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# NUASF E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship Recipients for 2013

This is the 13th year that the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship committee has awarded scholarships to high school graduates.

As most of you know, Earl Mecklenburg was the father of one of our long-time club members, Dave Mecklenburg. 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. In the fall of 2000, 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, bringing the total dollars awarded since the scholarship was formed to \$17,250.

Two of our recipients this year are from GFW High School. \$750 has been awarded to Kevin Taralseth, the

son of Jesse and Lisa Taralseth. Kevin

grew up on a farm near Gibbon and has loved all forms of nature since he was very young. During his school years, Kevin was involved in many



extra-curricular activities such as FFA, Football, Band, Knowledge Bowl, Robotics, Theatre, and Ultimate Frisbee. Kevin considers himself to be an avid outdoorsman. In addition to many family camping trips, he also attended six years of Gunflint Wilderness Camp, now known as Birchwood for Boys. The last two years of camp he helped lead trips with younger kids. Kevin plans to attend Vermillion Community College to study Outdoor Recreation Education.

\$500 was awarded to Brett Rickheim, the other recipient from GFW High School. Brett is the son of Harlan and Jodi Rickheim and grew up in rural Stewart. In school, he was involved in



Football, Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, FFA, and helped coach basketball skills to elementary students. Outside of school, Brett worked with Kids Against Hunger, McLeod West Partners of Prevention, and volunteered with his Church Youth Group. Brett's family has 16 acres of CREP land that he helped to restore to native plants and wildlife. Brett will be attending Ridgewater College for GPS/GIS Technology.

Our third recipient, Madison Kral, graduated from New Ulm Public High

School. She will be receiving \$750. Madison is the daughter of James and Beth Kral and also grew up on a farm. She was involved in several activities and organi-



zations during her school years, such as STABLE, National Honor Society, FFA, Softball, Prom Committee, United Way Day of Caring, Cancer Relay for Life, and Optimist Club. Madison says that growing up on the farm and spending endless hours out on a lake or in the woods influenced her future environmental goals. She says her dream job would be to become a Wildlife Biologist. She plans to start with Biological Sciences at North Dakota State University.

The scholarship committee chose Nathan Brueske as our fourth recipi-

ent. He will be receiving \$500. Nathan graduated from Cathedral High School and is the son of Barb and Roy Brueske. Nathan has always had a love for science. His teacher



said that he always exhibited confidence and willingness to help in the classroom. Whatever he was asked to do, he did it with enthusiasm.

As a member of the New Ulm River Rangers, Nathan helped to clean up

Club Calendar

**June 27th NUASF Club Meeting** 

July 11th NUASF Social Night at Club House

July 25th NUASF Club Meeting

Aug. 14th Kids Fishing Contest (River Side Park)

Aug. 15th NUASF Social Night at Club House

Aug. 29th NUASF Club Meeting

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# From the President .....

## By Jason Kuester

Summer has finally arrived! Now is a great time to take advantage of the local lakes and rivers in our area. We have some of the best fishing within 30 minutes of New Ulm. Take some time to fish the Minnesota River, Clear Lake, Hanska, Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Lake Crystal, Loon, High Island, Marion, and Sleepy Eye just to name a few. Most of the lakes in our area are about a month behind and the fishing has just turned on. When you are out fishing with your wife and kids or a friend, take a few pictures of your catch. We are looking at updating the pictures at the club and always need great pictures for the newsletter. Always remember to practice safety and be courteous to other fisherman. If you don't have a boat the club has 2 great fishing boats parked at Ron Ludewig's shed, your club key will unlock them. Ron's shed is located behind New Ulm Glass on Front Street. The boats are first come first serve, all we ask is that you leave some money for gas with Ron, and you clean them up Thanks to everyone that showed up at the club ready to when you're done. work on social night!! The club grounds look great! With all of the rain the grounds at the club will need to be mowed and trimmed more often. We are going to have a signup sheet for mowing, please help us by signing up.

Pork chops will be available for your enjoyment at the next meeting. The meal will be served before the meeting at 6:30pm. Please Thank Elmer Epke for providing the pork chops and grilling them for us on his big grill. If you are able to help Elmer with setup and grilling please be at the club around 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass. 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!!

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the land by the river and learned about environmental issues. As a member of the Boy Scouts, he helped design a fictitious Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed camp project and received his Environmental Science Merit Badge. Nathan will be attending Vermillion Community College in the Natural Resources Technology program.

We congratulate these fine young people and offer our best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

At this time, the Scholarship Committee wishes to acknowledge special thanks to the NUASF Club, to Dick Petermann, and to the Willmar Studtmann family for their generous contributions every year to the scholarship fund.

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# Monthly Meeting May, 30, 2013, Members present: 35+

I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded Orin Schultz to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

A) Balance

B) Motion made by Dick Pettermann and seconded by Orin Schultz to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

1) Membership stands at 197 – 37 Due. Jason Kuester leads w/9

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) MN River – Studtmann Point, cold but caught 35-40 fish, 7 species. 2) Winny – Wet & windy put caught 70 northern.

3) Hanska – Very good many walleyes
4) Clear Lake – Lots of Sunfish and Crappies
C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Signup sheet for mowing at front desk. 2) Clubhouse cleanup set for 6/13 @ 6:00 PM

3) Gary Sprenger will get some bids for rain gutter on the clubhouse.

#### IV) Other Old Business

A) EE Mecklenburg Scholarships were awarded to the following : Kevin Taralseth – GFW ;

Brett Rickheion – GFW; Madison Kral – NUP; Nathan Brueske – NUACS

#### V) New Business

A) Kids Fishing Contest – All going well set for Aug 14th

1) Orv Rannow donated money to be used for the kids contest.

B) Clear Lake boat landing.

1) There has been complaints about being able to land boats at the landing.

2) Jason Kuester will contact the DNR about his company fixing the problem, getting permits ect.

Possible Lost Dog and Fox would contribute to the project.

3) Motion was made by Scot Sparling and seconded by Jim Leible to contribute if LD&F Would match. With some discussion and amendment to the motion was made and agreed By Scott and Jim to Donate more w/ a match from LD&F. Passed U

C) Ice House purchase news - We are in touch with both Ice Castle and Yeti, getting costs to see Who will give us the best deal.

D) Food for next meeting will be provided by Elmer Epke. PORK CHOP FEED. We will be eating before The meeting 5:30

VI) Other New Business A) A Thank You was read from Brian Bottin for the donate club members gave to him. Suggestion was made that we pay for Brian's due with member donations.

B) Orv R. will be cleaning and waxing for soon C) Club shirts and hats will be ordered.

D) MN River Banquet update from Scott S. – Wild River Academy will be taking underprivileged kids on a five day trip down the river starting in Montevideo. Request was made for a donation from the club. Request was forwarded to the board for review.

E) Flying Dutchmen will be having a party June 22nd starting at 4:00 PM – 2 bands

all free

F) Talk was given by club guest Jessy about bow carp fishing contest he was in. He was also filmed for a spot on the Ron Shara show.

G)Interest was shown about going to Iowa to see how the Asian carp project is going.

VII) Adjourn @ 8:45

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