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We want to sincerely thank our faithful donors—you help keep the lights on in more ways than one. Your generosity covers everyday needs like electricity, but more importantly, it fuels the light of the Gospel that remains at the heart of all we do. Because of you, children at Oblong Children’s Christian Home experience not only safety and care, but also the hope and truth of Jesus Christ. We accept no government funding, so every gift we receive is a direct investment in lives being changed for eternity. As Philippians 1:5 says, “I thank my God every time I remember you... because of your partnership in the gospel.” Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ—we couldn’t do it without you.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME



Let's Welcome the Painters!



We’re thrilled to welcome Chris and Amy Painter as our new houseparents! With years of experience and a heart for ministry, they’ve fostered so many children with love, grace, and unwavering faith. Their dedication reflects Christ’s compassion, and we’re so blessed to have them on our team.

Eye of the ~~Tiger~~ Eagle!



Our boys are running the race with heart and purpose this track season! As they train and compete, we're reminded of Hebrews 12:1—"Let us run with endurance the race set before us." We're proud to see them grow in strength, perseverance, and faith with every stride. Every lap is a step toward discipline and godly character. Thank you for cheering them on in both sport and spirit!



With horse shedding season in full swing, our kids had a bright idea—why not make a horse out of all that fur? After a good grooming session, they gathered the fluff and crafted their own fuzzy creation. Who needs a glue stick when you've got horsehair and imagination?

HOLY HANDS PUPPET & DRAMA MINISTRIES
A FAITH-FILLED MUSICAL

GOOD NEWS FROM MERRYVILLE



6:00 PM 4094 E 1050th Ave, Oblong, IL 62449 For more information, call Brady.Hall@oblongchristianhome.org
19TH JULY

3RD ANNUAL YOUTH OPEN SHOW

Saturday
Sept. 13th | 10AM
4094 E. 1050th Ave.
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OblongChristianHome.org

Youth Classes – Ages 18 & Under



5K RUN WALK (OR TREK)

DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SCI-FI CHARACTER AND WALK OR RUN TO HELP BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR KIDS!

8 AM Oct. 25th
Oblong Park



CONGRATULATIONS KADENCE



WE'RE SO PROUD OF KADENCE FOR HER INCREDIBLE SUCCESS IN THE HISTORY FAIR THIS YEAR! HER PROJECT ON THE NAVAJO CODE TALKERS NOT ONLY WON AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL BUT ADVANCED TO REGIONALS—AND NOW, SHE'S HEADED TO STATE! KADENCE'S DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTED THE BRAVERY AND BRILLIANCE OF THE NAVAJO MARINES WHO USED THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE TO CREATE AN UNBREAKABLE CODE DURING WORLD WAR II. THEIR EFFORTS SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES AND HELPED SECURE VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC. KADENCE'S HARD WORK, CREATIVITY, AND DEEP RESPECT FOR THESE HEROES TRULY SHINED. WE'RE INSPIRED BY HER DEDICATION AND THRILLED TO SEE HER HARD WORK RECOGNIZED. CONGRATULATIONS, KADENCE—SHE WENT ALL THE WAY TO STATE WHERE SHE WAS RECOGNIZED WITH AN AWARD FROM THE VFW!

Book Your VBS Visit Today!



Looking for a fun, faith-filled addition to your VBS? Book Brady Hall to bring excitement and meaning to your week! With engaging presentations, hilarious puppets, custom video content, and powerful storytelling, Brady shares the life-changing mission of Oblong Children's Christian Home—while keeping the Gospel of Jesus Christ front and center. Kids will laugh, learn, and leave inspired. Spots fill up quickly, so reach out today to bring Brady to your church's VBS this summer!



The Greenwoods are always up to something fun—green food for St. Patrick's Day and “groundhog” meatloaf for Groundhog Day! Their creativity and fun-loving spirit bring so much laughter to the Home. You never know what they'll cook up next!



Catch of the Day

One of our boys reeled in a big one, but we're even more excited about the deeper calling on his life. “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” —Matthew 4:19. Now that's a true catch!





Taking a Moment

There's something special about quiet time with the horses. Grooming, gentle pats, and peaceful moments in the barn help our kids reflect, breathe, and feel God's calming presence in His beautiful creation.



IN LOVING MEMORY

IN MEMORY

MICHAEL ROBINSON IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE ROBISON ♥ KEVIN & SALLY TULLY, CRAWFORD FARMS, ANDY & JOHANNA CRAWFORD AND FAMILY, MICHELLE IRVIN CHARLIE & LOUIE FERGUSON, DUSTY & WENDY BRINKMAN, PLEASANT RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, DENNY & JULAYNE MCCLAIN AND JIM & LISA LEGG IN MEMORY OF HARMON PARROTT ♥ MARJORY DART, STEVE & KAREN MARTIN, ORVILLE & DIANE YORK, BRUCE & TINA CALLAWAY, TONJA SHEETS, AND GARY FRITCH IN MEMORY OF PEGGY WATSON ♥ PETE & GLORIA BELEW AND LORI KEELER IN MEMORY OF LARRY KEELER ♥ VILLAGE OF HUTSONVILLE IN MEMORY OF CALVIN DELLINGER ♥ RUTH SMITH IN MEMORY OF DEAN SMITH ♥ CHRIS & AIMEE WEBER IN MEMORY OF AUTUMN TENNISON ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK IN MEMORY OF DON HARPER ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK AND MICHAEL & JUDY HENRY IN MEMORY OF PEGGY KEEN ♥ PETE & GLORIA BELEW IN MEMORY OF DEANNA MCCULLOUGH ♥ SHARON HALE, VERL AND ELWIN, LORI KEELER AND KARLETTE MORGAN IN MEMORY OF PETE BELEW ♥ RICK & SHARON KIRK IN MEMORY OF ROSCOE "DAN" COUGILL ♥ MARK, PEGGY AND DAVID KILBURN, SCOTT & CAROL PULLIAM, CHARLIE & LYNN HIGH, SUSIE MARKS, LYNN & MARSHA MCCOOL, DONNA WRIGHT, AND SHERM & KAREN NEWLIN IN MEMORY OF CLARA ETTA CORRELL ♥ CHARLES & CHERYL MILEWSKI IN MEMORY OF HENRY & BETTY PRATHER ♥ ALICE MULLINEX IN MEMORY OF JANE BENTON ♥ CHRIS & AIMEE WEBER IN MEMORY OF AUTUMN TENNISON ♥ WILLOW CREEK CP CHURCH IN MEMORY OF DOREEN CLOUSER

IN HONOR

WEST UNION CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN HONOR OF STEVE DOLSON ♥

LENDING A HELPING HAND



We're incredibly grateful for every work group that lends a hand on campus! Your time, sweat, and servant hearts bless our ministry more than you know. Thank you for being the body of Christ in action!



Memories are made at the Home—especially when the bread's broken, the sauce is flying, and cheese sticks to your face.