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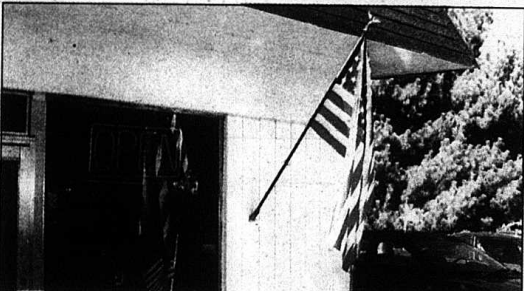
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Steve Griffin, Harry Harmon and Joe Rush, prepare to remove an injured Curtis Bradley, 86, of Ottawa from his vehicle Wednesday afternoon. Bradley was seriously injured in the single car wreck on Hwy. 150. Bradley apparently lost control as he traveled toward Mt. Vernon, crossed into the westbound lane and went over an embankment before striking the above tree. Bradley was taken to Rockcastle Hospital and later flown to the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Freddie Cromer of Town and Country Chevron helped in the effort to remove Bradley, by moving the car away from the tree with the cable on his wrecker. The accident occurred at 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.



Ever since the events of September 11th, Americans have displayed their patriotism in many ways, but flying the American flag has been the way most Americans have shown their support for the Country. Many businesses in Rockcastle, including Payne's Auto Sales on Hwy. 150 are flying Old Glory.

Four indictments returned

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned four indictments last week. Indicted were Ashley Ross Jas-

PRIDE hands out grants

PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) announced Wednesday that it has awarded \$11,540 in grants this school year targeted at helping Rockcastle County educators teach school children and adults more about their environment and how to protect it.

Two area schools and a local retreat for the blind will receive funds, benefiting some 1,626 students, according to a news release from the PRIDE office in Somerset.

Broadhead Elementary School will receive \$3,170 to construct an outdoor classroom.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School will receive \$4,950 to build a greenhouse and construct an outdoor classroom.

Christ's Outreach for the Blind, near Pine Hill, which is headed by Mike and Lori Gates will receive \$3,420 to construct an outdoor classroom.

PRIDE will award a total of 109 grants in 33 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, reaching more than 47,000 students. Of the 109 grants, 96 will go to schools while the remainder will benefit groups such as conservation districts, 4-H and watershed watch organizations.

"The grants - up to a maximum of \$5,000 - are an invaluable resource in our efforts to support activities that help young people understand the importance of a clean environment and in promoting both personal responsibility and community pride," said U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers. "The PRIDE Environmental Education grant program is a significant investment in the long term future of our region."

Since 1997, 313 PRIDE Environmental Education Grants totaling over \$1.3 million have been awarded. The grants have been used for the

construction of 173 outdoor classrooms, 19 nature trails, the implementation of 20 school recycling projects, the purchase of various resources for classrooms and other projects at schools throughout the 40-county region PRIDE serves.

Man held after trying to use fake identification

A Guatemalan man, who was apparently trying to obtain a fake identification card, was arrested last week in Rockcastle County.

According to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Pedro Lucas Ramos, 23, attempted to get a fake identification card at Rockcastle Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant's office last Thursday.

Burdette said that chief deputy clerk Brenda McKnight notified authorities when she realized that Ramos was trying to use a birth certificate and social security card which belonged to a three-year-old child from Texas.

Burdette said that the INS and the Social Security Administration are involved in the case.

Burdette said that Ramos told authorities he had purchased the fake identification in Arizona for \$100, but has yet to tell authorities why he was in Mt. Vernon trying to obtain a fake identification card.

He is being held under a \$5,000 bond in the Rockcastle Detention Center and is due in court next week.

"At this point it is better to be safe than sorry," Burdette said.

per, 26, of Mt. Vernon, Jason Northem, 23, of Mt. Vernon, Woodrow Lamb, 24, of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon and Daren Kidd, 18, of Pine Knot.

Kidd was indicted on one count of first degree wanton endangerment and one count of criminal mischief first degree.

He is accused of driving his truck into Wendy's Restaurant on September 5 and causing \$25,000 damage.

He is also accused of endangering the lives of eight Wendy's employees.

Jasper was indicted on one count of third degree sexual abuse and two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor first degree.

Jasper is accused of having sexual contact with a minor on August 19 and giving another minor a controlled substance on different occasions.

Lamb was indicted on two counts of attempted murder, fleeing or evading police and being a persistent felony offender.

Lamb is accused of shooting at Mt. Vernon police officers Bill Mink and Barry Adams on July 23rd, after they tried to stop him on Hwy. 25.

Northern was indicted on one count of flagrant non-support.

Graves enter guilty plea

The U.S. Department of Justice announced this week that Bill R. Graves, 49, of Bee Lick Road, has pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute and the distribution of Percocet.

Graves was charged in the summer of 1999 with distributing approximately 50 perocet tablets.

U.S. Attorney Frances E. Catron said that Graves could receive a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Graves will be sentenced on February 1, 2002.

Williams says: Probably no great danger from nerve gas at Army Depot

By: Richard Anderkin

In the wake of this month's terrorist attacks on the United States many local citizens are wondering about the deadly chemical weapons, which are stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot near Richmond.

The Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper reported last week that the depot was probably the fifth most likely target for terrorists in Kentucky.

Deadly nerve gas is stored at the depot. A terrorist attack at the depot which could result in the gases being released into the air certainly would cause havoc in Madison and surrounding counties, including Rockcastle.

The good news for all citizens is that there is an evacuation plan in place to deal with such a disaster.

The Chemical Emergency Re-

sponse Plan has been in place for many years and is updated on an annual basis, according to Crag Williams, who heads the Chemical Weapons Working Group in Madison County.

Williams' foundation is a citizens group heavily involved with the process which would ultimately destroy those chemical weapons.

The bad news is that not many people are educated as to details of the evacuation plan.

Williams said that if people were educated, something he says should take place - especially now, the plan would probably work.

However, in Williams' opinion the risk of such a release of gas at the depot is highly unlikely.

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Message from Judge

"The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Response Plan is a vital standby in case of an unexpected chemical release at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Each of the public facilities (including schools and hospitals) has a plan designated by the state director in case of an emergency. In addition, the plan relies heavily upon the coordination of emergency services by the local fire departments and law enforcement offices," said Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlisle.

There are fewer than forty counties in the entire United States (out of more than 3,300 counties nationwide) that are in what is known as a

Protective Area Zone (PAZ). Northern Rockcastle County is one of those in a PAZ.

"According to all computer generated scenarios, Rockcastle and Garrard counties are perhaps at the least risk for chemical contamination. This is because wind direction would have to change from normal flow at the actual time of an emergency before Rockcastle's PAZ would be affected," he said.

"In case of an emergency declared by the governor or other authorities, residents in the PAZ are to remove from their homes to the Rockcastle County Middle School, which is

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Quail man killed in wreck

A Rockcastle man was killed in a single vehicle accident on Hwy. 70 Thursday afternoon.

Monroe Brown, 68, of Quail, died at the scene from massive trauma, after the four-wheel drive truck he was driving landed on him, according to Rockcastle County Coroner

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Homecoming festivities will be held this coming Friday night during the Rockets district game with Knott County Central. Candidates are pictured above, first row from left: Heaven Spoonamore, Elizabeth Matekovich, Johnna Abney, Jennifer Kidwell and Amanda Rogers. Second row from left: Angela Boreling, Heather Richards, Sheena Miller and Tammy Dees. Back row from left: Surprise Stallsworth, Jessica Ramsey and Tasha Parsons.



For the first time in school history a Frog King will be selected during homecoming festivities Friday night. Those candidates are pictured above, front row from left: John "Scooter" Phelps, Jens Strietzel and Michael W. Collins. Back row from left: Shane Lynch, Matt Allen and Stephen Boreling. Not shown are Aaron Cash and Matthew Silcox.