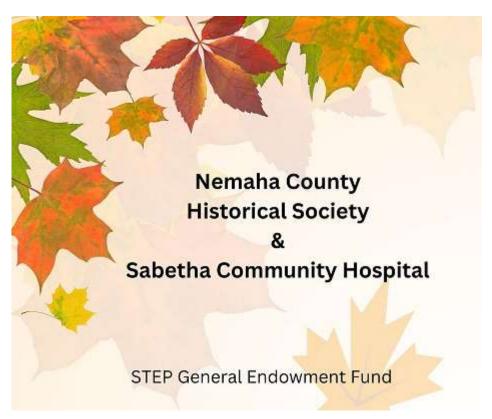


### **October 2022 Newsletter**









## Bayer Fund gives \$5,000 to Underprivileged Children Fund

BAYER FUND AND NEMAHA COUNTY FARMERS TEAM UP TO DIRECT DONATIONS TO RURAL NONPROFITS AND SCHOOLS

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- The America's Farmers Grow Communities program, a Bayer Fund program, partners with farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits and schools to help their communities.
- Through the program, farmers enroll for the chance to direct a \$5,000 donation to a local eligible nonprofit organization or school of their choice.
- Farmers will once again be able to enter for a chance to direct an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation on August 1, 2022.

**Seneca, Kansas (September, 2022)** – Local farmer John V. and Janell Haug recently directed a \$5,000 Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to the CNB/CNB Custody/Invisor Underprivileged Children's Fund of the Nemaha County STEP Foundation. The Nemaha County STEP Foundation will use the funds to assist children in need.

"Thank you, John V. and Janell Haug, for choosing the STEP Foundation CNB/CNB Custody/Invisor Underprivileged Children Fund. This will make such a positive impact for so many children," said, Tory Jost, STEP Foundation, Executive Director.

In 2022, Bayer Fund revamped America's Farmers Grow Communities program, making it easier for farmers across the country to find and fund the organizations and institutions that keep their communities thriving. This included doubling the individual donations to \$5,000, up from \$2,500 in previous years to provide a greater impact to local rural communities.

For more than a decade, Grow Communities has partnered with farmers to direct funds to programs and organizations that contribute to their communities' health and vibrancy, such as food banks, schools and youth agriculture programs. Since the America's Farmers programs began in 2010, the initiatives have awarded nearly \$65 million to such programs.

"Each year we hear from several nonprofit and school leaders, as well as farmers, about the ways Grow Communities has made a difference," said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president. "Bayer Fund is proud to work side-by-side with farmers to identify local nonprofit organizations and schools that are improving rural communities in the areas of health and wellness, food and nutrition, and STEM and ag education."

Farmers can enroll for the opportunity to direct a 2023 Grow Communities donation starting on August 1, 2022. To learn more about the enrollment process and how America's Farmers programs are making an impact, visit www.Americasfarmers.com.

#### **About Bayer Fund**

Bayer Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.





Pictured Above Left to Right: John V. and Janell Haug; Tory Jost, STEP Executive Director; and Dan Heiman, STEP Vice President.

# Curtis Bloom Awarded Droge Agricultural Scholarship



Curtis Bloom, son of Jim and Alane Bloom, will be a senior at Kansas State University in the Agribusiness program. After graduating from the Wetmore Academic Center, Curtis attended Kansas State University in Manhattan. "I grew up around my family farm where my cousins raise fat cattle, row crop, put up hay, and operate a custom forage harvesting business. Throughout middle and high school, I spent my summers and winter breaks working on the family farm where I found my passion and love for the agriculture industry," Bloom shared in his scholarship application. "It is because of this that I decided to attend K-State and major in the College of Ag."

This past summer Bloom had a summer internship working for Corporate Vermeer as a product specialist. Over the past few years, he has also worked at the K-State feedlot, interned at Heinen Brothers, worked for a Farm Bureau agent as sales support, and learned about an equipment dealership at Bruna Implement. All these positions have provided Bloom more experience in the agriculture industry.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is proud to award Curtis Bloom the \$500 scholarship established in 2008 by Lola Droge and her family which is called the Leslie Albert and Lola Fern Droge Scholarship for Agricultural Studies.

The scholarship honors Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Droge who lived and farmed most of their married life in Nemaha County. Leslie and Lola purchased and moved to the Droge family farm after Leslie returned from serving his country in World War II.

The couple was progressive and looked for new and modern ways of farming. They became leaders in terracing and other land conservation methods. Managing a cow and calf herd along with grasslands, wheat, and row crops, they provided a living for their family while producing plants and animals to help feed the world.

Not only did they work hard in agriculture, but they also served in other areas as well. Lola was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was actively involved in her political party. Leslie served in the Kansas Senate and was chairperson of the Senate Agricultural committee. Leslie and Lola, as well as their five children, all attended Kansas State University.

The Leslie Albert and Lola Fern Droge Scholarship for Agricultural Studies is awarded to a Nemaha County high school graduate who is a junior or above and enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University.

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