

Christ's Outreach hosts family from Iowa

During the week of March 23, Christ's Outreach for the Blind hosted its very first single family mission group.

The Van Dusseldorp family of five from Pella, Iowa were looking for a special way to spend spring break during their oldest son's senior year. Although the two oldest children had been on a mission trip, the rest of the family had not.

This group of five did a variety of jobs throughout their work camp experience. Members of the group stained the greenhouse floor as the

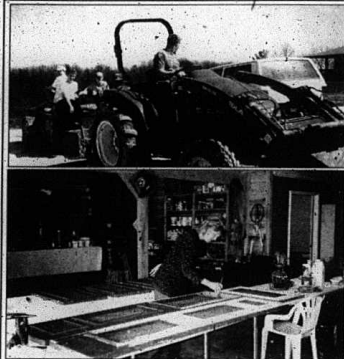
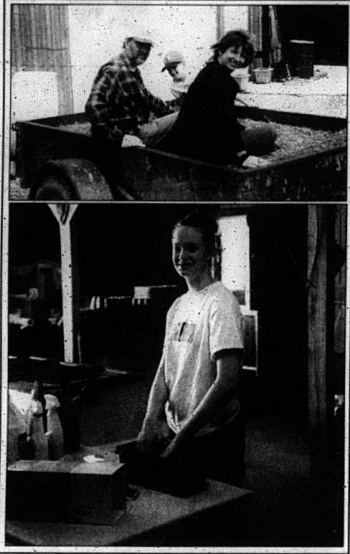
final touch before its ribbon cutting ceremony on March 31st (funding for the greenhouse by PRIDE).

In addition to staining, the Van Dusseldorp's painted and cracked the garden house doors. All of these tasks are vital if the camp is to open in the spring 2004!

The beautiful weather permitted the Dusseldorp family along with other volunteers to plant flowers and herbs. The entrance of the camp received a make-over. The entrance sign was removed from the fence and erected a few yards behind it to frame

the entrance sign. In between the fence and sign, a landscape of rocks and flowers was created using creeping phlox and wildflowers.

When opened Christ's Outreach for the Blind will be a camp for blind and physically handicapped. It is situated on 900 acres in the Pine Hill section of Rockcastle County. The camp will offer its 600 annual participants an exciting activities program including: horseback riding, hippotherapy, fishing and boating, mountain hiking, gardening, rock climbing, aquatics, indoor archery, and bow hunting.



A family from Iowa spent their Spring Break working at Christ's Outreach for the Blind.



Mike Gate and Mark Van Dusseldorp

Item Needed

The Outreach is in dire need of 1,900 sq. ft. of non-porous tile to be used in the commercial kitchen, cafeteria and two public restrooms. If you are interested in making a donation to help purchase this need, or if you have any questions about other needs, please contact Mike Gates at 256-8888. Also, please visit our website at 222.blind19.com.

State Government, at your service

By Senator Ed Worley

Tax changes recently approved by the Kentucky General Assembly to make the Kentucky trucking industry more competitive will be of great benefit to central Kentucky.

We have several excellent trucking companies, and these changes will help them grow and strengthen the industry here and across the state. Kentucky had been the only state in the region to impose both a use tax on equipment purchases and a sales tax on repair and replacement parts.

As a result, the Commonwealth's trucking industry, at \$1.5 billion in annual revenue, is one of the smallest in the region. Tennessee, for example, has a \$20 billion trucking industry; Indiana's is \$6 billion.

Generally, the changes, which take effect later this year and early next year, are designed to decrease the tax burden on trucks that locate in Kentucky and increase the burden on trucks that register in other states.

The new legislation eliminates the use tax on purchases of commercial trucks, and the sales tax on repair and replacement parts. At the same time it increases registration fees.

The Legislative Research Commission has estimated the annual cost to the state of eliminating the use tax at approximately \$5.4 million; the sales tax on repair and replacement costs at \$1.6 million annually. Increasing the registration fee is expected to generate \$6.2 million per year, plus encourage significant growth in the industry.

This new law makes it much more likely that truck owners will base their operations in Kentucky, producing revenue and jobs here. The way things stand now, truck owners are much more likely to just drive through Kentucky.

The change in the tax structure will also attract truck-related jobs, for example truck sales, terminals and maintenance shops.

Trucking is an industry that is

naturally attracted to Kentucky because of our central geographic location and the major interstate that run through our state. With the changes we made, our tax structure will no longer be a road block for the industry.

West Nile Virus

As warm weather approaches, it's not too early to start preparing to avoid mosquitoes and West Nile Virus.

Seventy-five Kentuckians were infected with the virus last year and five died. No cases have been reported in Kentucky this year.

Here are some things Kentuckians can do to help stop the spread of mosquitoes and West Nile Virus:

- Drain and remove any containers that could hold water.

- Change water every week in birdbaths, wading pools, watering troughs and pet bowls.

- Check gutters to make sure they are clean and are draining.

- Repair or replace window and door screens to keep bugs out.

- Dress appropriately - wear light-colored long sleeves and pants and a hat when you plan to be out at dawn and dusk.

- Use mosquito repellent and carefully follow directions. Use repellent with DEET and note special directions for young children.

West Nile virus is contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Even in areas where mosquitoes carry the virus, very few mosquitoes are infected. Severe illness occurs in less than 1 percent of people bitten by infected mosquitoes.

Symptoms may include fever, muscle aches and/or headache, possibly with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. A rapid onset of high fever with head and body aches, neck stiffness, disorientation, stupor and muscle weakness marks a more severe infection.

West Nile also affects horses. Last year, 513 horses in Kentucky tested positive.

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Meeting Location - Rockcastle County Public Library

Special Meeting

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AGENDA

May 13, 2003

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Silent Prayer
- Roll Call
- Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Rockcastle County Public Library/Rockcastle County Schools Partnership (Kathy McKibben/Children's and Young Adult Librarian)
- Transportation Issues/Lonetta Daugherty

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- Approve minutes of the April 1, 2003 and April 21, 2003 special monthly meetings
- Approve bills for payment
- Approve 2003-2004 Professional Growth and Certified Evaluation Plan
- Approve Draft Board Policy 09.211 (Health Care Examination/Students)
- Approve Superintendent/Designee to advertise for bids for the following surplus school buses/vehicles:
- Approve 2003-2004 Memorandum of Agreement with Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center (RCAS; RCHS YSC; RCMS YSC; BES FRC; MYES FRC; RES FRC)

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Review/approve 2003-2004 Salary Schedules
- Review/approve 2003-2004 Tentative Working Budget
- Review/approve Board Representative to the Local Planning Committee

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- Review Monthly Financial Report
- Review Month 7 and 8 Attendance Reports
- Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

Cemetery Notices

Mareburg Cemetery Notice

You may send your donations to the Mareburg Cemetery Fund to Gloria Seals, treasurer, Rt. 3, Box 622, Broadhead, Ky. 40409.

High Dry Cemetery

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of the High Dry Cemetery, please send to: High Dry Cemetery, c/o Jonett Phelps, RR 6, Box 480Q, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

Briarfield Cemetery

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped with buying a new mower for the cemetery last year. Now, it's time we are needing funds for the upkeep of our cemetery. We need to keep it beautiful and with your help we can.

Memorial Day get together will be Sunday, May 25th with a potluck dinner at noon and gospel singing.

Thanks,
Edward Baker
P.O. Box 425
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Flat Rock & Maple Grove Cemeteries Notice

Send your donations for upkeep of the Flat Rock and Maple Grove Cemeteries to Andrew Miller, Rt. 1, box 207, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

Memorial Day Service will be Sunday, May 25th.

Johnetta Cemetery

For the upkeep and maintenance of the Johnetta Cemetery, please send donations to: Harold, D. Ballinger, 507 Three Links Road, McKee, Ky. 40447.

Memorial services will be Sunday, May 25, 2003. All are welcome.

Thank you for all your support.

Red Hill Cemetery

Marie Ruppe, Rt. 2, Box 325, Livingston, Ky. 40445 is still taking care of the Red Hill Cemetery. Any donations for the upkeep would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Tom Stephens Cemetery

We would like to thank all individuals who have made donations to the Tom Stephens Cemetery Fund over the last year; the cemetery is located beside the First Church of Jesus Christ in Sand Springs.

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the upkeep of the cemetery may do so by mail to: Tom Stephens Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 16, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Committee members are: Benny Miller, Jay Brown, Jason Brown, and Harold Woodard.

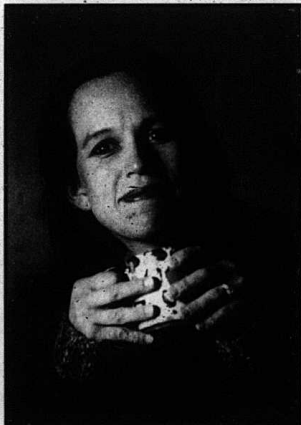
McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Annual Potluck Dinner will be held at 1:30 p.m., May 25, 2003 at the cemetery shelter. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and visit with friends and family.

The annual meeting of the McKinney Cemetery Association will be at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. Two trustees will be elected this year. Everyone with an interest in the cemetery is eligible to vote.

The McKinney Cemetery Committee continues to ask for donations for the mowing fund, the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. If you do not attend, you can still make a donation to the fund or the irrevocable trust fund by sending a check or money order to the McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

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