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WAUSAU NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

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Opti Update



What a busy quarter we've had! Take a look inside! Coming up will be the woodworking shop at the **Children's Fest** on Saturday, April 13th. Help will be needed from 9AM until 3PM. Try to come out and see what the kids come up with to build this year! Sign up sheets will be passed, or contact Sharon Morehead if you're interested.

Respect for Law is coming up in May, and **Club Elections** will be held on May 6th. If you are interested in running, contact any of the election committee members: Jim Palmer, Steve Yach or Mike Fischer.

Rainbows End will be held July 19th and 26th. This is a great event to be part of. We serve a supper to all the kids who attended camp that week.

ICE FISHEREE



The Ice Fisheree was again a success. Although we had to be out in the rain all day, we had a good time! Above is the winner of the Fish of the Day.



Tom Haebig should get the prize for most rain soaked up for the day!



A WONDERFUL THANK YOU!

The following is a letter received on March 19th, from the mother of our most recent Youth Of The Month recipient.

Dear Optimist Club,

Thank you for continuing to make a positive impact on the youth of today and tomorrow. Our family appreciates the wonderful meal, fellowship and honor given to our daughter today. She was so excited to call her grandma in Chicago and share her afternoon spent with the Optimist club.

Your hard work and optimistic spirit does not go unnoticed in the community. Our family of 5 has enjoyed many of the Optimist's good works around Wausau from receiving dictionaries, playing in basketball tournaments, learning how to geo-cache, to building some wooden 'stuff' at the Children's Fair, trying to ice skate and decorating some great pumpkins at Leigh Yawkey Octobird Fest.

Please know that when a service project is complete and you have packed up and gone home; the optimistic spirit continues and spills over onto others. Projects are shared, friends made on the court are called, words are looked up, swimmers get braver and stories about the one that got away are re-told.

However, there are many times that a project has captured my child's heart and engaged us as a family in unexpected ways.

As a family that watches very little TV, a trip to the library is a weekly adventure for our family. So when a ten year old Russian Orphan, Yulia, stayed with us

and had never been to a library, that was one of the first places we visited. When she was at the children's library entrance, she marveled at the yellow brick road, touched the mural and called it a "beautiful story land."

She was amazed at the transformation. Once Lillie Grace walked Yulia in and showed her the books, she did not want to leave. As a mom and a teacher, this was a special moment to witness through the eyes of a child. She could not understand a whole building with books that you could borrow. When leaving she insisted that we take a picture of her in the entrance holding a book she was going to check out. It was pure joy for her. We visited her 'beautiful story land' many times until she returned to her orphanage....with all brown walls....with no books.

On behalf of all mothers and fathers who has been blessed by your servanthood as you help us raise our sons and daughters into community leaders, I thank you.

Julie F.



The Riverview Spinners entertained us on March 18th!



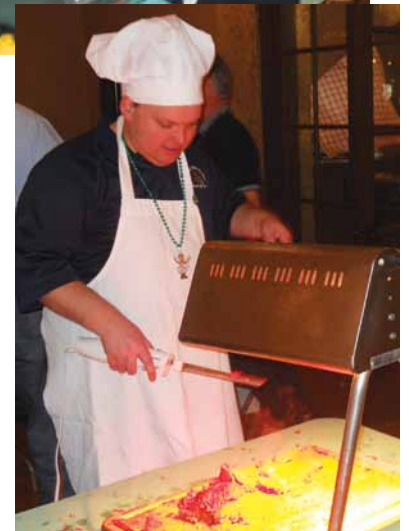
ST. PATTY'S RAFFLE & AUCTION

Held on Thursday, March 14th
at the Rothschild Pavillion
was a great success and great fun for all!



LOTS OF HELPERS AND LEPRECHAUNS!

From selling tickets to auctions to serving food and preparing food... LOTS of food. We fed somewhere in the range of 600 people. That was also alot of dishwashing! A big thanks to all who helped make this event a success.



32ND ANNUAL OPTIMIST TRI-STAR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Boys & Girls Club – Wausau – March 9th, 2013

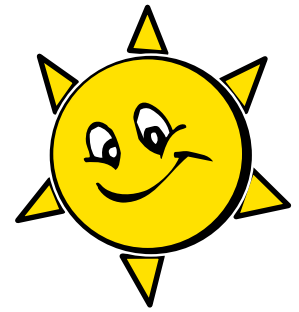
About 45 boys and girls competed at the Boys & Girls Club in Wausau on Saturday, March 9th for trophies, medals, t-shirts, and door prizes. Entrants between the ages of 8 and 13 competed for the opportunity to represent our club at the State Optimist Tri-Star Contest to be held in Fond du Lac on March 30th.

About 10 Optimist volunteers enjoyed the morning as well as we got to spend quality ‘face time’ with the kids as they tried to make that shot, dribble through the cones quickly, or try the lost art of passing the ball. While not every shot was made or the times might be as low as the kids had hoped, once again it can be said that 100% of the participants had a good time getting off of the couch and away from the video games.

More than one Optimist volunteer reported that the dozens of parents in attendance sincerely thanked the Wausau Noon Optimist Club for this project. A fun time was had by all!



26TH ANNUAL OPTIMIST STATE BOYS INVITATIONAL



68 Teams emerged on Wausau East & West High Schools & Horace Mann & John Muir Middle Schools, and Newman Catholic High School basketball courts on February 16th & 17th. Teams came from all over Wisconsin and some from Minnesota! The winning teams are:

- 4th Grade: Wausau West**
- 5th Grade: Wayzata, MN**
- 6th Grade: Wayzata, MN**
- 7th Grade: Stevens Point Red**
- 8th Grade: Champlin Park, MN**



Thanks to the basketball tourney committee members and all those who helped this year!





**Cookout
Time
Is Coming!**

Wausau Noon Optimist Club

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***Of all things that
are better late
than never, going
to bed ranks first.***

MISSION STATEMENT

Optimist International's mission is to foster an optimistic way of life, through a network of optimists, dedicated to the full development of their potential in order to provide ever-expanding service to youth, the community and the world.

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 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.

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