



Haxtun-Fleming Herald

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Sept. 24, 2022

- 7-9 a.m. ... Firemen's Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Scholarship Run
- 9:45 a.m. Kiddie Parade
- 10 a.m. 101st Corn Festival Parade

ALL DAY EVENTS:

- Flower Show, Kiddie Land, Food Court & Vendors
- 11 a.m. Little Mr. & Miss
- Corn Festival Contest
- Noon-11 p.m. Beer Garden with DJ

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NO ENTRY UNDER 21!

- Noon FFA Auction
- Noon Tractor Pull
- Noon-4 p.m. Quilt Show
- 1 p.m. Street Games
- 1-4 p.m. Crop Show
- 2-4 p.m. Alumni Meeting
- 5-7 p.m. Swimming Pool BBQ

Sept. 25, 2022

- 9 a.m. Gymkhana
- 10 a.m. Golf Tournament
- 10 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull

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Corn Festival & Fran Gilliland turn 101

By Jean Gray and Candie Fix
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For all of Fran Gilliland's 101 years, she's lived in a small town. Fran was born in rural northeast Nebraska and later moved with her husband, Keith, and then two high school aged daughters to Haxtun where she continues to reside today, at home, with the help of her daughter Cindy. Fran turned 101 on Sept. 8 and in just two weeks, she will lead the parade as Grand Marshal of the 101st annual Haxtun Corn Festival. An honor just one Haxtun citizen holds; being the same age as the community's most popular day of the year.

"My parents loved to travel but they especially loved coming home to a small town," Fran's daughter Cindy recalled of her parents' life together on the day of her mother's 101st birthday.



Grand Marshal Fran Gilliland

"They just engrossed themselves in Haxtun when we moved here and Corn Festival is a big deal for Haxtun and it's something they never missed."

Fran was born in Plainview, Neb. on Sept. 8, 1921. Her first memory recalls when she was about three and one-half years old and her parents, Joseph and Ethel (Allen) Ruzicka, hired a photographer to come to the house to take pictures of her and her brother Robert "Bob" Ruzicka, who was about eight years old at the time. She remembers the photographer setting up a bunch of chairs in the family's living room. "He sat us in those chairs the way he wanted us to be and took several pictures." She still has one of the resulting photographs of herself.

Fran attended both elementary and high school in Plainview. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1939 then received a scholarship to Doane University in Crete, Neb., where she studied vocal music and English with plans to teach.

Keith and Fran met while both attending Doane. Keith, who was a year ahead of Fran, attended on an athletic scholarship with an emphasis in basketball and track. "He asked me to play bridge," she said to explain how they met. "Everybody was playing bridge. That was the game of the time. So, he asked me if I played. When I said yes, he said 'would you like to be my partner?' I said OK and that's how we met. Then he asked me to go to the movies and one thing led to another and then the war came."

Keith put his education and his plans to marry Fran on hold in

the winter of 1942 when he joined the United States Navy with the idea of becoming a fighter pilot. He then spent a year in Pensacola, Fla., where he earned his wings and a commission. Fran flew to Florida a month before Keith received his commission and stayed with a Navy Chaplain and his wife until the wedding. The Chaplain performed the wedding ceremony on Feb. 16, 1943 in a small chapel on the Pensacola Navy Base. "We had to wait until he became an officer before we could get married," said Fran. "The Navy only wanted single men to train as fighter pilots. So, in the morning he became an ensign and that night we got married."

After the wedding, she and Keith purchased a 1934 Ford Coupe for \$150. "We drove that thing to Chicago. That was the next place he was stationed." Keith became a pilot the day he and Fran married, but then he began advanced training. "Chicago is where he learned to land on a ship," said Fran. "They put an old ship out there on Lake Michigan and that's where the first students learned to land on water."

Keith's advanced training took he and Fran from place to place over the next nine months. Those places included, Miami, Illinois, Seattle and the deserts of California. He learned to fly at night in California and qualified as a fighter pilot aboard a carrier on Lake Michigan. Fran said Keith learned quickly enough that he was soon able to take a 30-day leave. "We went to Nebraska to see my parents and then to South Dakota to visit Keith's parents.

(See Gilliland, page 10)

Grand Opening!

**Come see us from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
on Corn Festival Saturday, Sept. 24!**



Day full of family fun planned for 101st annual Corn Festival

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. 24 and honor Grand Marshal Fran Gilliland who celebrated her 101st birthday on Sept. 8, just two weeks before the 101st Corn Festival. This year's theme is "Pulling Together Since 1909."

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 Strohm Street. Serving begins at 7 a.m.

The annual J. Jeffryes Memorial run/walk lines up at 8 a.m. along Colorado Avenue. This event raises money for scholarships awarded each year to 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 101st 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, 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 located in downtown Haxtun south of Points West Community Bank lawn. The beer garden opens at noon and will serve until 11 p.m. The beer garden will feature music from DJ Gary Wisdom. ID will be required for entry into the beer garden; no exceptions.

For more information on any Corn Festival events, find the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook.

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Parade set to head down Haxtun's main street at 10 a.m.

Haxtun's 101st annual Corn Festival parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 on main street. This year's parade will honor Grand Marshal Fran Gilliland who will celebrate her 101st birthday on

Sept. 8, just two weeks before the 101st Corn Festival. This year's theme is "Pulling Together Since 1909."

Lineup for the grand parade begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Haxtun Elementary School parking lot. Judg-

ing takes place at 9:15 a.m. before the parade heads south down Colorado Avenue at 10 a.m. The parade continues its route down Colorado Avenue, where it turns west just past the Haxtun Building Center.

To open the parade, a trio of Haxtun community members including Jula Bornhoft, Jeri Anderson and Kristin Hadeen will sing the National Anthem as the Haxtun American Legion presents the colors.

Prize money for all contests will be available at Town Hall the following week, beginning on Monday, Sept. 26.

John Chapdelaine will announce parade participants from the stage located downtown. Visit and like the Haxtun Corn Festival page on Facebook to keep up with all the event's happenings and news.

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

Children encouraged to take part in annual Corn Fest kiddie parade

The annual Haxtun Corn Festival Kiddie Parade will again launch the regular parade on Saturday morn-

ing, Sept. 24. Children are encouraged to decorate rides to this year's theme, "Pulling Together Since

1909." as the Haxtun community celebrates the 101st 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 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.



A PARADE filled with youngsters kicks off the annual Corn Festival Parade each year. Kids of all ages are welcome to ride in the Kiddie Parade!

The Haxtun community invites you to join in our 101st annual Corn Festival celebration
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on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022.
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Registration currently open for 2022 J. Jeffryes event

On your mark, get set, go!

The J. Jeffryes Memorial Run/Walk takes off on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 a.m. The event is hosted on the 101st 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 25th 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 \$500 scholarships include Haxtun High School graduates Taylor Schram, Allie Thompson, Brooke Plumb and Jeff Miner.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 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. Due to construction and work on Town streets, the route may change as the event date nears.

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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HAXTUN'S Braden Anderson crosses the finish line in last year's J. Jeffryes Memorial Scholarship run. Anderson finished the 5K race in 17 minutes, 44 seconds shaving 12 seconds off his time from the prior year.

Corn 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 101st year.

The crop and garden show, sponsored by CHS Grainland, will have a new location this year. The show, set for Saturday, Sept. 24, 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. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. only. All entries must be picked up by noon on Sunday, Sept. 25.

Winners in various categories may pick up prize money beginning Monday,

Sept. 26 at the Haxtun Town Hall.

Additionally, a dry land Corn King and 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 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.



101st Annual Corn Festival

2022 Chuck Allen Memorial Crop & Garden Show



Entries will be taken Friday, Sept. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. in the east room of the Haxtun Community Center. The Crop Show will be open for viewing on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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
Califlower - 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	
Cucumbers	Red Bell	<u>Crop Entries</u>
Slicers - 3	Habanero	Corn
Pickling 1/2 lb	Other	Best 10 Ears
Eggplant - 1	Plums - 5	Best Hidden Ear
Endive - 1 head	Potatoes - 3	Tallest Salk
Garlic - 5	Red Bell	Wheat
Gourds - 3	Russet	Best Peck Sample
Grapes - 1/2 lb.	Sweet	Sheaf of wheat (3 in)
Herbs	White	Milo
Basil	Pumpkins	Best 10 heads
Chives	Jack - Lantern - 1	Best Single Head
Dill	Pie - 1	Beans
Mint	Mini - 3	Best Peck Sample
Oregano	White - 1	Sunflower
Parsley	Radishes	Best Head
Rosemary	Red	Best Peck or Sheaf
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Johnny Miller Memorial Pull planned followed by antique pull on Sunday

This marks the 32nd 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. 24, 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. 25, 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 Barkley, August Krehmeyer, Tommy Thompson, Robert L. Fetzer, Dennis Ulmer, Arnie Constance, Rex Haaden, 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, or Mark Lambert at (970) 520-5470.

Haxtun Firemen to host annual breakfast

For decades Corn Festival goers have started their day with pancakes, bacon and eggs at the Haxtun Fire Hall and the 101st 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. 24 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, according to Fire Chief Ron Carpenter.



FESTIVAL GOERS fuel up for full day at the Haxtun Volunteer Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast served from 7-9 a.m.

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. 24. Judging is held on Friday, Sept. 23.

The annual flower show opens with a time to enter arrangements on Friday, Sept. 23 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, pe-

tunia, 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 "Pulling Together Since 1909." No

artificial flowers are allowed.

The public can view the entries on display at Haxtun Town Hall during Haxtun's 101st annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24.

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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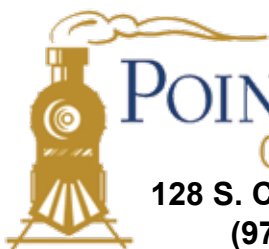
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Adorable outfits and words of wisdom ... prepare for cuteness overload com-

ing from contestants when the Lil' Mr. and Miss Corn Festival contest takes over

the main stage at Haxtun's 101st annual Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24.

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

The contest starts after the parade in downtown Haxtun on the main stage, 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. 23. 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. Thompson 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. Carter Anderson and Miss Amber Edwards won the titles in 2021 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.



REIGNING LIL' Mr. and Miss Corn Festival Carter Anderson and Amber Edwards will hand over their crowns during the 101st Corn Festival on Saturday, Sept. 24. The Little Mr./Miss Corn Festival contest is scheduled to take place on the stage in downtown Haxtun following the parade.

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CHECK US OUT TODAY!

Haxtun FFA Chapter to hold annual fundraising auction

Going once, going twice, sold! The annual Haxtun FFA member auction is set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 24. 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 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 conven-

tions 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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HHS Alumni Open House slated for 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 24

The Haxtun High School Alumni Association plans to meet during the 101st annual Corn Festival celebration slated for Saturday, Sept. 24. An open house

is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. at the Haxtun High School gymnasium.

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 K'lyn Bornhoft and Macie Davis.

The Haxtun graduating Class of 1957 is hosting the annual alumni meeting at the high school and

class member Dean Anderson plans to emcee.

Classes honored this year include: 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012 and 2017.

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

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Violet Mae Anderson Memorial
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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 represent the theme —
5. Zinnia	“Pulling Together Since 1909”
6. Snapdragon	
7. Entrant's Choice	

**No artificial flowers, please!*

Bring entries to Haxtun Town Hall from 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23

Enter your herbs!
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For more info, call Chris Kuehn at (970) 580-9101.

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While we were in South Dakota, Keith's dad found a decent car for us to buy and we traded that old coupe in for an Oldsmobile." She said they drove the Oldsmobile to San Diego, Calif., where they stayed long enough to get their permanent residence. They then drove to Seattle, Wash., where Keith joined Fighter Pilot Squadron (VC) 41, which he remained a member of for the rest of the war. "And, of course I was with him all of the time," said Fran. "He was a married man and he wanted me with him."

When Keith went overseas with his squadron Fran went back to Plain-

view and taught school during the war years. "I taught wherever they needed me," she said. Although Fran trained to teach music, "When the men were called to the Army, I taught a lot of different subjects, including the history and geography of Nebraska. I had to learn those subjects the same as my students." She also taught agriculture at one time.

Keith went overseas in March of 1943. When he came back, his Squadron reformed, but again as VC 41. The squadron then went up and down the west coast from Washington to California, but now Fran

went with him. Keith remained in the Navy until November of 1945. He received an "Air Medal" for bravery in action from the United States Congress and a Special Citation for leading flights in the Pacific. He left the Navy as a full Lieutenant, which is the equivalent of a Captain in the Army or the Marines.

After the war, Keith finished college in Springfield, Mass., the National YMCA University, in two years and then became a high school coach in Lauer, which was another small town in northeast Nebraska. Fran said basketball was Keith's

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Quilts to be displayed from 1-4 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 101st annual Corn Festival on Sept. 24.

The quilt show will take place at the Haxtun Community Center from 1-4 p.m.

Quilts may be entered into display on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 8

p.m. and Friday, Sept. 23 from 8 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 2022 quilt show will be open to the public on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 1-4 p.m. in the big room of the Haxtun Community Center.

A quilt raffle will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 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) 520-1529 or (970) 774-7206.

People in charge of Corn Fest events

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

J. Jeffryes 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;

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

Lil' 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, Jeff Plumb, (970) 774-6111 or (970) 774-5400;

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; or Mark Lambert, (970) 520-5470;

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.

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Grand Marshal

passion and many of the teams he coached earned State Championships.

Fran stopped teaching after the war to stay home and raise her daughters, Marsha, born Oct. 18, 1947 and Cindy, born Aug. 14, 1949. The family, which then consisted of Keith, Fran and their two daughters, Marsha and Cindy, stayed in Nebraska until Keith purchased the Haxtun Community Bank in Haxtun in 1964. Both girls finished high school in Haxtun. Marsha graduated from Haxtun High School in 1966 and Cindy in 1967.

After they moved to Haxtun, Fran went back to work off and on in Haxtun and Holyoke. Then, when Marsha and Cindy started college, they needed more money so Fran went back to teaching vocal music full-time in Holyoke. In addition to teaching music, Fran sang in the Haxtun United Methodist Church choir. She remains a member of the Methodist Church, but no longer sings in the choir.

While her two kids were growing up, she was also active with their academic, musical and athletic endeavors. Cindy said one time her class was building a float for the annual Corn Festival parade and wanted to use a piece of furniture in the house and her mom allowed it. "She told me to use whatever we needed," Cindy said. Cindy said they loaded it up and took it to the school to put on the float. Fran was active in the Haxtun Booster Club and she and Keith went to every game, especially football games. Cindy noted that her dad was also the official timer of the Haxtun Relays for quite some time.

Keith owned the bank for about 12 years, said

Fran. He then sold it to a man from Denver who then sold it to Lloyd Nelson and a group of investors. Nelson sold the bank to a Nebraska group out of Chappell in 2003. The bank's name changed to Points West Community Bank in April of 2008.

After Keith retired, he and Fran traveled to many different places either on cruise ships or driving with tour groups. "That was fun," said Fran. "We went on tours to World Fairs with groups of people." They also went to South and Central America. She said in Central America they went across that country via the Panama Canal. "You can go from the Atlantic Ocean into the Pacific Ocean by boat." She said they liked it so much that they decided to do it again but that time they went from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. "It was more fun to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific because they open the gates and you are lifted higher and higher until you get to the Pacific." She said they open the gates and the water takes the whole ship up a little ways then when it gets to that level, you go a little ways further and then they let out more water and it lifts you up a little higher. She said you can watch it happening and the scenery is beautiful. "It took a lot of water to lift that ship up even a little bit," said Fran, adding that it was necessary to lift the ship because the Pacific Ocean is higher than the Atlantic Ocean.

She said they went the other way, from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean, a few years later, starting in California, "but that way is not as pretty and thrilling as the other way," she said.

Fran said they also took

many tours with travel companies, traveling to Germany, Czechoslovakia and France in Central Europe, then later to England, Scotland and Ireland. She said that part of Europe is beautiful country as well, especially Scotland. "I wished we could have stayed longer in Scotland."

In addition to traveling, they also spent time in California, where they had another home near San Francisco, and in Arkansas, where they also had a home. "We were in Arkansas both winter and summer, but oh, the ice in Arkansas in the winter ... you have never seen ice until you go there." She said they stayed a few months in those places, mostly to get away from winters here.

Fran said she and Keith enjoyed their retirement doing a lot of things, including a trip to Guam, where daughter Cindy and husband Woody were living, and they met a lot of people that she kept in touch with for a time. She has outlived many of them.

Keith passed away on March 6, 1999. Fran and Keith celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary shortly before his death. "Today most people don't even bother to get married," said Fran. "In the future 50th wedding anniversaries will be a thing of the past."

Fran made a few trips after Keith died, including a visit to the Amish in Iowa, whom she said are wonderful people and awesome cooks. "They have big farms and the group I was with went out to one of those farms and had fried chicken and roast beef, pies and cakes and homemade breads. There was so much to eat that you just couldn't believe it." She

said the Amish women also make blankets and other things besides foods. "All handmade, just beautiful things." She recalled purchasing cookies to enjoy on the remainder of the tour. She also took a tour to Glenwood Springs and once went to the mountains and rode the ski lifts to see the country. "I only took a few trips without Keith," she said. "It was enjoyable, but not as much."

Daughter Cindy and husband Woody Johnson recently moved back to Haxtun from Guam, they now live with Fran to help care for her. Cindy and Woody have three children, Christine, Eric and Daniel, and three grandchildren, Evelyn and twins Myles and Elian.

Marsha, who lives in Colorado Springs, was married to Craig Garrett, but is now divorced. The Garretts have two children, Rachel and Samantha. Marsha's family has grown to include three grandchildren; Nila and Asher DeWolf and Oberon Wendell.

Fran goes to Denver every eight weeks to receive shots for her macular degeneration and that gives Cindy's daughters the opportunity to see her so she can see her great-grandchildren.

Since she has problems with the sight in one eye and reading is difficult, Fran listens to books, but music remains her passion although singing is more difficult these days. "I now sing in the shower." She said she was never a pianist, but she did accompany other singers.

Music has changed a lot in the past 100 years, said Fran. "You used to have orchestras that you could dance to all night, now it's

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guitars and western music. And that is not my passion." One of her favorite bandleaders was Glen Miller of Fort Morgan who died in World War II. She has a lot of recordings of the music she loves, but because of changing technology, she is not always able to play them. Still, living over 100 years has not diminished Fran's passion for music.

In fact, Cindy said Fran's favorite part of the annual Corn Festival event is the bands that march in the annual parade. "She just loves the marching bands," Cindy said.

Cindy said her dad, who had a great respect for farmers, also enjoyed watching the farm equipment go through the parade. She said Keith and Fran loved to see the advances in technology in new equipment but also liked to watch as the antique pieces moved through because they could remember those machines while they were in use.

"My dad loved farmers, he loved harvest and he loved the combines," Cindy said. "They (her mom and dad) had a great appreciation for farmers and the work they do."

Cindy said that in most recent years, Fran's grandchildren enjoy visiting over Corn Festival weekend and some participate in the J. Jeffryes run on Saturday morning. She said the kids would go run in the morning and visit with friends. Later they return to Fran's house with lunch from the Lions Club stand, which really makes her mother happy.

"They just both loved the simple life," Cindy said of her parents. "They always loved to travel but they especially loved coming home to Haxtun."