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Deatrich and Wach Awarded MRNRD Scholarship

Curtis, NE – Two local students start college this fall with scholarship assistance from the Middle Republican Natural Resources District (MRNRD). The MRNRD Board of Directors selected the recipients for their 2010-11 College Scholarship offerings at their April monthly meeting. Tell Deatrich of Curtis and Alex Wach of Wauneta each received the \$500 scholarships.

Deatrich is a 2010 graduate of Medicine Valley High School, Curtis. He is the son of Todd and Jan Deatrich. He will be starting his first year at Chadron State College this fall where he is majoring in Range Livestock Management. Deatrich shared that he "hopes to be involved in sustainable production agriculture in order to carry on the tradition of my ranching heritage, be involved in my community and have a positive impact on Nebraska's rural economic landscape."

Wach graduated in May 2010 from Hayes Center High School. He plans on attending the University of Nebraska -- Lincoln for its program in agricultural journalism. He is the son of Loran and Nancy Wach. "As an agricultural journalism major, I will have the opportunity to use journalism as a means of communicating to people the importance of conservation programs and maintaining viable natural resources for future generations that would like to be involved in farming in our area." explained Wach.

The Middle Republican NRD offers College scholarships each year to two district students planning to complete an agricultural, natural resource or conservation course of

study. Applicants are ranked according to their financial need, academic performance, and enrollment in a natural resources or an agricultural course of study. Preference is given to students attending McCook Community College (MCC) or the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA).

Scholarship applications are made available each February to counselors at schools within the Middle Republican NRD. Applications are accepted each year from January 1 to April 1. For more details, visit <http://www.mrnrd.org>.

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