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## NUASF E.E. MECKLENBURG ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2018

This is the 18th year that the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen E.E. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship has awarded scholarships to area students and the 4th year that an award was given to a student chosen by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). The committee also gave out two additional awards to past recipients that re-applied after declaring a major in the environmental field.

First, a brief history: To honor the memory of Earl Mecklenburg, who was the father of longtime club member, Dave Mecklenburg, his family created a scholarship for graduating high school students planning on pursuing a career in the environmental field. Since the NUASF club had been involved in many activities supporting environmental causes, the family then asked the club members if they would like to be co-sponsors of the scholarship. They agreed and came on board.

This year the committee awarded four \$600 scholarships and three \$200 scholarships to area students.



The first of the \$600 recipients is Erica Bock, a graduate from Cedar Mountain High School. Her parents are Nancy Nelson-Bock and Dean Bock. Erica was active in many sports and did volunteer work with various community organizations. She feels that her involvement with sports taught her the qualities of respect, discipline, and dedication. Erica was raised on a farm by Franklin where she became passionate about everything outdoors. She believes in practicing farming techniques that will help prevent soil erosion and protect the water supply. She is interested in Biological Systems Engineering and hopes to use her degree to make the Earth a greener place by finding environmentally friendly solutions to meet society's needs. She will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities this fall.



The second of the \$600 recipients is Carter Brinkman. He graduated from Sleepy Eye Public High School and is the son of Dean and Sandy Brinkman. While in school, Carter earned several awards in baseball and other school activities, participated in various volunteer projects, placed 3rd in a Bass Tournament, and was a Fish and Wildlife FFA Team State qualifier. Carter is a very industrious young man. In addition to all of this, he also started his own

business mowing, mulching and doing leaf cleanup for several clients and held an after-school job at Mark Thomas Company. Carter credits his parents for instilling a strong sense of responsibility and the importance of being a caring and dedicated person. His future goal is to attend Winona State University and major in Environmental Science and/or Geo-science.



The third \$600 recipient is Zachary Schumacher. He is the son of Ken and JoAnn Schumacher and is a graduate of Sleepy Eye St. Mary's. Outside of school, when Zach wasn't working on his uncles' farms, he was usually fishing or hunting. Clean water is important to Zach and that is why he joined the River Watch Program that was created by the two Sleepy Eye high schools. In this program, Zach was able to get hands on training to check pH and nitrogen levels in the local rivers, studying how and why the levels would rise or fall. Hunting has also influenced him to learn about the population sizes of different species of animals. Zach is enrolled in the Fisheries and Wildlife program at Valley City State University in North Dakota.



The fourth \$600 recipient is Thorild Nelson, a graduate from Nicollet Public High School. Tory, as he is known by his family and friends, is the son of Karlen Nelson and Michele Metzger, and grew up on a farm near Nicollet. During high school, Tory participated in many school organizations and demonstrated his leadership skills by being band president, captain of the football team, and supervisor for the strength program in weights. Among his many extra-curricular activities, Tory volunteered at the Nicollet Conservation Club making, placing, refilling, and taking data on duck nesting houses on Swan Lake. Carter is very interested in animals and plans to study Wildlife Biology at Bemidji State University.



The first of the \$200 recipients is Jacob Radloff. He graduated from New Ulm Public High School and is the son of Doug and Patricia Radloff. Jacob enjoys fishing, hunting, and doing farm field work. He was involved in various outdoor activities, such as CRP management, wood duck house building, and pond and lake management. He is a member of Pheasants Forever and Ducks

## Club Calendar

June 28th ..... NUASF Club Meeting  
July 12th..... NUASF Social Night at Club House  
July 26th..... NUASF Club Meeting  
August 12th..... NUASF Social Night at Club House

August 15th..... 3pm-7pm. Kids Fishing Contest,  
looking for the usual volunteers  
August 26th..... 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. 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 the club, your club key will unlock them. The boats are first come first serve, all we ask is that you leave them full of fuel and that you clean them up when you’re done.

**Pork chops** will be available for your enjoyment at the next meeting. The meal will be served before the meeting at 6:30pm. Please make a donation to the club in memory of Elmer Epke! I could use a hand grilling at 5:45-6:30 if you can help!! 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!!**

Unlimited. Jacob will be attending North Dakota or South Dakota State University to study Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering.




The second \$200 recipient is Nathan Seehafer, a graduate from GFW High School. Nathan grew up in Winthrop and is the son of Jeff and Ardie Seehafer. School activities for Nathan included football, baseball, basketball, NHS, and FFA. Community and church volunteer work included mowing lawns, tree trimming, moving snow, road ditch cleanup, field tillage, and rock picking. He will be pursuing a degree in agronomy, focusing on conservation, at Southwest Minnesota State University.



The third \$200 recipient is also a graduate of GFW High School. He is Logan Panitzke, the son of Duane and Cari Panitzke. Logan’s leadership qualities were mentioned in all of his

recommendations for this scholarship. He describes himself as being a fishing enthusiast. His exact words are, “Seriously, my whole life has revolved around fishing.” Activities for Logan include studying fish, wildlife, and soil testing as an FFA member, helping elderly people get into boats and removing invasive species by helping them clean their boats, and cleaning ditches and area parks. He will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University this fall.

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. This year, we received applications from one of our 2014 recipients, Alexander Ellness, and from one of our 2016 recipients, Mariah Vogel. Alexander is a student at Bemidji State University and has used his knowledge gained from his wildlife biology classes to become a camp counselor at the Minnesota Waterfowl Association “Woodie Camp.” He recently accepted an internship with the Minnesota DNR. Mariah is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



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## NUASF Monthly Meeting May 31, 2018 Members Present: 19

- I. Secretary Report** - Approved as read.  
**II. Treasury Report** - Approved as read.  
**III. Old Business**  
**A. Membership Update: 153 Members**  
**B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report:**  
• Mills, Lake Crystal, Eagle - Walleyes  
**C. Club House & Grounds News:**  
• Tony Miller mowed  
**D. Other Old Business:**  
**IV. New Business**  
**A. Jason called from Northome, poor reception.**  
**B. Amanda Wold spoke from Brown County Soil & Water**  
**C. Why wasn’t E.E. Mecklenburg Scholarship mentioned on KNUJ?**  
**D. River Clean-up**  
• Won’t happen until water level goes down.  
**E. Fishing contest tickets**  
• Make sure to get age limit at 18 on the ticket.  
**F. Tony Miller used tables.**  
• Tim Nelson also - paid with membership.  
**G. Bavarian Blast**  
• Fundraiser looking for volunteers to help at water station.  
**H. Ice Castle tickets will be available at the next meeting.**  
**I. Auto Fest**  
• Jerry C asked about popcorn machine and a couple t-shirts for raffle.  
**J. Other New Business:**  
**V. Food for next meeting** - Elmer Epke - pork chops/ bring dish to pass, eating before meeting.  
**VI. Meeting Adjourn @ 8:06 PM**  
Stand-in Secretary: Wyman Forbrook

While at school, she has been involved with the Wilderness Society and has had the opportunity to trap whitetail deer for a research survey and participate in ecological cleanups. The scholarship committee voted to award an additional \$350 to Aaron an additional \$250 to Mariah.

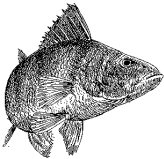
In January of this year, a scholarship was awarded by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) to Linda Xiong and our committee donated \$500 toward that award. (Contact Scott Sparlin for more details regarding this scholarship.)

The Scholarship Committee congratulates these fine young students and offers best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

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

- \$1,000 donation from the NUASF club
  - \$952 donation from the 10th annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest
  - The Willmar Studtmann family matches the proceeds received from the entry fees
  - \$230 donation from the annual Dick Petermann Fishing Contest
  - 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
  - Neal Haaland donated \$500
- It is because of these donations that the fund continues to grow. As of this date, the committee has awarded a total of \$31,850 in scholarships.

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