

# HAXTUN-FLEMING HERALD

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

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## This Weeks' Features ...

### Fleming Town Council holds regular meeting on March 14

The Fleming Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at the Town Hall in Fleming. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Schaefer at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following council members were present: Nancy Glaspie, John Stone, Sue Einspahr and Shadow Tiger. Mike Dettmer was absent and Pam Harms arrived at 8:05 p.m.

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### Bill to help rural schools approved by House Finance Committee

Rural school districts may eventually have one more tool in their toolbox to help recruit and retain qualified teachers for rural classrooms. That tool is in the form of House Bill 17-1176, which won near-unanimous approval last Wednesday from the House Finance Committee.

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## Donations for fire victims pour in at Pro Till

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Over the past few weeks, donations have poured into the Haxtun community in forms of clothes, food, household items, cleaning supplies, agriculture products, toiletries and money to help those affected by the Phillips/Logan County Fire. The flames, which torched over 32,000 acres, started on Monday, March 6 and burned for several days.

Much was lost during the fire, including four homes, numerous outbuildings and close to 200 head of cattle. Since news of destruction spread, giving individuals have helped in ways unimaginable to those who were affected.

Trucks have driven hundreds of miles to donate hay for those who need to feed cattle, children have cleaned their bedrooms to find toys to contribute and others have sold livestock several times over to raise funds for those who are now rebuilding from the fire that started near the South Platte River and traveled nearly 26 miles in winds on the upper side of 60 miles per hour.

A steer auctioned at Brush Livestock last Friday brought in over \$34,000 for fire victims. At a recent FFA auction in Wiggins, a hog was sold seven times, bringing in \$3,650 for the same cause.

On Thursday, March 16, six semi-trucks full of round hay bales made their way to the Haxtun area from Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota as drivers distributed the goods to local ranchers who will need feed for their cattle herds now and for those who will need it in the future.

Funds have been established at the Haxtun Community Federal Credit Union for general fire relief as well as individual family needs in addition to local volunteer fire departments. Now that the smoke has cleared and the dust has settled, an advisory board has been established to help disperse those funds where they are needed.

The advisory board is made up of five community members including John Chapdelaine, John Everitt, Mark Gueck, Todd Workman and Kristin Hadeen. The advisory board has been established to assist in monetary relief efforts for all those affected by the fire. The funds were donated directly to the Haxtun Chamber of Commerce in accounts at the credit union specifically or fire relief efforts. The HFRAB will represent interests of both the donors and recipients to the best of their ability.

Guiding principals of the advisory board include:

- All relief funds will be provided to the individuals and communities affected with priority to those who are most impacted by loss. Funds donated to specific causes/individuals will be funded directly to those individuals/entities.
- Funds distributed will be timely, equitable and reflective of the wide diversity of individual and community needs.
- Funds will be distributed to respond to both immediate and emerging needs of individuals and communities.
- All relief processes will be transparent, well publicized and accessible.
- Confidentiality will be maintained by the HFRAB in regards to the application process. There will be no sharing and disclosing of personal information.
- Distribution of funds will only be available to persons submitting a written application.
- The advisory board will have the respon-

sibility to determine the criteria and priority for the allocation of funds.

• A report of the operation of the relief funds and the disbursement of funds may be required to be published.

Applications must be received by March, 30, 2017 and maybe picked up and returned to the Haxtun Fire Relief Advisory Board, C/O, Haxtun Community Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 41, 229 S. Colorado Ave., Haxtun, CO 80731,

For more information on the Haxtun Fire Relief Advisory Board, the application process or assistance in filing the application call (970) 520-5999.

Pro-Till, the go-to location for donations and supplies, remains open to all those affected by the fire, in any way. People are encouraged to visit the location, on Haxtun's main street, for food, water, clothes, cleaning supplies and household goods. The United Methodist Community on Relief recently sent eight pallets full of cleaning supplies. These, too are available at Pro-Till.



(Herald photo by Candie Salyards)

**DONATIONS** poured into Haxtun's Pro-Till following the Logan/Phillips county fire that swept over 30,000 acres. Those affected by the blaze are encouraged to visit Pro-Till for any necessary items including paper products, food, water, pet food, household items, clothes, cleaning supplies and toiletries.

## Fire Relief benefit slated for April 15 in Haxtun

Dinner, live entertainment and silent and live auctions are all planned for a community fire relief benefit slated for Saturday, April 15 at the Haxtun Fire Hall.

Free-will dinner will begin at 6 p.m. followed by live entertainment from Braydon Zink and fellow musician Madison Rodges. The night will also feature a live and silent auction.

Organizers are in the initial planning stages but so far have a number of auction items including a 40 foot storage container with free delivery within 50 miles of Haxtun, a camping set with a large cooler and Colorado memo-

abilia. Additional items will be added in the coming weeks.

In addition to raising funds for fire relief efforts, the night will feature appreciation for local firemen and departments.

For more information on the event, contact committee members Paige Thompson, Laura Knode, Haley Harms, Marc Bornhoft, Holly Kurtzer, Kindra Plumb, Tammy Webster, Pam Haynes, Amanda Mavis, Julie Thayer, Alicia Schram or Candie Salyards.

To donate items for the live or silent auction contact Knode at (970) 774-4500.



(Courtesy photo)

**Madison Rodges and Braydon Zink are set to perform at a fire relief benefit in Haxtun on April 15.**

\$35/year within 50-mile radius; \$40/year outside 50-mile radius