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Marysville, Ohio.....Austin Clarridge was recently selected as the first recipient of the John Rockenbaugh Memorial Scholarship. He was presented the \$500 scholarship and a framed certificate by Luke Miller, Chairman of the Rockenbaugh Scholarship Committee. Austin, a Fairbanks High School graduate who is attending Capital University, is the son of Tim and Niki Clarridge of Marysville.

The John Rockenbaugh Memorial Scholarship was established in memory and honor of John Rockenbaugh and his unending commitment to wildlife conservation, habitat restoration and education. The scholarship is available to Union County students (high school seniors or college students) pursuing a degree in forestry, natural resources interpretation and education, soil conservation and wildlife resources management. John served as wildlife specialist for the Union Soil and Water Conservation District from 1998 until his passing in 2011.

Contributions for the scholarship fund may be sent to the John Rockenbaugh Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Union SWCD, 18000 SR 4, Suite B, Marysville, Ohio, 43040. Contact the Union SWCD office at 937/642-5871 x3 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:terri.gravatt@oh.nacdnet.net">terri.gravatt@oh.nacdnet.net</a> for more information.



Photo Caption: Luke Miller (left), presents the first annual John Rockenbaugh Memorial Scholarship to Austin Clarridge (right) at the Union SWCD Office on July 18, 2013. Major sponsors for this scholarship to date are FDC Enterprises Inc. and the Union County Pheasants Forever Chapter.