

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



Chartered June 5, 1968

Week of February 16th , 2011

## A note from the President:

### **Camaraderie –**

1. *Close friendship in a group of friends or team mates.*
2. *A spirit of familiarity and closeness*

Isn't that a GREAT definition for what Optimist can do for you?

Last week's Packer / Team Spirit meeting was well enjoyed by all! Watch the Foto News for some possible pictures! Our attendance at meetings has been outstanding but we still have room for more!!! At our last two meetings we have had over 30 members and several guests!! If you haven't been to club in a while come see what's happening enjoy the Optimist camaraderie that is always evident and meet our many new members!

SEE YOU SOON!

Meredith Prebeg



Another Opportunity for Citizen Input on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/02/07/another-opportunity-for-citizen-input-on-the-lincoln-county-fairgrounds/>

Hayley Schoeppler: Speaker at club has now begun her internship in Japan. Follow her experience thru her Blog.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/lincolncounty4h/category/projects/international/adventures-in-japan-a-special-series/>



Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

**This Weeks Guest Speaker:**  
*Youth of the Month*  
*See page 5.*

**Way to go Pack!**  
**Send us your Packer party Photos!**



Check out our  
 new  
 Member on  
 page 4.

**Greeters:**

2/16 Meredith Prebeg

2/23 Amanda Kostman



**Upcoming Speakers**

- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Youth of the Month
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Diane Goetsch –Kindhearted Home Care
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Event
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> John Henson – Antique Axe collector
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Youth of the Month
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Lyn Pank – M&I security Officer - Fraud
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Tana Frost & Youth – Peer Players
- Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Karen M Redmond-Toast Masters
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Rich Thwait's-Big Picture
- Apr 20<sup>th</sup> YOM



*Etiquette 101*

Our guest speakers donate their time to present their topic to our club. Please be considerate and give them your full attention.

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**Last week's winners**

Mystery Optimist –

50/50 Cash –

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## Board News & Upcoming Events

Listed below are our upcoming events. If you or anyone you know could help out at any of these events please contact Meredith Prebeg (President) [rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com) or names listed below event.

Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month unless otherwise specified.

**Lincoln County Fair Grounds Meeting** – Feb. 17 @ the Social Services Building basement meeting room 6:30 RSVP to [alersch@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:alersch@co.lincoln.wi.us)

**Tri-Star Hockey** – March 12 10:00 @ the Smith Center  
**Tri-Star Basketball** – March 19 9:00 @ PRMS Field House

**Childrens Festival** – April 9<sup>th</sup> @MARC 10 – 2:00pm

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## Birthdays

### February



9	Tony Chladek
11	Mark Zulliger
17	Lori Hanson
29	Jay Stapleton

We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at [ccordova@merillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merillfederal.com) I know many of us do not "celebrate" our special day but in fact it is special and we would love to acknowledge it. No years please just Month and Day ☺

[www.merrilloptimist.org](http://www.merrilloptimist.org)




**Hometown:**

I was born and raised Merrill.

**DOB:** July 18<sup>th</sup>

**Family:** Married to Brian Hofele, 2 daughters Amber(Ryan)Rice, Ashley Baumann and a grand-daughter, Reegan Nicole Rice

**Occupation:** Manager of SSG Holiday Westside and Clerk of the Town of Scott

**Hobbies:** Reading, gardening and spending time with the new love of my life, my grand-daughter☺

**Sponsor:** Meredith Prebeg

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:** I've heard so many positive things about Optimist and wanted to be a part of this amazing group of people and volunteer my time for the youth of the community.



**Nickname:** I thought I would be given one at my initiation ceremony!

**Hometown:**

I was born at Holy Cross Hospital and raised in my parents' home☺ Merrill.

**DOB:** December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Family:** Wife, Sheila (Hofmann) Children, Hannah-5, Emily-2

**Occupation:** Financial Advisor with Edward Jones

**Pets:** My Wife has a toy Chihuahua.

**Hobbies:** Trap shooting, Golf, and the usual Northern Wisconsin outdoor activities; Hunting and Fishing

**Sponsor:** Meredith Prebeg

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:** I joined Optimist because Meredith and Carrie told me too☺

*What he meant to say is that he can't wait to fry cheese curds and be a part of this wonderful organization. And oh yeah, we will work on that nickname.*

# Youth of the Month

November



## Hannah Ziemke

Hannah Ziemke has been nominated for the November Youth Optimist by Janeen LaBorde. Hannah has “intrinsic motivation to enrich herself with academic, social and artistic opportunities” therefore, making her a well-rounded citizen of our community. Hannah has proven herself to be a quiet, yet effective leader, which has gained her the respect of her peers.

Hannah currently has a GPA of 3.75 which includes such classes as AP Language & Comp., Literature & Comp., Spanish 4 and AP Calculus. Mrs. LaBorde also states that she has seen Hannah start the year in Chemistry with a B, but was determined to get her grade up to the standard she had set for herself, which was an A.

A few of the many activities that Hannah is involved include Student Council for the last three years, Art Club, National Honor Society – which she is the secretary this year, Octagon Club, Volleyball and Merrill High School Art Show.

She was honored with the opportunity to be a muralist at the high school as well as Academic Scholar for three years. Hannah is also involved in several community activities such as Santa’s Helpers, Make A Difference Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lock In and Manitowish Leadership Camp.

After graduation Hannah hopes to attend Carroll University. She is the daughter of Lottie and Vern Ziemke.

# Donations



## \$500.00 to the After the Bell Program

Recently the Merrill Noon Optimist Club installed their **Club Officers and Board Members** for the 2010-2011 year. From left to right in the front row is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Stapleton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ken Neff, President Meredith Prebeg, Secretary Debbie Stadler, and Treasurer Marci Borchardt. In the Back row from left to right are Board Members Amanda Kostman, Carrie Cordova, Past President Shelly Storm, Board Members Nancy Stadler, Tom Burg, Tom Hayden, Octagon Representative Matt Hanson, and Board Member Doug Williams.



2010-2011

**Officers**

President: Meredith Prebeg [rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com)  
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 Past President: Shelly Storm [stewartfan1970@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartfan1970@yahoo.com)

**Board of Directors****Elected:**

'09 Tom Burg - [teb2771@earthlink.net](mailto:teb2771@earthlink.net)  
 '09 Nancy Stadler - [nancy.stadler@micorp.com](mailto:nancy.stadler@micorp.com)  
 '09 Amanda Kostman - [akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us)  
 '10 Carrie Cordova - [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.com)  
 '10 Tom Hayden - [tnhayden@aol.com](mailto:tnhayden@aol.com)  
 '10 Doug Williams - [mrlfd@frontier.com](mailto:mrlfd@frontier.com)

**Appointed:**

'10 Octagon: Matt Hanson [mhanson3679@gmail.com](mailto:mhanson3679@gmail.com)

**Merrill Optimist**  
 chartered  
 Boy Scouts  
 Pack 502



## *The Optimist Creed*

### **Promise Yourself-**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on.
- To the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.