



# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## Optimist Club of West Bend



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# OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING



## April 2021



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 1 4pm	<b>At Lac Lawrann Conservancy</b> <b>WB Park &amp; Rec - Mud Run</b> Nick Lemke & Mike Juensch
Apr 4	<b>HAPPY EASTER</b> 
Apr 15 Noon Lunch	<b>At Camp Silver Brook</b> Jo Ann Mann Lodge <b>To Honor Student of the Month:</b> <b>St. John's Lutheran School</b> ZOOM ID: 950 8392 3731 Passcode: 806301
April 27	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065
May 1	<b>Brat Fry</b> <b>West Bend Sausage Plus 8 am – 5 pm</b>
May 2	<b>Brat Fry</b> <b>West Bend Sausage Plus 8 am – 5 pm</b>
May 6 Noon Lunch	<b>At Threshold Pavilion</b> <b>Scholarship Award</b>
May 20 Noon Lunch	<b>At Threshold Pavilion</b> <b>Club Elections</b>
May 25	<b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b> ZOOM ID: 950 2967 0673 Passcode: 179065

### Washington County Executive



The guest speaker at our March 4 luncheon was Washington County Executive, Josh Schoemann. He was joined by his assistant, Tarra Gundrum.

CE Schoemann started by thanking the Club for supporting local Washington County businesses through our boxed-lunch purchases.

In his presentation and during a Q & A session, CE Schoemann identified some issues as well as some positives affecting Washington County. Here is a sampling:

#### Issues:

- many county small businesses have struggled during this time of the pandemic – people should try to increase their support
- many employers are in need of skilled workers
- there is a need for increased housing
- there has been a dramatic decrease in dairy farming
- there is a need to inventory all county roads and prepare a plan that identifies a price for future maintenance

#### Positives:

- Washington County is debt free - property taxes among the lowest in the state and the small sales tax helps the county remain debt free
- covid-19 positive tests are way down – single digit most days
- currently planning to have a normal County Fair and farmers' market this summer
- county parks have had great improvements and better maintenance since the start of charging of fees



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### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

#### March 2021

## Lauren Rettler

### Saint Frances Cabrini School

This is what St. Frances Cabrini School shared about Lauren:

We are pleased to share Saint Frances Cabrini School's selection for the Optimist Club *Student of the Month* Award - Lauren Rettler. Lauren epitomizes the word optimist. She greets everyone in the morning with a smile and a great attitude. She compliments others throughout the day and works well with everyone in her class. Lauren always has a sunny disposition and tackles challenges throughout the day with a positive attitude.



Club President, Heidi Sternig, presents the March 2021 *Student of the Month* award to Lauren Rettler from St. Frances Cabrini School

She has volunteered a lot round the school this year by doing: crosswalk duty, morning announcements, and baby-sitting for the teachers' children during staff meetings. She is very perceptive of other people's feelings and goes to console them when appropriate. All of us at Saint Frances Cabrini are very proud of her. For these reasons, we think Lauren is an excellent choice for our school's selection for the March 2021 Optimist Club Students of the Month Award.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share students like Lauren for this honor.

Sincerely,  
William Waech, Principal

### April is

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE MONTH

A month-long celebration of the uniqueness of the English language and all the learners working hard to master it! In a world of 7.6 billion people, English has become a uniting force, bringing people from different backgrounds together through education, work, business, everyday communication and pop culture. Students around the world strive to learn and study in English in part because it is the language of instruction at many top universities around the world.

### The Hometown Foundation Musical Events

At our March 18 Club luncheon, we heard from Mike Christian, Vice-President, The Hometown Foundation.



He shared that this foundation sponsors several musical events each year at Regner Park in West Bend:

- **The Homegrown Musical Festival** on July 11, 2021, and
- **Regner Rocks** on Thursday evenings during the summer

The main purpose of his presentation was to provide information on how a civic organization like our Club could earn a share of the profits of these musical events by providing volunteers to help stage the events. Our Club's Board of Directors will investigate further and make a decision if this is something the Club would like to pursue - watch for a survey concerning this.



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## Jennifer Wimmer WB School Superintendent

Also at our March 18 luncheon, we had a short presentation from Jennifer Wimmer, Superintendent, West Bend School District. She shared how WB Schools have moved through the pandemic utilizing virtual learning opportunities and are now in the midst of bringing back in-person learning.



Jennifer Wimmer, WB School Superintendent, at our March 18 luncheon.

Ms. Wimmer commented that quite often we think in terms of how “the community can help the schools,” but she would also like us to think about how “the schools can help the community.”

For more info regarding the West Bend School District, checkout: [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us/District/](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us/District/)

### 2021 Oratorical Contest

Our Club held its 2021 Oratorical Contest on March 11 at Silverbrook Intermediate School with Zoom virtual presentations by the orators. We had nine orators, and they were all fantastic to watch, and all did a good job speaking about this year’s topic: “Saving the World with Optimism!” Our first and second place finishers were a set of twins, Chloe and Tianna Loether, who are in the 6th grade at Silverbrook. Their next step will be the Optimist Zone Oratorical competition – exact dates and venues are still pending.



Optimist Club of West Bend Oratorical Contest Coordinator, Lance Roell, and Club President, Heidi Sternig, with the 1st place award check (top) of \$150 for Chloe Loether and the 2nd place award check (bottom) of \$100 for Tianna Loether.

We also thank our two guest judges, West Bend School Superintendent Jennifer Wimmer and Moraine Park Technical College West Bend Campus Dean Pete Rettler

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Brat Fries**  
West Bend Sausage Plus  
May 1 & 2      June 5 & 6

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**Scholarship Raffle Drawing**  
June 6    2pm    West Bend Sausage Plus



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## 2021 Raffle

Fran Wager Memorial Scholarship

**SELL SELL SELL SELL**

**BUY BUY BUY BUY**

Contact Mike Hartwell

### 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 of 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.

#### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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<b>President</b>	<b>Heidi Sternig</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Lance Roell</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Greg Harding</b>
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<b>Director to 09/30/2022</b>	<b>Laura Eggert</b>



### THE WRITERS' CORNER

#### And Now It's Spring

By Lhtheaker

The grass is green across the hill,  
 But yellow blooms the daffodil.  
 It's sunshine on a little stalk,  
 A friendly flower, I bet they talk...

Of little kids, too long inside  
 They burst outdoors to play and hide.  
 Tracking mud and bringing bugs.  
 Look, there's footprints on the rugs!

Tiny whirlwinds, these little tykes,  
 They skin their knees while riding bikes.  
 They rip and roar, they're running wild!  
 What fun it is to be a child.

It grows warmer every day.  
 Shoo the children out to play!  
 Pick the flowers, play in mud.  
 Too much rain, here comes a flood!

My snowy, winter days are gone.  
 I mourn them, but I hear a song  
 Of birds in trees; wind chimes ring.  
 I guess it might as well be spring!

