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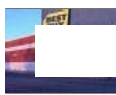
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A Photography Project Lands Student In Right Place At Right Time

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OCONOMOWOC, WIS. -- An Oconomowoc High School student captured the photo of a lifetime Wednesday night when he focused on a streaking fireball in the night sky.

"I was taking pictures of the grass over here and then I looked over and I turned it over really quick and as I took the picture I was watching it happen right up in this sky here," Nathan Alf said.

Alf told 12 News he didn't know there was supposed to be a meteor shower. He was taking pictures of grass at night while working on a project for his advanced photography class. Alf said his focus quickly changed when he saw a bright light in the western sky over downtown Oconomowoc.

"The fact that it was glowing green kind of freaked me out a little bit. Once I figured out that it was probably like a meteor or something I was just excited and amazed that I actually got a chance to get a shot like that," Alf said.

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Alf's teacher, Cara Mooney, quickly recognized the value of the photo.

"Many of my co-workers were using it as a classroom tool, the science teachers and were really impressed by what Nathan had done," Mooney said.

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"I've never seen anything to this magnitude. It's awesome," Alf said.

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