



## **First Lycoming County 4-H Chief Oil & Gas Scholarship Awarded**

*Laubacher will major in Agricultural Sciences at Penn State DuBois*

**HUGHESVILLE** – Emerald Laubacher today received a \$750 Chief Oil & Gas Lycoming County 4-H scholarship at the Livestock Arena of the Lycoming County Fairgrounds. Chief Oil & Gas donated \$25,000 in July 2008 to the county 4-H program for a scholarship endowment, and Laubacher, daughter of Butch and Marie Laubacher of Montoursville, is the first recipient.

“4-H is a terrific program that creates many opportunities for students,” said Kristi Gittins, Vice President of Chief Oil & Gas. “We are pleased to be able to provide scholarships through Chief’s endowment and invest in the future leaders of the community.”

“The generosity of Chief Oil & Gas and our other corporate sponsors help ensure that Lycoming County youth continue their education after high school,” said Evelyn R. Simmons, Lycoming County 4-H Program Assistant. “We are proud to recognize Emerald’s contributions and accomplishments in Lycoming County 4-H.”

Laubacher has been homeschooled in the Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Association and will begin college at Penn State’s DuBois branch campus this fall, majoring in agricultural sciences. She is a 10-year 4-H member, currently in Huntersville and BB Slingers Clubs of Lycoming County 4-H, and has received many awards. Laubacher was the 2004 District, Regional and State Pleasure Horse Driving Champion, a 2007 4-H Ambassador for Lycoming County, the 2007 James Nicholson Memorial Citizenship Award winner, and the 2008-09 Pennsylvania Honey Princess and Honey Queen.

Helping communities grow and prosper is important to Chief Oil & Gas as it expands its operations in Pennsylvania. In addition to scholarships, Chief has made donations to other youth programs and to local fire departments and emergency providers in Pennsylvania.

Through economic development, new jobs and giving back to the community, Chief Oil & Gas is committed to helping the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania realize the tremendous economic benefits of natural gas development in the Marcellus Shale.

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