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## NUASF E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship awarded to four recipients for the year 2006

By Ruth and Dave Mecklenburg

This is the seventh year that the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship has given out scholarships to area students interested in a career in the environmental field.

As most members know, Earl Mecklenburg was the father of one of our longtime members, Dave Mecklenburg. Dave's dad grew up on a farm in Milford Township and moved to New Ulm as an adult. In addition to his family and many friends, education and the environment were very important to him. After Earl died in 1998, his family decided to create a scholarship to honor his memory. So Dave asked the NUASF club if we would like to co-sponsor the program. Since our club is involved in many activities supporting environmental causes, we welcomed the opportunity.

Every year the Mecklenburg family makes a sizable donation and our club has voted to match that donation. In addition, individual club members have generously chosen to donate \$5 when renewing their memberships. The scholarship fund has grown to the point that

last year we gave out two \$500 scholarships and two \$250 scholarships and this year we were able to do the same.

Matthew Baier, the son of Randy and Amy Baier, was awarded \$500. He is a graduate of Springfield High School and plans to attend South Dakota State University in the fall, majoring in Wildlife Conservation and Management. Matt says that his love and respect for nature came from his grandpa and his dad. Matt has built wood duck houses, helped his dad take care of their CRP and pond, helped with the Cottonwood River cleanup, set up pheasant feeders, and job shadowed with Redwood County Wildlife Manager, Jeff Zajac, where he did prescribed burns and checked nests. In addition to his environmental activities, Matt is also a well-rounded athlete, having been on the football, wrestling, and baseball teams. Matt considers himself a person of many goals



Matthew Baier

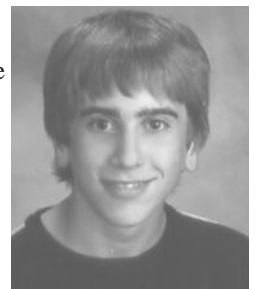
and works hard to achieve them.

Another \$500 was awarded to Dusty VanThuyne, a graduate of Nicollet High School. He is the son of Dale and Cind VanThuyne and plans to attend Bemidji State University studying Wildlife Management. Dusty has a great love of nature. While he has a passion for hunting and fishing, he says that the most important part of being outdoors is spending time with his dad and brothers. He understands the importance of conservation and protecting the habitat of our wildlife. Because of this, he attended the Wetlands Rally in St. Paul to show support for ducks, clean water, and wetland preservation. Dusty's many activities included football, basketball, golf, Science Club, Science Olympiad, and Knowledge Bowl. He was also nominated for the Triple A award. He has many goals, but considers furthering his education as the greatest one.



Dusty VanThuyne

A \$250 scholarship was awarded to Shawn Witte, the son of Gene and Sue Witte. Shawn graduated from New Ulm Senior High School in May and plans on entering the



Shawn Witte

### Club Calendar

July 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Kids Fishing Contest at Riverside Park 4:00 p.m.  
July 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup> ..... Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Riverblast



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## From the President. . .

Well the 20 year celebration has come and gone and here's to another 20 years. It was a great event and our special thanks goes out to Mike Studtmann for his work putting together the program along with Mike Deinken and all the other volunteers who were instrumental in making it happen as well.

Fishing on the river is picking up again. Several big cats have been caught by members and I heard at least one member who did well on St. James Lake. Lake Washington, Dassel has also been good for walleye and northern pike. Lake Washington St. Peter has also been real good for nice bluegill. I know members who are doing well on Mille Lacs as well for nice perch and decent walleye. So no excuses, get out there and go fishing.

Our thanks to the Studtmann's for their generosity with the Camp Courage kids. It was a great event again this year and the kids did very well catching fish. It wasn't 5 minutes and one of the campers had on a 4 lb. bass. Several of the bass were caught as well as some huge sunfish and one monster bullhead.

Don't forget about the big catfish tournament during Bavarian Blast at Riverside Park. For info on how to get in to the contest get hold of Mike Hasse.

If any club members have old pictures of either the Minnesota or Cottonwood Rivers of any kind that have activity associated with them (or not) please get them to me. I am starting to collect pictures of the rivers for the Regional River History and Information Center. They can be fish you caught on the river as well. I will then color copy them and return the pictures to you.

It seems the MNDNR Fisheries is doing a study on Minnesota River Walleye and they are in need of fish heads. Yes I said heads, they will be examining a particular bone that should reveal a lot of information about the fish and where it is from. This is in an attempt to better understand and manage the population in the future. At the present we are getting collection points set up at the bait shops. All you need to put your river walleye heads in a plastic bag and in the freezer and then contact the DNR or get them to one of the distribution points.

Well I hope you all can beat the heat that's a comin' and I'll see some of you on the river

In the mean time get out to this next meeting and bring a friend. We'll have the fire going and lots of things to discuss as always.

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Natural Resources Program at Central Lakes College in Brainerd this fall. Fishing, hunting, hiking, canoeing, and camping are among the many outdoor activities that Shawn enjoys. He has camped in the Boundary Waters twice, worked on a produce farm, tested water and soil for his Field Biology class, and was an active member in the FFA. Shawn has a keen interest for the environment and understands the benefits of conservation.

The other \$250 scholarship recipient was Emily Guldán. A graduate of New Ulm Cathedral High School, she is the daughter of Dennis and Janice Guldán. Emily plans to pursue Wildlife Biology at South Dakota State University this fall. During her high school years, she participated in golf, drama, art council, SADD, and the school newspaper. She was involved in various community service projects, such as volunteering at nursing homes, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens. Emily likes to spend her free time in the woods exploring or fishing in their pond. She feels that all aspects of a clean environment are important, because our daily lives are greatly affected, whether by the air that we breathe, the water we drink, or the food we eat.



Emily Guldán

We want to express sincere congratulations to these four young people and offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

## Notes of interest from our last meeting

~ Our Camp Courage fishing outing at Studtmann's Pond was, by all reports, rewarding and inspirational. There were 15 kids present catching big bass, bullheads and sunfish. Seven club members took time to help. A special thanks goes out to them.

~ Jerry Carlson is going to set up the food stand for the USPCA control dog qualifying event, being held at DMLC July 17th. He'll need help between 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM. Call Jerry if you can help.

~ Our club will be sponsoring a float for the Riverblast Flotilla Parade. We'll need creative members to help put the thing together. More information will follow at future meetings.

~ We're always looking for ways to cut expenses for the club. One of our members, Steve Massey, has offered the services of one of the department at New Ulm Medical Center to do our newsletter for a substantial reduction in cost, possibly more than 1/2 the price. Every little bit helps.

~ This month we made motions to donate \$750 to CCMR /Riverblast & \$200 to the kids fishing contest, if its needed.

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