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"What can we reason but from what we know?" —Alexander Pope

2020 Haxtun Corn Festival Section

Haxtun, Colorado

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Haxtun native Carol Scheel chosen Grand Marshal of 99th Corn Festival

Sept. 26, 2020

- 7-9 a.m..... Firemen's Breakfast at the Firehall
- 7 a.m.J. Jeffryes Memorial Run Registration
- 8 a.m.J. Jeffryes Scholarship Run
- 8:30 a.m..... Parade registration
- 9:15 a.m..... Parade judging
- 9:45 a.m..... Kiddie Parade
- 10 a.m..... 99th Annual Corn Festival Parade on main street

ALL DAY EVENTS:

- Crop & Garden Show,
- Flower Show, Carnival Booths,
- Food Court & Vendors

- 11 a.m..... Little Mr. & Miss Corn Festival Contest
- Noon Homecoming Royalty
- Noon FFA Auction
- Noon..... Johnny Miller Memorial Tractor Pull at Haxtun Arena
- Noon-4 p.m. Quilt Show
- 1 p.m. Street Games on Main Street
- 8 p.m.-11 p.m..... Emmett Bower Band live in concert

Sept. 27, 2020

- 9 a.m. Triple R Saddle Club Gymkhana at Haxtun Arena
- 10 a.m. Corn Festival Golf Tournament at F&H Golf Course
- 10 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull near Haxtun Arena

By Candie Fix

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It is often said there is no place like home and there are no truer words for Carol Scheel. Carol has called Haxtun home for more than eight decades and so it's only fitting that when the community celebrates "Wide Open Spaces" on Saturday, Sept. 26 that she leads the Corn Festival parade as Grand Marshal.

This year marks the 99th annual Haxtun Corn Festival and Carol remembers being at all but one of the past 85. Her fondest memories are of the Saturday mornings in late September when she gathers to be in the parade or playing street games with her friends when she was younger. Now, she loves to watch as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren take part in the events as the enjoyment of the day is passed down by generations.

Carol was born in Haxtun on April 23, 1935 to Ivan and Florence (Bevard) Brooks, who also had a son, Keith. Carol's family was deeply rooted in Haxtun and Phillips County. Her grandfather J.A. Brooks was the Mayor of Haxtun in the 1920s and her grandfather Bevard served as the County Sheriff during the same decade.

As a young girl, Carol remembers the start of World War II and hearing word of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She still recalls rationing of tires and gas, and some foods like cocoa and sugar, and that her mother and other women in the community would line up at the local department store for nylons when they were available, which wasn't often since nylon was used to make parachutes during the war.

The day the war ended, Carol was walking with her father across the street from the Corner Drug Store to the Haxtun Telephone Company when the whistle began to blow. Shortly after, she said, store owners and merchants came outside to cheer and cars drove up and down main street blowing their horns. The entire town celebrated the end to the war.

Carol's parents owned the local telephone company for many years and the couple and their two children lived just a block and a half south of the swimming pool.

Keith, who lived most of his adult life in California, later bought he and Carol's childhood home and returned to the Haxtun community to retire.

Carol said living so close to the swimming pool and park during the summer was a blessing. Most of her summer days were spent at the pool or walking around the rock wall at the park. Carol said the pool would get dirty and require cleaning, which meant draining the entire pool and refilling it. Those first few days after it was re-filled were rough with such cold water but once the sun warmed it back up, she said it was perfect.

"Our reminder from Mother was to come home from playing with friends for supper when the 6 p.m. whistle blew," Carol said.

She also remembers the hustle and bustle of town on Saturday nights. Carol said she and her friends would play kick the can behind town hall. The game was even more fun, she said, when the



(Herald photo by Candie Fix)

HAXTUN NATIVE Carol Scheel remembers attending 84 of the last 85 Corn Festivals. She has ridden through many Corn Festival parades representing Haxtun High School's Class of 1953. This year, as Haxtun's annual Corn Festival parade rolls down Colorado Avenue, Carol will be honored as the Grand Marshal.

county kids came to town to play, too.

Carol said as a young girl she loved horses and anytime someone rode their horse to town, she would follow them around in hopes they would give in and let her ride. Later, she said her parents joined the saddle club and bought two horses, Babe and Topsy. She still recalls later selling her horses to someone on the south side of the tracks and the next morning she went outside and there stood her horse, who she told to come home if the new owners were mean. She laughs knowing they weren't, but that her horse knew where to find her.

When she was 16, Carol met recent Fleming High School graduate Kerm Scheel and right away she knew she loved him. Carol said some people say there is no such thing as love at first sight, "but I knew he was something special when we met on that Saturday night," she said.

Eight months later the two were engaged and on her parents 25th wedding anniversary, Kerm and Carol were married; June 1, 1952.

Kerm volunteered for the draft and was inducted into the United States Army in October 1953. He attended basic training in Fort Ord, California and was later transferred to Fort Carson near Colorado Springs. Being with Kerm in the Army is the only time Carol's been away from her beloved Haxtun community and its during that time that she missed her one and only Corn Festival.

While in the Army, Kerm trained German

shepherds as messenger dogs at the Army Dog Training Center. While at Fort Carson, the Scheels welcomed their first child, daughter Vera.

Later, the couple added second daughter Nancy and son Greg, who were both born in Haxtun. Carol said Greg was a special needs child and so she was a stay at home mom while her children were young.

Later, once Greg started attending S.T.A.R.S in Sterling, Carol found jobs that would let her work around Greg's schedule. Most of her time was spent working in Sterling at the Purple Sage, Elks Club or Coach House in the kitchen and at Quality Pack, where she learned to cut and wrap meat.

"We (Carol and Greg) would see the girls off to school and then be back just as they were coming home from school," Carol said.

Later, Carol went to work for *The Haxtun-Fleming Herald* selling ads, a job she held for nearly 20 years. Carol said that was a unique one for her as her mother worked for the same publication when it was the Haxtun Harvest, owned by Leslie Taylor.

When the couple returned to Haxtun, Kerm went to work for the Haxtun Telephone Company, just after Carol's father sold it to Floyd Reyher. Carol said Reyher hired Kerm when he got out of the Army for just a couple weeks to help get caught up installing new dial phones af-

(See Grand Marshal, page 8)

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Corn Festival themed "Wide Open Spaces" set for Saturday, Sept. 26

Haxtun's 99th Annual Corn Festival celebrates "Wide Open Spaces" as its theme when the event takes place on Sept. 26. This year's theme honors the hard work and dedication of those who farm our land and provide for America.

The Festival will again feature a beer garden located on East Fletcher Street south of Points West Community Bank. Hosted by the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, the garden opens at 1 p.m. and serves until 7 p.m. G&L Lights and Sounds, a local DJ is scheduled

to play after the street games and throughout the afternoon.

The Corn Festival, sponsored by the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, opens again this year with the Haxtun Volunteer Firemen's pancake breakfast at the fire hall on the corner of North Colorado Avenue and Strohm Street, with serving beginning at 7 a.m.

The annual J. Jeffryes Memorial Run/Walk lines up at 8 a.m. at the corner of Fletcher Street and Colorado Avenue. This event raises money for scholarships awarded

each year to two graduating seniors of Haxtun High School. The 2020 event will honor long-time runner Bob Sauder. Organizers award trophies to winners of the run/walk at 8:30 a.m.

Also at 8:30 a.m., line up for the parade begins in the grade school parking lot on North Colorado Avenue. Register for the parade at

the Haxtun Community Center.

Saturday closes this year with a street dance in front of the Haxtun Town Hall featuring the Emmett Bower Band. Gates to the concert open at 7 p.m. and the concert kicks off at 8 p.m.

Other contests and activities through the Corn Festival include a flower show, crop and garden

show, FFA auction, street games, carnival booths, tractor pulls, golf tournament, quilt show, food court and other vendors on Colorado Avenue.

For more information on any Corn Festival events, contact Jenn Oberle at (970) 467-0194 or find the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook!

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Violet Mae Anderson Memorial Flower Show

<u>Single Bloom</u>	<u>Arrangements</u>
1. Rose	1. Mixed - more than 2 varieties
2. Dahlia	2. Mini - small container/small blooms
3. Mum	3. Roadside Bouquet - mixed, dried & fresh blooms
4. Petunia	4. Festival Theme - your choice of flowers that best represents the parade theme, "Wide Open Spaces"
5. Zinnia	
6. Snapdragon	
7. Entrant's Choice	

ENTER YOUR HERBS!

Two divisions: Adults over 15 and 15 & under

Bring your entries to the Haxtun Town Hall, 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25. Judging begins at 5:30 p.m.

No artificial flowers, please!

For more information call Chris Kuehn at (970) 580-9101 or find the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook!



People in charge of Corn Festival events

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

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

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

Little Miss and Mr. Haxtun Corn Festival, Julie Thayer, (970) 520-7470;

Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show, Grainland Coopera-

tive, (970) 774-6166;

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

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

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

Horses, Chuck Dvorak, (970) 774-5678;

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;

Street Games, Rod Workman, (970) 774-3335;

Firemen's Breakfast, Ron Carpenter, (970) 520-7524.

Flower arrangements sought for Violet Mae Anderson Memorial Flower Show

The Violet Mae Anderson Memorial Flower Show opens with a time to enter arrangements on Friday, Sept. 25 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 en-

trant's choice of fresh flowers that best represent the theme "Wide Open Spaces." No artificial flowers are allowed.

The public can view the entries on display at Haxtun Town Hall

during Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26.

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

Kiddie Parade set to launch Sept. 26th festivities

The annual Haxtun Corn Festival Kiddie Parade will again launch the regular parade on Sept. 26.

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.

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.

The Kiddie Parade starts at 9:45 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.

Each participant in the Kiddie Parade receives a ribbon and one dollar.

HVFD to host breakfast

The Haxtun Volunteer Firemen plan to host their annual Corn Festival Breakfast this year in the fire hall at the corner of Colorado Avenue and Strohm Street.

The firemen serve a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs and bacon from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26. The breakfast is served as a freewill offering meal.

Funds raised during the breakfast typically go towards community and/or fire department needs.



Please join us in celebrating Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival

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Annual Corn Fest crop show to celebrate abundant harvest

The Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show, sponsored by Grainland Cooperative and located behind the Haxtun Town Hall in the old fire hall building, represents the reason Haxtun celebrates its annual

Corn Festival.

The Festival started as a celebration of harvest and it continues to jubilate the abundance produced in the 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 the Haxtun-Fleming Herald, will be taken on Friday, Sept. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. only.

All entries must be picked up by noon on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Winners in the various categories may pick up prize money beginning Monday, Sept. 28 at Haxtun Town Hall. Town staff does not plan to open the paymaster window on Saturday as they have in the past.

A dry land Corn King and an irrigated Corn King are to be

announced during the crop show. The king in each category will receive a \$100 prize and a place of honor in the annual Corn Festival parade on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

For more information on the Chuck Allen Memorial Crop and Garden Show contact Amanda Goodwin at Grainland Cooperative at (970) 774-6166.

Parade to head down main street at 10 a.m.

Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival parade kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 on main street, with judging and lineup in the Haxtun Elementary School parking lot before the parade.

A Kiddie Parade kickoffs the parade at 9:45 a.m. Line up is at the Berean Church at 9:15 a.m., judging beings at 9:30 a.m.

Lineup for the grand parade begins at 8:30 a.m. Judging takes place at 9 a.m. before the parade heads south down Colorado Avenue at 10 a.m. The parade continues its route down Colorado Avenue to Smith Road, where it turns west just past the Haxtun Building Center (lumber yard).

This year's theme is "Wide Open Spaces." Visit and like the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook to keep up with all the event's happenings and news.

To open the parade, Haxtun band teacher Ethan Farquhar plans

to play the national as the Haxtun American Legion presents the colors.

This year organizers plan to place a number of attractions for young people, including the kiddie rides and other exciting features, on Colorado Avenue south of the Smith Road intersection near Haxtun Building Center so they will be outside the parade's route.

This year, the Corn Festival Committee selected long-time community member Carol Scheel as Grand Marshal.

Categories for judging the parade include clubs and organizations, business and youth. There will also be judging and prize money for best saddle club, best horse and rider (both male and female) and best hitch/novelty.

The Sweepstakes winner receives \$250. First in each division receives \$150, second in each division gets \$100 and third in each

division takes home \$50.

Town Hall personnel, who generally act as paymasters to give out prize money to parade winners and participating school bands, do not plan to open the Paymaster window at Town Hall the day of the festival as in years past.

Prize money for all contests will be available at Town Hall the following week, beginning on Monday, Sept. 28.

John Chapdelaine will announce parade participants from the stage located downtown.



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J. Jeffries Memorial 5K Run/Walk

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Please select race & mark the appropriate entry categories.

5K Run or 5K Walk

- 1-Mile Fun Run or 1-Mile Walk**
- Youth (18 & under) Male (5-12) Female (5-12)
- Adult (19+)
- Male (13-18) Female (13-18)
- Male (19-34) Female (19-34)
- Male (35-49) Female (35-49)
- Male (50+) Female (50+)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please Select T-Shirt Size:

- Youth — Small Medium Large
- Adult — Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Entry Fees: BEFORE SEPT. 20 — \$25 for Adults; \$20 for 18 and under
AFTER SEPT. 20 — \$35 for Adults; \$30 for 18 and under
All proceeds fund annual scholarships for Haxtun HS graduates.

Please make check payable to:

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Mail this registration form and entry fee to:

Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 535, Haxtun, CO 80731
or drop off at Hofmeister Insurance Agency. NO REFUNDS!

By attending any/all events held at the Haxtun Corn Festival, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

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*I, the participant/guardian of the participant, take full responsibility for myself/child ward. I agree to hold the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce, The Town of Haxtun and any cooperating agencies harmless from any liability.

Signed _____ Date _____

2020 Chuck Allen Memorial Crop & Garden Show Corn Festival Garden Show

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbons given in each class

Entries taken Friday, Sept. 25th, 2020, noon until 5 p.m. ONLY – old fire hall
(Those wanting to keep produce can pick up Sunday morning before noon)

Garden Entries

- Apples – 3
 - Red
 - Green
 - Yellow
- Crabapples – 5
- Apricots – 5
- Beans – 1/2 lb.
 - Green
 - Yellow
 - Lima
 - Great Northern
- Brussels Sprouts – 1/2lb
- Beets – 3
 - Red
 - Sugar
- Broccoli – 1/2 lb.
- Cabbage – 1 head
 - Green
 - Red
 - Kale
- Carrots – 3
- Cauliflower – 1 head
- Celery – 1 bunch
- Cherries – 1/2 lb.
- Corn – 5
 - Sweet
 - Rainbow
- Cucumbers
 - Slicers – 3
 - Pickling 1/2 lb.
- Eggplant – 1
- Endive – 1 head
- Garlic – 5
- Gourds – 3
- Grapes – 1/2 lb.
- Herbs
 - Basil
 - Chives
 - Dill
 - Mint
 - Oregano
 - Parsley
 - Rosemary
 - Other

- Honey – 1 jar
- Kohlrabi – 1 head
- Leeks
- Lettuce
- Melons – 1
 - Cantaloupe
 - Honeydew
 - Muskmelon
 - Watermelon
- Nuts – 3
 - Almonds
 - Black Walnuts
 - English Walnuts
- Okra
- Onions – 3
 - Yellow
 - White
 - Green
 - Purple
- Parsnips – 3
- Peaches – 3
- Peas – 1/2 lb. of pods
- Peppers
 - Cherry
 - Chili
 - Green Bell
 - Jalapeno
 - Red Bell
 - Habanero
 - Other
- Plums – 5
- Potatoes – 3
 - Red
 - Russet
 - Sweet
 - White
- Pumpkins
 - Jack – O-Lantern -1
 - Pie - 1
 - Mini – 3
 - White – 1
- Radishes
 - Red
 - White

- Raspberries – 1pt.
 - Black
 - Red
- Rhubarb – 5
- Spinach – 6 leaves
- Squash – 1
 - Acorn
 - Buttercup
 - Butternut
 - Crookneck
 - Hubbard
 - Scalloped
 - Spaghetti
 - Zucchini
 - Summer
 - Others
- Strawberries – 1 pt.
- Sunflower – 1 head
- Swiss Chard
- Tomatoes – 3
- Turnips
- Largest – 1
 - Apple
 - Bean
 - Beet
 - Cabbage
 - Carrot
 - Corn – 1 ear
 - Cucumber
 - Gourd
 - Onion
 - Parsnip
 - Pepper
 - Potato
 - Pumpkin
 - Radish
 - Squash
 - Tomato
 - Turnip
 - Watermelon
 - Zucchini
- Novelty
 - All Varieties
- Spiciest Pepper

Crop Show Entries

- Corn**
- Best 10 ears: Dryland, Irrigated, Popcorn, Indian
 - Best hidden ear: Dryland, Irrigated
 - Best single ear: Dryland, Irrigated, Popcorn, Indian
 - Tallest corn stalk
- Wheat**
- Best peck sample
 - Sheaf of wheat (3 inch)

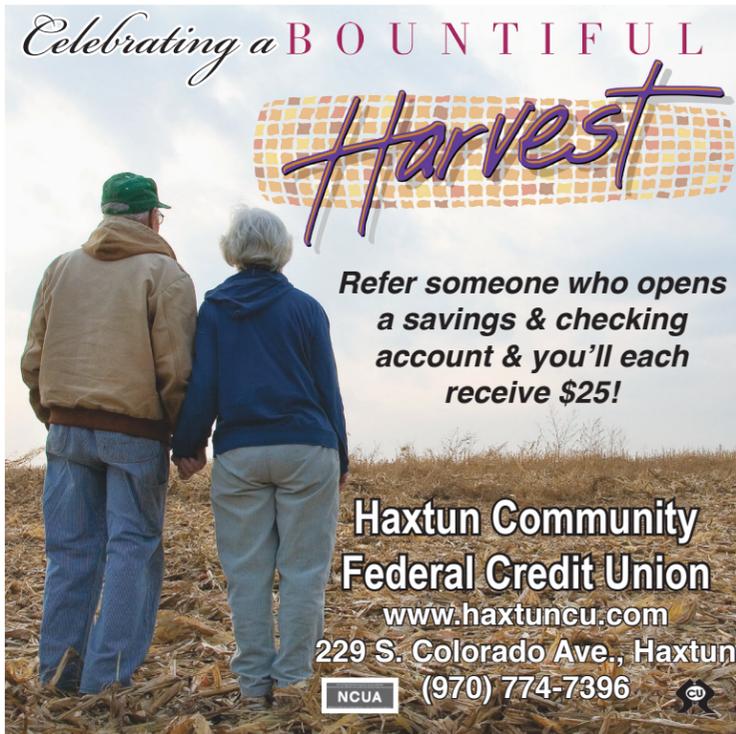
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- Best 10 heads: Dryland, Irrigated
 - Best single head: Dryland, Irrigated
- Beans**
- Best peck sample: Great Northern, Pinto, Kidney, Navy, Small whites
- Sunflowers**
- Best head (1); oil, confection
- Other**
- Best peck or sheaf, oats, millet, barley, rye

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Emmett Bower Band set to perform for festival on Sept. 26

Things just keep getting bigger and better at the annual Haxtun Corn Festival!

Those with energy to spare after

a fun-filled day of activities at Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival on Sept. 26 can rock out to the sounds of a concert featuring

the Emmett Bower Band.

The Haxtun Corn Festival street dance takes place on Sept. 26 on North Colorado Avenue in downtown Haxtun. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the opening act kicks things off at 8 p.m.

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; Blake Beiermann, on the electric guitar; Troy Johnson, bassjo/electric bass/upright bass; and Matty Sanders, 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.

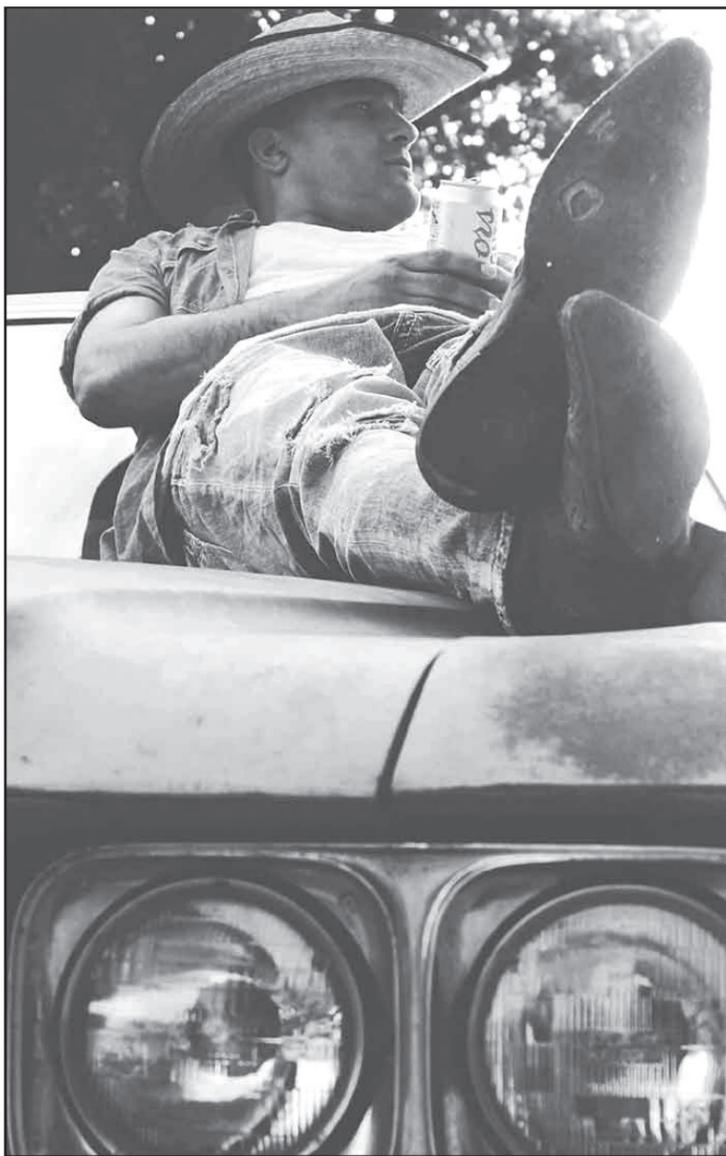
The band's catalog of music currently consists of four self-produced albums under the "It's A Party Records" record label (the bands own label). Songs such as "Never Let it Go," "Single for the Summer," "The Way She Danced," "Before She's Gone," "You Saved Me," "Chasin' the Sun," "Tumbleweed" and "Main 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.

Advance tickets are currently on sale online at <https://www.ticketstorm.com/e/24445/t/>, at the Haxtun Town Hall or by calling Jenn Oberle at (970) 467-0194.

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



(Courtesy photo)

THE EMMETT Bower Band is scheduled to play at Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. Gates open at 7 p.m. with the concert slated for 8 p.m. in downtown Haxtun.

Join us the Saturday after Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival

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Local quilters' club set to host quilt show during Corn Festival

The High Plains Heritage Quilters have volunteers ready to assist anyone who wishes to display quilts in the upcoming Corn Festival on Sept. 26 at the Haxtun Community Center.

Quilts may be entered into display on Friday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Categories may consist of all size of quilts, baby blankets, wall hangings, table runners, aprons and miscellaneous.

Any quilt may be shown.

Please bring in clean from pet hair and smoke odors.

Judging will take place by the public throughout the Haxtun Corn Festival on Sept. 26. Awards will be given for overall winner and People's Choice. People's Choice of blocks for the 2021 quilt show will be on display and up for vote as well.

The 2020 quilt show will be

open on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1-4 p.m. 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. A quilt raffle will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. and entrants need not be present to win.

For more information contact Lennette Hutt at (970) 520-2701, Diana Green at (970) 774-7206 or Pat Hadeen at (970) 774-6469.

Johnny Miller Memorial Pull to be held

This marks the 30th year for the annual Johnny Miller Memorial two-cylinder Tractor Pull held during Haxtun's Corn Festival. The Pull starts at 1 p.m. north of the Haxtun arena on Saturday, Sept. 26, 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, Sept. 27, 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 on his cell at (970) 520-1516.

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Little Mr. & Miss Corn Festival to be crowned

Get ready for words of wisdom coming from the youngest among us as the annual Little Mr. & Miss Corn Festival Contest takes over the stage during Haxtun Corn Festival on Sept. 26.

Eligible ages for the contest are three to six years old. The contest starts after the parade in downtown Haxtun on the stage located next to the Town Hall, prior to the Haxtun FFA member auction.

Pre-registration is required and children are to gather behind the

stage before the contest starts. Children must be registered by Friday, Sept. 25. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the participating child.

According to Julie Thayer, 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. Taeden Holcomb and Miss Tyndle McConnell won the titles in 2019 and have been invited to ride in this year's parade.

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FFA Member Auction to follow parade

The annual Haxtun FFA Auction follows the Haxtun Corn Festival Parade again this year, putting the event at around 11 a.m. The auction takes place on the stage downtown next to the Town Hall on Sept. 26.

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 60 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.

Last year, according to Plumb, the auction brought in close to \$25,000, including the price Plumb brought at the auction.

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

J. Jeffryes Run/Walk to honor Sauder

"This one's for Bob." Organizers of the J. Jeffryes Memorial Run/Walk, which takes place during Haxtun's 99th annual Corn Festival on Sept. 26, have decided to honor long-time runner Bob Sauder during this year's event. Sauder passed away in early August.

As an avid runner, Sauder ran in many of the J. Jeffryes runs to start out his Corn Festival mornings. "It only seems fitting we dedicate this run to him and the entire Sauder family," organizers said.

The 2020 event will feature a professional timing machine again this year to ensure accurate finish documentation. Organizers said the growing number of participants in the race makes it difficult for volunteers to time runners using a stopwatch, so plans are to use this method again. The machine works through a chip placed on the bib or the shoe of the runner.

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. 20. Online registration can be completed at www.imathlete.com.

The run/walk, in its 23rd 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.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 in the 200 block of Colorado Avenue on the stage near town

hall. It then heads toward Haxtun Schools before turning west around the Haxtun Cemetery. The trail continues east on Strohm Street and then heads back the same way, 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. 20. Thereafter it will be \$35 for adults and \$30 for 19 years of age and below. To register, visit www.imathlete.com or 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 walk/run will be announced during the annual Corn Festival Parade.



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ter taking out the old crank phones with party lines and changing to private lines. That job, for Kerm,

lasted 47 years. She said her late husband used to joke that they never did get caught up.

Kerm passed way just six weeks after he and Carol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Carol

said that while it was hard to lose her husband of many years, she has peace knowing he had faith in God and had accepted him as his Savior.

Over the years, Carol's spent time active in her church, the Berean Bible Church, and her community as a member of the Haxtun Community Auxiliary. She enjoys playing cards and mahjong with friends and is, more often than not, found on the sidelines of any Haxtun Bulldog sporting event. "I love following the Bulldogs," she said. Carol has been honored as the Haxtun Super Booster by the Haxtun Booster Club.

Carol also makes frequent trips to Sterling to watch her great-grandkids' events; Carol's family has grown to include five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carol graduated with the Haxtun High School Class of 1953 and she is known to ride with or in some way honor her class through the parade every Corn Festival. She said her class was and still is very tight-knit and often get together to celebrate their reunions.

The parade and the street games are her favorite part of the day and she fondly remembers her and

friend Donna Harrell winning the softball throw many times. She said she also was a good runner and would win that race, too. Now, she likes to sit and watch as the kids compete and have fun in the afternoon games.

When she was younger, Corn Festival often featured a carnival and she and her friends always looked forward to the rides. One year, she said a very macho friend of hers had brought a girl he was smitten on to Corn Festival and he couldn't quite handle some of the rides and ended up getting sick. She laughs that he didn't end up being very macho that day.

"I love Haxtun," Carol said. "It's just like a big family and everyone is always so willing to help people."

This year, as the parade heads down Haxtun's main street on Sept. 26, Carol will make an appearance in yet another parade, but this time, she will be the guest of honor. She plans to ride a horse drawn carriage with as many of her family members that can make it.

"I've always, always looked forward to Corn Festival," Carol said from her home that she shares with her dog, Wilma. "For a little town, we have such a nice parade."

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