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## NUASF E.E. MECKLENBURG ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2015

This is the 15th 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 one \$1,000 scholarship, one \$600 scholarship and two \$300 scholarships.

**Aaron Pietsch**, a graduate from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship. His parents are Timothy and Debra Pietsch of New Ulm. Aaron credits his father for his interest in nature. He loves to go fishing with him on the

Minnesota River by his house. Aaron has also developed a passion for bird watching. He started observing birds in 8th grade and continues to this day. For Aaron, it was not enough to just enjoy the outside world; he also wanted to learn more about it. He did research through books and in articles online to find answers to his questions. He made friends with a biology professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Chad Heins, because they shared a mutual interest in birds. Sometimes they even go bird watching together. Aaron has been involved in numerous environmental activities, such as: Adopt a Highway cleanup, Judson Bottom Road River cleanup, mapped and navigated points at Flandrau State Park with the Minnesota National Guard, submitted data to E-Bird (a website that tracks migration dates and behaviors of birds), and conducted and reported water quality tests on the Minnesota River for the World Water Monitoring Challenge. He is also a member of the Minnesota Ornithologists Union and a National Audubon Society Backyard Bird Count volunteer. Aaron will be attending the University of Minnesota-Mpls to study environmental engineering. He hopes to find sustainable solutions for our changing environmental needs.

\$600 was awarded to **Lindsay Miller**, the daughter of Kevin and Brenda Miller and a graduate of GFW High School. Lindsay grew up on a swine and crop farm south of

Brownton where she helps her parents and two brothers raise pigs from farrow to finish. She says her parents gave her a strong work ethic and always stressed the importance of an education. Lindsay was active in her church and community throughout her school years. She participated in various sports and was a member of the FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society and Student Council. While on her church youth group trips to the Grand Tetons of Wyoming and the Boundary Water Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota, her advisor said that Lindsay was a great role model. She loved being outside, even if it meant carrying a 50 lb backpack at 12,000 ft elevation or a canoe in ankle-deep mud. Lindsay loves science, animals, and the outside world. She plans to study Biology at South Dakota State University.

The first of the \$300 scholarship winners is **Andrew Fischer**, a graduate from Cedar Mountain High School, and the son of Sheila Fisher-Birkemeyer. During his school years, Andrew was involved in basketball, golf, trap shooting and helping to set up duck houses. He is a member of the Wild Turkey Federation, North American Hunting Club and FFA. Andrew loves to go hunting, hiking, camping and enjoys water sports, but his favorite thing is to go fishing. Andrew says his Grandpa had a bait shop in Franklin and taught him a wide variety of fishing techniques. They must have paid off, because Andrew was featured in the Outdoor News publication for one of his trophy Bass catches. Andrew hopes to earn a degree in Natural Resources at the University of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The other \$300 recipient is **Jacob Samuelson**. He graduated from Comfrey Public High School and is the son of Pete and

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### Club Calendar

- August 13th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- August 19th .....Kids Fishing Contest Riverside Park
- August 27th .....NUASF Club Meeting
- September 5th .....NUASF Boat Giveaway Riverside Park
- September 10th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- September 24th .....NUASF Club Meeting

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# From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

The next BIG club event is The kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. Mark your calendar for August 19th. 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 Thanks in advance for helping with this great event.

We need everyone to do their part and sell raffle tickets for the boat!!! (We only have 1 month left!!) It is a New 2015 ALUMACRAFT ESCAPE 145 TILLER BOAT with a Mercury 25hp fuel injected 4 stroke motor, with power trim and tilt, depth finder, 1,400 lbs. Shorelander Trailer We are only selling 850 tickets!!! Drawing will be held at Riverblast in Riverside Park at 6p.m. on Saturday September 5, 2015

1st place – 2015 Boat  
2nd Place - \$1,000.00  
3rd Place - \$500.00

4th Place - \$250.00  
5th Place - \$100.00

Permit # X-35533-15-008 You can pick up your tickets the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 rnuw@newulmtel.net or Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 ken.sutherland@ci.new-ulm.mn.us or myself at 507-381-2041 jr@newulmtel.net  
Note: The tickets come in books of 5 and are \$20.00 each. If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in at or before Riverblast in September.

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 from page 1

Tammi Samuelson. Some of Jacob's many high school activities were being involved with his church youth group, student council, band, choir, football, basketball, and baseball. He was the Homecoming King for his school and received the Triple A (academics, arts, and athletics) award. Jacob enjoys all forms of nature and loves to fish, hunt, and hike in the woods. He is proud to be of the fifth generation of Samuelsons to farm the land his great great grandfather homesteaded over 100 years ago. He loves the science of farming and wants to learn how to be a good steward of the land. For example, he understands the importance of maintaining wetlands for our ecosystem. Jacob plans to study Agronomy at South Dakota State University.

This year the scholarship committee agreed to give a \$500 award to a student selected by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. They chose Jamie Dobosenski, a Junior at UM-Duluth with a double major in Biology and Environmental Science. (See details shown in a separate article in this newsletter.)

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 would also like to acknowledge special thanks to:

- Members of the Mecklenburg family for their annual donations
- Dick Petermann - for the \$260 donated from the fishing contest he sponsors each year at his place.
- The Willmar Studtmann family - They held their seventh 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 \$884 to the scholarship fund.
- The NUASF club – for the members that include an additional \$5 for the scholarship fund when they pay their membership dues.
- For all additional donations, large or small, that come in every year, such as: \$50 from Scott and Pat Sparlin and \$185 from Eric Olson

It is because of these that the fund continues to grow and has allowed the scholarship committee to award a total of \$21,950 to area students since it began.

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# Monthly Meeting June 25th , 2015 Members Present: 35+

## V) New Business

### A) Scott Sparlin

1) Club fish outing with challenged individuals at Studtsmann Pod. Date had to be changed because of a conflict. Will be held ned-August, date to follow. Will need 20+ members to help.

### B) Tony Miller

1) Will be having his retirement party at Kegel July 10th – 2:30 to 6:30  
2) Tony will be going to Lake Def. (July 26-29) Anyone like to go with, cost is \$250 day

### C) Kids Fish Contest

1) Ken Richter gave a good donation  
2) Zepco gave us 20 rods and reels  
3) We turned in applications to Scheele and Mills Fleet Farm to receive donations.  
4) Running's – 18 tackle boxes plus a lot more  
5) Received 72 rods and reels from Isaack Walton  
6) Jim L. and Charlie Earl gathered and gave rods to be used by kids that that don't have one.  
7) Club members should walk up and down the river and help kids and parents that need assistants.

### D) Club Boat Raffle Update

1) Tickets available – Sell  
2) Flier will be coming out.  
3) We will send a letter to Dranttel Sales showing them what their sponsorship with our club gives them.  
4) Boat will be at Auto Fest.

E) Food at next meeting – Kenny Kohn and Jason K.

## VI) Other New Business

Boat landing Redwood Falls. Motion made by Scott S. and seconded by Jim L. to give our club support for the accusation of property by DNR for the purchase land for boat landing. Passed.

B) Brat Stand at Cashwise July 26-28.

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VII) Adjourn @ 8:55

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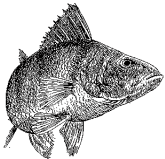

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