 With an abundance of food and prizes, community members got a “taste” of what Phillips County has to offer at the Taste of Agriculture on Monday, March 16. Numerous vendors from the area lined up in the Haxtun Elementary School to showcase a wide variety of products.
 Phillips County administrator and committee member Randy Schafer thought Taste of Agriculture was a success with around 235 county residents attending and 35 vendors and contributors participating in the event.
 There are two requirements for each vendor: provide a taste of their product as well as a prize for the drawing. Participants experienced samples of everything from pheasant soup to coffee to wheat chili.
 Vendors not only gave out samples, but also provided attendees with information about their business or organization.
 According to Schafer, part of the night’s success was due to the great vendors that participated. Most of the vendors were from Phillips County, but non-county businesses and organizations also took part, which Schafer said added a lot to what the event had to offer.
 Taste of Agriculture is a good opportunity for Phillips County to show off its agriculture products. Schafer noted “It’s a real neat way to celebrate our economy which is based on agriculture.”
 Phillips County commissioners initially organized the event last year to not only promote agriculture, but also to raise funds for the new Phillips County event center building. This year’s funds will be split between the event center and Haxtun’s new daycare project.
 The commissioners also began Taste of Agriculture in hopes of continuing it year after year. Schafer said based on the success of the first two years, his expectation is to hold the event again next year, this time hopefully in the new event center.
 Participating vendors and contributors to the Taste of Agriculture were Anderson Alfalfa, Bar Lo Café, Bull Dog Bistro, Colo. Division of Wildlife, Colo. Wheat Growers, Cookie Cutter Shop, D & L Meat, Daily Grind Coffee Co., Double W Dairy, Chuck Dvorak, Everything’s Homemade, Grainland Coop, Haxtun Conservation Dist., Haxtun Super, HolyOK Ranch LLC, Holyoke Veterinary Svc., Jake’s Feed Supply, MV Equipment, N.E. Colo. Cattlewomen, NECO Wind Energy LLC, Old Men Haying, Peerless/GPRC, Roy Pfaltzgraff, Phillips County Extension, Phillips County 4-H, Phillips County Fair Queen, Phillips County Farm Bureau, Pheasants Forever, Pioneer Seed Corn, E Poe Farms, Promised Land Irrigation, SW Feed Products, Seaboard Foods, Speer Cushion Co. and Wisdom Farms.
 Phillips County 4-H and FFA members also helped at the event.