

**You Are Invited!**  
**ANNUAL BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER**  
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026  
 10:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 338 N. 7TH ST., WAKEENEY  
 A new chairlift is available for basement access, located at the church's East parking lot (double red doors)

Great Variety of Toppings  
 And Desserts!  
 Stay and enjoy or  
 "To Go" boxes available.

Freewill donation with all proceeds going toward  
**Parish Nurse Ministry of Prairie Faith**

The Prairie Faith Parish Nurse Ministry serves the community regardless of any church affiliation, including confidential parish nurse consultations to discuss health/wellness questions, connecting people to existing community resources, providing medical transportation when the Trego Community General Public Transportation van is not available, a prayer chain meeting, a year-long prayer partner ministry, community confer and gift cards, a coat drive for food pantry clients, supporting certain needs for grade school age children, and special worship services through the year.



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**Face lift on Main!**



After many different pieces of work coming together, the face lift on the Trego County Health Department was capped off by signage on the front of the building. *Western Kansas World*

**Scooter warning issued**

After receiving numerous calls of concern, The WaKeeney Police Department felt it was necessary to reach out to the parents in the WaKeeney community who have children riding electric scooters and electric bikes.

"electric scooter crashes with kids" and one will quickly see the widespread concern with unsupervised activities involving these scooters.

E-scooters are enforced like bicycles are in the community. They must obey all the laws bicyclists do when operating on public streets.

"I have spoken to several kids who do not possess the ability to comprehend the dangers of racing down hills and through intersections," posted Chief Travis Phillips. "Some are traveling on the wrong side of the street and even riding on the streets after dark."

"We encourage parents to ensure their children also wear protective gear while riding," added Chief Phillips to the post. "Thank you so much for listening and working with us to keep our children safe."

**March Food Pantry set**

**March Pantry:** Thursday, March 12, 6-8pm and Saturday, March 14, 10am-12pm

The Trego County Food Pantry Open to all Trego County residents. Must complete an intake form for record keeping and have proof of Trego County residency i.e. utility bill, receipt from landlord etc.

Any questions can be directed to Michael A Tidball, Director of the Trego County Food Pantry at 785-953-1115.

**Temperatures & precipitation**

Date	High	Low	Prec
3-3	39	24	-
3-4	48	33	-
3-5	61	36	-
3-6	67	36	trace
3-7	56	29	-
3-8	57	29	-
3-9	75	31	-

**Meeting Notice**

Senator Rick Billinger and Representative Jim Minnix plan to have a Town Hall Meeting in WaKeeney on Tuesday March 31, 2026.

The meeting will be from 1:30 - 2:15 PM at the Trego County Historical Museum, 128 N 13th Street.

**City Wide Cleanup Notice**

The City of WaKeeney will be conducting an alley cleanup program (within the city limits) beginning Monday, March 16, 2026 (weather permitting).

Items to be collected include tree limbs, demolition debris, concrete, appliances (tagged w/ Freon removed), furniture, and metal.

These items should be sorted in SEPARATE PILES and placed near the alley for collection.

Properties without alley access can place the sorted items at the curbside. Please do not place items in the street.

Items that will NOT be collected include tires, compostable wastes (grass and leaves) and hazardous materials like paint, solvents, and motor oils.

To avoid wrongful pickup of "treasured items," they should be removed from the alley collection area.

Please contact the City Office at 743-5791 should you have questions.

**PTO launches 'Trego Plays for All' campaign; Race for Education set for April 17**

The Trego Grade School Parent Teacher Organization (TGS PTO) is inviting the community to rally behind an exciting and impactful project: creating a safer, more inclusive playground for local students.

Through its newly launched campaign, Trego Plays for All, the PTO aims to replace the current pea gravel playground surface with a new turf, ADA-accessible playground area.

While the existing playground has served generations of students and remains a well-loved space, the pea gravel surface can be difficult to navigate and limits accessibility for children with mobility challenges.

"Our goal is to ensure every child has equal access to safe, enjoyable play," PTO representatives shared. "Playgrounds should be a place where all students feel included."

The total cost of the playground improvement project is approximately \$250,000.

To meet this goal, the PTO is actively pursuing grants, community partnerships, and local fundraising efforts.

One of the key fundraising events will be the annual Race for Education, scheduled for Friday, April 17.

The PTO has set a fundraising goal of \$10,000 from this event to contribute toward the new playground project.

During the Race for Education, students will walk and/or jog around a designated course for one hour.

Each student will seek sponsorships, inviting family members, friends, and community supporters to

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**WE'RE COUNTING DOWN TO SUNSHINE WEEK MARCH 15-21, 2026!**  
 We champion Open Records and Open Government in our community.  
 Celebrate Sunshine Week with the World!

**Potato bar set for March 15**

You're invited to enjoy our Annual Baked Potato Bar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 338 N. 7th Street in WaKeeney, on Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We'll be serving baked potatoes with a wide variety of toppings, along with delicious desserts.

A freewill donation will be taken, with all proceeds supporting the Prairie Faith Parish Nurse Ministry.

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Thank You and we sincerely hope you will join us!!

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**THE WAKEENEY COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

Community Good Friday, Presbyterian Church, Friday, April 3, 12:10 p.m. with Carol Ryan speaking.

Cards every Friday, 6:30 P.M., Senior Center; Bus. mtg. 2nd Mon., 12:30 pm

Line Dancing, Scout House, M-W-F, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

**REGULAR MEETINGS**  
**Trego Co. Commission** each Tuesday at 5 P.M.

**WaKeeney City Council** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays@6:15 PM

**USD #208 School Board** meeting, 2nd Mon. 5:30PM

**Trego Co. Chamber** 2nd Monday of month, 6 PM, Queen of Stars, 128 N. Main St., WaKeeney

**WaKeeney Eagles**  
 Regular Lodge- 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm, Joint meetings, 7:30 pm prior to Regular meetings  
**Next Bingo: March 29, 2026**  
 Early Bird at 1:30 P.M.  
 Regular Bingo at 2 P.M.  
**Specials**  
 Hamburger Night, March 19, 6-8 pm  
 Steak Night, March 28, 6-8 pm  
 March 28 last night to order

Submit your news to the *Western Kansas World!*

**Senior Citizens Center**  
 413 Russell Avenue, WaKeeney  
 785-743-5449

**Affordable, Well-Balanced Meals for Aging Trego Co. Residents**

60 yrs. & up . . . . . \$4.00/meal  
 Under 60 . . . . . \$6.75/meal

**GOOD FOOD & GOOD COMPANY ALL IN ONE PLACE!**  
**SIMPLY CALL BY 10:30 AM ONE DAY IN ADVANCE WITH YOUR R.S.V.P.**

**Guests Welcome!**  
 ~ Meals on wheels Also Available ~  
 Call for details!

*The WaKeeney Senior Center is affiliated with the NorthWest Kansas Area on Aging*

**This Week's Menu**

- Wednesday, March 11:** Chicken pasta primavera, tossed salad, garlic bread and gelatin w/fruit.
- Thursday, March 12:** Ground beef veg soup, crackers, mandarin oranges and frosted cake.
- Friday, March 13:** Fish sandwich, parslid potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun and pineapple.
- Monday, March 16:** Swiss steak w/tomatoes, mashed potatoes, spinach salad, bread and mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday, March 17:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, beets, bread and strawberries and bananas.
- Wednesday, March 18:** Taco burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mixed vegetables, bun and gelatin w/fruit.
- Thursday, March 19:** Ham and beans, california blend vegetables, corn bread and cinnamon apples.