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### Youth Court

Youth Court serves as a peer-based alternative for handling disciplinary actions against juveniles that would typically go through the Missouri Court System.

The training process involves officials from the Missouri court system who coach and help students to pass the Missouri Bar before they begin accepting referrals for youth cases. This comprehensive training ensures that students are well-prepared to handle their roles within the Youth Court system effectively.

Once a referred youth agrees to have their case tried in the Youth Court system, it is added to the Youth Court docket. To maintain fairness, defendants are not tried by students from the same school.

In Cass County, several school districts participate in Youth Court, including homeschooled students from 7th to 12th grade. Our club donates \$500 to this worthy project.



Judges Stacy Lett and Jim Eftink oversee the Youth Court

## 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.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**You will see your Optimist friends at these events!**

- **March 4:** S.S.A.F.E -Jan Zimmerman, IHOP 6:30am
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Students of the Month, International Exchange Student: Gio Dominguez, IHOP 6:30am
- **April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Excellence in Education Banquet! High School Patio Commons 6pm

### Raymore 4H Briana Buell

**Head, Heart, Health, and Hands**—this tenet is the foundation of 4H clubs. It's no longer just a livestock and farm club. Today, the youth of 4H clubs hail from cities, suburbs, and rural areas alike! In Missouri alone, 4H clubs offer at least 80 different projects, ranging from Livestock Husbandry and Agriculture to Arts, Crafts, and Leadership. Each member builds their "Green Book," an autobiographical collection chronicling their projects, goals, and growth each year. This process grooms the next generation for success in adulthood.

Similar to other youth organizations like Scouts or FFA, the 4H Club hosts annual State Congresses and Summer Camps. Fundraisers and donations are essential to sponsoring youth participation in these opportunities. Last year, Nigel, a 10th grader and one of eight children in his family, focused on a Western Heritage project. He learned about the culture of the 1800–1865 period and developed a fictional character. Nigel's choice—a "card shark"—surely elicited chuckles and an unusual choice from a bevy of Western characters during that time period.

The Raymore 4H club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Currently, they gather at the Methodist Church in Peculiar. The Ray-Pec Sunrise Optimists donate \$200 to 4H partnering in the enrichment of Youth in our communities!



### Dime-A-Day

Members that individually enrich the lives of Youth donate to this worthwhile project. Just \$36.50 a year underwrites Optimist International Foundation's scholarships and leadership programs for youth. Won't you join those who have already given this year!

Janet Aliano, Tonya Banks, Michelle Beard, Katja Bonta, Christal Chapman, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Vince Como, Gerald Eftink, Milton Genge, Judy Gudenkauf, Janet Jones (Foundation Chair), Bruce Keith, Jerri Lynn Keith, Carl Kent, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Alan Klein, Eleanor Kopetsky, Jim Kopetsky, Ed Lust, Denise Miller, Brian Mills, Connie Mills, Joe O'Neal, Peggy Olsen, Michael Perry, Ed Russell, Mike Sanders, Shari Sanders, Richard Sanders, Reginald Townsend, Ernie VanHooser, Denise Woolf, Nick Woolf, Debra Wray



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