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Big Boy!

The TCLMH Long Term Care residents made it down to see the Union Pacific's Big Boy Steam Engine roll through town Sunday. *Courtesy photo*

VFW Auxiliary to host Ntl. Heart of Nation walk

The WaKeeney VFW Auxiliary invites the community to take part in the National Heart of the Nation Walk on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

This walk is part of a nationwide effort to honor and remember the 13 United States service members who lost their lives during the Kabul airport attack on August 26, 2021.

Everyone is welcome to join.

Historical Society announces upcoming August program

Submitted by the Trego County Historical Society

Mark your calendars for an exciting event coming to the Trego County Historical Society Museum in August! Historian, Marla Matkin will be presenting "The Widows: Faithful Standbys", on Sunday, August 30th.

Her presentation will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of the Little BigHorn and share the story of the wives who lost their husbands at

the battle.

Attendees will gain insight into the women who played crucial roles in supporting their families and communities during challenging times.

Marla's presentation is funded by the Robert B. Wilhelm Distinguished Speaker Series Fund at the Heartland Community Foundation.

For more information, contact the Trego County Historical Society at 785-743-2964.

Participants will gather at the Memorial at Russell and Main, located on the Trego County Courthouse lawn, and walk 1.3 miles to the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in WaKeeney.

Each tenth of a mile represents one of the 13 fallen heroes.

Following the walk, a short memorial service will be held at the Veterans Cemetery.

The group expects to arrive at the cemetery at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Those who are unable to participate in the walk are

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Blood Drive Notice

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Thursday, August 6, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 500 Summit Ave., WaKeeney.

Please visit RedCross-Blood.org: WaKeeney to schedule an appointment.

Farmer's Market Notice

Trego County Farmer's Market opened Saturday, July 4, 8-11 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.

Eagles Dinner Notice

Join us for a spectacular pork chop dinner hosted by WaKeeney Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3774 Saturday, Aug. 1, Meal at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. Delicious pork chops smothered in gravy, macaroni salad, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans and roll. \$15 per plate.

TCHS Back to School Bash set

Get hyped for the TCHS Back to School Bash! We're kicking off the new school year with food, prizes, games, and some serious class competition.

Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss this! When: August 11th

Where: Football & Practice Field

Who: ALL TCHS Students!

Schedule of Events:

6:15 PM – 7:00 PM: Free Meal

7:00 PM: MEET THE EAGLES

7:30 PM: Class Games & Competitions

REP YOUR CLASS COLORS:

Show up and show out for the class competitions! Wear your official class color: Freshmen: GREY Sophomores: GOLD Juniors: PURPLE Seniors: BLACK

Throw on your colors, and let's start the year off right! See you there!

Powerschool update offered

Attention Parents & Guardians of USD 208!

As we get everything ready for the upcoming school year, we are currently updating our Student Information System, PowerSchool.

To complete these updates, the Parent and Student portals will be temporarily disabled.

Mark Your Calendars:

WaKeeney Public Library hosts Book Talk event

The WaKeeney Public Library is excited to be hosting another Book Talk event this Saturday, August 1st at 9:30AM. We will be discussing The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.

This book is a historical fiction that follows Cussy Mary Carter, a young woman with a rare genetic condition that gives her skin a blue tint. As one of Kentucky's real-life Pack Horse Librarians, Cussy delivers books and reading materials to isolated families in the hollers, facing poverty, prejudice, and hardship along the way

while foraging deep connections with the people she serves in Kentucky's Appalachian Mountains.

Attendees are encouraged to read The Book-woman of Troublesome Creek ahead of time and come prepared to share their thoughts, questions, and favorite parts of the novel. Books are available for checkout at the library, eBooks and audiobooks may still be available on the Libby app. This event is free and open to all interested in joining, even if you have not finished the book yet. There will be coffee provided by The Well - Center For Hope, and homemade pastries will also be available. The event will take place at the WaKeeney Public Library's Community Room.

Picnic in the Park Notice

The Annual Community Picnic in the Park will be held Sunday, August 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park. This is sponsored by the Trego Association of Ministries (formerly Ministerial Alliance).

Take a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship. The Christian Radio Station KJIL will provide music, fun and games.

The Swimming Pool (free) will be open from 6-8 p.m. for all to enjoy.

Temperatures & precipitation

Date	High	Low	Prec
7-21	93	72	-
7-22	88	66	-
7-23	86	60	0.02"
7-24	96	67	0.01"
7-25	103	72	-
7-26	108	73	-
7-27	110	75	-

Senior Citizens Center

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

This Week's Menu

Wednesday, July 29: Shepard's pie, coleslaw, bread, pears and cookie.

Thursday, July 30: Lasagna, italian blend vegetables, bread and mixed fruit.

Friday, Aug. 31: Hamburger patty, lettuce, tomato, onion, potato salad, bun and applesauce.

Monday, Aug. 3: Sloppy joe on bun, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges and cookie.

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Seasoned baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, beets, bread and strawberries.

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Chicken enchilada casserole, corn, pudding and tropical fruit.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, brussel sprouts, bread and peaches.

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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.

Specials

Steak Night, July 25, 6-8 pm

July 23 last night to order

Hamburger Night

Aug. 3 @ 6-8 pm

Chicken Dinner

Aug. 9 @ 11 am-1 pm

Texas Hold'Em

Aug. 9 @ 4pm (sign up 3:30)