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Harold Carter Wildlife Scholarship Awarded to Brett Stewart of Necedah

Necedah, WI – The first Harold Carter Wildlife Scholarship was awarded to graduating senior, Brett Stewart of Necedah, at the 112th Annual Necedah High School Alumni Banquet. Harold's oldest daughter, Kelly Carter-Allen, presented the scholarship.

Brett is an Eagle Scout, an Honor Student with outstanding attendance and a highly decorated track athlete, in addition to being an outdoors enthusiast. Brett was joined at the banquet by his parents, Bryan and Shelley Stewart, also of Necedah.

The Scholarship Team requires an essay describing what the applicant has done to demonstrate his or her dedication to wildlife conservation. This is Brett's winning essay:

"It is my belief that wildlife and natural conservation should be of the utmost importance to everyone both here in Wisconsin, and throughout the world. Faced with the ever increasing problems of expanding population, pollution, deforestation, and urban sprawl our resources are constantly dwindling. Without our intervention and a concerted effort to both manage and maintain our fragile ecosystem we will continue to see the destruction of natural habitats and the extinction of wildlife species.

Being a Necedah resident I am eyewitness to the significance of what our wilderness and wildlife means to the state as a whole. Countless outdoor enthusiasts make the trip here every year to experience all this great state has to offer. The money they spend helps to fund conservation projects and support local economies. Our state is also a large producer of paper and timber products, and only by monitoring and replenishing our resources will they be sustainable for the future.

I consider myself fortunate living in Wisconsin. The beauty and diversity of the wilderness surrounding me affords me the opportunity to enjoy things such as hunting, fishing, and hiking. While I enjoy these things I don't take them for granted, instead I respect them.

As both an Eagle Scout and an individual pursuing a career in biology, I have pledged to not only do my part, but to assist when able in the preservation of the environment in which I live so that future generations will have the same opportunities I have had.”

Congratulations to Brett and his family for his accomplishments in the classroom and the outdoors. The Scholarship Team looks forward to seeing many more great things out of Brett as he navigates his higher education through Biology.

The scholarship is offered to graduating seniors of Necedah Area High School that intend to major in wildlife, conservation or biology. If no applicants are funded, the scholarship may be awarded to a past graduate of Necedah Area High School that is currently enrolled in a similar program at a university or college.

Additional information can be accessed through the scholarship website at www.hrcwildlifescholarship.com. Donations can also be made through the same website, with 100% of each donation being used to fund the scholarships.

The Carter family has adopted a 2-mile section of State Highway 21 approximately six miles west of Necedah to increase awareness of the scholarship fund. The next highway cleanup is scheduled for June 26th, 2010. Volunteers may sign up through the website.

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