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Cody Huerter Awarded Droge Agricultural Scholarship through STEP

Cody Huerter, a Corning native, spent time growing up assisting his grandpa who raised cattle in Nemaha County. "Helping him is where I really learned to appreciate all that farmers do, and I always enjoyed helping him out on the farm," Huerter shared in his scholarship application.

Huerter was active in 4-H from kindergarten until his senior year of high school. Animal projects like his bucket calf, market steer, and market hogs were what he enjoyed most about 4-H. He explained "it taught me a lot about hard work and dedication to a project." Eventually, Huerter became president of his 4-H club, enjoying leading the younger 4-Hers in the club.

After graduating from Centralia High School, Cody attended Cloud County Community College on a track scholarship where he participated in pole vault and javelin. He was an Academic All American one year and qualified to go to nationals in the javelin. Huerter's dream had always been to attend Kansas State University. Currently, he is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in Agribusiness, maintaining his GPA, while working part time.

The Nemaha County STEP Foundation is proud to award Cody Huerter the \$500 scholarship established in 2008 by Lola Droge and her family, 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 lives in Nemaha County. Leslie (deceased) and Lola, of rural Seneca, 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 at 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, they 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 State 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.

