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Crisis team holds mock disaster

The Rockcastle County Crisis Team held a mock crisis last Wednesday.

The drill began at 2:00 p.m. with a pretend shooter entering the Rockcastle County Area Technology Center (Vocational School) and injuring ten students before fatally wounding himself.

A call was made from the school to 911 and then to the Central Administration Building. The 911 office dispatched the information immediately to the police, ambulance service and fire department.

Upon arrival at the scene, the city police secured the area. The ambulance service then entered and assessed the victims regarding critical needs and transported them to the hospital.

Parents arriving on the scene were escorted to a designated area of the Middle School to await information on the condition of the wounded. Parents were informed as soon as possible about the condition of their "children." Some parents were staged to go directly to the hospital, while some came to the school first and then to the hospital. They were met by a hospital representative and directed to a waiting area for incoming information.

The entire drill lasted approximately 55 minutes from the time the shooter entered the building until the wounded had been assessed at the hospital.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with participating agencies to assess the drill and determine areas of needed improvement.

"We appreciate the cooperation of everyone during our mock incident," said Crisis Team Coordinator Loretta Powell.

Practicing for a Disaster

Shown in the top photo participating in Wednesday's mock school shooting were Richard Graham and Charles Bowman. Helping with the victims at the Rockcastle Hospital were: Becky DeBord, Paul Abney, Steve Pittman, Chris Reddington and Jeff Smithern.

Brodhead Senior Center will close

Mt. Vernon and Livingston will remain open

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Center at Brodhead has closed.

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis informed the fiscal court on Tuesday that the senior citizen's board had voted to close the center because it had become a financial burden.

Carloftis said the county had always paid the phone, electric, water and sewer bill and maintained the building, but that the center only had four clients and it was no longer feasible for it to be kept open.

Magistrate Bill McKinney and Carloftis agreed that the county should make some type of decision as to what to do with the building very soon.

"If we don't get something in there the building will be broken into and probably damaged," Carloftis said.

The building, which is located at the entrance to the fairgrounds, is also used as voting place for West Brodhead.

The center will officially close on June 30.

Carloftis said he been approached concerning the building by members of the Green Thumb Project, who wanted to use the building for their regional offices.

The court made no decision.

Carloftis said that he had been informed that the centers at Mt. Vernon and Livingston would remain open as usual.

The court also heard from county treasurer Joe Clontz, who told the court that each of the county's sixteen accounts had a positive balance.

The court briefly discussed a $3,100 bill from the Boyle County Detention Center.

That bill was for a juvenile who has been charged with the murder of a northern Rockcastle County man.

It cost the county $100 per day, plus medical expenses to house the juvenile in Boyle County.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette is attempting to have the juvenile certified as an adult in the case, but that has not happen as of yet.

Even if that does happen, because of his age, the juvenile will still have to be housed in a juvenile facility.

The court also voted to create the position of Emergency Management Director.

The position would be part-time and pay $10,000 a year. The court is hoping the state will pay half of the salary.

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Over four inches of rain locally

Some areas of the county got more, some less, but at the Cox Funeral Home weather station 4.16 inches of rain has fallen in the month of June.

Weatherman Bud Cox said he recorded precipitation the first eight days of June and, of course, none since.

The entire month of May only 2.83 inches of rain fell.

The high in June so far was on Tuesday when the mercury reached 87. The recorded low was 47 on June 2nd.

Shown above is Gracie Thomas receiving her Homeownership Counseling Certificate of Achievement award from Nancy Meadows, Service Coordinator/Financial Counselor for the Rockcastle County office of Daniel Boone Development Council. Looking on, fourth from left is Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, who is a member of the Daniel Boone Board. At left, Gracie Thomas displays her certificate. Mrs. Thomas will own the 1,200 square feet home, which was built on her property on Halcomb East Road at Orlando. A ceremony was held at the new house on Friday.

Housing agencies help Orlando woman obtain home ownership

A Rockcastle County family will soon be living in their new home, thanks to the efforts of federal, state and local housing agencies.

The home of Gracie Thomas and her two teenaged children is expected to be complete by June 30.

In conjunction with National Homeownership Week, a celebration was held at the site of the Thomas home Friday, on Halcomb East Road.

The home was built through a blending of resources from the U.S. Department of Agricultural Rural Development, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Appalachian Regional Commission and with a great amount of help from the Daniel Boone Development Council.

Mrs. Nancy Meadows, a staff member with the local Daniel Boone office said that the home is being built on property owned by Ms. Thomas and that she will own the home, once completed.

The three bedroom home has 1,200 square feet and cost approximately $60,000 to construct.

Mrs. Thomas received a $40,000 loan from the USDA with an interest rate of one percent.

She received a $14,000, forgiveable loan from the Kentucky Housing Corporation, through Daniel Boone and the remainder of the funding for the home came in the form of a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for $4,670.

F. Lynn Luallen, chief executive officer of Kentucky Housing, emphasized the importance of the joint venture.

"By forming such partnerships as this we are able to help more Kentuckians become homeowners," Luallen explained. "Safe, decent, affordable housing continues to be one of the most critical indicators of healthy individuals, families, communities and economies. If we are

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Brodhead council discusses kitchen equipment, problems at Castle Village

By: Richard Anderkin

The Brodhead City Council discussed a variety of issues during their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, including a small dispute between the Mayor and the city's county fire department.

That dispute apparently arose over some kitchen equipment from the Brodhead Elementary School, which was donated to the city.

Mayor Walter Cash said he asked for and received the equipment and that he had distributed it as he thought was best.

There was some discussion about a large cooler being put in the same building as the fire trucks, but Cash said that the city owned all of the buildings and could put things where they wanted to.

An exhaust fan that was given to the city was also apparently given to the Brodhead Dari-Delite because Cash said the restaurant was a big help to the city from time to time especially during the fish frys.

Cash said that the cooler was there for everyone's benefit including the Ladies Auxilary.

Councilman Curt Brown said he thought the city and the fire department should work together and that he did not see any problem with the way the Mayor had handled things.

Brown said that he thought that the cooler could even be used temporarily by someone in the city limits who had a freezer go out and did not want to lose all their frozen items.

"We just need to all work together," Brown said.

Cash also made mention that he had heard rumors that councilmen Everett Albright and Larry Taylor were off the council.

He called that nonsense. "A Mayor can't do that, council members are voted in by the people," Cash said.

Cash also told County fire chief Johnny Benge that he was welcome to stay on as chief. Apparently Cash and Benge had been at odds over the equipment and Cash had told Benge he was free to resign if he so wished.

Benge had never resigned his position.

Councilman Johnny Wilcop said it "sounded like alot of nonsense."

The council also discussed the hiring of Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff William Harris as the new police officer at Brodhead.

Harris will begin work full-time as soon as the results of his drug test are received.

Harris will replace Willie Skeens, who resigned his position about a week after he completed his officer training at Eastern Kentucky University. Skeens took a job in Lancaster.

The City of Brodhead had paid for his tuition at the school.

Councilman Brown told the council that he had talked with State Representatives Danny Ford and Lonnie Napier about getting some sidewalks in the city replaced through the state's renaissance program.

Brown said that Ford and Napier told him they would do whatever they could to help obtain state funds.

The council also decided to look into buying a used utility truck for the water department instead of a golf cart and Police Joe Bussell told the council that there were major prob-

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Grand Jury indicts 12

By: Richard Anderkin

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down twelve indictments on Friday for crimes ranging from striking a police officer to trafficking in illegal drugs.

Brenda K. Grubb, 42, of Rt.5 Livingston and Bobby Grubb, 42, also of Livingston, were indicted on a charge of trafficking in marijuana.

The couple is accused of having over five pounds of marijuana in their possession on March 6th.

Their bonds were set at $5,000, ten percent cash or $500.

Phillip Kirby, 25, of Chestnut Ridge Road and his wife Jennifer Kirby, 22, also of Chestnut Ridge Road were each indicted on three counts stemming from a March 20th indicent at the home of Jason Bullock at Sand Springs.

The Kirbys are accused of entering the house and intentionally de-

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