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NUASF E.E. MECKLENBURG ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP - RECIPIENTS FOR 2017

We had a banner year for the scholarship! Eight students were chosen as recipients of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship for 2017. In addition, another award was given to a student chosen by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and we gave out an award to a past recipient that re-applied after declaring his major!

While this is the scholarship's 17th 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.

All eight of the recently graduated scholarship recipients were active in school, as well as extra-curricular and community-oriented activities. Here are some of the high-lights:



Desirae Hertling is the daughter of John and Deb Hertling. She graduated from New Ulm Public High School and was awarded a \$750 scholarship. Desirae developed a passion for wildlife biology that started when she

volunteered with the DNR doing several types of field work, including helping to track endangered turtles. She has worked with four different DNR Supervisors and has studied their various techniques. She also attended a Natural Resources Camp at South Dakota State University, where she did such things as netting fish, radio telemetry, skink and snake searching, prairie research, bat tracking, and much more. Desirae will be entering the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences and Biology program at SDSU this fall.



\$700 was awarded to Claire Dobie, a graduate of New Ulm Public High School and the daughter of Alan and Cheryl Dobie. As an FFA member, Claire participated in corn/bean drives to raise money for Camp Courage.

While doing so, she talked with farmers about conservation efforts on their land. She attended and observed the DNR as they worked with landowners to acquire

land to be restored to natural prairie grasses. Claire received the Girl Scout Bronze Award by designing and implementing a project with the DNR. The project included creating materials to be used by the DNR in their MinnAqua Program, a division responsible for teaching youth how to fish while learning about the environment. Claire is enrolled in the Natural Resources Management program at North Dakota State University



Caleb Sandquist, a graduate from Belvidere North High School in Illinois, received a \$650 award. Caleb is the son of Tanya and Aron Sandquist and is also the nephew of Dave's sonin-law, Corey Ganser. Since he was

a small boy, Caleb has owned and helped to take care of a variety of species, including birds, reptiles, fish, invertebrates, rodents, and dogs. He loves all forms of life – plant and animal. Caleb was an active member of the Green Club in school, where he provided community service that included environmental awareness Examples of club activities include making environmentally safe, recycled rewards for kids at the school carnivals and making brochures for preservation awareness of the Nassau Grasslands. Caleb volunteered at the local pet shelter helping exercise animals and at the local veterinary office helping with surgeries and pet recovery. Caleb will be attending the Texas State University and plans to pursue Zoology/Biology.



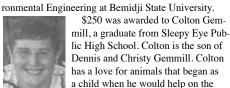
\$300 was awarded to Caleb Berg, a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye. Caleb grew up on a farm just outside of Leavenworth and is the son of Chad and Cindy Berg. He is an avid hunter, fisherman, bird

watcher, and general nature enthusiast. In recent years, Caleb participated in the Arbor Day program planting trees in the Leavenworth area, attended Woodie Camp where he helped the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band ducks and geese. This summer he plans to go on ride-alongs with the Brown County DNR. Caleb will be pursuing the Wildlife/Wildland Law Enforcement program at Vermillion Community College.



Sean Salfer was awarded \$300. He is also a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Sleepy Eye and is the son of Ron and Kim Salfer. Sean is known for his kindness to others and is respected by his peers as a silent leader.

He enjoys all outdoor activities, especially fishing by a lake. He is concerned about the effects of human construction on the environment. Therefore, he plans to minor in Environmental Studies and major in Envi-



family farm. He also loves fishing, hunting, boating, and camping. Colton has helped to establish a food plot on the family farm, built wood duck houses and bird feeders, helped students to understand the dangers of farming and machinery-use while participating at Farm Fest and Corn Days, as well as cleaned ditches and helped others during the annual Day of Caring. He will be studying Natural Resource Law Enforcement at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.



Emma Jo Elder was awarded \$250. She is the daughter of John and Joleen Elder and a graduate of GFW High School. Emma Jo has been active in many school, church, and community programs. She has worked at the local

food shelf, prepared and served meals at the Ronald McDonald House in Mpls, volunteered for the local blood drives and participated in community clean-up projects. She has also been on mission trips to Haiti and Magdalena, Mexico. A very ambitious woman, Emma cares deeply about the environment, women's health, and the welfare of others. She hopes to eventually become a part of the Doctors Without Borders organization providing care to people in need. While doing so, she would like to help start agricultural programs that educate people about safer, more efficient ways to farm the land. She believes that teaching sustainable ways of planting and irrigating crops will benefit the people, as well as the environment. Emma's studies will include Biology and Sustainability at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.



Alexander Lund, a graduate of New Ulm Public High School, was awarded \$200. The son of Douglas and Kathy Lund, Alex enjoys the beauty of wildlife and wants learn how to become a steward of the land. He is very

interested in agriculture and hopes to discover different methods of growing crops that will be environmentally sustainable. He plans on studying plant life, soil, and nutrients in the Agronomy Program at South Dakota State University.

As you know, we offer our recipients a chance to re-apply for one additional scholarship award once they declare their major in the environmental field.

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Club Calendar

NUASF Club Meeting July 27th.. .. NUASF Social Night at Club House August 10th....

August 16thNUASF Kids Fishing Contest Riverside Park .. 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 16th. 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 2018 Ice Castle Ice House!!! 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 rnnuw@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 11, 2018.

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 at the club grounds. 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!!

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This year, we received an application from one of our 2015 recipients, Aaron Pietsch, The scholarship committee voted to award Aaron an additional \$350. The following was taken from Aaron's recent application:

"My declared major is Bio-products and Bio-systems Engineering. Within this major, I'm on the Environmental and Ecological Engineering tract. It's an exciting time as I transition into major-specific courses such as ecological engineering basics and ecology. I've had a few courses within my major already and I've really enjoyed them (environmental thermo-dynamics was especially interesting). A few months ago, I applied and was accepted into the upper-division College of Science and Engineering. I got a job working as a research intern under a professor in my major. I will be assisting graduate students in their research and doing lots of field work. We are researching wetlands

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in southern Minnesota (New Ulm and Austin areas), rainwater runoff, agriculture field buffers, and health of streams by sampling fish and macroinvertebrates.3

This is the third year that the scholarship committee gave \$500 to the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The AFS added \$400 from their scholarship funds to our \$500 donation and awarded \$900 to Brianna Burke. (Contact Scott Sparlin for more details regarding this scholar-

As always, the Scholarship Committee wishes to congratulate these fine young students and offer best wishes for their future education and their environmental pursuits.

At this time, the Scholarship Committee wishes to acknowledge and give thanks to the following:

- \$2,000 donation from the NUASF
- \$2,000 donation from Corey Ganser and Apple Corporation

- \$800 donation from the 9th annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest
- The Willmar Studtmann family matches the proceeds received from the entry fees
- \$300 donation from the annual Dick Petermann Fishing Contest
- \$208 donation from NUASF club members in memory of Elmer Epke
- \$100 donation from Keith Rolloff
- \$50 donation from a co-worker of Jeff Nielsen in memory of Jeff's
- NUASF club members that include an extra \$5 for the scholarship with their membership dues
- For continued donations from the members of the Mecklenburg family
- For all 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 \$28,700 to area students

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NUASF Monthly Meeting June 29, 2017 Members Present: 35+

I. Secretary Report

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

II. Treasury Report

A. Balance: Motion made by Fran Kitzberger and seconded by Mark Dauer to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- A. Membership update
- 1. 161 Members w/ 26 Due
- 2. Motion made by Dave M. and seconded by Jim H. to give Barry Zimmerman a year membership for the work he does at the club house.
- **B.** Area Lakes and Rivers Report.
- 1. Sleepy Eye Has been very good
- C. Club House and Grounds Update.
- 1. Andy Renner will check with his Grandma about the mower she may sell to us.
- 2. Jason Kuester found a 4 year old X-Mark mower owned by Snell Motors. In very good condition. We will continue to keep look for a mower. Motion made by Keith Rolloff and seconded by Ken Sutherland to purchase a mower we find to be a good value. Passed U.
- 3. Thanks to Ron Ludewig for doing the mowing.
- 4. Club house drive still in need of some repair. Jeff Nielson is still working with the county. Possible have some answers in fall.
- 5. We will do the electrical repairs to the club house be for we do the driveway repairs.

IV. Other Old Business

A. Wyman Forbrook was presented the Stoney Award.

V. New Business

- A. Sleepy Eye chapter of "Let's Go Fishing" gave our members an update on what their organizations is doing this summer.
- B. In remembrance of Elmer Epke we had our annual "Pork Chop Feed"
- C. Fishing 1,2,3 Events were very well received. Studtmann Pond had about 14 kids and 10 parents. Caught many fish.
- D. Ice Castle fish house Tickets will be ready by next meeting. Fish house was upgraded at the same price as the older models. Thanks to Ice Castle! Suggestion was made we increase the number of tickets we're selling. Motion was made by Ken S. and seconded by Wes Ludewig to increase tickets to 1000 and add an additional price. Passed U
- E. Kids Fishing Contest Update –
- 1. Fliers are printed, will have by next meeting. Scheel's will donate 2 gift certificates. Jim is working with Toni at Runnings. No water will be needed. Car Show had a lot left over and will give it to us. We will also speak with Walt's Bait Shop about donation.

VI. Other New Business

A. Food for next meeting will be provided by Ken Sutherland. Bring a dish to pass.

VII. Adjourn @ 8:30 PM

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