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Cass County Youth Court

Pictures from the evening and a 15-minute slideshow help capture the energy and impact of the Youth Court program held January 27 at Peculiar Winery. Students, volunteers, and community partners gathered for an inspiring look at peer-led justice in action, guided by Judge Stacey Lett. The Ray-Pec Optimist Club was also joined by Ryan Gamboa, Multimedia Journalist with 41 KSHB and 38 The Spot, who took part in the festivities and highlighted the importance of youth leadership in our community. The visual recap showcases the students' professionalism, the collaborative spirit of the evening, and the unique setting that made this event truly memorable.



Optimist Spotted!

As mentioned in the previous cameo, Multimedia Journalist **Ryan Gamboa** joined the festivities during Youth Court night. Throughout the evening, **Secretary Denise Woolf** captured "Optimist Spotted" photos of members behind the club's signature frame. Not recognizing Ryan from his visit, she encouraged him to jump into photos with attendees as she made her rounds. It started to be a pattern when he appeared so often that she jokingly dubbed him the evening's "Waldo," inspired by the classic *Where's Waldo* character.

Can you spot Ryan "Waldo" Gamboa in these photos?

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Where is Waldo the Optimist?



January
20th
Students of
the Month
Railey Zeysing
Jackson Peek



Upcoming Events see <https://raypecsunriseoptimists.com> for details

Sat 2/7 – Peculiar Winter Fair- Volunteers needed to man tables and recruit individuals for Optimist Spotted pics 10-4pm at Lyons Club Building, Peculiar MO

Tue 2/3 – Optimist Pit Crew- Tune Up! Join us for our Optimist Pit Crew Tune-Up! As we have breakfast, we gear up for a busy season of service.

Tue 2/17 – Students of the Month

Thu 2/19 – SAVE THE DATE! Oratorical Contest RPHS 3pm

Fri/Sat 2/20-2/21 WEMO Roundup Conference, Best Western Sedalia

Tue 2/24 – Tentative – Oratorical and Essay winners join us Johnny's Tavern 6pm

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 to large for worry, to noble for anger to strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

