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NUASF E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship Recipients for 2014

Four students were chosen as recipients of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship for 2014.

Although it is in its 14th year, there are always new club members that may not know the origins of the scholarship. So, every year we give a brief history: Earl Mecklenburg was the father of club member, 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. To honor Earl's memory, in the fall of 2000, Dave's family created the scholarship for graduating high school students planning on 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 if they would like to be co-sponsors of the scholarship and they agreed.

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

\$750 was awarded to Alexander Elness, a graduate of Sartell Senior High School and the son of Jodi and Joel Elness. Alexander has shown a great deal of patience and determination in his young life. During his freshman year of high school, he was seriously injured when he broke his neck while participating in a wrestling match. After a long recuperation, Alexander convinced his doctors and family to allow him to again participate in sports. Then, just before his senior year, he broke his tibia and fibula during weight training. Throughout all of this, he gained a reputation for having a terrific attitude and for learning from his experiences instead of letting



them get him down. Alexander's main area of interest is in wildlife. During school, Alexander took all the science courses he could, as well as a class on Minnesota Wildlife. He also challenged himself by taking PSEO courses at St. Cloud Technical College. He is a member of Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Minnesota Water Fowling Association, Delta Water Fowl Association, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. Alexander has participated in the Minnesota Water Fowl Hunter Education Camp, competed in the Youth Trap Shooting League, built wood duck houses, and volunteered for various school, community and church projects. He plans to major in Biology with an emphasis on Wildlife Management at Bemidji State University.

Jamie Fischer is the first of the \$500 recipients. She is the daughter of Mike and Jacky Fischer and graduated from Sleepy Eye Public High School. Jamie grew up on a farm near Lake Hanska to a family that loves spending time outside. She has many interests, which include fishing in all types of weather, kayaking, basketball and softball. Jamie is a member of 4-H and FFA, held various leadership positions and won several awards in both organizations. She was in the National Honor Society and Sr. High Knowledge Bowl. She has helped with a number of community programs, such as Food for Kidz, Adopt-a-Senior, Adopt-a-Highway, and was an instructor for Farm Safety for Just Kids. Jamie took several college-credit courses during high school and graduated 3rd in her class. She is concerned about water quality and runoff from fields. She plans to attend South Dakota State University to study Agriculture, Hydrology and/or



Biosystems Engineering.

Cody Guenther is the second of the \$500 recipients. Cody graduated from GFW High School. He is the son of Doug and Carol Guenther and lives in Lafayette. Cody was the Vice President of the GFW Green Team. One of the goals of the team is to come up with new ideas on how to make the school and community more eco-friendly. Cody was active in many school and community programs, such as the National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, football, baseball, and he served several office positions in FFA. He has received many awards, including Eagle Scout, Gold MAP testing award, Gopher Valley Conference Academic award, and the Outstanding Academic Excellence President's award. Cody has volunteered in a variety of ways to help the community. Some examples are: Construct a raised-bed garden for school children, Food shelf clean-up, Town Band Shell renovation, Salvation Army bell ringer, Blood Drive, Ditch and Park cleanups. Cody is continually trying to find ways to conserve energy and preserve wildlife. He plans to study crop and soil science at the University of Wisconsin in River Falls.

The third \$500 recipient is Bradley Dunton. He is a New Ulm Senior High School graduate and is the son of Christopher and Christine Dunton. During high school, Bradley participated in athletics and was chosen to be Homecoming King. He was also selected to

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Kids Fishing Contest

255 kids registered for the contest. 425 hot-dogs were cooked. 173 fish were caught including 18 Catfish, 5 Suckers, 1 Walleye, 2 Carp and 147 Sheephead.

\$100. in prize money was given:

1st place - 9.11 lb. Catfish, Shaelynn Johansen
2nd place - 7.2 lb. Catfish, Dawson Krause
3rd place - 4.8 lb. Catfish, Trlkn Fruhwirth
4th place - 3.33 lb. Sucker, Landon Depew
5th place - 2.94 lb. Sheephead, Dakota Nelson
6th place - 2.78 lb. Sheephead, Landon Beck
7th place - 2.21 lb. Sheephead, Mya Tietl
8th place - 2.17 lb. Sheephead, Bradley Trullinger

Club Calendar

Wednesday Aug 27th (Note New Date),.....NUASF Club Meeting
Aug 29th & 30thRiverblast and Boat Giveaway
Sep 1stLabor day
Sep 11thNUASF Social Night at Club House
Sep 20thPeterman's Fall Fishing Contest
Sep 25thNUASF Club Meeting
Oct 9thNUASF Social Night at Club House
Oct 30thNUASF Club Meeting
Nov 13thNUASF Social Night at Club House
Nov 20thNUASF Club Meeting
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From the President

By Jason Kuester

First things first, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the Kids fishing contest. Everyone did a great job!!! We had our best turnout ever this year on the river. (255 Happy Kids) *Thanks Again!!*

I would like to remind everyone about the **Peterman's Fall Fishing Contest**. The date is **Saturday September 20th, starts at noon and goes until the last man is standing**. It is on the Minnesota River off of the bottom road by Hwy 4 (watch for the signs). All proceeds go to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!** (P.S. Bring a camper if you can, there is plenty of room!!!!)

Labor Day is just around the corner, where did summer go? As you all know Riverblast planning is under way. The dates for the event are August 29th and 30th. Scott is looking for bartenders to work the beer tent, if you are available please contact him at 507-276-2280 or at yasure@lycos.com **We will also be giving the boat away on Saturday night. Please turn in all boat tickets at the meeting or at Riverblast.**

Here are some important upcoming events for your calendars. The first event is the Peterman's Fall Club Fishing Contest September 20th. NUASF Ice Fishing is just around the corner. Plans are also being made for the winter fishing trip to Dixon

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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be a delegate to the American Legion Boys State. Bradley is interested in the field of science, which is why he took extra science classes in high school. Bradley intends to study Natural Resources at South Dakota State University.

Two years ago the scholarship committee decided to offer our recipients the opportunity to re-apply for additional money. To qualify, the student must have completed two semesters of college, declared a major in the environmental field, and maintained a GPA of 2.25% or greater. We are pleased to announce that Catarina Gronau has been awarded an additional \$250. She is a second-year student at Southwest Minnesota State University majoring in Marine Biology.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to congratulate these fine young students and offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

As always, the Mecklenburg family would like to give a special thanks to the NUASF club for its continued generosity. In addition to the \$5 that members donate along with their membership renewal, this year the club has pledged to make a \$1,000 contribution. We wish to again thank Dick Petermann for sponsoring a fishing contest every year at his place. His most recent contest resulted in a \$230 donation to the scholarship. Also, the family of Willmar Studtmann held their sixth annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest. It brought in \$357 and the family matched that amount, for a total donation to the scholarship fund of \$714. It is because of these donations, large or small, that the fund continues to grow. As of this date, the committee has awarded a total of \$19,750 to area students.

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Monthly Meeting July 31st Members Present: 35+, 2014

I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Jim Hulke and seconded by Dave Mechlenburg to except report as read.
Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance \$

1) Motion made by Howard Klingler and seconded by Scott Sparlin to except report as read.
passed unanimously.

2) Tony Miller talked about how we must watch our spending.

3) Please help selling boat raffle tickets at Auto Fest, Fair, Bavarian Blast.

III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

1) Membership stands at 180 – 22 Due. Membership drive: Ron Schnobrich 2 new members

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Dixon – Big crappies

2) Lake Diefenbaker – Group said Eric Olsen did a great job. Limited out on walleye every day.

3) MN River – Plenty of fish were caught. Scott S. said a beer holder needs to be placed in the small boat.

4) Horseshoe Chain – Something is killing the carp

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Driveway repair, Jason will do his best to keep the bill down.

2) Nilsen's are just starting to think about the sale of the club grounds. Will keep us informed.

3) Popcorn maker hinged fixed by Jim H.

4) If the club grounds are put up for sale our cost of repairing the driveway should be considered
In the negotiations.

5) More cleanup is needed on the grounds.

IV) Other Old Business

A) None

V) New Business

A) Boat Raffle – We need to sell more tickets. Everyone should consider taking another book.

Ads are on KNUJ and SAM. Ove Rannow will have the boat at the Brown County fair.

It will also be at Retzlaff's and Hy Vee.

B) Kids Fishing Contest Update.

1) Held Aug 13th

2) Napa have donated 2 flats of night crawlers

C) Food for next meeting provided by Ken Kohn

VI) Other New Business

A) Meeting date will be changed to Aug 27th

B) Jeff Nielson will be taking the boat to Dave's Place on Aug 1st

C) The club ran a food booth at the River Region Gun Club made \$200

D) Lost Dog donated a bird house for our raffle

E) Welcome back Kenny Kohn!

VII) Adjourn @ 8:45

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