

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF MERRILL

P.O. Box 881, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452



Chartered June 5, 1968

FRIEND OF YOUTH



## Greetings Fellow Optimist!!

Week of August 17, 2011

Last Week

24 members

Greeter:

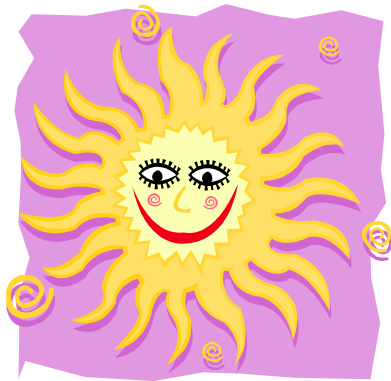
August 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Jay Stapleton**

August 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Ken Neff**

### This Weeks Guest Speaker:

*Bonnie Rudie-*

Fall Food Preservation



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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 – Ken Neff  
50/50 Cash – Christine Vorpapel

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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)

**Labor Day** - September 5<sup>th</sup> Fairgrounds Cheese Curd Time – Don't forget to schedule your shifts

## Upcoming Speakers

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** Rick Weide – Wild Boar Issue

**August 31<sup>st</sup>** **Social Committee – Show and Tell** –Bring an item that represents an ART form or piece you enjoy. Be prepared to tell us little bit about it.

*If you have a topic or a speaker in mind for our meetings please **contact Amanda Kostman** at [akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:akostman@co.lincoln.wi.us)*

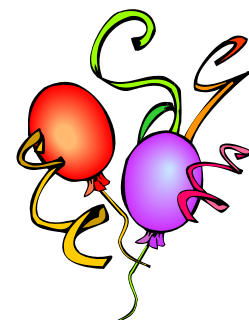
## Upcoming Birthdays

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



# AUGUST

- 12 Christine Vorpapel
- 13 Jane Maule
- 14 Kyle Reimann
- 14 Gloria Kunkel
- 16 Marci Borchardt
- 24 Larry Wolf
- 26 Jane Dehnel



# President's Page

So as I write this it's Friday afternoon and the sun is out and the extended forecast for the upcoming holiday weekend looks hot and sunny! How can you help but smile? Well as we take the external cue from the sun and let it brighten our spirits let us not forget that the optimistic attitude can be something that keeps us smiling all the time, no matter the weather. I admit a few grey days in a row and I start losing a bit of wind in my sail but maybe focusing on one line from the creed this week would help those grey days in the future "To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true". So here's to looking at the sunny side and remembering as Optimist we have the ability to direct our own forecast!

My extended outlook says: full of smiles with a chance of an outright grin!

Hope to see you all soon!

Yours in Optimism,  
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 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.

# Tidbits

## TORNADO VOLUNTEERS

Gloves are needed for volunteers assisting with clean up efforts. About 150 pairs of rubberized or light-weight leather gloves are needed within the month of July/early August. Rakes and shovels are also needed. You may drop off donations at St. Johns Church or contact Ron Kautz at 715-218-0103. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ron. Many volunteers are still needed to assist with clean up efforts.

## \*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/>

4-H Project Discovery Days Leaders Needed:

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/2011/05/26/project-discovery-day-volunteers-needed-to-lead-workshops/>

**Merrill Optimist  
chartered  
Boy Scouts  
Pack 502**



**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)

# Fundraising

The following are the numbers from these years FAIR CHEESE CURDS SALES....

These are our GROSS numbers not our NET. Once all the bills are in, our Treasurer will get us an updated list.

Wednesday	\$3,023
Thursday	\$5,670
Friday	\$7,450
Saturday	\$6,360
Sunday	\$7,676.08

Here is what we did last year in sales (for comparison)

Wednesday	\$1,740
Thursday	\$7,010
Friday	\$8,430
Saturday	\$7,715
Sunday	\$7,859.88

\*Thank you to all of our members who took time out of their busy schedules to help make this all possible.

We have one more cheese curd date; **Labor Day - September 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Fair Grounds. If you have not had a chance to sign up yet please consider this event. You may email either Ramona at [pogwash6@frontier.com](mailto:pogwash6@frontier.com) or Carrie at [ccordova@merrillfederal.com](mailto:ccordova@merrillfederal.com) to schedule.

# Youth of the Month

# Donations



Merrill Noon Optimist presents a check for \$500.00 to Optimist Chartered Pack 502

## Other donations this club year have gone to:

Octagon Club	\$3000
After the Bell	\$500
Teen Court	\$1000
Merrill Historical Society – Brickyard School	\$100
LCHCE Reading Buddies – Bookworm	\$250
TB Scott Library – Summer Program	\$600
Crime Stoppers	\$250
Special Needs Prom	\$200
WINUM District	\$100
Special Olympics	\$200
MFD- Fire Safety	\$120

## Along with all the other wonderful events that Merrill Optimist holds or sponsors including:

Protective Service Banquet	Easter Egg Hunt
Installation Banquet	Kids Bowl for FREE
TRI-Star Sports	Bike Rodeo
Halloween Parade	Youth Golf Tournament
Pumpkin Patch	Christmas Movie

# Cheese Curds





# 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 [draxl5@aol.com](mailto:draxl5@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.