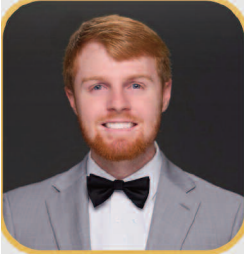


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Tyler Stapp,
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CEO

July 21, 2026

5:30PM - 8:00PM

Western Cooperative Electric
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Heartland Community Foundation
awarded Tax Credits for Kelly project



\$182,000
TAX CREDITS AWARDED!

The Kansas Department of Commerce recently awarded
Heartland Community Foundation tax credits for the
Kelly Plaza Project in WaKeeney.

Heartland Community Foundation is pleased to announce they have received \$182,000 in Community Service Program (CSP) Tax Credits through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The available tax credits will be used to enhance fundraising efforts for the Kelly Plaza Project in WaKeeney.

CSP is a popular program for Kansas nonprofits and public healthcare entities taking on major capital campaigns for projects involving children and family services, non-governmental crime prevention, youth apprenticeship and youth technical training and health care. Awarded nonprofits were chosen through a competitive application process. State tax credits reduce the total amount of taxes owed to the state. They are a way for taxpayers to substantially reduce the cost of contributing to this local project.

“We’re excited to collaborate with the WaKeeney

community on this project,” said Savannah Downing, HCF Trego County Director. “As the nonprofit partner, we were able to help secure the Community Service Program tax credits, which will be a powerful tool in fundraising. They give businesses and individuals an incentive to invest in a project that will enhance downtown WaKeeney, preserve a piece of its history, and create a vibrant gathering place for years to come.”

The Kelly Plaza Project has a clear vision to restore the former Kelly Theatre site in WaKeeney into an open-air, multi-use community space. Phase I includes the addition of much-needed public restrooms, vital for the many festivals and events held in the downtown area. Phase II will create an entertainment area with a small stage for local performances, seating, and vendor spaces.

Project volunteers worked over several

months to secure \$263,000 in pledges as part of the tax credit application.

Businesses and individuals subject to Kansas income tax are eligible to receive a tax credit through this program. Donors giving at least \$250 to the Kelly Plaza Project may qualify for a 70% tax credit.

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Special Mailing
Notice

The World is preparing for the SPECIAL MAILING for next week’s issue, and we remind all fair goer’s to send in your group results, best fair snapshots, reunion group photos and more!

Next week, we will have full coverage of this year’s Trego County fair, including photos, race results, open class and 4-H winners and more!

WE WANT YOUR NEWS! Send news to westernkansasworld@yahoo.com

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.

Area blood drive given

The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June.

Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.

The shortage is especially serious for platelets and types O positive and B negative blood.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities July 13- Trego, WaKeeney Aug. 6: 12 - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 500 Summit Ave.

A steep decline in blood donations since the end of May has created a growing gap between supply and patient need.

Currently, Red Cross distributions to hospitals are nearly 3,500 units higher per week than expected at a time when hospitals often see higher demand for blood products during the height of trauma season.

On top of that, busy schedules and the seasonal loss of school blood drives are driving the decline which could put patient care at risk if not reversed.

The most important way to help end the blood shortage is to book an appointment to give blood now.

Benefit
Notice

Join us for lunch July 19, 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 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE. The Trego Community 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
7-7	92	66	-
7-8	94	68	-
7-9	97	64	-
7-10	91	64	1.51”
7-11	86	66	-
7-12	88	67	-
7-13	89	65	-

Senior Citizens Center
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Call for details!

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

This Week’s Menu

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.
Friday, July 17: Beef frank on bun, tomato cucumber salad, tropical fruit and no bake cookie.
Monday, July 20: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, bread and peaches.
Tuesday, July 21: Pulled pork, baked beans, bun and mandarin oranges.
Wednesday, July 22: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, california blend vegetables, bread and emerald pears.
Thursday, July 23: Goulash, italian blend vegetables, bread and cinnamon apples.

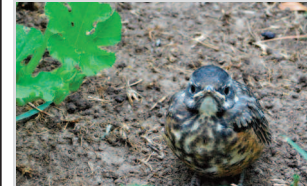
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Thank you!
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OFFICERS

THE WA ?
KEENEY
COMMUNITY

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