

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

Chartered June 5, 1968



FRIEND OF YOUTH



## Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

**This Weeks Guest Speaker:**  
*Corky McReynolds - Treehaven*

Greeter:

June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jay Stapleton

**Congratulations to our Grads!**



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## 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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## 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) [rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rtlectric.meredith@frontier.com)

**Junior Golf Tournament** – June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Hwy cleanup** – June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the parking lot next to Carl's Liquor store. Everyone is welcome. The more hands the faster it gets done

**Fair** - July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Cheese Curd Time – Don't forget to schedule your shifts

## Upcoming Speakers

- June 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Social Event**
- June 15<sup>th</sup>**    Lynn Pank M&I Security Officer - Fraud
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>**    Nick Wall – The Wellness Center
- June 29<sup>th</sup>**    Meredith Prebeg – Facts and History of Optimist
- July 6<sup>th</sup>**
- July 13<sup>th</sup>**     Tammi Boers and Pete Annis – Parents that host
- July 20<sup>th</sup>**     NO CLUB FAIR time

## Upcoming Birthdays

We would like to include your birthday to our newsletter. Please email me at [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.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 needed, just Month and Day

### June

- 5 Club Chartered 1968
- 8 Tom Burg
- 13 Nancy Stadler
- 18 Jay Schlueter
- 29 Shelly Storm



# President's Page

For a bit of time now I've had a compliment to share with a friend I knew from high school and now a Facebook friend. We don't really interact much but I see her post, she see's mine and we occasionally comment. I've noticed in a few recent photo updates that she is looking really good, lost a bit of weight, new hair style and a confident smile. I took time the other day to send her a short message that I thought she looked just great and happy and hoped all was well with her. I felt good. When I received her response I felt GREAT! She stated..." How kind of you to reach out to me. THANK YOU!... I cannot thank you enough for your words today...." Her comments really reinforced the good that comes from sharing positive thoughts with others. It does have a rebounding effect.

We may not always get to know the effect our compliment or kind words have but I'll just bet the effect is bigger than we think! Think about how you feel when you receive kind words. Why not pass it along! Have you thought kind thoughts or a good compliment about someone lately but for whatever reason you didn't share it? Maybe you know the person but not really well, maybe your too shy to share, maybe you haven't gotten one in a while so it's just not feeling natural to share one, or maybe you have good intentions but just haven't gotten around to it. Well whatever the reason I encourage you to nurture your soul and share it!

I'm Optimist just a few more acts of kindness won't hurt you but rather will have a lasting effect on the world we all share.

Here's to spreading kindness and compliments,  
Meredith

## *The Optimist Creed*

### **Promise Yourself-**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to ever 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, to noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

# Tidbits

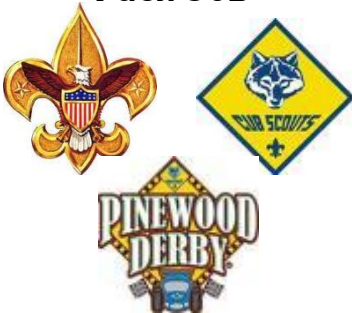
**\*Teen Court Highlights**

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/05/10/teen-court-training-may-6-2011/>

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/03/25/march-22-2011-teen-court-training-highlights/>

2011 Calendar

**Merrill Optimist  
chartered  
Boy Scouts  
Pack 502**



April

16 Sa	Scouting for Food Bag Pickup	Kate Goodrich	9:30am
16 Sa	BALOO Training	Scout Center	
26 Tu	Pack Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
30 Sa	Family fishing Day	Council Grounds	8:00am - ?

May

3 Tu	Den Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
6-7 Fr-Sa	OWL Training	Camp Philips	TBD
10 Tu	Den Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
17 Tu	Pack Meeting	Trinity School	6:30pm
21 Sa	Pack Picnic	Riverside Park	1:00pm
30 Mo	Memorial Day Parade	Armory	10:15am

June

10-12 Fr-Su	Pack Campout	Council Grounds	6:00pm
11 Sa	Bike Rodeo	Council Grounds	1:30pm

**Optimist Club Liaison for Pack 502** – Nancy Stadler [nancy.stadler@micorp.com](mailto:nancy.stadler@micorp.com)

**Pack 502 Leader** – Derek Krzanowski [derek@amplify.com](mailto:derek@amplify.com)

# New Members

**Name:** Ruth Markewycz

**Hometown**

**DOB:**

**Family:**

**Pets:**

**Occupation:**

**Hobbies:**

**Sponsor:**

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:**

**Name:** Kurt Rust

**Hometown:**

**DOB:**

**Family:**

**Occupation:**

**Pets:**

**Hobbies:**

**Sponsor:**

**What you enjoy about, or hope to get out of Optimist:**

# Youth of the Month



## Leo Olson

Leo Olson, who was nominated by Amy Heimerl, has been selected by the Merrill Noon Optimist for the month of March. Mrs. Heimerl stated that “Leo lives the definition of ‘optimist’ as one who believes all things will work out for the best and consistently looks at the bright side of things.” Leo is able to laugh at himself and show others a healthy way of doing the same – while never compromising his integrity. Mrs. Heimerl also points out that “Leo has an excellent sense of humor, he is able to lighten all situations while preserving the dignity of others.”

Leo currently has a GPA of 3.85. He has taken Honors English, Biology and Physical Science as well as AP Calculus, Psychology and European History. Also during all four years at the high school he has taken Advanced Math. Leo has been on the honor role every semester in High School.

Some activities that Leo participates in are soccer, Marching Band, the fall play and the high school musical. Leo has been his class president for his entire high school career and is also a student representative for the MAPS Board of Education. He is also a member of the Link Crew which he was a co-creator of videos to help freshmen become familiar with the norms at the high school.

Leo also is involved in the Fellowship of Christians United Spiritually and Our Saviors Call Committee. Leo also volunteers for Make A Difference Day and the church fair stand.

After graduation Leo plans to attend UW Madison for an engineering career. Leo is the son of Karen Olson.

# Donations



Merrill Noon Optimist President, Meredith Prebeg, along with Optimist Members – Kyle Reimann, Ken Neff and Tom Hayden – presents a check to the Teen Court Panel Members to help support the program!

## \$1,000.00 to Teen Court

Check out other Teen Court photos at:

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/03/25/march-22-2011-teen-court-training-highlights/>

# www.merrilloptimist.org





## 2011 Octagon Club Awards

### Officers:

President: Elise Ordemann

Vice-President: Jessica Niemi and Sarah Hanson

Secretary: Hayley Walbeck

### Standing Committee Chairs:

Historian: Hannah Ziemke

Organizational: Haili Drury

Social: Jess Sabey

PR Rep: Emma Sowieja

Optimist Board member: Matt Hanson

### Class Community Service Honor Awards:

Awarded by the body to a member who has good conduct while volunteering generously to the Octagon Club.

Freshman: Taylor LaBorde

Sophomore: Karina Baacke

Junior: Ashley Mussell

Senior: Olga Cebotarean

### President's Citation Award (International Award): Sarah Navarro

Awarded by the Club President to a member who has made the Octagon Club a number one priority by devoting their time and energy to volunteer.

### Ruby Blair Award (International Award): Mackenzie Baacke

Awarded by the Awards Committee and Advisors to a member who has spent a huge amount of time and effort to help **improve** the Octagon Club.



# Officers & Board

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 are 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 [rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com](mailto:rtelectric.meredith@frontier.com)  
**Vice President:** Ken Neff [kenner59@charter.net](mailto:kenner59@charter.net)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** Jay Stapleton [ljstapleton@gmail.com](mailto:ljstapleton@gmail.com)  
**Treasurer:** Marci Borchardt [marcib@parkcitycu.org](mailto:marcib@parkcitycu.org)  
**Secretary:** Debbie Stadler [DebbieS@parkcitycu.org](mailto:DebbieS@parkcitycu.org)  
**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:

'11 Octagon: Brooke Draxler [daxl5@aol.com](mailto:daxl5@aol.com)

Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 5:15pm @ Ballyhoos.

If you have any information you would like the Board to discuss, please get it to one of our Board members prior to our meetings.

See contact information at left.