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Area family survives house fire
Investigation results in suspect's arrest

By NICKOLE BYERS
Ellis Review

An early-morning house fire in a sleeping Ellis neighborhood Thursday, June 18, has resulted in an investigation of the incident, and an arrest.

The blaze, reported at the Gabel family residence in the 400 Block of Dorrance, was immediately responded to by the City of Ellis Volunteer Fire Department and Ellis County Rural Fire Department Co. 6, who began to extinguish the fully-engulfed structure.

After contacting the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal to investigate the fire, it is now believed by

officials that the fire was set intentionally.

After numerous hours of investigation by law enforcement, a suspect was identified and taken into

custody.

The case remains under investigation, and no further information will be released at this time.

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STELLAR SUPPORT-There was a line out the door at the Trego Lemke Hamilton Room in Wakeeney on Tuesday at the free will donation Taco Bar to support the Jordan Gabel Family of Ellis.

Cheryl Kinderknecht/Ellis Review

Voting options for Primary
given by Trego Co. Clerk

The Primary Election is scheduled for August 4.

Voters can request an advance ballot application to receive their ballot by mail.

Applications can be found on the county website, www.tregocountyks.gov, can be requested by telephone at 785-743-5773, or by e-mail at lori.augustine@tregocountyks.gov.

Completed applications can be mailed to the Trego

County Clerk's office at 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS 67672, e-mailed to lori.augustine@tregocountyks.gov, faxed to 785-743-5594, delivered to the drop box located on the west side of the courthouse or delivered to the County Clerk's office.

The County Clerk's office must receive these applications by July 28.

Advance in Person Voting will be held at the court-

house from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting on July 20 thru noon August 3.

On election day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 400 N Railroad Ave, WaKeeney, KS.

Sample ballots can be viewed at <https://myvote-info.voteks.org/voterview>.

Fireworks
Notice

The discharge of legal fireworks can only be made on July 3rd and July 5th from 9 AM to 11 AM and on July 4th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM only. Residents are urged to use caution and keep a water source nearby. In addition, spent fireworks must be cleaned up from all streets and alleys. However smoldering debris should NOT be placed in residential trash containers until completely cool. Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe holiday.

Heartland awards
given in Trego Co.

The Heartland Community Foundation recently awarded \$156,322.50 to local organizations in Ellis, Rooks, and Trego County during our fall grant cycle. In total, the community foundation helped fund 36 projects -- including 13 that were fully funded and 23 that were partially funded.

Grant dollars were awarded from the foundation's permanent endowed funds, including the Ellis, Rooks, and Trego County Legacy Funds -- our largest granting funds. As these funds grow with time, patience, continued investment, and donor generosity, the Heartland Community Foundation will be able to grant even more and continue to make a lasting impact in the region.

In Trego County, \$49,211.30 was distributed to these organizations:

- \$13,000 to City of WaKeeney for Downtown Speaker Upgrade
- \$13,000 to City of WaKeeney for Christmas Lights-Electrical Components Upgrade
- \$4,000 to USD 208 for new printer for P&G Business/Class
- \$1,726 to Trego County Health Department for Health Initiatives and Programming
- \$10,355.30 to Trego Grade School PTO for Accessible Playground

- \$3,500 to WaKeeney Public Library for new Education (AWE) Interactive Learning System
- \$1,630 to Trego County Historical Society for Children's History Activity Book
- \$2,000 to Catholic Youth Organization for Religious Education Update

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Trego Co. firefighters
receive over \$29,000

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmid announced that the Kansas Department of Insurance has made its annual distribution to local Firefighter Relief Associations (FRAs).

Pursuant to the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act, \$29,696.37 has been distributed among three local FRAs throughout Trego County.

"Firefighters put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act acknowledges that by providing additional protections for firefighters and their loved ones," said Commissioner Schmidt. "The Act not only gives first responders needed safety nets, but it also allows local communities to provide their citizens with

improved firefighting equipment and resources."

The funds from the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act are generated by a two percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas.

Associations primarily use their distributed funds for insurance premiums and safety enhancements.

The relief funds may pay for the health, accident, disability, and life insurance premiums of local firefighters. Safety enhancements such as new firetrucks, fire station building improvements, and firefighting gear can be purchased via relief funds loaned to local governing entities.

This year's statewide distributions totaled over \$20.7 million, distributed to 552 FRAs.

Prepare entries today
for 116th Trego Fair

This year's 116th annual Trego Co. Fair theme will be "Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights" in celebration of America's 250th Birthday this year, and events will fill the Fairgrounds from July 7-11!

Carnival Armbands

Trego Co. Free Fair Carnival Ride armbands are now available!!

Get your Armbands at the reduced rate of \$25 at Gibson Health Mart or from Fair Board members from now until Tuesday, July 7.

After July 7, armbands will be \$35, and will be available from the Trego Co. Free Fair board members at the fairgrounds!

Armbands will be required for both the inflatables and carnival rides this year.

Online Entries

The 116th Trego County Fair is set to kick off July 7 with entry day.

Entries are online, and can be submitted at tregocountyfair.fairentry.com

If you enter online you can stop by the fair office and pick up your printed

entry cards on the following days: Sunday, July 5, 2-3 p.m., Monday, July 6, 1-6 p.m. and Tuesday, July 7, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. All entry cards MUST be picked up from the fair office by 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7.

If you need help entering your entries online, stop by the office during those times and we can help you!

We ask that you please try to do all entries at once!

Great Western Kansas Market Wheat Show

The Great Western Kansas Market Wheat Show is returning to the Trego County Fair for 2026.

Now is the time to get those wheat samples turned in.

In order to make it easier to enter the wheat show, bags, entry cards and rules are at the elevators in Trego County and surrounding areas.

If you deliver to an elevator that does not have bags or entry forms please contact the Golden Prairie Extension Office in WaKeeney.

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Open House
Notice

Open House at VFW. To honor the 250th birth of our great country, the VFW will host an open house from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the 4th of July. Coffee, juice and cookies will be served.

Temperatures
& precipitation

Date	High	Low	Prec
6-16	86	59	-
6-17	90	67	-
6-18	91	61	-
6-19	81	55	-
6-20	83	62	-
6-21	96	61	1.95
6-22	79	61	.05

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

This Week's Menu

Wednesday, June 24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, brussel sprouts, bread and watermelon.

Thursday, June 25: Chef salad w/ham, crackers, brownies and tropical fruit.

Friday, June 26: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, cantaloupe and cookie.

Monday, June 29: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, bread and peaches.

Tuesday, June 30: Frito chili pie, tossed salad, mandarin oranges and cookie.

Wednesday, July 1: Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, bread and cantaloupe.

Thursday, July 2: Teriyaki chicken, rice, broccoli and peaches.

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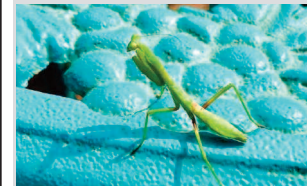
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by columnist Karen Madorin

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There are many events coming up in your area! find more info inside!!

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THE WAKEENEY
COMMUNITY
CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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American Legion & Aux.
WaKeeney Moore Post #197, 2nd Mon, 6:30 p.m. (Sept-May) 517 Russell Ave

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**WaKeeney Eagles**  
Regular Lodge- 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm, Joint meetings, 7:30 pm prior to Regular meetings  
**Next Bingo: June 28**  
Early Bird at 1:30 P.M. Regular Bingo at 2 P.M.  
**Specials**  
Hamburger Night, June 18, 6-8 pm  
Steak Night, June 27, 6-8 pm  
June 25 last night to order  
**Submit your news!**  
to the Western Kansas World!