

Benefit Trail Ride for Anthony and Jody Reams

A Benefit Trail Ride will be held for Anthony and Jody Reams on Saturday, June 8th, beginning at 11 a.m. at Jepp Hill at Mike and Sheila Leger's cabin.

Everyone is invited to come out and support this family and share in food, fellowship and prayer. The family would like everyone to know that support and prayer is the most important help you can give.

A free will offering will be taken to help with medical expenses.

Please come, even if you can only offer prayer. If you don't ride and just want to fellowship with us, dinner will be served at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Mike at 606-392-3619; Sheila at 606-392-1332 or Alvin Pigg at 606-758-4943.

Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Kentucky named top destination for trophy deer by magazine

Outdoor Life magazine has named Kentucky as the nation's top destination for trophy deer hunting.

The national hunting and fishing magazine based its rankings on trophy deer production, hunter density, fees and how hunter friendly the laws and regulations were in each state.

"The trophy deer hunting possibilities in Kentucky aren't a secret anymore," said Dr. Jon Gassett, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Last year, we sold deer permits to residents from every state in the country. The word is out that hunting in Kentucky is just that good."

Outdoor Life Editor Andrew McKean noted the magazine looked beyond just the numbers of trophy deer harvested. "When you're considering investing the time and money it can often take to go on a trophy hunt, it's important to consider all the factors to get the most accurate picture - which is what we've done," he said.

Still, Kentucky has recorded some impressive numbers of trophy deer in the past several years. In the 2011-12 season, for example, hunters took 77

Boone and Crockett Club eligible bucks. The department is still receiving scores from the 2012-13 season.

There are multiple reasons Kentucky's deer herd has such high quality: The state provides habitat guidance to landowners through its network of private lands wildlife biologists. Kentucky allows Sunday hunting and has extended seasons for deer, including a 136-day archery season this year.

Kentucky's one-buck rule also plays a major role in the state's trophy deer production. Before this rule, 80 percent of the bucks taken in Kentucky were just 1 1/2 years old - too young to grow into trophy class. However, since the state phased in its one-buck limit from 1989-1991, the number of young bucks being taken by hunters in Kentucky dropped to nearly 40 percent. With age comes larger antler size.

"If you look at the numbers, you'll see that hunters have taken trophy bucks in 116 of Kentucky's 120 counties," Gassett said. "If you do your homework and hunt hard, you just might take a trophy buck anywhere in the state."

“Paradise”

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center too. Anybody can do it. Ofcourse, some kinds of plants have better success rates than others. Regardless, I usually have close to 100% success myself.

Bare root trees and shrubs can only be dug during late fall and winter. Growers of this type liner or fruit material typically sort, grade and store in special cold storage houses. They can sell until they have sold out, or until hot weather, perhaps in May. Any trees not sold as bare root will have to be potted up or will have to be taken back to the fields and replanted by the nursery and grown for another year. (Otherwise they die and potential profits are lost.) And, for you, it's necessary to order bare root plants during the fall or winter or early spring so that you can plant them before the weather gets terribly hot or dry.

Planting of bare root trees is where some get worried. But, if you're planting thousands like the forest service, you put your tool in the ground, stick the plant in, and remove your tool. That's pretty much it. But, if it's an apple tree or a pear tree that is six feet tall, you may want to go to some more trouble. Just dig a hole like for any other tree, add a small amount of soil amendments to the planting hole, perhaps a fertilizer tablet or two that won't burn the roots, and leave the surface with a bit of a bowl effect to funnel rain or water from your hose towards the trunk of the new tree. Again, there are directions shipped with a package of trees—read them.

Water your new trees until the ground is soupy wet. Most of the time, deciduous trees that are planted bare-root do not need to be staked. (Another savings.)

Just like when you buy

and plant a big tree from a garden center that is wrapped in burlap, you need to prune some on the limbs.. One reason a large B&B tree does poorly the first couple seasons is because many roots got cut when it was dug, but nobody wants to take their new tree and cut half it's branches off! (They would be happier three or five years later if they did though). So, on your new bare root tree, trim off any broken or mis-placed limbs with sharp pruning shears. The more you remove the faster the little tree will take off growing. I would also add that removing broken roots, or extra-long roots may be desirable before you plant—just don't cut off the taproot if it has one—you know, that big root that goes straight down.

Bare root trees should be planted soon as possible when you receive them. Do not let them get too hot, too cold or the roots too dry. (But, don't think of putting the roots in a bucket of water and leaving them overnight either!)

If it will be days or weeks before you can plant your new bare root stock, “heel” them in somewhere. (This consists of planting the wad or bundle of trees in some soil, preferably in the shade outdoors somewhere in some loose topsoil.) You can take them up and plant when you are ready—hopefully before they leaf out in the spring though, as that will lessen their chances of survival.

The biggest down side to bare root tree planting is that you begin with a smaller size and have to be patient.

Like any other tree, it's smart to wrap the trunks or stems of your new bare root plants to keep the sun and varmints from harming the trunk of the new tree. Adding some mulch is also good...just don't put a bunch of fresh mulch up against the trunk of your new tree, keep it an inch or two away from the stems.

We could elaborate all day on this topic. But what I really wanted to do was to get the reader to think of an option for landscaping on a budget that they may not have considered previously. Bigger plant selections, lower costs: those are two good reasons to consider doing some or most of your plantings without the dirt, and skipping the high costs you'll pay at a garden center.

The author is a landscaper. Feedback welcome. Contact Max: info@rockcastles.net

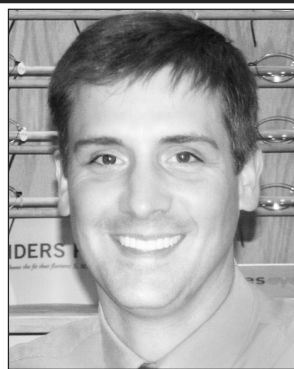
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For more info please call

Linda Bray Ervin: 513-759-0916 or Don Bray: 606-758-8068



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Join us on Saturday, June 15th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to help remove tires and trash from the Rockcastle River!

Bring a canoe or flat bottom boat and be ready to get wet and muddy!

Meet at the Livingston Sewer Plant.

Free t-shirts while supplies last and lunch will be provided after the cleanup!

Call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for more information.



The 29 Strings bluegrass gospel group featured their first performance at the Renfro Valley Red Barn Theatre, Monday, June 3. 29-Strings, made up of musicians who are members of the First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon, will be playing the first Monday of each month in the Red Barn "Gospel Tonite" series running through October. The other group playing in the series is the "His Heart" gospel group. Pictured from left are: Jason Coguer, Bruce Ross, Rick Bryant, Spencer Benge and Dr. George Griffith.

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