



Former Rockcastle County High School baseball catcher Brad McNew has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Berea College. McNew, who started for three years behind the plate is the son of Mary Ann McNew and the late Wayne McNew. Shown above from left are: Todd Morris, Berea College coach, McNew and his mother Mary Ann. Back row from left: Rocket head coach Ryan Riddle, Alfred McNew, Brad's uncle and Beverly Howard, Brad's grandmother. Last year's baseball team made it to the final eight teams in the state.



Joshua McKinney, son of Jackie and Brenda McKinney of Mareburg, competed in the Richard Petty Driving Experience at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida on July 31. Josh completed numerous laps around the famous high banks with a top speed of well over 175 MPH and an overall average of just over 165 MPH.

### Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,  
I'm reading the Bible for the third time. I'm also, coincidentally, reading Homer's "The Iliad" for the first time. There are gods in both pieces of literature. Recently, archeologists uncovered ruins from cities mentioned in the Bible, a great historical find which some have taken to be proof that the Bible is completely true, and the Christian god exists. Likewise, archeologists have uncovered the ruins of the city of Troy. Now, if I'm to take the discovery of ancient history as proof a god exists, why shouldn't I worship Zeus and Apollo? I mean, they've uncovered the evidence of the Trojan War, so according to the logic of some people, the rest of "The Iliad" must be true, right?

I'm thrilled at the discoveries of ancient cities. They add to the color and texture of our historical tapestry. They don't, however, validate the Bible, or The Iliad, as complete truth.

Sincerely,  
James L. Hartley  
2614 Zion Rd. #208  
Henderson, KY 42420

## Local students among graduates at EKU

Sixteen Rockcastle County students received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of EKU's spring 2000 semester.

The University recognized 1,315 graduates at its campus-wide spring commencement, held Saturday, May 13 at Alumni Coliseum.

Local EKU graduates include: Raymond Brent Asher of Brodhead, Agriculture with Business Minor, Bachelors; Kimberly Adams-Baker of Berea, Nursing, Associate; Ralph David Baker, Crab Orchard, Voc.-Ind. & Tech. Education, Bachelors; Kristy Lee Bullock, of Brodhead, Social Work, Bachelors; Janice R. Carr, of Mt. Vernon, Social Work, Bachelors; Marcia Ethel Coffey, of Mt. Vernon, Accounting, Bachelors; Melanie E. Coffey, of Mt. Vernon, Finance-General Finance, Bachelors; Angela Suzanne Eaton of Mt. Vernon, Music: Performance, Masters; Caroline Graves, of Brodhead, Instructional Leadership, Masters; Alan Kincer, of Richmond, Geography; Planning, Bachelors; Tonya Lay, of Social Work, Bachelors; John Edward Moore, of Somerset, Nursing, Associate; Angela Parsons, of Mt. Vernon, Biology, Bachelors; Gail

Polly, of Mt. Vernon, Social Work, Bachelors and Melinda J. Smith, of Mt. Vernon, General Dietetics of Bachelors.

The commencement address was delivered by David Dick, North Middletown author and former educator and CBS-TV news reporter.

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### Cheerleading Clinic

August 12, 2000 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All males and females are welcome to participate. All parents will be required to sign a release form prior to clinic.

Classes:

Cheers Jumps Stunts Tumbling  
\$15.00 per participant, lunch will be provided.  
Any questions call Rhonda Rose at  
256-4816 or 877-2987

### Middle School Girls' Basketball Tryouts

8th Grade - Tues., Aug. 15th, 12 to 2 p.m.

and Wed., Aug. 16th, 3 to 5 p.m.

7th Grade - Tues., Aug. 15th, 2 to 4 p.m.  
and Wed., Aug. 16th, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

### Reserved Seats Available

Anyone wishing to purchase reserved seats for Rocket Football 2000 contact

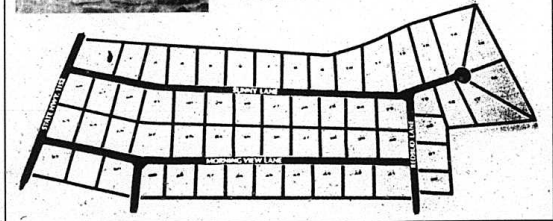
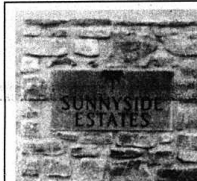
Jim Bussell, Quarterback Club president, at 758-8830.

### Mobile Home Lots For Sale

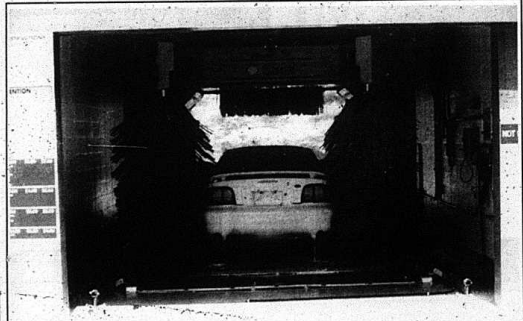
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#### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 1998 Taxes as of August 10, 1999. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Rockcastle County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Sheriff prepares his financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of August 10, 1999, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in the preceding paragraph.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated May 24, 2000, on our consideration of the Sheriff's compliance with certain laws and regulations and internal control over financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ed Hatchett*

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -  
May 24, 2000

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court, KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at [www.kysauditor.net](http://www.kysauditor.net) or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 144 Capitol Annex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.