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May Newsletter

STEP Awards Elmer F. Heiman Memorial Scholarship



The 2019 recipient of the final Elmer F. Heiman Memorial Scholarship is Shayla Heiman, the daughter of Brent and Jenny Heiman. Heiman, a graduate of Nemaha Central High School will attend Kansas State University in the fall with the intent of majoring in Animal Science/Veterinary Medicine.

She shared in her written application that becoming a veterinarian is

the perfect career for her because she will remain passionate about the job. Heiman shared “Every day that could be considered “work” by some will be considered fun for me because caring for animals peaks my interest”.

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Aurelia Heiman and her family in memory of Elmer F. Heiman. Elmer Heiman was a member of the first graduating class at Baileyville High School. After high school, he was drafted into the army and then later returned home to work at Baileyville State Bank.

The Elmer F. Heiman Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is awarded to a graduating senior who is from the former B & B School.

It is with great pleasure that the Nemaha County STEP Foundation is able to assist Elmer Heiman’s family to leave a lasting “footprint” that carries on his name and memory.

Taylor Korte Awarded Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship



In 2005, Pat and Patty Schmelzle and family established the Kathy L. Schmelzle Academic Scholarship with the Nemaha County STEP Foundation, in memory of their daughter. This scholarship in the amount of \$500 is awarded to a graduating senior from Nemaha

Central High School who plans to enter a degree program with a major in teacher education.

The 2019 recipient of this scholarship is Taylor Korte daughter of David and Stacie Korte. From babysitting to volunteering as a teacher's assistant at Vacation Bible School, Korte has been able to build relationships with many children. Along with volunteering at a daycare, Korte participated in several extracurricular activities during high school such as KAY (publicity director), NHS, FCCLA, SADD, volleyball, cheerleading, softball, track, basketball, and band. As well as being extremely active in high school, she also plays piano, teaches piano lessons, is a Kindergarten Teacher's Aide, serves in several volunteer roles in the community, and has been extremely active in St. Bede's Church.

She plans on majoring in Elementary Education at Emporia State University this fall.

Fund Spotlight: Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund

Jim and Patricia (Tricia) Koch donated to create a Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund. They saw an opportunity to assist people in local communities who have a financial burden due to extensive and/or catastrophic medical expenses. Examples of catastrophic illnesses, include but are not limited to: cancer, heart attack/congestive heart failure, stroke, coma, trauma with residual paralysis, or renal disease.

Be a part of helping others by donating to the Nemaha County Catastrophic Medical Fund! Simply mail a check to the STEP Foundation or donate online by clicking this link: www.nemahastep.org. Select the Opportunities to Give tab and then the donate button in front of the Catastrophic Medical Fund.