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Members from the Fort Cherry and McGuffey FFA Chapters, along with the state officers accept a \$100,000 check from Ray Walker, Vice President of Operations at Range Resources.

Range Resources Creates a Scholarship for Pa. FFA

MATT REUTLINGER
State Vice President

WASHINGTON COUNTY, Pa. — The Pennsylvania FFA Association was given the opportunity of a lifetime this past month. Range Resources donated \$100,000 to create a scholarship fund for

Pennsylvania FFA members. The contribution was made official on Aug. 21 at the Washington County Fair.

Members from the Fort Cherry and McGuffey FFA Chapters, as well as the Pennsylvania state officer team, attended to receive the check. Range Resources

plans to give 100 students \$1,000 towards college. Members from all over the state will be able to apply for the scholarship as early as Nov. 15. The first batch of scholarship winners are expected to be awarded at the Pennsylvania FFA's Summer Convention, June 2011.

The Northern Lebanon FFA Prepares for the 2010-11 School Year

STEPHANIE LONG

Northern Lebanon Vice President

This school year our officer team that consists of President Hannah Boltz, Vice President Melissa Long, Secretary Stephanie Rzeplinski, Treasurer Elizabeth Lutz, Reporter Stephanie Long, Chaplin Helene Perry, Sentinel Doug Patches and Student Adviser Nate Graybell, have many things planned.

Our first activity will be to provide a petting zoo at the Hinkelfest in Fredericksburg on this weekend. Our members support this local festival by bringing a variety of small and large animals for the people to enjoy.

At the same time, our Parliamentary Procedure team will be attending the Eastern States Exposition also known as Big E. The team consists of President Chelsea Jenkins, Vice President Melissa Long, Secretary Phylesia Ginter, Treasurer Elizabeth Lutz, Reporter Royell Bashore and Sentinel Hannah Boltz. They are working very diligently to make sure that they are ready for this contest and are ready to compete against the other states from the northeast.

Along with planning the activities for the year, we are preparing our first fundraiser and membership drive. The agriculture department at Northern Lebanon has approximately 200 students and is the third largest chapter in the state.

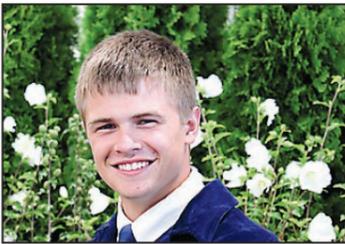
Flying into Fall

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

Hello my name is Andrew Roth. This year I am serving as your 2010-2011 South Central Region Vice President. As the south central regional vice president it is my duty to be the voice for my region. I also setup the chapter visits with schools in my region trying to guarantee that as many members as possible get to work with the state officers. I hope to meet as many of the members as possible. This year I also hope that your year as an FFA member is rewarding and enjoyed.

Right now my fellow officers and I on the team are preparing ourselves for the many tasks ahead of us. Right now we are preparing for chapter visits, as well as the Big E, and the Fall Leadership Conference. This is the first time that we have held the fall leadership conference in several years and we are hoping that bringing it back will please the members along with their advisers. We hope that this will be a great success this year.

This year, the fall leadership conference will be held for first year agriculture students and chapter officers. Our goal with the



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return of this conference is to get new first year agriculture students excited about the FFA. We are hoping that by exciting new members we can increase our membership and show these students what a great and beneficial organization the FFA is. I believe that if my fellow officers and can increase the membership of the FFA we can show students how beneficial being a member of the FFA is and can be.

If we do not support agriculture through the FFA and many other organizations that are supporting agriculture where would we be in the next 10 or even 20 years. It is very important for us to support agriculture and the many other organizations surrounding it. I would like to thank everyone who supports for agriculture and participates in it some way. If you would like to submit articles for Blue and Gold please send them to Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@state.pa.us.

Editor's Note: Andrew Roth is the south central region vice president.

Four Cloister FFA Members Earn American Degrees

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Cloister FFA Reporter

EPHRATA, Pa. — Four members of Cloister FFA were recently named recipients of FFA American Degrees. This degree is the highest degree a member can obtain in FFA. Fifty-four FFA members in Pennsylvania will receive this award. Cloister FFA members receiving this degree include Joshua Ackley, Stephanie Kauffman, Barry Saylor Jr., and William (Billy) Saylor.

Joshua Ackley, 20, son of Russell and Cheryl Ackley of Lititz, received his degree based on his SAE projects which were marketing sheep, hardware flooring, and working at Weiser's Market. He is currently attending Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and Millersville University, majoring in computer drafting.

Stephanie Kauffman, 20, daughter of Harold and Ann Kauffman of Denver, worked on several supervised agricultural experience (SAE) projects to receive her American Degree. They include raising dairy heifers and dairy beef animals and working at Meadow Valley Dairy. Currently, Stephanie is attending Delaware Valley College, majoring in dairy science.

Barry Saylor Jr., 20, son of Barry Sr. and Mary Saylor of Lititz, kept SAE project records working on Crow Hill Farm, Ridge Builders, and J & R Builders. Barry attends college at HACC and Delaware Valley College, majoring in ag business.

William (Billy) Saylor, 20, son of Barry Sr. and Mary Saylor of Lititz, received his degree by working at C&S Construction, Meadow Spring Farms, and Reiff Market as his SAE projects. He currently is attending HACC, majoring in agricultural education.

The four Cloister FFA recipients are 2008 Ephrata High School graduates. When asked about how they felt about receiving an American Degree, Josh



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Four Cloister FFA students earned their American Degrees this year, from left are Barry Saylor, Jr.; Joshua Ackley, Billy Saylor and Stephanie Kauffman.

responded, "I am very excited to know that I have received my American Degree." Billy agreed, "I think it's quite the accomplishment, and I'm really excited to go to National Convention."

When asked about the hardest part about receiving their American Degree, Barry responded, "It was definitely the paperwork that was the hardest." Stephanie agreed, "The hardest part of getting the American degree was filling out the American Degree application."

To receive the FFA American Degree, there are several requirements. A member needs to have at least three years of agriculture education; earn \$7,500 or work 2,250 hours and invested \$1,500; and keep a record of outstanding leadership.

The four Cloister FFA recipients will be attending the 83rd annual of National Convention which will be held in Indianapolis Oct. 20-23.