

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## "HOLD YOUR HORSES"

THE OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME'S YOUTH OPEN SHOW

Sept. 16th | 10AM  
4094 E. 1050th Ave.  
Oblong, IL 62449  
618-592-3633

[OblongChristianHome.org](http://OblongChristianHome.org)

Youth Classes - Ages 18 & Under

All Entry Fees - \$5.00. Each



### WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

WE PERSONALLY INVITE YOU TO TWO UPCOMING EVENTS WE WILL BE HOSTING AT OUR CAMPUS... SEE THE FRUIT OF YOUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND PRAYERS!

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 16TH FOR OUR FIRST EVER HORSESHOW.

THEN ON OCTOBER 14TH, JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC AS WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER ASKING HIM TO BLESS OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY.

### PRAYERS APPRECIATED

WE ARE REMINDED AGAIN AND AGAIN IN GOD'S WORD THAT WE ARE NOT BATTLING THINGS OF THIS WORLD. "FOR WE DO NOT WRESTLE AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS AGE, AGAINST SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES." -EPHESIANS 6:12

WHAT WE MEAN IS THAT WE APPRECIATE ANYTIME YOU PRAY FOR US. SUPPORTING THE HOME ISN'T JUST FINANCIAL, BUT PRAYERFUL. WE ASK THAT YOU ADD US TO YOUR DAILY PRAYERS.



## CONCERT FOR OUR KIDS

Oct  
**SAT**  
**14**  
6-8 PM

Live Music  
Food  
Lawn Games  
Give-a-ways

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Help change the future for a child in need.



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HELP to children  
HOPE to families  
HEALING through Christ.

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## FAITHFUL HANDS 4-H GROUP

Well another Crawford County Fair for our kids is in the books! This time was different than past years we have volunteered on the fairgrounds. This year, we formed our very own 4-H Group. "Faithful Hands" 4-H participated in both livestock and general projects at the fair. Our hard work paid off for sure! Our very own Alex will be going to the State Fair for his gardening project, with Sahaj as a delegate. They both earned a total of eight blue ribbons in the dardening show. Both Lexi and Savannah also took reserve champion for their rabbits in the showmanship class. So proud of our youth!



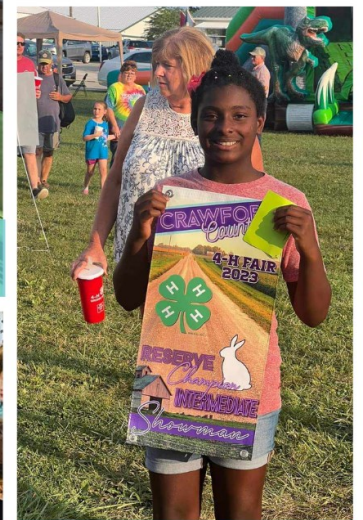
ALEX IS GOING TO STATE AFTER WINNING GRAND CHAMPION!



SAVANNAH WINS RESERVE CHAMPION!



FIRST 4-H SHOW FOR OUR YOUTH EVER



LEXI WINS RESERVE CHAMPION



## OUR LATEST SUMMER ESCAPEADE

In the vibrant world of 4-H, the children of Oblong Children's Christian Home embrace the guiding principles of the 4 H's: head, heart, hands, and health. From expanding their knowledge (head) through experiential learning to cultivating character and empathy (heart), these young hearts are enriched with essential life skills. With their hands, they actively engage in projects, building confidence, and honing practical abilities. Through celebrating personal growth and prioritizing physical and mental well-being (health), these children are thriving (and having fun doing it) let's celebrate their recent success!

All Work and All Play: Above, our incredible kids selflessly pick up trash at the fairgrounds every night, exemplifying the value of serving their community. Below, their youthful spirits soar as they "bounce" to new heights. Every evening our youth had the opportunity to have fun at the fair for free! These remarkable young hearts understand the balance between responsibility and joy, creating beautiful memories that will last a lifetime.



**"IN THE MORNING SOW YOUR SEED, AND IN THE EVENING DO NOT WITHHOLD YOUR HAND; FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHICH WILL PROSPER, EITHER THIS OR THAT, OR WHETHER BOTH ALIKE WILL BE GOOD."**

**-ECCLESIASTES 11:6**



Congratulations to our littles! Savannah, Dakota, and Logan, as they shimmered and shone in the dazzling world of Little Miss Crawford County competition! With their radiant smiles and graceful poise, these girls dazzled the audience and impressed the judges. Watch out, world – these little stars are destined for greatness!"

# SEEKING GOD'S GUIDANCE

## THE DYBALL HOME



At the Oblong Children's Christian Home, our commitment to providing a loving and nurturing environment for children in need remains unwavering. Over the years, your support has allowed us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless young ones, ensuring their well-being and helping them flourish.

Today, we would like to share an update on one of our endeavors, the Dyball Home.



The Dyball Home was established with the hope that we could expand at a satellite location and still offer the same care we give young people. However, it is with a heavy heart that we admit the home has fallen short of certain benchmarks we had set as indicators of success.

The Board of Directors has not yet made a final decision about the Dyball Home. It may remain a satellite childcare home if the right set of houseparents come forward. For the home, we are seeking a couple with experience working with troubled children as well as a couple with connections to the community. But we are considering other options and want input from the many who has invested in the Home.

While we remain committed to our overarching mission, it is essential for us to constantly evaluate our aspirations to ensure that we are meeting the needs of those we serve effectively. It is in this spirit that we find ourselves possibly exploring new options for the Dyball Home, seeking a renewed purpose that aligns with our core values and enables us to make an even greater impact in the lives of children.

We firmly believe that every challenge presents an opportunity for growth and learning. As we navigate this stage, we invite you, our friends, to lend your support, ideas, and expertise in helping us uncover a new and meaningful purpose for the Dyball Home.



*(A beautiful sky view shot of Dyball's Campus).*

Together, we can transform an apparent setback into a resounding success story, where the vision of the Dyball Home continues to serve the Kingdom of God.

We cherish the relationships we have built with all of you and are confident that our collective effort will lead us to uncovering the best path forward for the Dyball Home. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or connections that might aid us in this exploration, we would be immensely grateful for your input.