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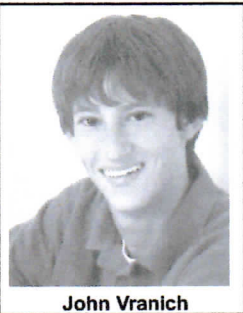
E.E. MECKLENBURG ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Four students to receive scholarship

This year the committee for the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) EE Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship chose four area students to receive \$500 each; bringing the total dollars awarded since the scholarship was formed to \$8,250.

As most members know, Earl Mecklenburg was the father of one of our longtime members, Dave Mecklenburg. In the fall of 2000, Dave's family created a scholarship to honor Earl's memory and asked our club to be a co-sponsor. Each year the Mecklenburg family makes a sizable donation to the scholarship fund, which our club, in turn, has decided to match. The fund also receives various donations throughout the year, as well as \$5 from generous club members when they renew their memberships.

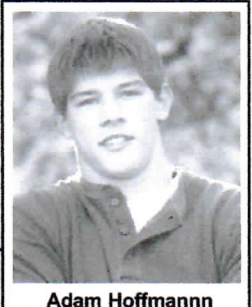
Two of our recipients this year were from New Ulm Public High School. \$500 was awarded to John Vranich, the son of Steve and Tracie Vranich. John has loved all forms of nature since he was very young. He credits his grandmother for sparking his interest, because he loved watching her feed birds at her house. As a result, he remembers spending countless hours paging through a field guide trying to learn about as many birds as he could. His life list for spotting birds now numbers 284 species. John's bird



John Vranich

watching "hobby" made him more aware of the environment and the many consequences of negative ecological practices. Wanting to make a difference, he joined the Putting Green, which is an environmental organization with the goal, "To educate and inspire people to make informed choices for a healthier planet." He participates in their EcoPreneur Program, which teaches students how to use the "triple bottom line" in making business decisions; that is, looking at the economic, environmental, and social impacts of business decisions. John plans to study environmental sciences and engineering at the college of St. Olaf.

Adam Hoffmann is the other \$500 recipient from New Ulm Public High School. He is the son of Jeff and Cindy Hoffmann. Growing up on a farm, Adam developed a



Adam Hoffmann

love of the outdoors at a young age. In school, he was involved in football, wrestling, and FFA. Outside of school, Adam enjoys hunting and fishing. He has raised and released many pheasants and mallard ducks. Adam's family put over 10 acres in CRP and he would like to see even more opportunities for farmers and land owners to enroll in conservation programs. Adam is concerned about

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Club Calendar

- June 25thCamp Courage- Studtmann's Pond 10:00 a.m.
- June 26thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- July 10thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- July 16thKids Fishing Contest- Riverside Park
- July 31stMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.



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From the President

By Scott Sparlin

Our outing with Camp Courage is on Wednesday June 25th at 10 a.m. at Studtmann's pond in Courtland. If you have never had the opportunity to participate I would encourage you to do so. These kids have a blast each year and we are told by the camp councilors that our event is the one they look forward to the most of all of their activities. If you choose to help out and can get away the location is at the end of Mary Lane in Courtland.

As many of you know already I will not be running for President this October when elections will be held. If you feel you would like to run and would like to chat with me about what the duties involve I would be glad to fill you in. A good time would be at a meeting or even give me a call on my cell at 507 276 2280. The job of President is rewarding and gratifying and you will have the ability to access many networks of people who can make a difference in the future of our sport and our water resources. No doubt it is like herding cats at times but you just laugh it off and keep going forward knowing that in the end you represent a consensus of great people who give much of their time and talents to call themselves New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen.

Our thanks goes out to the Mecklenburg family and the scholarship committee once again for producing such a great crop of excited and driven young people to receive our support. It truly makes us all proud.

There was talk of a scholarship board that could be displayed at our club office with all the names of past scholarship recipients along with a picture. Frankly I don't know why we didn't think of this before. So having said that, it will be on this next month's agenda and I would encourage anyone who has talents to lend to make this a reality to come forward and see how we can put this altogether.

We will be having pork chops at this next meeting prepared by Elmer Epke made possible by generous donations from several members to cover costs. So come hungry for some good eats after the meeting.

Remember, bring a friend to the meeting and get a beverage of your choice and one for your friend on the club. See you at the meeting.

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Scholarships

the negative effects of pollution and the resulting destruction of habitat. He believes we can all do our part by thinking "green" in all aspects of daily life. Adam will be in the environmental program at Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Our third \$500 scholarship recipient is Ethan Degner, the son of Rev. Charles and Linda Degner. Ethan is a graduate from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. He says he has always been interested in the natural world around him. He believes his love of nature was rooted in the many vacations his family took to national or state parks. Every new destination, from Saguaro National Park in Arizona, to the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota, brought new flora and fauna for him to observe and study. Fishing became a life passion. He favors river fishing, because he does not need a boat and he never knows what he is going to catch. Adam participated in the Lutheran Pioneers, a church-sponsored youth group that teaches boys about the environment, life skills, and service. He was a junior leader on numerous Boundary Waters trips with this group and helped teach classes on Minnesota fish and fishing. The diversity of aquatic life intrigues him and he would love to learn more about what really goes on beneath the surfaces of rivers and lakes. He hopes to study biology and environmental studies at either St. Olaf or Gustavus Adolphus College.



Ethan Degner

The scholarship committee chose Jared Roiger as our fourth \$500 recipient. He graduated from Springfield Public High School and is the son of Terry and Robin Roiger. Jared was active in many things while in school, such as football, wrestling, golf, and Business Professionals of America. Outside of school activities, he enjoys hunting and fishing. He has gone to his favorite fishing spot to video tape the incoming ducks and geese. When Jared did a 10-page research paper on fuel alternatives for transportation in his Economics class, the results really raised his awareness and he became very concerned about global warming. Due to his interest in ecology and wildlife, he was invited to join the Putting Green group in New Ulm to help provide "eco-friendly" and educational exhibits along the Minnesota River trail. Jared will be studying wildlife management at Bemidji State University.



Jared Roiger

Our congratulations goes out to these fine young people and we offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

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