

## Book signing set for Gray history book

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Haxtun Public Library plans to host a book signing for local author Jean Gray Friday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gray will be on hand at the library that day to sign copies of her book, "Homesteading Haxtun and the High Plains: Northeast Colorado History," which will be available for purchase that day.

A brief history, the book details how Haxtun and the surrounding area evolved from a land of prairie grasses filled with buffalo and Indians to a place where rugged and determined pioneers staked claims and built towns and farms.

The book includes a forward by former Haxtun Mayor Gay McDaniel plus sections on the communities of Fleming, Dailey, Paoli, Fairfield and St. Peters as well as a brief look at the evolution of farming through prosperous times, depression and drought.



### Jean Gray

Gray expressed excitement in being able to document the history of a part of Colorado that receives little recognition. "The history of northeast Colorado is filled with color and character," said Gray. "Few comprehend the struggles our pioneers endured to settle this inhospitable prairie land or the economic importance that farming continues to represent for the state as a whole."

She added that, while this is Haxtun's story, the connections between communities in terms of people and history make it northeast Colorado's story.

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Haxtun Public Library is located at 137 S. Colorado Ave. in Haxtun. For further information, contact Haxtun librarian Vickie Freemyer at 970-774-6106 during regular library hours.

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