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## NUASF Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarsip Recipients for 2016

Four students were chosen as recipients of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship for 2016.

Although it is in its 16 th 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.

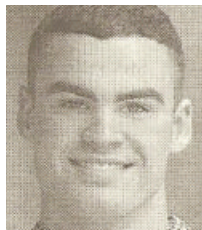
This year the committee awarded four \$500 scholarships.

\$500 was awarded to Mariah Vogel, a graduate of New Ulm Public High School. The daughter of Amos and Marianne Vogel, Mariah grew up on a farm near Morgan. In addition to the many activities that she was involved in; such as basketball, volleyball, choir and FFA, as well as working on a dairy farm, Mariah also volunteered her time for community service by cleaning ditches and playing piano at church and care centers. She served as an officer for the local and regional FFA chapters, earned a Certificate of Merit for Special Academic Recognition from the Optimist Club, and was crowned the Brown County Dairy Princess. Throughout all of these commitments, she maintained an exceptional grade point average. Mariah will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and is interested in obtaining a degree



in Environmental Law Enforcement in order to become a Game Warden or Park Ranger.

The second \$500 award went to Gabe Knowles, a graduate of Cathedral High School. He is the son of Terry and Frani Knowles of New Ulm. A three-sport athlete (he has been recruited to play Division –I baseball at the U of M, Gabe still found time to excel academically at school and to enjoy other outside activities, such as fishing and hunting. He will be continuing his education at the University of Minnesota at the school of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences.



Elias Berdan is the third of the four \$500 recipients. He is the son of Jeff and Jill Berdan and is also a graduate of Cathedral High School. Elias, aka EJ, had a reputation at school for being an enthusiastic volunteer no matter what the job entailed. His science teacher referred to him as a "leader by example." EJ has had a love of fishing ever since his dad introduced him to the sport at age two. In addition to fishing, EJ also enjoys hunting and just observing the natural world around him. He will be attending the University of Minnesota to study Fisheries and Wildlife.

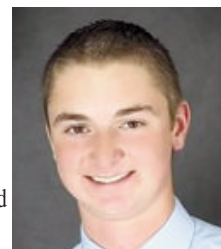


Our fourth \$500 award went to Kyle Strate. He is the son of Brian and Michelle Strate and a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye. Growing up on a farm helped develop Kyle's love of nature. Kyle is concerned about climate change and global warming and is an advocate for renewable energy and the reduction of the use of fossil fuels. Kyle has been noted for his superb academic rigor and personal aptitude. One of his teachers had

this to say, "He regularly asks questions, makes connections, and synthesizes details even while learning new material."

Kyle plans on studying biology at the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

This is also the second year that the scholarship committee gave a \$500 award to a student selected by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The AFS chose Loranzie Samuel Rodgers, Jr., and added an additional \$200 to the scholarship award. Loranzie is a Junior Biology major at the University of Minnesota – Duluth. (Contact Scott Sparlin for more details regarding this scholarship and recipient.)



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 continued donations
- Dick Petermann - for the \$200 donated from the fishing contest he sponsors each year at his place.
- The Willmar Studtmann family - They held their eighth 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 \$910.00 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

It is because of these donations that the fund continues to grow. As of this date, the committee has awarded a total of \$24,950 to area students.

## Club Calendar

July 28th .....NUASF Club Meeting  
August 11th.....NUSAF Social Night Club House  
August 17th.....NUASF Kids' Fishing Contest at  
Riverside Park

August 25th.....NUASF Club Meeting  
September 8th.....NUASF Social Night at Club House  
September 17th.....Peterman's Fishing Contest at Ponderosa  
September 29th.....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 17th. 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.

It is time to sell tickets... We need everyone to do their part and sell raffle tickets for the 2016 Ice Castle Ice House and the 2016 700 Yamaha 4-wheeler!!!

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:** If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in at or before the Ice Fishing Contest on February 12, 2017.

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!!

## 19th Annual Youth Fishing Contest

Sponsored by the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen

Wednesday, August 17th

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Park, New Ulm

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\$5 - 4th Prize	

Rain-out date, Thursday, August 18th

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## NUASF Monthly Meeting, June 30th, 2016 Members Present: 40+

### I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Dave Mecklenburg and seconded by John Kuester to accept report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

A) Balance - Motion made by John Kuester and seconded by Orv Rannow to accept report as read. Passed unanimously

### III. Old Business

A) Membership update

1) 162 w/ 26 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Dixon Lake – Did well – big sunfish, lots of perch, some crappies & wall eye late in the day.

2) Sleepy Eye Lake – Perch and northern of the pier.

3) South Dakota – About the 3rd week of May the state has a free weekend of fishing.

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Thanks to Tony Miller & Dave Meck for mowing the lawn. Mowers seem to be running well, and it doesn't hurt to weed whip per Tony M.

2) Gutter Guards will be coming soon. Rebate from Menard's will be coming.

3) The storm that came thru dropped some trees on our electrical lines coming to the club house. temporary repairs were done by John Vorwerk. A proposal to run wires under ground from meter to the club house was received. Motion was made to table the repairs till fall. We'll also check with our insurance company and send a thank you to John for his help.

### IV) Other Old Business

A) None

### V) New Business

A) Raffle tickets for Ice Castle fish house are here. 4-wheeler tickets need to be reprinted should be ready by social night. Poster will be ready by next meeting.

B) Kids Fishing Contest –

1) Date set for Aug 17th we need help collecting prizes. Flier are ready to hand out.

2) Joe Fellegly will be putting an article in the Outdoor News about the contest.

C) Boy Scouts – Gave a report of the past years events.

1) Merit Badge sponsorship

2) Motion made by Kim Olson seconded by Jeff Nielson to sponsor 2 Fishing & Environmental Science Badges. Passed U

D) Key Chain Update. Placed and order for 100. Also work on other designs.

### VI) Other New Business

A) Lake Hanska will be having a boat parade on July 4th.

B) Thank you was read from April Miller for allowing her to use the club house for her graduation.

C) Thank you from Auto Fest for the donation of hats and t-shirts and also for the use of our popcorn machine at their event.

D) "Let's go Fishing in Sleepy Eye" They take groups fishing on Sleepy Eye Lake. All done on a volunteer basis. We should consider making a donation in the future.

E) Great picture of Elmer Epke and a big walleye was on display.

F) Pork Chop Feed tonight was done in memory of Elmer Epke. Money collected was given to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund.

G) Food next meeting "Pot Luck" bring dishes to pass.

### VII) Adjourn @ 8:50

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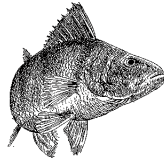
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