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Family Focus Newsletter

<u>January</u>	
25 & 26	Ag Truths Not Tails Conference
26	Marathon Feed Hog Show Clinic Call 715-443-2424
28	4-H Leaders Federation
29 29	Junior Fair Board
31	WI Valley Fairest of the Fair Application Due
February	
1	Pre-Fair Speaking and Demonstration Reg. Due
2	Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest
2	MASS Beef Weigh-In VanDerGeest Livestock 9am to 12pm
9	Marathon Feed Beef and Sheep Show Clinic Call 715-443-2424
15	4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
16	State meat judging competition 1pm
19	Quilt Camp Prep Meeting
<u>March</u>	
1	Camp Counselor Apps Due
2	Livestock Quiz Bowl & State 4-H Skillathon
4	MAQA AT Edgar High School, 7pm
9 & 10	4-H Quilt Camp
10	Horsemasters Tack Swap
16	Pre-Fair Music, Drama, Dance & Demonstrations
25	4-H Leaders Federation
<u>April</u>	
6	MASS Hog Weigh-In Wis Valley Fair Grnds 9am—12pm
7	Mandatory Horse Project Meeting. 1-3pm
9	Makeup Mandatory Horse Project Meeting, 212 River Dr.
	6:30 pm (Regular Horsemaster Mtg. time and site)
27	MASS Sheep Weigh-In Wis Valley Fair Grnds 9am-12pm
May	
4	Clothing/Knitting/Crocheting Revue
20	4-H Leaders Federation
<u>June</u>	
12	Junior Camp Counselor Training
13-14	Junior Camp
<u>July</u>	
8	4-H Leaders Federation
17—20	Camp Upham Woods
24	Cake Revue
30 - August 4	WI Valley Fair
August	
8	MASS Carcass Contest Custom Meats 7pm
23	MASS Appreciation Picnic Rib River Ballroom 7pm

They've Arrived!!

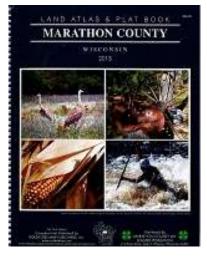
The 2013 MARATHON COUNTY LAND ATLAS PLAT BOOK

Plat books are a convenient reference for local governments, private realty, surveying companies,

and the general public. Sponsored by the Marathon County 4-H Leaders Federation, they make use of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) to represent land ownership patterns on a county-wide basis.

Plat books are prepared from a variety of source data including U.S. Census TIGER (digital line) files, historical local government tax parcel maps, aerial photography, and property descriptions. These records are used to produce a generalized representation of current land ownership patterns, along with planimetric features, such as roads, water bodies, and railroads.

New this year! The 2013 Marathon County Land Atlas Plat book is available on CD.



*** Special Pricing Available for 4-H Clubs ***

Congratulations to the following winners of our

YAC photo contest!

The following photos were selected for the cover of the 2013 Platbook:

Corn Harvest Time - Miranda Myszka

Kayak Championship - Brenton Peters

Just Struttin - Katelyn Greguire

Wheel, Milk Can - Jenna Baumann

The following are the winners of the general contest. Winners received a gift card/certificate to a Marathon County establishment of his/her choosing.

1st Prize - "Wheel, Milk Can" Jenna Baumann will receive a \$25 gift card

2nd Prize - "Nature Trail" Miranda Myszka will receive a \$15 gift card

3rd Prize - "Baby Doll Sister" Misty Wolff will receive a \$10 gift card

YAC News At our December Holiday Get-Together, we made Easy-Peasy Snowman Kits to give to North Central Health Care as gifts for their residents. We were able to make forty-two kits.

"Thank you for those cute snowman kits. Our residents will enjoy putting them together this Holiday Season. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated." – Mary, Volunteer Coordinator

Our next meeting will be January 21, 2013 at 6:30 at 212 River Drive. We will be brainstorming events for the upcoming year.

Due March 1, 2013

4-H Camp Counselor Application

Name	Club			
Address (street, city, zip)				
E-mail	Cell Phone #			
Phone	Grade at time of application			
Check ($$) the Camp for which you want to be a camp counse	elor:			
Junior Camp (counselors need to be in 8-13 grade) (overnite) counselor training starting at 12:00 N	June 13-14, Must be able to attend the mandatory Joon on June 12, 2013.			
Camp Upham (counselors need to be in 10-13 grad Training Dates are June 11 and July 2. 9:30 am	de) Camp Dates, July 17-20, 2013WI Dells. Mandatory 1 to 2:30 pm (both days)			
I would like to help with: Lead Group SingingSwimming/Water gam Arts & CraftsEvening Programs				
Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible. Please add additional pages as needed.				
1. Why are you interested in being a camp counselor? State at least three reasons.				
2. What qualities do you have that would make you a g	good camp counselor?			
3. Have you had any experience working with groups o	of youngsters before? If yes, please describe.			
4. If you've been camping before, describe what you li	ked most about your experiences and why.			
5. List your hobbies, interests, or other special skills that lor.	at you are interested in contributing to being a camp counse-			

4-H Camp Counselor Application (cont'd)

Each year the counselors and adult staff select a timely and fun camp theme and plan all the camp activities and programs around the theme. After giving this important topic of "theme" some thought, complete the following camp plan and submit with your camp application. Only one theme per camp session will be used, as a result we may not select your theme.

Camp Theme Suggestion(s):

Craft Ideas Related to Theme:

Special Programs or Sessions or Activities Related to Theme:

Recreation Ideas Related To Theme:

Food/Snack Ideas Related To Theme:

Other Suggestions (i.e. t-shirt design):

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Potential Counselor/Parent Understanding

"I understand that camp counselors are responsible for helping to plan, promote, conduct, and evaluate camp. I also realize that campers will view me as a role model and it is important that I set a positive example with my attitude, words, actions, and appearance. I promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a camp counselor and a role model to the best of my abilities, and if I am selected as a 4-H Camp Counselor, I will attend the required training session on a date to be announced, follow and support the camp philosophy and rules, and participate fully at camp."

Applicant's Signature

Date

"I am aware of my son/daughter's interest in being a 4-H Camp counselor and understand that he/she is assuming, with supervision from my Extension 4-H Agent, a serious responsibility for other people's children. I support his/her participation in this activity."

Parent/ Guardian's Signature

Date

Please return completed applications by March 1st to the <u>University of WI Extension Office</u> 212 River Dr, Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54402

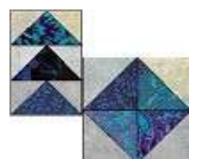
4-H Quilt Camp ... "Half Square Triangle Techniques"

2013 Quilt Camp is sure to please everyone. The Half Square Triangle quilts are easy enough for beginners – and the possibilities for "variations" will offer design possibilities that will inspire advanced quilters and the "quilt artists" in the group! Your quilt can be made from as few as 3 coordinating fabrics or from an endless variety of fabric scraps. Your finished project could be a pillow or tote bag; a table runner or wall hanging; or you could move on to larger bed size quilts using these techniques! The pictures here show a couple of the possibilities for finished quilts. By the end of the weekend, smaller projects will be finished and larger ones will be "well on their way" to becoming finished quilts!

Quilt Camp is scheduled on Saturday & Sunday, March 9 & 10 at the 4-H Office Building in Wausau. The \$25 registration fee includes pattern, all instruction, teaching materials, and meals (lunch on Saturday & Sunday as well as Saturday supper!) You should be in 6th grade or older, and able to sew a straight seam on a sewing machine to participate. First time attendees must work with an adult helper (adult helpers do not need to be experienced quilters!). If you don't have a parent or leader to work with you, contact Jean Berger (there are several quilters in the community who are willing to help you!) Registration is needed by February 15th (late registrations will not be accepted.)

A Quilt Camp preparation meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm at the *Quilting Workshop* located at 306 South 1st Avenue, Wausau. At the February 19th meeting, you will receive a list of supplies and fabrics needed for your projects, as well as learn about the quilt design possibilities! Quilting Workshop staff will be on hand to help you purchase supplies that evening – or you can go home and look for fabrics in your "stash".

Remember to register no later than February 15th, so that we can have adequate materials prepared for the February 19th meeting. Space is limited and priority will be given to teams with current 4-H members ("Quilt Camp Alumni" are welcome to attend if space is available.)





<u>2013 C</u>	QUILT CAMP REGISTRATION FORM (DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15)	
I Plan to Attend 4-H Ou	uilt Camp March 9 & 10, 2013	
NAME:		
Address:		
PHONE:	GRADE:	<u></u>
CLUB:		
Please Check the App	propriate Box and pay the fee as appropriate:	
I am a 4-H me	mber attending Quilt Camp (\$25)	
I am an adult v	working with a 4-H member. I am not making my own quilt (\$15)	
I am an adult v Quilt Camp (\$25)	working with a 4-H member. I plan to make my own quilt while	attending
Make checks payable to	o "Marathon Co 4-H"	
Mail registration to :	4-H Quilt Camp Marathon County 4-H 212 River Dr., Suite #3 Wausau, WI 54403	
	REGISTER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15TH.	
	SPACE IS LIMITED!	

2013 Wisconsin Show Pig Association Symposium

4-H Families are invited to get ready for the upcoming show season by attending the 2013 WSPA Show Pig Symposium. The symposium will be held on March 9th at the Arlington Public Events Center in Arlington, WI.

The symposium will be divided into two sessions. From 10am – Noon will be a session for producers. Topics will include how to market yourself and your pigs, sow/herd health, vaccination protocols and female nutrient requirements. From 1pm – 3pm the session will focus on the youth and their swine projects. Topics will include feeding to meet the trends, little pig selection, keeping your pigs healthy, which drugs are acceptable and the WSPA Youth Activities Board will lead a Jeopardy game for everyone to participate in.

The cost of the symposium is Free to WSPA members and \$10.00 for nonmembers. If you have any questions, please contact Devan Brugger at 608.558.2646 or by email at <u>wisconsinshowpigassociation@gmail.com</u>. For more information on joining the Wisconsin Show Pig Association please go to <u>www.wisconsinshowpigas</u> sociation.com Ŀ

2013 Youth Pig Project Announced کې د 2013 Youth Pig Project Announced

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2013, are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship, to be used to offset costs associated with their 2013 pig project. Six \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1st). To receive a copy of the application, please contact the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or download the application from the website at <u>www.wppa.org</u>. Interested youth must complete and mail the Youth Pig Project application form no later than Feb. 15, 2013, to WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Youth who receive a scholarship will receive a follow-up questionnaire after their project year is complete.

NEW THIS YEAR - For 2013, the Wisconsin Pork Association is teaming up with show pig producers from across the state of Wisconsin to make this program even more beneficial. Now, along with the \$50.00 scholarship awarded by WPA, scholarship recipients who choose to do so will also be eligible to receive a \$75.00 buying credit from a cooperating Wisconsin show pig producer! Each participating producer will offer one buying credit, with selection of the credit by scholarship winners being in the order of judges' applicant ranking (top-ranked applicant gets first choice of buying credit, 2nd ranked applicant gets second choice of buying credit, etc.)

Scholarship News

New!!



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2013-2014 Scholarship Application

The Wisconsin 4-H foundation and generous sponsors are proud to provide education scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth for the 2013-2014 academic school year. We are pleased to provide these scholarships in order to show our appreciation for 4-H youth accomplishments as a result of their 4-H experience, and to support their future educational goals. Applications are available from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation's website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/ foundation/scholartship.cfm. Completed applications must be emailed by February 15. Recipients of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships will be selected based upon their 4-H involvement, scholastic achievement, and future educational and career goals.

4-H Horse Association Scholarship

Information has now been updated for 2013! The information and application form are on the State 4-H website in the Horse Handbook located at <u>http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm</u>

2013 Grace Alberts \$500 Scholarship

Open to all active Marathon County HCE members and immediate family members or **current Marathon County 4-H members**. (For HCE this includes members, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of active HCE members). Scholarship application can be found at www.marathon.uwex.edu.

It's time to break out to the new beat! The **4-H ArtBeat that is!** Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! 4-H ArtBeat! North is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, 2013, at the Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek in Eau Claire County. ArtBeat! South will be held March 15 and 16, 2013, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Also the weekend will feature some surprise performances created just for this year's ArtBeat!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sights throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The \$50.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this brand new opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

Registrations are due January 25. More info is available at http://4h.uwex/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm

Feeding a Hungry Planet Global 4-H Youth Ag Summit August 19-25, 2013, Calgary, Alberta, Canada



National 4-H believes there is a need for young leaders to be engaged in finding agriculturally sustainable solutions to the growing global need for safe, nutritious food. Through the "Feeding a Hungry Planet – Global 4-H Youth Ag Summit", we hope to attract, inspire and support youth to make a difference. If you are 18 to 25 years old at the time of the summit and have a passion for agriculture, environmental stewardship, food, world hunger, biotechnology, and/or farming...you could be chosen as one of 10 individuals (expenses paid) to attend the Global 4-H Youth Ag Summit with others from 21 countries!

Application Deadline is February 15, 2013, and the submission form and essay information can be found at: www.youthagsummit.com

MAQA

(Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

The MAQA program is scheduled on **Monday, March 4th at 7 pm at Edgar High School.** All youth participating in the MASS program are required to attend. (Some exceptions apply to those who have passed the written examination in the past.) If there is bad weather on the 4th where schools are cancelled, the program will be held on March 11th. For more inf ormation about MAQA cont act Dan Smerchek (715-347-1957) or Jean Berger (715-261-1230).

The 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Skillathon

The 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Skillathon contests will be held together on Saturday March 2, 2013 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. Deadline for registration is Friday, February 22, 2013. The cost is \$6 per youth. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m. Teams are encouraged to participate in both contests as they will be occurring at the same time.

Senior teams will start with the Skillathon contest. Junior and Mixed teams will complete the Skillathon Contest as soon as their team is finished with Quiz Bowl and the Seniors have completed the Skillathon Contest. The planning committee reserves the right to alter the schedule if needed.

The teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of January 1, 2013. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of January 1, 2013. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct such as Junior Cattle Nationals, NJSA (National Junior Swine Association) and the All-American Sheep Show. For more information and registration information, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist and contest coordinator at (608) 263-4304, <u>borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu</u> or the Animal Science Youth Website at <u>http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/guizbowlskillathon</u>.

4-H Meats Judging Contest Slated for February 16th

The state 4-H Meats Judging Contest is scheduled for February 16th at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Meat Laboratory. Registration is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. with the contest starting at 1 p.m. The highest scoring senior team will participate in the National 4-H Meat Judging Contest in Manhattan, KS. The second place senior team may participate in the National Western 4-H/FFA Meat Judging contest in Fort Collins, Colorado.

All of the information pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website

http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/ The deadline for registration is Friday, February 8, 2012. The registration form is on the website.

If you have any questions please contact, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-263-4304.

Optimist International Essay Contest

Topic: "How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?" **Who:** Youth under the age of 19 who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. **How To Enter:** Application (page 11) and essay are due February 12, 2013. Send both to:

Sharon Schmitt C/O US Bank 2003 Rib Mtn Road, Wausau, WI 54401

<u>UPHAM WOODS EVENTS</u>

Family Camps and Free Public Programs

Upham Woods will be offering several family camps again this year; registration is open to all so be sure to spread it around! Our Family camp programs offer families a vacation that gets them unplugged from their iPhones, laptops, X-Boxes, Wiis and televisions. Enjoy land and water activities, yummy meals each day, campfires, camp crafts, family adventures and more! Pre-registration and payment is required. In 2013 family camps are being held February 9-10, August 2-4, and October 18-20.

We will also be hosting several free community days again this year. Our Community programs are offered on Saturday afternoons throughout the year. No need to register – just show up with your family for a fun and educational experience! In 2013 community days will be held January 19, March 30, and September 28.

Registration Information and applications at http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/family-camps/

I Want To Know Camp

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Have you always wanted to know what makes things work? Would you like to do cool, hands-on experiments? If so, then I Want To Know! Camp is for you. APRIL 12-13, 2013 6 pm arrival | 4 pm departure, UPHAM WOODS 4-H CAMP Wisconsin Dells, WI Grades 6-8 | \$55 — Includes meals, lodging, t-shirt, & supplies. REGISTRATION DUE MAR 8 Space is LIMITED!

Registration Information and applications at http://http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/

The 30th annual Marathon County Tack Swap will be held March 10th, 2013 at John Muir Middle School. We will again need volunteers to help with unloading vendors and working in admissions, the silent auction and the kitchen. We will be doing the vouchers again where the youth can earn a \$10 voucher that will be good at any core clinic. Youth <u>must</u> volunteer at least 2 hours and youth <u>must</u> be signed up ahead of time. We will also need 4-H clubs to donate bars - wrapped individually - to be sold in the kitchen. Also, all donations to the silent auction would be greatly appreciated (need not be horse related). There will be special pricing for 4-H groups to purchase a vendor space at the tack swap. The space will be 4 x 10 and will be \$10.00. This year only we will be including 1 free table per space to celebrate our 30th anniversary - these need to be reserved by March 1. Forms will be on Horsemaster web site and also on our Facebook page. If you would like more information, have any questions or would like to purchase a vendor space, please contact Michelle Lampe at (715) 443-2494 or <u>dmlampe@msn.com</u>.

Application for 20		Π	Essay Contest
NameAddress	M	Farent or Guardian Fermission: I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.	pate in this contest.
City		Signature	Date / / /
State/Province	Zip/Postal Code	Relationship	
Telephone ()		I,	grant the Optimist Club/International my permission
E-mail		to use a picture of my son/daughter	for their public relations
Date of Birth / / /	Age	purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo in any publication they see fit.	he photo in any publication they see fit.
Have you participated in any other Optimist Club's Essay Conte	s Essay Contest this school year? q Yes q No	Sponsoring Optimist Club Name Wausau Noon Optimist Club	Dptimist Club
Contestant Agreement:		Sponsoring Optimist Club Number 23205	05
I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all	e bound by all of the requirements.		
Contestant's Signature	Date / /		
	Please send applica	Please send application to address below:	
Official Topic: "How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?"	compete at any level of the competition again. 4. All contestants at each level of the contest must furnish a copy of their bitth certificate or	official language of the country in which the sponsoring Club is located. 10. The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner Corners of any true are not	words: 5 points 3. Failure to type essay and double-space: 5 points 4. Failure to stay within the 700-800 word limit: 5 points for each 75 words exertined innit
Essav Contest Rules	or and a second and a second and	accepted.	5. Self-identification: 5 points or fraction of based
Each contestant must be given a copy of the rules and complete the entry form. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.	Section III - Contest Rules 1. Participants must write on the official topic. 2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing: the official topic, number of words,	Section IV – Judging and Timing 1. Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges. At the Club level, judges may	
Section I - General Rules	writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.	be Optimist Members, who are not acquainted with the contestants. At the District level, judges	2. District level – plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first-place winner
1. The Optimist International Essay contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club and	3. At the top of page 1 should be the official topic and the number of words (penalty of 2 points for	must be non-Optimists. 2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each	A. Scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations of the United
District. 2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist	the total number of words correctly).	by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned	for use and Canada. Scholarships awarded are for use at a college, university or trade school
Club, or an at-large contest if a local club is not available.	 Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced. (Deduction of 5 points) 	number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be	only. B. All scholarships will be payable to the
3. Contestants must compose an original essay	5. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay	detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair The indoes will be given the essay	educational institution of the recipient's
with further guidance from outers, webster s dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or	is counted. This does not include the title,	bearing only the assigned number.	International.
interpretative literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.	bibliography or roomores. Hypnenated words count as 1 word (Deduction of 5 points for each	 Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged. 	C. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
4. All District-level competitions must have a minimum of 3 contestants participating	25 words over/under limit). 6. Each page of the essay must be numbered	4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.	D.Winners of an Optmist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by
5. Optimist International will have the right to edit,	starting with page 1 of the essay, not the title	Continue Commune	the age of 25.
publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.	page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.	Section v – Section will levels of the contest will	For more information contact:
Section II - Oualifications for Contestants	7. Any quotations or copyrighted material used must be identified properly. For example, use of	be identical. 1. Material Organization – logical interpretation of	Control Darcon Change Colonie
1. The contest is open to students under age 19	a specific writer's format (such as MLA) may	the subject, adherence to topic: 40 points 2 Woodsulary and Style - phrasing and continuity:	CONTACT FEI SOIL. SHAROH SCHIMM
who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. Students must enter in the	contest. Failure to identify non-original material		Contact Address: C/O US Bank
District in which they reside. U.S. students attending school on military installations	will result in disqualification. 8. No reference can be made in the essav	3. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 20 points 4. Neatness: 5 points	2003 Rb Mtn Rd., Wausau WI 54401
outside the United States are eligible to enter in their last home of record	that identifies the student, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or	5. Adherence to Contest Rules – prepared in the proper format: 5 points	Contact Phone or E-mail:
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's	District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction	Continu VI Danaltice	715-842-9355 sharonschmitt@usbank.com
contest during any given year. ω 3. No student who has previously won an Optimist Essay contest scholarship will be eligible to	oased on degree of identification) 9. An essay may be written in either English, French or Spanish if the language used is an	 Feilure to list official topic: 2 points Failure to accurately identify total number of 	

Host an International Teen this Summer! In the summer of 2013, more than 70 youth from Argentina, Cameroon, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Norway will spend a month living with Wisconsin host families and learning about American culture. If you are between 10-18 years old and want to take part in a month that will stay with you for a lifetime, apply now. Chaperone hosts are also needed for two week periods during these time frames.

Call WI 4-H International Programs at 608- 262-2491 or 608-262-1557 or e-mail wi4hinternational@gmail.com

Attention All Members! Want to post project ideas and things your club did on the Marathon County 4-H Project blog! Email ideas, pictures and all your news to marathoncounty4hwi@gmail.com	Market Animal Show & Sale (MASS) has a NEW Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MarathonCounty MarketAnimalShowSale
REMINDER Pre-Fair Music, Drama & Dance Performance and Demonstration March 16th at the Mosinee Community Center/High School Registration Due: February 1st Applications in the December 2012 Issue of the 4-H Family Focus	STABLE HANDS is looking for 4- H members to help with gardening tasks. If interested, please call Pam Englemeier at 715-845-3612.



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