Christ's Outreach's First Spring Turkey Hunt

Wendell Frazier had purchased his license to hunt the spring turkey hunt of 2001. Wendell was calling in a turkey which unfortunately turned out to be another hunter who shot him and because of the accident now he is blind.

His father in-law Wilton McNeil had read an article in the London Sentinel about Christ's Outreach for the Blind and decided to contact Mike Gates. Wilton asked about a scope that when interphased with a laptop computer would aid Wendell in hunting. Mike explained to McNeil that we didn't have a scope yet but would be interested in meeting his son-in-law Wendell. A meeting was arranged between Mike Gates and Wendell Frazier in which Wendell's brother Daniel brought him up to the camp. At that meeting, Mike explained to Wendell what Christ's Outreach for the Blind was all about. During that time, Mike invited Wendell for the spring 2003 turkey hunt.

On April 14, 2003, Wendell and his brother Daniel arrived at Christ's Outreach. Finally, opening day, April 15th came with Mike, Wendell, and Daniel finding themselves sitting in a ground stand on Christ's Outreach's property. That morning, Wendell's brother Daniel called in a 20 pound tom with a 9-inch beard and 1-inch spurs that Mike was able to shoot. His fourth turkey in 3 years. Those three men spent the rest of the day eating, drinking sodas, and taking pictures. "What a life!" Gates exclaimed.

The second day of season, April 16th, Mike, Wendell, and Daniel found themselves this time sitting 13 feet up in a tree stand. Once again, Daniel called in a nice tom. Wendell shot a 22 pound turkey with an 11 inch beard and 1-in spurs. When Daniel picked up the bird and handed it to his brother, Wendell replied, "Unbelievable, I never got a tom that big when I could see!"

While speaking at Eubank Baptist Church, Mike Gates was able to meet a blind young man, 9 years old, named Nicholas Flatt. He asked Mike if he would be able to hunt at the camp. After coming back to Christ's Outreach, Mike Gates contacted Steve Isacks, our local conservation officer, who came up to Christ's Outreach for the Blind's camp and met Nicholas. Steve Isacks, has committed to teaching a hunter safety course to Nicholas and any others that we may have for the Junior Deer Hunt 2003. Mike said, "It's unbelievable how fast God is working at Christ's Outreach! All my hopes, dreams, and prayers are coming true." Mike is looking forward to Christ's Outreach's camp being about 95% completed this summer.

In addition, a sponsor of Christ's Outreach for the Blind came to check out turkey season in Kentucky. Joseph bought a non-residential turkey license and while visiting Christ's Outreach for the Blind bagged a 21 pound tom with a 10-inch beard and a 1-inch spurs.

Wendell Frazier with the turkey he killed in Spring 2003 at Christ's Outreach for the Blind. Wendell lost his sight in a hunting accident in 2001.

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From left: Daniel Frazier, Mike Gates with his turkey and Wendell Frazier during the Spring of 2003 at Christ's Outreach for the Blind. Mike is blind and is shown with the turkey he killed.

German Krassilchtchikob from Russia, Dave Greenwood and Joe Acheson with his turkey.

Local conservation officer Steve Isaccs is shown making plans with Nicholas Flatt to teach a hunter safety course. Also shown is Mike Gates.

Planting a Tree Can Make Such a Difference

By Max Phelps

Nothing affects the pleasantness of a yard and home for the size of the investment any more than does the careful selection and planting of even one tree.

One evergreen-- like a magnolia or deodar cedar or an Alaska cedar, perhaps a hemlock or a spruce can be the glory of the neighborhood when most yard trees are bare.

One red maple or sugar maple, one gum or sourwood, can set your yard apart in such a splendid way in October or November as it shows it glorious colors off among neighborhoods of Bradford pears.

One flowering cherry or saucer magnolia or crabapple or flowering plum can look rich among greening maples, bare oaks, and daffodils and crocus, in early spring.

Just one majestic oak or ginkgo can make a grand statement, (and just one may be enough to fully cover some yards). And green lawn grass will even grow under the ginkgo!

So many of you folks now live in developments created by large building contractors, called subdivisions. You know, the ones with flat rows of houses, no topsoil much, and fifty dollars worth of shrubbery that supposedly passes for "new home with landscaping for sale."

A specimen tree that gets attention can make your house stand out from the crowd because of size, texture, color, etc. And putting in a row of trees like our grandparents might have done is not so stylish anyhow. One well placed tree can make a big difference, it really can.

And, if planting one special tree on a smaller lot, you probably should be willing to go ahead and spend some money and get a good one. For those with large lots, planting can still be done on the cheap by putting in $15 and $30 dollar potted trees and shrubs all over it.

Groupings of trees, with smaller plants underneath and then mulch, not only cuts yard mowing time, but looks terrific too. At least it will in a few years if you have planned carefully and allowed for the space mature plants will want and need.

Fall or spring are ideal times for tree planting, though container grown trees can be planted anytime the ground is not frozen. Fall is actually best in areas without sub-zero winter temperatures.

A big tree, and lots of little trees and shrubs makes a lovely combination for a small yard. And the little trees can be planted at a later date if budgeting is a consideration.

Trees add to appearance, but screening, protection from sun and wind, shady spots to relax in, are good reasons for trees. So is the investment large lots with mature trees is more valuable so plant a tree and reap dividends.

Other tree and shrub stories are on the way, but if you have questions about your situation or you have suggestions for future topics for this column, e-mail

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and I promise to reply to each inquiry.

Of course, I love to see a house with walks, flower beds, benches, gazebos, stone walls, watergardens, patios, paths, pergolas and privacy!

But, just the right tree can do so much for just a little.

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Republican Club Meeting

The Rockcastle County Republican Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at Kastle Inn Restaurant.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Nov. 17: Callowlay, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero, Pine Hill.
Tues., Nov. 18: No seervice.
Wed., Nov. 19: Day Health Senior Citizens, Brindle Ridge.

BRFD Fish Fry

The Brodhead Rural Fire Department will have a Fish Fry Sat., Nov. 15 at the Quail Firehouse on Hwy. 70. Carryouts begin at 3 p.m. and are $5 each. Dine-in begins at 5:30 - $5 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12. All you can eat fish if you dine in. Menu includes three pieces of fish, three hushpuppies, baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, Little Debbie Cake, drink.

Clothing Donations Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of fall/winter clothing to replenish the clothing closet. Donations can be dropped off at the Migrant Office across from the Central Office Building on Richmond St. or call for a pick-up at 256-2157.

Donations needed by First Baptist Mission

First Baptist Church Mission needs monetary and food donations, as well as maternity clothes, jeans of all sizes, plus-size for females and coats of all sizes (male and female). Please bring clean clothing and other donations to the mission on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Food Drive

Brownie Troop #605 asks you to help the Girl Scouts help others. Donations of non-perishable food items can be made at the following businesses: State Farm insurance, Sabrina's Hair Design, Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant's office, Carter's Market, Parsons Gas. All donated items will be given to First Baptist Church Food & Clothing Mission in Mt. Vernon. for more info, contact Sonya Parker, Brownie Troop Leader, 256-8095.

Board of Education Note

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in regular session Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the board of education administration building. The public is welcome to attend.

BES PTA meets Nov. 18th

The Brodhead Elementary PTA will meet Tuesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. The 5th grade (yellow pod) will be performing. SBDM will meet at 5 p.m and Advisory Council at 6:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-9263.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-2129.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

GED Classes

Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes on Mon. and Tues., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online GED, computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Center is located on Hwy. 25, north of Mt. Vernon on Greenfish Hill. for information, call 606-256-5307.

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