



Woodman of the World Lodge 888 Field Rep Brad McNew put on a day of fun for MVES 5th graders. Students enjoyed hot dogs, games and cheering. Woodmen also donated the sno-cane machine to the 4th grade.

FFA attends Regional Field Day

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The Rockcastle County FFA attended the Regional Field Day on March 21st held on EKUs campus. The chapter came home with many achievements won during the three events they competed in, including speech contests, and two team events- Varsity Parly and Record Keeping. At the regional speaking contest there were ten first place winners, four second place winners as well as other top ratings from the chapter. Competing in the speech contests were: Beef Impromptu- Charity Adams 1st place, Creed Speaking- James Clay Ballinger 1st, Crop Impromptu- Miranda Clark 1st, Dairy Impromptu- Kathryn Thompson 3rd, Floral Impromptu- Andrea Isaacs with a good rating, Fruit and Vegetable Impromptu- Bethany McKinney 1st, Goat Impromptu- JD Morgan 2nd, Greenhouse Impromptu- Elizabeth Lawrence 1st,

Horse Impromptu- Allison Burdette 1st, Nursery/ Landscape Impromptu- Kayla Reynolds 1st, Poultry Impromptu- Tiffany Bowman 1st, Prepared Public- Laiken Coffey 1st , Sheep Impromptu- Adam Poynter 1st, Small Animal Impromptu- Sarah Pigg 2nd, Swine Impromptu- Amie Hale 2nd and Turf and Lawn Impromptu- Adam Hale 2nd. The Varsity Parly team also left victorious taking first place among others in the region with team members as, President Charity Adams, Vice President Brit-tany Long, Secretary Hannah Prewitt, Treasurer Kyle Peacock, Reporter Laiken Coffey, Sentinel Jeremiah Brown, and mem-bers, James Clay Ballinger, Eric Bullock, Josh Bullock and JD Morgan as well as alternates, Katie Adams, Mary Bishop, David Gabbard and Morgan White. The Record Keeping team also had a great day bringing in yet another first

place spot with members, Allie Johnson, Brittany Long, Kayla Shafer and Josh Goforth who was the regional high individual along with alternates, Katie Adams, James Clay Ballinger, Taylor Bartruff, and Micheala Hurt. The two teams as well as anyone with a first or sec-ond place speech will ad-vance on to the state contest on June 11th during State Convention.



Dr. Amy E. Parsons graduated from the UK College of Dentistry on May 5th with a degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine. She will be practicing dentistry in Cincinnati, OH. She is the daughter of Dr. John and Jeannine Parsons of Mount Vernon.



Students enrolled in SCC's Physical Therapist Assistant Program have raised more than \$22,000 for physical therapy research since 2008. Pictured is the gradu-ating class of 2013: (seated) Angela LaDeur, Richmond; Bethany Smahaj, Win-chester; Mckenzie Grey, Mount Sterling; Maegan Rogers, Hustonville; Brittany Terry, Thornton; Rebecca Jones, Somerset; and Victoria Rose, Monticello. Back row: Matt Clouse, Somerset; Tawana Eastridge, Campbellsville; Shawn Brazee, Whitley City; Debbie Lasure, Stanford; Kathryn Barron, Somerset; Jennifer Hanlon, Corbin; Emily Reddington, Mount Vernon; Kelli Edwards, Somerset; Megan Cox, Campbellsville; Justin Kinder, Lexington, and Caleb Shirley, Summersville.

Gonzalez graduates from Gatton

Matthew Stefan-Cruz Gonzalez, son of Stephen and Wanda Burdine of Brodhead and Max Gonzalez of Corbin, gradu-ated with honors from the

prestigious Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Math-ematics and Science on Sat-urday, May 11th. As a dual enrolee of The Gatton Academy and Rockcastle County High School's Class of 2013, Matthew earned a high school diploma and 71 col-lege credit hours. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall, where he will major in Biology. During his freshman and sophomore years at RCHS, Matthew was a member of the Marching and Concert Band and Y-Club and took part in many activities, in-cluding Honors Band, KYA and KUNA. While attend-ing The Academy, during his junior and senior years, he took part in an in-depth research study and pre-sented his findings, con-cerning nanoparticle and protein stabilization at a vari-ety of informal and formal settings and conferences. In addition to living on cam-pus, and taking classes with

WKU students, he was able to travel to England during the summer of 2012. The Gatton Academy has been recognized by *Newsweek* magazine, two years in a row, as the nation's top high school. *Congratulations to Mat-thew on his achievements.*



Matthew Gonzalez



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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Go Bare Root and Save Money on Landscaping

If you've ever ordered a mail-order fruit tree from Stark Brothers or any of dozens of other nurseries, you may have wondered if the three foot long stick with a bunch of roots really would live, and grow to be-come the fruiting tree you saw pictured in their cata-log. I can assure you, most of the time, with proper care, it will. It is possible to com-pletely landscape a new home with bare root plants if one is not too concerned about how they will look for the first couple years, and you can save a good deal of money on the plants and the digging will be easier at planting time. Even those not quite convinced can plant a few big balled-and-burlapped trees, and fill in the other planting spots with bare root trees and shrub-bery for substantial savings. A three foot tall 'stick' can grow into a ten foot tall silver maple tree within 18 months, for instance. That ten foot tall tree would cost \$75 to \$175 in a large black pot, and from \$45 to \$120 as a B&B tree. That little bare root tree will cost you under \$10 in most cases, and perhaps under \$5 if you buy a minimum order of perhaps \$100. So, that would be one big tree with great looks from a local gar-den center — or 20 three foot tall trees that don't look so great at the moment from a nursery or mail-order com-pany. The choice is yours of course, but I wanted to ex-plain to perhaps that new homeowner that they can sure save a ton of money by choosing to plant bare root trees. If this all sounds diffi-cult, most nurseries are in the habit of shipping clear and precise planting instruc-tions with diagrams along with your new plants. But, even if you decide to hire a landscaper, it will still be more economical to pur-chase bare root plants. Price is a major reason why someone would decide to order and plant bare root trees. Limited funds can go a lot farther. (Even if you bought 20 bare root trees and had a couple not make

it, think how much you still saved.) Diversity is another rea-son to go bare root. Let's say you want a couple pawpaw trees, maybe some fir trees, perhaps a privet hedge or 5 colors of lilacs. It could be you have thought of a tree you want and no nursery you ever shop at has it: Ken-tucky Coffee Tree comes to mind. I guarantee you somebody will sell and ship it to you wrapped in plastic and enclosed in a cardboard box. Another example might be some unique dog-wood like pagoda dogwood, giant dogwood, evergreen dogwood or Cornelian cherry dogwood. FedEx, UPS and the USPS carry such packages all the time. Availability is a related subject. A local garden center may carry 20 different kinds of trees and perhaps twice that many shrubs in pots or in burlap. But, when there exists thousands of trees one might easily plant and grow successfully, or-dering them with no dirt on the roots can make sense. (In fact, some states won't allow potted plants of cer-tain kinds to be shipped, but may allow bare root plants to cross it's borders. The is-sue is soil born pathogens that might spread diseases. PuertoRico is an example where they can order bare root from Americans, but not with dirt on the roots.) The US Forest Service often plants pine trees on ar-eas that have been logged clean or that have had a devastating forest fire. They never use potted trees or balled and burlapped trees. They use little seedling trees maybe a foot or two feet tall. And ten years later...there is a new pine forest! I believe one could obtain additional useful information from the USFS on this subject. It costs a lot less to ship trees minus the dirt. A trac-tor trailer load of trees might be 300 with dirt on the roots, but thousands could be shipped for the same freight bill if they were bare rooted. Planting a small tree with a few roots dangling below the 'stick' sure is easier than digging a hole three feet wide and deep for a \$175 tree from the local garden

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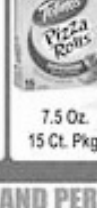
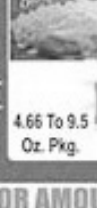
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