

MEMORIALS

♥ Agape Class FCC Oblong in memory of **Wayne Tracy** ♥ Lloyd & Lucy Mann in memory of **Norma Mike-worth** ♥ Larry & Charlotte Sackrider, John & Phyllis LeFever in memory of **Brad Caywood** ♥ Gary & Loretta Gallion, Warren and Mary Jo Parker in memory of **Hester Thompson** ♥ Flowers by Debbie in memory of **Paul Blair**

HONORIAMS

♥ Virginia & Jim Robins in honor of **Eufala Bigard** ♥ Denzel & Wilma Simpson in honor of **Max Lawrence**

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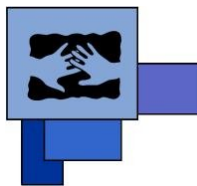
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High School to Open

The Oblong Children's Christian Home Board is making plans to open an on grounds high school beginning with the fall 2008 semester. The new school will serve those high school age residents who for academic, social, or behavioral reasons are not well served by the public school system.

Being able to provide individually based instruction will both broaden the range of problems helped by our program and increase the percentages of kids who succeed in our program. Some young people coming to the Home are far behind academically and are lost in grade level classes. In the public school it can take up to a year to get young people tested and some may still fall between programming cracks.

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4th Annual Golf Marathon With 1st Annual Walkathon

Golf Marathon
Monday June 2nd
Deer Run Golf
Course
Robinson, IL
Tee Time 8 am



Walkathon
Monday June 2nd
Robinson, City
Park



Robinson, IL
Walk from 8 -11 am

**A lunch will be provided at 12
noon for all participants**

**If you are interested in golfing or walk-
ing, please contact Cherish at 618-592-
3633 for more information.**

We will be hosting our annual Golf Marathon once again this year. This year we decided to have our event BEFORE summer gets started rather than after it ends.

This year our fundraising efforts will go towards our new on campus school project (see article in this Builder for more information on the school)

If you would like to get a team together, but are unable to golf with us in Robinson on June 2nd, why not host a satellite event? Your team can golf anywhere, anytime before our event on June 2nd. Have your pledges



turned in to our office by our event day and be eligible for prizes!

Want to get involved but don't like traditional golf, get a team together and go miniature golf! This makes a great youth group service project!

All the necessary paperwork to get started can be found on our webpage:
www.oblongchristianhome.org

Just click on the Golf Marathon link!

High School to Open, Cont...

The Accelerated Christian Education curriculum that will be used in the campus school allows us to test them on their first day in school and immediately give them work appropriate for their level. The individualized paces also allow the young person catch up to his/her grade level and beyond.

Some of our kids need a more structured environment than is offered in the public schools. They may be leaving behind a delinquent peer group but immediately find the same type of kids in the public school. In our small individualized campus high school we can better monitor the young person's behavior and make sure old destructive behavioral patterns are not continued.

The Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, as well as the role model of the teacher, reinforces the Christian message being taught at the Children's Home. Bob Larson, administrator of the Pine Haven Christian Ranch, said that having their own school increased their success rate by 50%.

Having our own high school will not require another building. A room in the lower level of the McCain house was built with a future school in mind.

Applications for the School Administrator/Supervisor position are currently being taken. A Christian who has passion and ability to challenge young people is being sought for the position. A secondary teaching certificate is preferred but not required if the person has the ability to help young people with mid to higher level math and science. Contact me for a complete job description.

Donations designated for the school's start up costs will be appreciated.



Special Announcement by Arvin Moden, Administrator

Grandparents in Future Vision

On campus housing for grandparents is a part of the future vision for the Oblong Children's Christian Home. On February 9, the Board and Staff met together for a day of prayer and seeking the Lord's vision for the Home. The Board and Staff sought to see where God was moving and then join with Him.

At the March Board meeting there was a definite sense of confirmation that the Lord was leading the home to provide housing for retired people who have a passion for assisting the Home's ministry to children. The retired folks have a wealth of talents and could help the ministry in many ways including helping in the upcoming school, providing grandpar-



ent love, sharing their hobbies with the young people, providing mature role models, providing emergency relief for the Houseparents, providing temporary foster care or even helping present the ministry to churches.

The founders of the Home also envisioned grandparent apartments. No date has yet been set to turn this vision into a reality. Construction will not begin until at least half the construction costs are raised. Donations designated for this project are being accepted.

A big thanks to members of Christ's Church of Effingham who graciously provided a wonderful meal and child care for the campus children so that all the Staff could participate with the Board in this important event.

Bev Kirk to Retire

As of July 31 Bev Kirk will be retiring. She will surely be missed! She has been the Oblong Children's Christian Home secretary, office manager, bookkeeper, and confidant to all the staff for more than 5 years. Prior to coming out of retirement to serve the Children's Home, she served as the Oblong First Christian Church secretary for 9 years. Bev wants to spend time with her husband, who is also retired, going to auctions, camping in Southern Illinois, and enjoying their grandchildren. We wish Bev God's blessing.

It will be important that Bev has the opportunity to pass on her knowledge to the new office manager. The Children's Home is accepting applications and hopes to have a new office manager on board sometime in July.



Sports Spectrum Ski Trip, March 3, 2008

