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## NUASF E.E.Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship recipients for 2012

This is the 12th year that the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship committee has awarded scholarships to high school graduates.

For those of you that need a little background: Earl Mecklenburg was the father of Dave Mecklenburg, a longtime member of the club. Earl 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. Earl loved to read and always stressed to his family the value of a good education. During his lifetime, he enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was for fishing, hunting, or just observing nature. To honor Earl's memory, his family created a scholarship for high school graduates pursuing a career in the environmental field. Since the NUASF club is involved in many activities supporting environmental causes, the Mecklenburg family asked the club to co-sponsor the scholarship.

This year the committee awarded two \$750 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships.

Catarina Gronau, a graduate from Cedar Mountain High School in Morgan, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Her parents are Mark and Julie Hartle and Wade and Cindi Gronau.

She grew up in a large family and says she loves anything to do with water, animals, sports, and science. Catarina was an honor student and was active in dance, basketball, softball, band, choir, FFA, school council, and more. As a



member of 4-H, Catarina participated in various activities, such as road ditch clean-ups, building and placing bird houses in correct nesting places, and volunteering at the Redwood Area Animal Shelter/Humane Society. She also took mission trips to New Orleans, the Quad Cities, and Daytona Beach to help repair and clean destroyed communities. Catarina plans to study Marine Biology at Southwest Minnesota State University.

The other \$500 recipient is Rachel Ayer. She is the daughter of Dave and Ann Ayer and graduated from New Ulm Public High School. Rachel loves to read and also to watch movies about nature. She is fascinated with biology and spent many hours before and after school in the Biology classroom volunteering to help with various tasks, such as setting up lab equipment, cleaning animal cages, washing dishes, or repairing microscopes. Although Rachel faced personal obstacles while in school, she worked hard to overcome them and never let them stand in her way of academic success. Rachel will be studying Wildlife Management at South Dakota State University in Brookings.



The scholarship committee awarded \$750 to John Christensen. He graduated from Comfrey Public High School and is the son of Steve and Becky Christensen. John was born in Newcastle, Wyoming, where his love of nature began. Throughout his school years, he participated in football, baseball, and basketball, while earning high academic honors. He did volunteer work for several com-

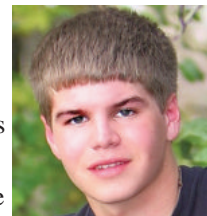
munity projects, such as planting sod and helping with the maintenance on the baseball field, building

an artificial snow fence, building duck houses and planting them on various ponds, and planting trees around the school. John likes to spend leisure time fishing and hunting

and is a keen sportsman. This summer, John will be working at a Fish Hatchery in Spearfish, South Dakota. In the Fall, he plans to attend South Dakota State University and study Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

\$750 was also awarded to Tim DeGrood, a graduate of Faribault High School. Tim is the son of Mike and Ann DeGrood and the nephew of club member Jeff Nielsen. Tim says his love of the outdoors began while spending time with his dad hunting, fishing, and going on nature walks. He is an active member of the

Faribault Archery Club, where he has been shooting bow since he was nine years old. Tim competed in at least five Minnesota State Archery Association indoor meets, where he placed first in the championship round four years and took third place one year. He also took first place in a winter animal league for two years at the local club. Another sport Tim enjoys competing in is Bow Fishing. He took third place in the Minnesota State Bow Fishing Tournament held in Faribault. As a Boy Scout, Tim was involved in many projects, such as building a special bird house to help bring back habitat for the native Chimney Swift and attending Woodie Camp where he learned about aquatic and wetland biology and banded wood ducks and mallards for scientific study. Tim achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with a project that consisted of planning and leading the construction of multi-chambered bat houses in several Faribault parks for



## Club Calendar

July 12th. .... Social Night at the Club House  
July 26th. .... NUASF Club Meeting  
August 9th. .... Social Night at the Club House  
August 15th. .... Kids' Fishing Contest (Riverside Park)  
August 30th. .... NUASF Club Meeting

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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

The kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. Mark your calendar for August 15th. This will be the day for the kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. This event takes a lot of volunteers and we would appreciate as much help as possible. Most of the prizes for this event are picked up. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work putting this event together. Our main goal is to make this a fun event for the kids. At the next meeting, there will be a sign up sheet to help organize what needs to be done on the day of the event. This will help everyone plan for the event. Note: We will be cleaning up along the river and trimming trees on Saturday August 11th. The cleanup project will start at 8am; bring gloves, trimmers, rakes, and trailers. Thanks in advance for helping with this great event.

Summer is screaming by, take time to enjoy it! Something as simple as fishing with family and friends can build a lifetime of great memories. If you would like to use a club boat they are located by Ron L shed behind New Ulm Glass. Your club keys will unlock the locks. If you have any questions give me a call at 507-381-2041.

Summer is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

### Scholarships continued from page one

natural mosquito control and brown bat refuge. Tim will be studying Aquatic Biology and Water Ecology Emphases at Bemidji State University. The Scholarship Committee wishes to congratulate these fine young students and offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

At this time, the Scholarship Committee wishes to acknowledge special thanks to:

- Dick Petermann - for the \$90 donated from the fishing contest he sponsors each year at his place.
- The Willmar Studtmann family - They held their fourth annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest and, once again, the family matched the money received from the entry fees for a total donation of \$662 to the scholarship fund.
- The NUASF club - for its continued generosity and support of our scholarship program. In addition to the \$5 that members have donated along with their membership renewal, this year the club donated \$1,500 to the scholarship fund.

It is because of these and all other donations, large or small, that the fund continues to grow and has allowed the scholarship committee to award a total of \$14,750 to area students since it began.

### Monthly Meeting June 28th , 2012 Members Present: 42

#### I. Secretary Report

Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded by Jim Liebl to accept report as read. Passed unanimously.

#### II. Treasury Report

Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by John Kuester to accept report as read. Passed unanimously.

#### III. Old Business

##### A) Membership update.

- 1) Membership stands at 194 with 42 due – 1 member w/ 2 signed & 10 w/ 1 signed

##### B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

- 1) Boundary Waters – Tony Miller did catch a fish
- 2) Mille Lac – Not many fish caught in two days.
- 3) Bow String – Limit

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#### The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludwig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

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### C) Club House and Grounds Update.

- 1) Al Spaeth mowed the lawn
  - 2) Jason Kuester fixed our driveway and removed old out house. Handed in a bill.
  - 3) April Miller sent us a thank you for allowing her to use the club house for her graduation.
  - 4) The bid for siding club house was incorrect. Motion was made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orin Schultz to withdraw the original Motion to side club house and boat house. Passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Wyman Forbrook to side just the club house. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Tony Miller checking into a free S/S fire ring.
  - 6) We should put a treated rim board on the back of building just in case we build a deck.

### IV) Other Old Business

- A) Thanks to Elmer for grilling the pork chops for tonight's meeting.

### V) New Business

- A) Ice House tickets will be available shortly. Waiting for the correct license number.

### B) Kid's Fishing Contest

- 1) Posters are ready, take some to hand out.
- 2) Jim Hulke brought out 28 rods and reels to the club house. Calvin Fischer also purchased some new ones.
- 3) \$200 donation was received by Schwartz
- 4) Northland new impulse tackle will be provided at the contest.
- 5) Jim purchased a bunch of prizes at Twin Rivers-30% off. Will also need checks for Prizes that will be purchased at Running's, Retzlaff's, and Hunters Den.
- 6) Hy Vee will be giving a \$ 50 gift certificate and a % off the food.
- 7) We will be having a work night before the contest; date will be selected at next meeting.

### C) Scott Sparlin Update

- 1) Ervin Fischer Kids Contest was postponed. New date set for July 19th.
- 2) Request was made by Scott to have the club consider partnering or purchasing the pontoon that was donated to the CCMR. Pontoon would be used to do tours on the river or possibly used as a fishing pier. Scott has a line on a motor \$1500/2500. CCMR would contribute \$1000 towards it's purchase.

### VI) Other New Business

- A) Tony Miller is volunteering to be club historian and would like to talk to original members.
- B) Ron Bolduan is making a banner for the River Rangers and would like to place our Logo on it as a sponsor.
- C) Rick Carlson – Talk about invasive species on our lakes.
- D) Food for next meeting – POT LUCK

### VII) Adjourn



Fish caught on Mille Lacs Lake north shore in the early 40s. Left is my dad, Ted Peterson. On the right is a catch displayed by my Grandpa Rudolph Weinkauff. Note the Johnson motor is included. Scott suggested I include these in this newsletter. Joyce Reese



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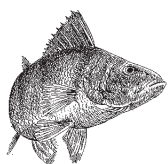
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