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Federal money made available to fight straight line pipe use

Rockeastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis announced yesterday that millions of federal dollars will go to poor Eastern Kentuckians, in-cluding Rockeastle residents, to help eliminate straight pipes and to for-give loans already used to build sep-

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Carloftis and Solid Waste Coor-dinator Don Coyle attended a meet-ing on Tuesday morning, in which the program was taid out in detail by U.S. Congressiman Harold Rogers and Kethicky Natural Resource and En-vironhenial Protection Cabinet Sec-retary James Bickford.

The money will be allocated through PRIDE, a government-spon-sored environmental organization started by Rogers in 1957 to help bean up 40 Kentacky countes, in-cluding Rocketauthe.

samed by Roges in 1997 to help-clean up 40 Kentacky counties, in-cluding Rockcastle.

"As of today, no one has an ex-case for dumping their individual sewage in a nearby creek. Rogers said during a teleconference to an-nounce the fanding.

Carlotis told the court that 59 million in grant money will help bu-income people replace straight pipes, which allow rim sewage to go di-rectly from homes to waterways.

Those who qualify will get sep-tic systems or be hooked to sewer systems.

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Over 36,000 straight line pipes and failing septic systems have been identified in 40 counties in eastern Kenucky.

The Judge said that the 36,000 problems were located by the gov-ernment via satellite, but that he would not know until Friday, how many of the 36,000 systems are in Rockcastle County.

Another \$15 million in grants will go to such systems to extend (Cont. to A8)





Mt. Vernon Elementary School teacher Susan Coffey, 30, of Wildie was seriously injured in a three car wreck at Renfro Valley on Thursday afternoon. According to Mt. Vernon police officer, Mike Peters, Coffey was travelling south on U.S. 25 when a couple from Indiana turned into her path in front of the Renfro Valley ticket office. Mrs. Coffey received two broken legs, one which was crushed, in the accident. Surgery was performed on her Widnesday, She apeats everal days in the tritensive Care Unit before the surgery. The Indiana couple, who had Just gotten married, were treated and released at Rockcastle Hospital. A 71-year-old Florida woman, who was driving unother car, was also treated at Rockcastle Hospital and released.

Local man in wheelchair charged after complaint

A Mt. Vernon man was released left Mt. Vernon.

Albert M. Deborde, 65, of Detention Center on Wednesday af Crawford Lane was arrested Monday ter Kentucky Governor Paul Patton.

by Mt. Vernon City Police after they

County will offer health insurance to employees

By: Richard Anderkin
For the first time ever, employees
and officials associated with
Rockeastle County government will
be offered a health insurance plan.
Rockeastle County Judge-Executive Burz: Cathofits announced the
rogram at the Rockeastle County
Fiscal Court meeting ion Tuesday.
The plan would be a group plan
and be offered to all county einployess, such ast boss in the county clerk's
office, sheriff's office, detention center, 9il and to all employees directly
under the administration of the county
judge and fiscal court, such as road
department employees.
The Judge and magistrates would
also be eligible for the plan.
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bodgecon tractic almost extended to the plan. Employees would have to pay the rest of the cost themselves. Carlofits was also quick to point out that under state law, if an official's fund balance ends in the red, the fiscal court is required by law to make up the difference.

"If they come up at the end of the fiscal year and don't have enough money to operate the fiscal court will have to eat, it anyway," the Judge said.

Said.

Under new state law, the court is required to also approve the budgets of each county office, such as the clerk's, sheriff's and detention cen-

more employees who participated in the group plan, the less the monthly premium would be. There is currently 65 who qualify, but not near that many have shown an interest, according to Carloffis.

Benjamin quoted the court a price for single coverage at \$159 and family coverage at \$494, if \$2 people join the plan.

If only 35 are enrolled in the plan, the monthly premium would be \$80 for single and \$587 for family coverage.

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Frogram being offered by the fiscal court is through CHA Health, year plant of the control of the court of the employee is that they work at least 30 hours per week.

In other business: the court voice to loan the Rockcastle-County Li-brary board \$15,000 for a short period of time until the library receives state aid money.

Library board chairman Allen Pensol said the money would be used to close out the library's automation

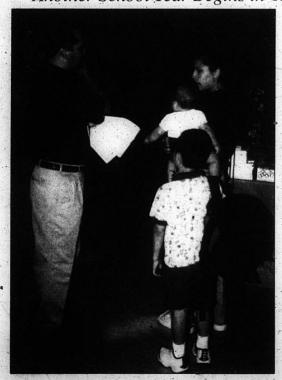
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The court also briefly discussed the tax rate for real estate for the coming tax year.

The court passed an increase of four percent, which will make the new rate 17.5, from 7.4 year ago.

The new rate will generate approximately \$8,000 more in revenue frew the country.

Another School Year Begins in Rockcastle



At left - District Technology Resource teacher Harold Woodall directs a parent and students to a classroom at Mt. Vernon Elementary School on Wednesday morning. School began for the county's 3,000 students except for Brodhead area - students, who will not attend until August 27th. A new school is under contruction at Brodhead and has not been completed.

The school year begins with a new principal at Mt. Vernon, where 730 are enrolled, a new principal at the middle school where 715 students will attend and a new principal at the Rockcastle County High School where 850 are enrolled. Roundstone has an enrollment of 260 and when Brodhead begins school they will have ap-proximately 450 students. School Superintendent

Larry Hammond said Wednesday that there was no basis for a rumor that school would be dismissed for the entire district this Friday - because Brodhead wasn't going to be finished contractors said it would be.

"No plans have

30 attend meeting concerning ORV use

A meeting of 30 some citizens concerned about off-road vehicles (ORV) was held last Thursday at the ASPI Nature Center near Livingston.
A number of regulatory and control options were offered by those both opposed to and in favor of ORV practices. These included the follow-

practices. These included the tonow-ing five proposed by people prior to the meeting: • Enforcement of requirements to Enforcement of requirements to abide by existing laws, namely, writ-ten permission before any motorized vehicles cross private land, forbid-ding unlicensed motor vehicles on public highways and halting travel on unauthorized US rulands. US Forest Service tranger of the London District.

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Singleton pleads guilty

Eddy Montgomery, Common-wealth Attorney for Lincoln, Rockcastle and Pulaski Counties, announced Tuesday that Wesley



Rockeastle County Librarian Kristiana Burk has resigned her position the county library. Miss Burk will attend the University of Kentucky the fall and work on her Matsets Degree in Library Science, Library boach chairman Allen Pensol said the board had several options and would be gin the process of replacing Miss Burk in the near future. Miss Burk heen librarian for the past 13 months.