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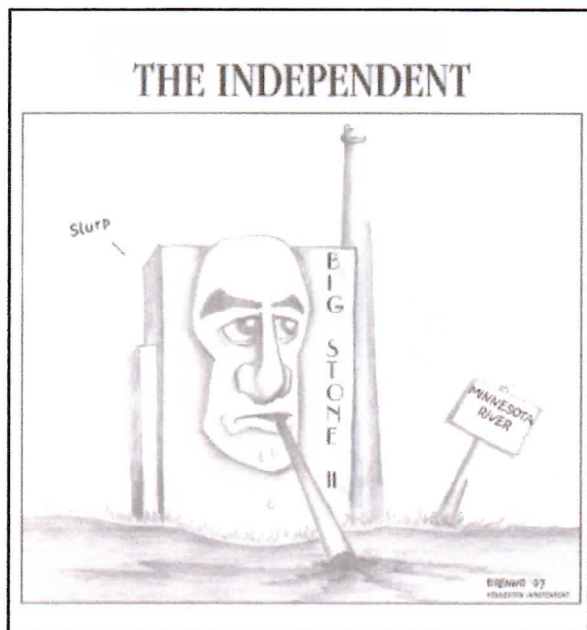
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NEW COORDINATOR

Sutherland accepts new position

Club members always seem to step up when we need them. Ken Sutherland has volunteered to accept the newly created position of membership coordinator. The coordination of our membership has always been taken care of by the treasurer currently Tony Miller. As our club numbers have increased over the last few years the job of treasurer/coordinator has become a very big duty. Tony has done an outstanding job during his term and we thank him greatly for his diligence and dedication. With Ken taking the job a share of the load can be taken off Tony's back and he can concentrate solely on the dollars and cents. Thanks to Ken for accepting the responsibilities of membership coordinator.



DNR personnel watch as Kyrie Sellnow and Lt. Governor Carol Molnau release the 35 Lb. Catfish, Big D, into the Minnesota River on May 15th during "New Ulm Capital for a Day". Kyrie, a 6th grader at St. Paul's School, was the winner of the DNR sponsored essay and catfish naming contest. Anyone catching tagged Big D before October first will win \$1,000.

Photo by Ron Bolduan

Club Calendar

May 29thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
June 12th.....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
June 26th.....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
July 16thKid's Fishing Contest



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From the President

By Scott Sparlin

Well another fishing opener has come and gone and I hope you all had a chance to get out and enjoy it.

Since then I have been out a couple times on the River and the activity has been brisk. We saw a few walleye being caught and had a lot of action between the sheephead, carp, and catfish. There were a lot of boats out and a few canoes as well and several people just driving in and out who were curious. I had noticed that at Minecon Park there was a garbage can that the city had put out on the waters edge. I will be contacting the park director to have a discussion about this. It stunk all weekend and was put right where people fish from shore. The DNR knows about this as they abandoned the practice years ago.

Maintenance is a real issue and people abuse the cans by putting fish guts and lots of other nasty stuff in there. Many people who come down to fish take the opportunity to empty out the garbage in their cars and pickups filling the cans up as soon as they are put there as well. It's simple, take out what you bring in, are there pigs and people who don't respect the area, yes, but it is a very small minority and if you always carry a garbage bag with, it doesn't take long to pick up. Here's an idea, a sign that simply states; "take out what you bring in, leave no garbage". Maybe a few "would be" pigs might get the message that it's not a dump site or burn pile.

The big catfish release was huge success and the kids were pretty happy when they received the rods and reels from the club. The ten finalists included 6 girls and 4 boys and had very good essays. We didn't get a plug from the local paper, but the Mankato Free Press mentioned us in their article. All in all it was well done and we thank all those who helped in the planning for the event, especially our friends at the DNR. Now let's see if anyone can actually catch "Big D", the 35 pounder, he's worth \$1000 to whoever gets him before October 1st. What do you think the chances are? Who knows it could be you, so wet your line in the Minnesota River you never can tell. I have it on a good reliable source that Big D is from the Sleepy ye area near Kettner's landing.

This next meeting will be a good one so don't miss it. I imagine there will be some fish stories to share along with some hot topics to discuss.

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We do have the upcoming Kids Fishing Contest to discuss, (which isn't a contest), because we don't charge anything to participate. NUASF is a 501 c 3 federal tax exempt organization so we do not have any fees we have to pay for conducting a contest when we do have one. We can talk further about this for anyone who may not understand, but I thought I would clarify in light of a recent letter to the editor in the local paper in this regards.

See you at the next meeting.

Community Clean Up

Thanks to all the members that showed up to help for community clean up last month. We collected about 70 bags of clippings and leaves, with the 100 or so Green Cards Scott received in the mail we figure over 400 bags were taken out to the composed site and didn't end up in the river.

The walk along the river was very good, for the first time we didn't pick up any tires so something must be working. Unfortunately it was disheartening to find several full boxes of 8'-0" fluorescent light bulbs scattered all over at Eckstein Landing. There were probably 50-75 bulbs total and close to a quarter may have already been broken. We plan on following up with the sheriffs department. Most people get it, but there are a sorry few that do not.

Meeting Notes

E.E. Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund will be handing out \$2000.00 this year (3-\$500 and 2-\$250) Seven applicants have applied and are being considered by the committee.

The boat motor we're trying to sell is possibly sold for \$600

Membership stands at 165

We will be doing a clubhouse clean up sometime in June after the spring mud is gone.

Sleepy Eye Lake will be putting their new dock in around the 23rd of May. Several months back the club voted to donate \$1500 towards its construction.

The Kid's Fishing Contest date has been set for July 16 make sure you put it on your calendar.

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