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Flax named Grand Marshall

Trego Co. Fair in full swing now through Saturday

As the Trego County Fair gets fully started, the Board would like to announce that this year's Grand Marshal is Judge Richard Flax.

Not only has he served as judge for many years, but he has been very active in the community, including serving as president of the Lions Club and an active member.

Judge Flax recently announced his retirement as District Magistrate Judge after serving 29 years in Trego County of the 23rd Judicial District. He began the role in 1997.

He said serving 18 months on a federal grand jury inspired his interest in becoming a judge.

"I had many conversations with Judge Sam Crow, and he helped me make my decision to seek a judgeship," Flax said. "It has been an honor to serve the 23rd Judicial District."

During his time as a judge, Flax served on the Kansas Supreme Court Blue Ribbon Commission, Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, Judges Assistance Committee, and the Municipal Court Judges Education Committee.

Flax received the Lee Nusser Award for Outstanding Magistrate Judge in 2023 from the Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association. Kansas Judicial Branch Office of Judicial Administration.

In the community, his impact has been felt just as



ISN'T HE GRAND!An avid supporter of the WaKeeney Lions Club, Richard Flax (above) welcomes those attending the opening of the refurbished Scout House, a major Lions project completed in recent years. Flax was instrumental in the progress of that and many other community projects, and is honored this year as the Trego Co. Fair's Grand Marshall! Flax will be spotted throughout the week, as well as in the Parade Saturday!

WKW Files

greatly!

Flax was recently celebrated by the WaKeeney Lions Club as he retired from Magistrate Judge, and had the following words to offer:

"Judge Richard Flax has long been a pillar of dedication and service within our community, leaving a lasting impact through both his professional and civic contributions.

"During his tenure as a magistrate judge, he earned a reputation for fairness, integrity, and thoughtful judgment, always striving to uphold the law while treating individuals with respect and compassion.

"His retirement from the

bench marked the close of an admirable chapter in public service, but it certainly did not signal an end to his commitment to others. As President of the WaKeeney Lions Club, Judge Flax has continued to lead with the same sense of purpose, helping to organize charitable efforts, support local initiatives, and bring people together for the common good.

"His leadership, wisdom, and unwavering dedication make him an invaluable asset, and our community is stronger and more connected because of his efforts."-WaKeeney Lions Club.

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Food Pantry dates given for 2026

The 2026 Food Pantry dates have been announced:

July Thursday, July 9 6-8pm and Saturday, July 11 10am-12pm

August Thursday, Aug. 13 6-8pm and Saturday Aug. 15 10am-12pm

September Thursday, Sept. 10 6-8pm and Saturday, Sept. 12 10am-12pm

October Thursday, Oct. 8 6-8pm and Saturday, Oct. 10 10am-12pm

November Thursday, Nov. 12 6-8pm and Satur-

day, Nov. 14 10-12pm

December Thursday, Dec. 10 6-8pm and Saturday, Dec. 12 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.

Farmer's Market Notice

Trego County Farmer's Market will open Saturday, July 4, 8:00-11:00 A.M., and will continue every Saturday until notice is given. Held on the corner of Main Street and North Railroad. **New vendors are encouraged to participate.** There is no cost to vendors and no season-long commitment.

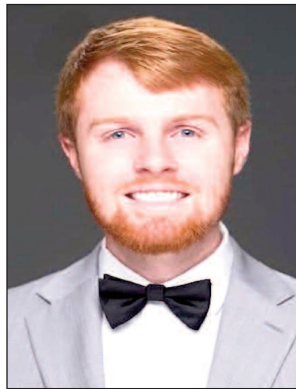
New TCLMH CEO hired

TCLMH release
Please join us in extending a warm Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital welcome to our new Chief Executive Officer, Tyler Stapp!

Tyler brings a strong background in rural healthcare leadership, operations, finance, strategic growth, and community engagement. Most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer

of a rural 120-bed acute care hospital, he has demonstrated a deep

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Tyler Stapp

Benefit Notice

Join us for lunch July 19th at the Eagles! Ribs, scalloped potatoes, green beans and desserts will be served. All proceeds will go to Dick Dykema & Calvin Pfannenstiel, who are currently battling health issues.

"People Helping People" Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3774.

You're Invited Notice

You are invited to participate in this select focus group comprised of Residents and Community Members: 6-6:50 p.m., Thursday, July 16, WaKeeney Public Library, 610 Russell Avenue. Snack will be provided. WaKeeney Main Street. RSVP Appreciated. 785-743-8325. get-wakeeney@gmail.com

Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TREGO COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE. The Trego County Foundation for Educational Excellence will hold their Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. at 115 N Main, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Temperatures & precipitation

Date	High	Low	Prec
6-30	100	70	-
7-1	93	65	0.14"
7-2	95	66	0.55"
7-3	96	67	-
7-4	95	64	-
7-5	85	63	1.05"
7-6	98	65	-

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, July 8: Pasta salad w/ham, club crackers and tropical fruit.

Thursday, July 9: Turkey ala king, antigua blend vegetables, biscuit and strawberry short cake.

Friday, July 10: Tator tot casserole, brussel sprouts, bread and watermelon.

Monday, July 13: Smothered chicken, parslied potatoes, green beans, bread and pineapple.

Tuesday, July 14: Frito chili cheese pie, california blend vegetables, fruit cobbler and pudding.

Wednesday, July 15: Fish sandwich, mixed vegetables, bun and strawberries and bananas.

Thursday, July 16: Meat balls in gravy, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, bread and watermelon.

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Thank you!
**HCF
BOARD
OFFICERS**

**THE WAKEENEY
COMMUNITY
CONNECTION**

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

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

WaKeeney Eagles
Regular Lodge- 2nd & 4th Tues., 8 pm, Joint meetings, 7:30 pm prior to Regular meetings
Next Bingo: July 26
Early Bird at 1:30 P.M. Regular Bingo at 2 P.M.
There will be no July Cruise Night due to Fair! Specials
Chicken Dinner
July 12 @ 11 am-1 pm
Texas Hold'Em
July 12 @ 4pm (sign up 3:30)
Hamburger Night,
July 16, 6-8 pm