizens of Carlisle were present to try and get some answers and maybe some solutions.

It has been the understanding of some that Carlisle was getting gas from Columbia Gas Company.

Mayor Ronnie Clark informed those people the City gets the gas from Duke Gas Company out of Texas.

In the past there has been another gas company to provide gas for Carlisle. Unfortunately, the City had to look for another company since the previous had to let the City of Carlisle go once the contract was up.

So began a search for another company to provide for the City. There was only one response — that of Duke Gas Company, the nation's third top producer.

Unfortunately, for Nicholas County being a smaller community, gas is a little higher. Where bigger communities can purchase gas in bigger quantities gas becomes a little cheaper.

At this time the City Office is purchasing gas month to month due to storage. "We have storage but not enough to maintain the City," says Mayor Ronnie Clark.

Some residents of Carlisle argued the price of gas being cheaper in surrounding counties. The only explanation that they were given was it could be that those cities use the same company or even a different company and have been on a long-term contract that has not expired at this time.

The Mayor made it very clear the City has no decision in the rising costs of natural gas. The blame lies on the gas companies.

There were also some questions raised about the gas bills. You are charged per thousand cubic feet, plus a transportation fee.

The first thousand cubic feet the price is a little cheaper and thereafter the cost goes up.

Citizens are also concerned about the reading of the meters. Since it costs the City a fee to put this on your bill the Mayor welcomes those people who would like to know when their meter has been read, to call the City Office.

If you are interested in getting on a budget plan, you may apply in April. At this time budgets have been raised some. The budget plan is based on a year's time with a year's



Elicha Insko photo
Nicholas County residents voiced their concerns over rising heating costs during Monday's Carlisle City Council meeting.

usage figured in.

Mayor Ronnie Clark would like to remind everyone about Community Action you may be eligible for the heating assistance program. We encourage everyone to write letters to congress and state representatives," he said.

Airman Prater graduates from military training

Airman Jason R. Prater has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Johnnie Prater of Rural Route 1, Wallingford, Kentucky and Paula Prate of Rural Route 3, Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

Students of the Week



NCHS student of the week
Brandie Workman

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County High School.

Brandie is a senior at the Nicholas County High School and the daughter of Bobbie and John Workman.

She is a member of FFA and the yearbook staff. She is also employed at Long John Silvers.

She was nominated by Kacey Miller, counselor because she is a hard worker and very creative.



NCES student of the week
Rachel Brewer

This week *The Carlisle Mercury* is proud to recognize the student of the week at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

Rachel is in the eighth grade at Nicholas County Elementary and the daughter of Donald and Julie Brewer.

Her interests include baseball and reading and FCA. She is a member of the East Union Christian Church.

Rachel was nominated by Miss Johnson because she has outstanding behavior, attitude and academic achievement.



Martha F. Taylor

Taylor appointed to KET Friends Board

KET announces the appointment of Martha F. Taylor to the Friends of KET Board, a statewide network of volunteers that supports KET's mission to provide quality programming and education services to all Kentuckians.

Taylor is a retired teacher from Nicholas County, where she is also retired from the Board of Education. She currently serves as president of the Nicholas County Retired Teachers Association and is

a member of the Bluegrass Home Economists.

Taylor remains active in the community as well. She sits on the board of directors for Nicholas County Tourism, Inc. and is a member of the Nicholas County Historical Society. Taylor also teaches Sunday School at the Carlisle Christian Church, where she is a member.

A graduate of Morehead State University, Taylor's hobbies include gardening, reading, cooking and golf.

NCMS Cheerleaders compete in Estill Co.

By Elicha Insko
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On Saturday, February 10, 2001, the Nicholas County Middle School Cheerleaders travelled to Estill County to compete in the Bluegrass Conference Classic.

"We got in there and gave it our all, did our best and did what we could," says eighth grade cheerleader Chrisay White.

The girls did excellent in their routine and will compete in the state competition on March 3 at Lexington Catholic.

"Saturday was the best competition ever. They keep making me so proud," says coach Becca Johnson.

"I think we did our best. We gave it all of our effort... this was the last competition before state," says Brittany Baird, eighth grade cheerleader.

The girls have been well supported by their family members and friends and would like to thank each and everyone of them who have helped in any way. They would also like to thank Miss Johnson for everything she has done for them.



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The Nicholas County Middle School Cheerleading Squad advances to state the state competition March 3 at Lexington Catholic. Here, they perform stunts during a recent competition at Lexington Catholic.



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