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Thursday, September 21, 2023

Saturday, Sept. 30

7-9 a.m. Firemen's Breakfast
7 a.m. J. Jeffries Registration
8 a.m. J. Jeffries Scholarship Run
8:30 a.m. Parade Registration & Judging
9:45 a.m. Kiddie Parade
10 a.m. 102nd Corn Festival Parade
11 a.m. FFA Auction
Noon. Little Mr. & Miss Corn Fest Contest
Noon.. Johnny Miller Memorial Tractor Pull
Noon. Beer Garden

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11 a.m.-4 p.m. Quilt Show
1 p.m. Street Games
1-5 p.m. Kiddie Land
2-4 p.m. Alumni Meeting

ALL DAY EVENTS:

Food Court, Crop & Garden Show,
Flower Show, Photography Display,
Valve Cover Races

Sunday, Oct. 1

10 a.m. Corn Festival Golf Tournament
10 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull

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Hofmeisters selected as Grand Marshals of "Where Neighbors Become Family" Corn Festival

By Candie Fix

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There's just something special about the last Saturday in September in Haxtun. The weekend marks a special celebration in which community members gather to celebrate the end of corn harvest by means of the annual Haxtun Corn Festival. For Steve and Nora Hofmeister there have been many memorable Corn Festival celebrations throughout the years, but for the long-time Haxtun couple, two stand out significantly; Corn Festival of 1977 and Corn Festival 2023.

A late Saturday in September 1977 marked the 56th annual Corn Festival celebration in downtown Haxtun. Then, a 22-year-old Steve had finished his time at Northeastern Junior College and returned to Haxtun to help on the family farm. Meanwhile, Nora, a 21-year-old Fleming native, was working at a bank in Sterling. A mutual friend of Steve and Nora's introduced the two at the annual Corn Festival celebration that fall of 1977 and as fate would have it, that friend's hunch to pair the two was right. A year later, Steve and Nora were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church south of Fleming.

Now, as the Hofmeister family has grown to include four children and 11 grandchildren, the Hofmeisters will be honored as the 2023 Haxtun Corn Festival Grand Marshals – a long-standing honor for those who have made a lasting impact on the Haxtun community.

Steve was born in Riverside, Calif. where his father served in the Air Force. While he was still an infant, the Hofmeisters returned to the Haxtun area to farm. Later, Steve graduated from Haxtun High School with the Class of 1973. After high school, he attended NJC and served as a State FFA officer before planting his roots in Haxtun and soon after met Nora.

Nora grew up in Fleming where she attended Catholic school through the sixth grade. She graduated from Fleming High

School in 1974 and furthered her education in Colorado Springs. Nora went to work for Security State Bank in Sterling, now known as Wells Fargo, where she worked when she met Steve in Haxtun that Corn Festival.

Steve and Nora, both the oldest of their families, started a family of their own in 1979 when the couple welcomed daughter Alicia. Krystle joined the family in 1983 and in 1985, Steve and Nora welcomed twin boys, Russell

and Travis, completing the Hofmeister family.

In 1988, the Hofmeisters started an insurance agency, first operating out of their home northeast of Haxtun. A year later, Steve and Nora needed more room for the Hofmeister Insurance Agency and re-located their office to downtown Haxtun. In the early 2000s, the Hofmeisters moved their business a block south to its current location, now operated

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The annual Haxtun Corn Festival is slated for the last Saturday in September in downtown Haxtun. This year's event will take place on Sept. 30 and honor Grand Marshals Steve and Nora Hofmeister. This year's theme is "Where neighbors become family."

The Haxtun Corn Festival, sponsored each year by the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, opens again this year with the Haxtun Volunteer Fireman's pancake breakfast at the fire hall at the corner of North Colorado Avenue and Storhm Street. Serving begins at 7 a.m.

The annual J. Jeffries Memorial run/walk lines up at 8 a.m. along Colorado Avenue. This event raises money for scholarships awarded each year

to two graduating seniors of Haxtun High School. Organizers announce winners of the run at 8:30 a.m. on the main stage.

Also at 8:30 a.m., line up for the parade begins in the elementary grade school parking lot on North Colorado Avenue. Participants can register for the parade at the Haxtun Community Center. Float judging takes place at 9:15 a.m.

The Kiddie Parade will kick off the 102nd annual Haxtun Corn Festival parade at 9:45 a.m. followed by the parade at 10 a.m. Kiddie Parade line up occurs at the Berean Bible Church in the north parking lot.

Other events and activities throughout the day include Lil' Mr.

and Miss Corn Festival Contest, valve cover races, FFA member auction, Johnny Miller Memorial Tractor Pull, High Plains Heritage Quilters Quilt Show, street games, Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show, Violet Mae Anderson Memorial Flower Show, kiddie land, Haxtun High School Alumni meeting, food court, vendors and more.

The Festival will also feature a beer garden and concert featuring Shooter Jaxx and The Emmett Bower Band located in downtown Haxtun. The beer garden opens at noon and will feature music from DJ Gary Wisdom.

This year's evening entertainment begins with Shooter Jaxx on main street at 7 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Tickets for performances at the 102nd annual Haxtun Corn Festival are on sale now and are available at welcometohaxtun.com as well as at the Haxtun Town Hall and the Haxtun Community Federal Credit Union. Ticket prices for the all-ages concert are \$25 during presale and \$30 day of performance.

For more information on the 102nd Haxtun Corn Festival contact Haxtun Chamber of Commerce Director Jessica Ayala at (970) 466-5540 or visit welcometohaxtun.com.

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Kiddie Parade set to launch Corn Festival Parade at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday

The annual Haxtun Corn Festival Kiddie Parade will again launch the regular parade on Saturday morning, Sept. 30. Children are encouraged to decorate rides to this year's theme,

"Where neighbors become family" as the Haxtun community celebrates the 102nd annual Corn Festival. The Kiddie Parade lines up north of the Haxtun Berean Church, located

at the intersections of Bryan Street and Colorado Avenue, starting at 9:15 a.m., with judging at 9:30 a.m. Age categories for judging include: preschool and kindergarten; first

and second grades; third and fourth grades; and fifth grade and up, with first, second and third place awarded in each age group.

The Kiddie Parade heads south on Colorado Avenue at 9:45 a.m. to kick off of this year's parade.

The rule disallowing motorized vehicles remains due to complaints about motorized vehicles in previous years. The Haxtun Chamber of Commerce instituted a rule several years ago for safety reasons, that any type of machine with a motor will not be permitted to enter the kiddie portion of the parade. This includes motorcycles, four wheelers and golf carts.

Small power wheel toys are allowed to enter the Kiddie Parade.

Each participant in the Kiddie

Parade receives a ribbon and one dollar following judging.

At 8:30 a.m., line up for the main parade begins in the elementary grade school parking lot on North Colorado Avenue. Participants can register for the parade at the Haxtun Community Center or online at welcometohaxtun.com. Float judging takes place at 9:15 a.m. followed by the parade 10 a.m.

This year's parade will be led by the color guard from the local American Legion followed by 2023 Grand Marshals Steve and Nora Hofmeister. For more information on the parade contact Amanda Goodwin at (970) 466-1736 or Haxtun Chamber of Commerce Director Jessica Ayala at (970) 466-5540.



JAYMIE HAM rides her bike through the kiddie parade on Saturday morning with a helping hand from her mom, Melyssa.

Haxtun Volunteer Firemen set to host breakfast

For decades Corn Festival goers have started their day with pancakes, bacon and eggs at the Haxtun Fire Hall and the 102nd is no different. The Haxtun Volunteer Fireman will host their annual breakfast this year at the fire hall, located at the corner of Colorado Avenue and Strohm Street.

Each year the local fire department serves a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs and bacon from 7-9 a.m. This year's event is slated for Saturday, Sept. 30 in downtown Haxtun.

The breakfast is served as a freewill offering. Typically funds raised during the breakfast benefit needs of the department or other needs within the Haxtun community

Last year, funds donated at the annual breakfast were used for training and equipment needs. For more information, contact Haxtun Volunteer Fire Chief Garrett Krogmeier at (970) 466-5764.

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Shooter Jaxx to open, Emmett Bower Band to headline for festival on Sept. 30

By Candie Fix
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The 2023 Haxtun Corn Festival will feature a concert as part of the 102nd celebration in downtown Haxtun. Those with energy to spare after a fun-filled day of activities can rock out to the sounds of Shooter Jaxx and the Emmett Bower Band.

The Haxtun Corn Festival street dance takes place on Sept. 30 on North Colorado Avenue in downtown Haxtun. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the opening act kicks things off at 7 p.m.

Shooter Jaxx will kick things off in downtown Haxtun on Saturday evening. The group, who formed in 2018, debuted their first album, Cabin Fever, in the spring of 2019. The Shooter Jaxx group offers a unique fusion of country and rock music. Honey Whiskey Lips, the groups newest single, released in 2021.

The Emmett Bower Band is a rock influenced alt country band from Lincoln, Neb., which originated in late October 2010.

Since the early days of the band, the music and format has constantly

evolved. Changes to the band's roster were inevitable but the current lineup consists of a tight four-piece group, creating the foundation for the group's unique sound.

Today's group is made up of Jeffrey Emmett Bower, acoustic/ electric guitar and lead vocals; Nate Keim and Issac Beihl, on guitars; Aaron Paiz, bass; and Travis Muzney, on the drums.

The Emmett Bower Band plays nearly 100 shows per year, touring the nation – even playing shows in country music strongholds like Nashville and Austin. The band has shared the stage with amazing talent, such as Randy Rogers Band, Roger Creager, Jason Boland and the Stragglers, Bart Crow, Jackson Taylor, Gloriana, Sonia Leigh, No Justice, Thomas Rhett, Jon Pardi, Frankie Ballard, Logan Mize, Casey Donahue, Aaron Watson, Whiskey Myers and many others.

The band's catalog of music currently consists of four self-produced albums under the "It's A Party Records" record label (the bands own label). Songs such as "Never Let it Go," "Single for the Summer," "The Way

She Danced," "Before She's Gone," "You Saved Me," "Chasin' the Sun," "Tumbleweed" and "Main Attraction" have been played on radio stations in Nebraska, Kansas and Tennessee in regular rotation. Their latest album was nominated for 2018 Album of the Year and Bower was nominated for Songwriter of the Year by the Rocky Mountain Country Music Awards.

In Nebraska, Emmett Bower Band songs can regularly be heard on stations such as Y102, 103.9 KNLV, US92, 104.9 The Max, 93.1 the River and KBear Country. Possessing a wealth of stage experience and a deep catalog of music, the four members have honed their live performance to accommodate larger venues, dance halls, street dances, rodeos, weddings and festivals. The band takes pride in writing original music their own way. Currently the boys writing music for their fourth album. There is no slowing them down and they definitely mean business.

Tickets for performances at the 102nd annual Haxtun Corn Festival are on sale now and are available at welcometohaxtun.com as well as at the Haxtun Town Hall and the Haxtun Community Federal Credit Union. Ticket prices for the all-ages concert

are \$25 during presale and \$30 day of performance.

For more information on the 102nd Haxtun Corn Festival contact Haxtun Chamber of Commerce Director Jes-

sica Ayala at (970) 466-5540 or visit welcometohaxtun.com.

Find the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook for additional updates.



(Courtesy photo)

THE EMMETT BOWER Band is scheduled to headline the 102nd annual Corn Festival Concert on Saturday, Sept. 30.



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SHOOTER JAXX is set to open this year's Corn Festival concert. Gates open at 6 p.m. and Shooter Jaxx takes the stage at 7 p.m.



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Dryland & Irrigated Kings to be crowned during Chuck Allen Crop Show

The Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show represents the reason Haxtun celebrates its annual Corn Festival, now in its 102nd year.

The crop and garden show, sponsored by CHS Grainland, will have a new location this year. The show, set for Saturday, Sept. 30, will be at the Haxtun Community Center from 1-4 p.m. in the east room.

The Haxtun Corn Festival started as a celebration of harvest and it continues to jubilate the abundance produced in the corn fields surrounding Haxtun as well as the gardens found on farms and in town.

Entries for numerous categories, listed each year in an advertisement in this special section of The Haxtun-Fleming Herald, will be taken on Friday, Sept. 29 from noon to 5 p.m. only. All entries must be picked up by noon on Sunday, Oct. 1.

Winners in various categories may pick up prize money beginning Monday, Oct. 2 at the Haxtun Town

Hall. Additionally, a dry land Corn King and irrigated Corn King are to be an-

nounced during the crop show. The king in each category will receive a \$100 prize and a place of honor in the

annual Haxtun Corn Festival parade on Saturday morning. For more information on the

Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show, contact Amanda Goodwin at CHS Grainland at (970)466-1736.

102nd Annual Corn Festival
2023 Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show
Entries will be taken Friday Sept. 29th from Noon to 5 PM in the east room of the Haxtun Community Center.

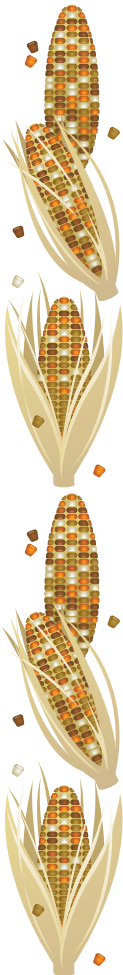


The crop show will be open for viewing on Saturday Sept. 30th from 1 PM to 4 PM.

If you wish to collect your entries, you may do so Saturday from 4 PM to 5 PM.
Any entries left after 5 PM on Saturday Sept. 30th will be discarded.



Crop and Garden Entries		
Apples - 3	Honey - 1 Jar	Raspberries - 1 pt.
Red	Kohlrabi - 1 head	Black
Green	Leeks	Red
Yellow	Lettuce	Rhubarb - 5
Crabapples - 5	Melons	Spinach - 6 leaves
Apricots - 5	Cantaloupe	Squash - 1
Beans - 1/2 lb.	Honeydew	Acorn
Green	Muskmelon	Buttercup
Yellow	Watermelon	Butternut
Lima	Nuts - 3	Crookneck
Great Northern	Almonds	Hubbard
Brussel Sprouts - 1/2 lb.	Black Walnuts	Scalloped
Beets - 3	English Walnuts	Spaghetti
Red	Okra	Zucchini
Sugar	Onions - 3	Summer
Broccoli - 1/2 head	Yellow	Others
Cabbage - 1 head	White	Strawberries - 1 pt.
Green	Green	Sunflower - 1 head
Red	Purple	Swiss Chard
kale	Parsnips - 3	Tomatoes - 3
Carrots - 3	Peaches - 3	Turnips
Cauliflower - 1 head	Peas - 1/2 of pods	Largest - 1
Celery - 1 bunch	Peppers	Novelty
Cherries - 1/2 lb.	Cherry	All Varieties
Corn -5	Chili	Spiciest Pepper
Sweet	Green Bell	
Rainbow	Jalapeno	<u>Crop Entries</u>
Cucumbers	Red Bell	Corn
Slicers - 3	Habanero	Best 10 Ears
Pickling 1/2 lb.	Other	Best Hidden Ear
Eggplant - 1	Plums - 5	Tallest Salk
Endive - 1 head	Potatoes - 3	Wheat
Garlic - 5	Red Bell	Best Peck Sample
Gourds - 3	Russet	Sheaf of wheat (3 in)
Grapes - 1/2 lb.	Sweet	Milo
Herbs	White	Best 10 heads
Basil	Pumpkins	Best Single Head
Chives	Jack - Lantern - 1	Beans
Dill	Pie - 1	Best Peck Sample
Mint	Mini - 3	Sunflower
Oregano	White - 1	Best Head
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Saturday, Sept. 30 in Haxtun!

Johnny Miller Memorial Pull planned followed by antique tractor pull on Sunday

This marks the 33rd year for the annual Johnny Miller Memorial two-cylinder Tractor Pull held during Haxtun's Corn Festival.

The Pull starts at 1 p.m. west of the Haxtun arena on Saturday, Sept. 30, and honors the late Johnny Miller, who owned and operated Miller Implement, the John Deere Dealership, in Haxtun for many years.

The Pull became an annual feature of the Haxtun Corn Festival starting in 1990 and has remained a part of the festival since then.

In 2005, the group of sponsors added a second tractor pull sponsored

by the Platte Valley Tractor Association, making it a two-day event. The Platte Valley Pull is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. and also takes place north of the Haxtun arena.

Tractor pulls are a test of power in which the tractors pull a motorized sled over a 300-foot track.

The Johnny Miller Memorial Pull is limited to John Deere two-cylinder tractors.

Sunday's Platte Valley Pull is open to all types and models of antique tractors.

The first ever Johnny Miller Memorial Pull was organized by Charlie

Triplette, Ron Thompson, Roland Barkey, August Krehmeyer, Tommy Thompson, Robert L. Fetzer, Dennis Ulmer, Arnie Constance, Rex Hadeen, Mary Miller and Dave Fetzer.

In the past, the pulls have drawn participation from all over Colorado, western Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas.

In past years, prizes have been awarded for: most original, oldest, newest, most unique and for the one traveling the farthest to participate.

For more information, contact Phil Hart at (970) 774-7193 or (970) 520-1516.

Valve Cover Races added to schedule of events at this year's Corn Festival on Saturday

The 102nd annual Haxtun Corn Festival will feature a new event, Valve Cover Races, throughout the evening on Saturday, Sept. 30. The event, which was a hit at Old-Fashioned Saturday Night in July, is back in downtown Haxtun by popular demand.

Valve cover racing is a competitive event similar to the pinewood derby but vehicles are made from a valve

cover from a vehicle engine rather than of wood blocks.

Competitors must construct a vehicle using a valve cover from a car's engine. It can be decorated and/or modified within the rules of the contest.

Generally, the vehicles can have no engines or propulsion and no moving weights. Other rules include:

-Wheels can be attached to the car in any manner but must not extend beyond the front cover;

-Nothing can extend beyond the front of the valve cover;

-Cars shall be based on an actual rocker cover from an automobile engine;

-Cars must have four wheels, each no more than 18 cm-7 inches in diameter and all must touch the track;

-Cars can be modified aesthetically to take on any look required but must still be recognizable as being based on a rocker cover.

For a complete list of dimensions, visit the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or visit Dave Ridlen at SmokeTrails in downtown Haxtun.

Prizes will be awarded for 10 and under, ages 11-15, 16-20 and 21 and over along with an overall winner and a people's choice winner. The contest will also feature a slow bracket winner.

Each participant will receive one ticket for a chance to win a certificate to allow four people into the Julesburg Drag Strip.

For more information contact Dave Ridlen at (970) 520-3727 or visit Haxtun Corn Festival on Facebook.

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Flower judging set for Friday; displays to remain for Saturday

Petunias, dahlia, mums, zinnias, roses ... beautiful flowers and arrangements of all kinds decorate the Haxtun Town Hall the last weekend in September. The annual Violet Mae Anderson Memorial Flower Show winner and entrants will be on display on Saturday, Sept. 30. Judging is held on Friday, Sept. 29.

The annual flower show opens with a time to enter arrangements on Friday, Sept. 29 between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Haxtun Town Hall. Judging begins at 5:30 p.m.

The contest is open to the public in two divisions, adults over 15 years of age, and 15 years of age and under. Single bloom categories in addition to snapdragon include rose, dahlia, mum, petunia, zinnia and entrant's choice.

Arrangements, in addition to Roadside Bouquets, may be entered as mixed (two or more varieties), mini

small container/small blooms and a festival theme with the entrant's choice of fresh flowers that best represent the theme "Where neighbors become family." No artificial flowers

are allowed.

The public can view the entries on display at Haxtun Town Hall during Haxtun's 102nd annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Contact Chris Kuehn at (970) 580-9101 for more information about the flower show or find the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook.



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The J. Jeffryes Memorial Run/Walk

takes off on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 8 a.m. The event is hosted on the 102nd

annual celebration of Haxtun's Corn Festival. Event registration begins on main street at 7 a.m.

Organizer Krystle Koberstein urges participants to pre-register for the race to insure the number and sizes of t-shirts match the number of walkers and runners. Those wishing to pre-register can contact Koberstein at (970) 774-6600 before Sept. 15.

The run/walk, in its 26th year, continues to provide annual scholarships to Haxtun High School graduates. The scholarship honors former HHS science teacher J. Jeffryes. The walk/run originated as the "Race for Scouts," with Jeffryes one of those responsible for getting the event started.

Last year's recipients of four \$1,000 scholarships include Haxtun High School graduates Michael Gerk, Grace Gibson, Cassidy Goodwin and Brayden Clark.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the 200 block of Colorado Avenue on the stage near town hall. The route typically then heads north towards Haxtun Schools before turning west around the Haxtun Cemetery. The trail continues east on Strohm Street, turns one block north on Logan and one east on Chase before heading back up Colorado, ending in front of Town Hall where it began.

Divisions are divided between age

groups. They are as follows: five-12 years old; 13-18 years old; 19-34 years old; 35-49 years old; and 50 years and over. There will be one of each division for males and females.

Registration fees are \$25 for adults and \$20 for those 19 years of age and younger before Sept. 15. Thereafter it will be \$35 for adults and \$30 for 19 years of age and below. To register, contact Koberstein at (970) 774-6600.

The Run awards prizes to the top male and female winner in the 5K run in each division with overall male and female winning a prize as well.

Winners of the event will be announced during the annual Corn Festival Parade.

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Little Mr./Miss Corn Festival to be crowned following Saturday's FFA auction

Adorable outfits and words of wisdom ... prepare for cuteness overload coming from contestants when the Lil' Mr. and Miss Corn Festival contest takes over the main stage at Haxtun's 102nd annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Eligible ages for the contest are three to six years old.

The contest starts after the Haxtun FFA member auction in downtown Haxtun on the main stage, prior to the street games.

Pre-registration is required and children are to gather behind the stage before the contest starts. Children must be registered by Tuesday, Sept. 26. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the participating child.

According to Paige Thompson, contest organizer, the announcer plans to introduce each child and ask each to name his or her parents. Each must also answer a series of three questions and perform a short talent. Thayer said the talent performance may be as simple as singing the ABCs.

Three out-of-town judges determine the winners. First place winners receive crowns and sashes and will be asked to ride in the following year's Corn Festival parade.

All participants receive a prize.

Mr. Oliver Ensminger and Miss Oakley McConnell and Miss Tayla McConnell won the titles in 2022 and have been invited to ride in this year's

parade.

Contact Paige Thompson at (970) 580-3709 to pre-register or for more information.



2022 Little Miss' and Mr. Corn Festival Oakley McConnell, Tayla McConnell and Oliver Ensminger.

Haxtun FFA Chapter to hold annual fundraising auction at Corn Festival

Going once, going twice, sold! The annual Haxtun FFA member auction is set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 30. The auction takes place on the main stage downtown Haxtun following the parade and Lil' Mr. and Miss Corn Festival contest, around 12 noon.

The sale offers the opportunity for locals to purchase labor by Haxtun High School FFA members. Those who win the bid receive a commitment of eight hours of labor from the student purchased. All bid prices are per hour. FFA advisor Jeff Plumb, who

oversees the event each year, said the students appreciate those who continue to support the program in this way and noted that bidders are welcome to partner with each other to purchase a worker. "Splitting a worker's time between

two bidders is perfectly fine," he said, adding that there are 75 students signed up for FFA this year. "So, it really adds up when you start paying for that many kids to participate in everything that goes on."

The money raised helps pay for students to attend State and National conventions and other activities throughout the year. Years when the auctions are exceptionally successful, the local FFA uses any excess with a fund established to assist families

facing financial crisis. Typically the annual FFA auction brings in roughly \$25,000.

The auction is the only fundraiser the Haxtun FFA members conduct throughout the year. FFA members also help sponsor service activities throughout the community.

Buyers are later invited and treated to an oyster fry dinner served by the local FFA members. For more information on this year's auction, contact Plumb at (970) 774-6111.



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Alumni Open House slated for 2-4 p.m.

The Haxtun High School Alumni Association plans to meet during the 102nd annual Corn Festival celebration slated for Saturday, Sept. 30. An open house is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. at the Haxtun High School gym. Refreshments will be served during the open house, which is open to the public. A short business meeting will be held at 3 p.m.

A freewill offering will take place during the gathering, which benefits the Haxtun Alumni Scholarship fund. Each year the Haxtun High School

Alumni Association gives two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Last year scholarship funds went to Cassidy Goodwin and Aly Lock.

The Haxtun graduating Class of 1973 is hosting the annual alumni meeting at the high school and class member Paul Knott plans to emcee.

Classes honored this year include: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2018.

For more information or to donate to the Haxtun High School Alumni Association contact Lavonne Hart at (970) 774-7193.

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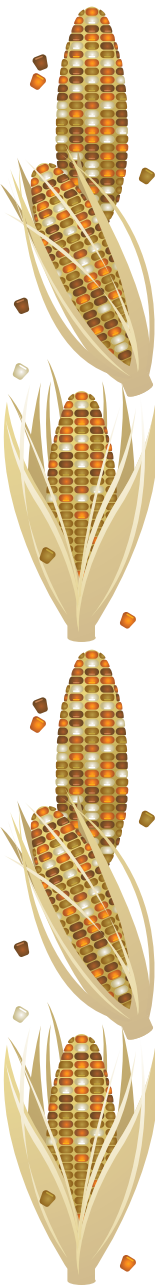
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Quilts to be displayed from noon to 4 p.m.

The High Plains Heritage Quilters have volunteers ready to assist anyone who wishes to display quilts in the upcoming quilt show hosted along with the 102nd annual Corn Festival on Sept. 30.

The quilt show will take place at

the Haxtun Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 12-4 p.m.

Quilts may be entered into display on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The show is for all levels and ages

of quilters who are encouraged to enter quilts of all sizes, wall hangings, table runners, place mats and anything else quilted. Please bring in clean from pet hair and smoke odors.

The 2023 quilt show will be open to the public on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 12-4 p.m. in the big room of the Haxtun Community Center. A quilt raffle will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. and entrants need not be present to win.

Quilts must be picked up by 5 p.m. on the day of show by the quilter or designated person listed on the entry form. Quilts will begin to be released followed the raffle at 4 p.m.

For more information contact Diana Green at (970) 520-1629 or (970) 774-7206.



People in charge of 2023 events

Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, Jessica Ayala, (970) 466-5540;

Firemen's Breakfast, Garrett Krogmeier, (970) 466-5764;

J. Jeffries Memorial Run/Walk, Krystle Koberstein, (970) 774-6600;

Kiddie Parade (Bikes & Trikes), Kelly and Sara Michael, (970) 520-5599;

Parade, Amanda Freemyer, (970) 466-1736;

Valve Cover Races, Dave Ridlen, (970) 520-3727;

Little Miss and Mr. Haxtun Corn Festival, Paige Thompson, (970) 580-3709;

Haxtun FFA Auction, Jeff Plumb, (970) 774-6111 or (970) 774-5400;

Street Games, Rod Workman, (970) 520-8777;

Violet Mae Anderson Memorial

Flower Show, Chris Kuehn, (970) 580-9101;

Johnny Miller Memorial Tractor Pull, Phil Hart, (970) 774-7193 or (970) 520-1516;

Golf Tournament, F & H Golf Club, (970) 774-6362;

Vendors, Abby Henry, (970) 580-8980;

Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show, CHS Grainland, (970) 774-6166;

Haxtun High School Alumni, Lavonne Hart, (970) 774-7193.

High Plains Heritage Quilt Show, Diana Green, (970) 774-7206.

Concert and beer garden, Jessica Ayala, (970) 466-5540;

Additional information, registration forms and concert tickets can be found at welcometohaxtun.com.



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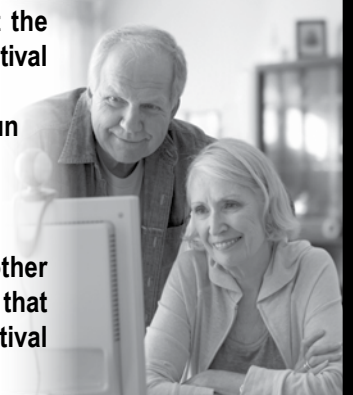
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Hofmeisters

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with the help of their daughters, Alicia Schram and Krystle Koberstein. In addition to the insurance agency, Steve and Nora owned the local lumber yard from 1994 to 2010.

More recently, the Hofmeisters sold their house in the country and built a beautiful new home in town near the school.

In addition to long-standing, main

street business owners, the Hofmeisters have been a staple of the Haxtun community, serving their church, school, hospital and other community organizations in a number of capacities.

Steve served on the Haxtun Hospital Board, the Frenchman Ground Water District and the Colorado Transportation Board. He is currently

a long-standing member of the Haxtun Lions Club and he and Nora belong to the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce. As Chamber members, both Steve and Nora, as well as their children, have played pivotal roles in a number of community events, but none as significant as the Haxtun Corn Festival.

It is well-known the Hofmeister

Insurance Agency has been a hub of information and an important resource for the annual event, now in its 102nd year. There were times Steve and Nora served on the committee themselves and more recently their daughters have carried on the tradition of giving back to their community.

Every Friday morning prior to Corn Festival, Steve and Nora host the entire Lions Club member base for coffee and donuts after the group sets up the hamburger stand; a tradition they've carried on for over 30 years. And then Saturday, Steve and Nora can be found doing their part to help the stand run smoothly. While their kids were growing up, Nora also helped with pies supplied by the junior class from Haxtun High School.

system immensely.

"We were so surprised at the news of us being chosen as Grand Marshals," Nora said. "I told Steve that we are too young, we have so much more that we want to do. We love our town, community, hospital, school ... everything and everyone that make it all work. We can't imagine having raised our family anywhere else."

Throughout the years, Steve and Nora have had a hand in much of the behind-the-scenes work that make the annual Corn Festival event a success. They also remember a time they enjoyed it as kids with their family.



(Courtesy photo)

STEVE AND NORA Hofmeister pictured with Steve's mother, Valva, and the couple's 11 grandchildren, Kyler, Brayden, Henry, Hadley, Dylan, Mackaylin, Taylor, Kanin, Jaxsen, Kinsley and Layne.

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In his "younger days," as Nora put it, Steve was a member of the local Jaycees, a Cub Scout leader and the couple both helped grow the Haxtun Gun Club by hosting trap shoots.

"I cooked and Steve helped run the traps and kept score," Nora said.

Nora also serves as a Lions Club member, is a member of the Haxtun Community Federal Credit Union Board, is on the Haxtun Hospital Foundation, is a member of the PEO Chapter BX and serves on the Missions Committee with the Haxtun United Methodist Church.

She's been an important key player in hosting the annual Haxtun Community Thanksgiving Dinner and is a volunteer and former board member of Retread Threads.

As the two raised their four children in the Haxtun School District, and now as several of their grandchildren attend the same school, Steve and Nora have been long-time members of the Haxtun Booster Club and have supported the local school

"We are so blessed to have the quality of life we have here," Nora said. "Our doctors and hospital are amazing, if we didn't have them our little town would not be. Our school is second to none. The teachers and staff really, genuinely care for our kids. They promote a safe and healthy environment for learning. The community supports our students in every aspect of their lives. We need to all count our blessings for our town and community."

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